



Policy for the future:

In agreement with the “Declaration of Biodiversity by Keidanren and Action Policy,” and based on our corporate philosophy of “human-centered automation,” Azbil is working worldwide to develop sustainable management strategies, with the goal of realizing a sustainable society, using the SDGs as a new set of guideposts. Specifically, to bring about a society that is in harmony with nature, we will maintain a nature-positive approach and are continuing to support biodiversity preservation through our business, to promote improvements in our supply chain involving our business partners, and to work in collaboration with various partners to further protect the natural environment.

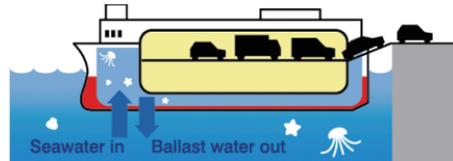
Examples of Specific Initiatives

■ Solving environmental problems through our business (examples of biodiversity conservation)

➢ Contributing to marine ecosystem conservation

We provide solutions for ballast water treatment systems, which are required by the Ballast Water* Management Convention for large vessels, utilizing knowledge and know-how cultivated in the ship business, and products conforming to ship certification.

Seawater is loaded into the bottom of large vessels to stabilize the hull when there is no cargo. Ballast water is considered to be a cause of invasive species dispersal because it contains marine life like zooplankton, phytoplankton, seaweed fragments, etc., which are released along with the water.



Ballast water illustration

■ Developing biodiversity initiatives for business partners (improving our supply chain)

➢ The azbil Group requests “Biodiversity Conservation Initiatives” from its business partners.

We explain the concept of biodiversity conservation, the relationship between business activities and biodiversity, and give examples of possible initiatives.

<https://www.azbil.com/corporate/procurement/green/biodiversity.html>

■ Environmental conservation activities (in cooperation with local partners)

➢ In cooperation with NPOs, universities, and local governments, the azbil Group is helping to preserve Nature in areas and offices where azbil Group bases are located. (The entire azbil Group has been working on this since 2011.)

Exx.:

- Forest research and maintenance at Azbil Kyoto Co., Ltd. (together with the Earthwatch Institute, which is an accredited Japanese NPO, and Kyoto University)
- Conservation of the *himesayuri* (a semi-endangered species of lily) in the town of Minamiaizu
- Sustainable green-space conservation, and also activities to promote harmonious coexistence with kingfisher birds (in the city of Fujisawa, working with Fujisawa Green Staff, an NPO)



Working in a forest in Fujisawa