



Policy for the future:

KOBELCO Biodiversity Guidelines

1. We will make every effort to minimize the impact that our business activities have on biodiversity on an ongoing basis.
2. We will actively develop products, technologies and services that contribute to biodiversity.
3. We will disclose details of our biodiversity initiatives and share information with the public.
4. We will carry out biodiversity activities in partnership with local communities.
5. We will ensure that all of our employees actively take biodiversity into consideration at all times.

We promote to contribute to biodiversity through business activities and partnership with local communities.

< KOBELCO GREEN PROJECT >

As an activities for contributing to the environment and society, we carry out forest maintenance activities and making picture books about the forest (KOBELCO Forest Fairy Tale Prize).

(Forest maintenance activities)

We have participated in the “New Forest Creation Plan in Hyogo” by Hyogo Prefecture and “Rokko Mountain Range Green Belt Development Project” by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Kinki division Rokko Sabo Office, and carried out the forest maintenance activities by our employees and their families since 2011. Also, we carry out the events as the nature observation meeting for children in order to come in touch with forest and nature and learn their importance with the cosponsored nonprofit organization.

(KOBELCO Forest Fairy Tale Prize)

We have started KOBELCO Forest Fairy Tale Prize in order to help the children who will bear the next generation to develop an appreciation for forest and nature with making stories about forest, which gives blessing to our lives. We collect stories about the forest from students in elementary, junior high, and high schools and the winning stories are transformed into picture books with illustrations by professional picture book authors. The finished picture books are donated to the schools and public libraries in supporting municipalities and used for environmental studies etc.

< Products example with consideration for biodiversity >

It has been confirmed by the demonstrations that iron and steel slag is effective for recovery of ocean environment (ex. Iron and mineral from iron and steel slag grow seaweeds). And fishermen evaluated it. As a result, Iron and steel slag hydrated matrix has been adopted as submerged breakwater structure for Suma area construction work. We promote the application as material for sea area or port construction with usage performance of iron and steel slag as material for recovery of ocean environment.



Forest maintenance activities



submerged breakwater structure
(Filler: Iron and steel slag hydrated matrix)