

Sumitomo Corporation

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Policy for the future:

The Sumitomo Corporation Group's business activities largely depend on the wealth of Earth's diverse living organisms as well as from the biodiversity that is generated by their many networks. Therefore, our Environmental Policy recognizes placing great importance on preserving the environment, including the natural ecosystem and biodiversity as an important issue for us. In order to minimize our business impact on ecosystem and contribute to its restoration, we make efforts to understand how our business activities depend on biodiversity and what kind of impact such activities have.

Business description

Bird Friendly® Coffee

Sumitomo Corporation Group has imported and supplied Bird Friendly®-certified coffee (BF®-certified coffee) since 2004 as part of our biodiversity-friendly activities, which ensures a stable income for farmers. Since fiscal 2014, SC Foods Co., Ltd. has started dealing in BF®-certified coffee. BF®-certified coffee is grown under the shade of natural forest trees to conserve the environment and provide migratory birds a place to rest. The BF® certification was created by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center (SMBC). As of May 2020, 52 farms and agricultural cooperation in 12 countries are certified and part of the proceeds are used for SMBC's research, surveys and conservation activities. We will continue our efforts to contribute to protecting migratory birds and Ecosystems through this project.



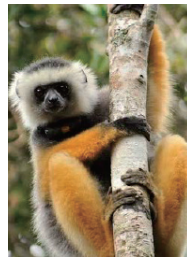
Harvest of BF®-certified coffee



This project has been recognized as a project recommended by the Japan Committee for the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (UNDB-J).

Ambatovy Project contributing to sustainable development in Madagascar

The nickel mine development project in Ambatovy in Madagascar in which we have made a capital participation is being developed and operated with careful consideration to the precious natural habitats where as many as 1,000 species of endangered animals are living. For example, in developing the mining area, we created a buffer zone of about 4,900 hectares around the mining site of about 1,800 hectares to ensure protection of wild animals. We also conduct ecosystem surveys jointly with international environmental NGOs. If endangered or other species that need to be protected are identified in such a survey, we adopt various programs designed to reduce impacts on ecosystems, for example, relocation of such species to a sanctuary and use of a fish farming system. Furthermore, we are promoting a large-scale biodiversity offset program under the “no net loss, net gain” concept. This is an approach to mitigate impacts of the mine development project on ecosystems by restoring or creating another ecosystem. In an attempt to offset the net loss of biodiversity, we are implementing measures to protect four conservation areas of more than 14,000 hectares in total, equivalent to about nine times the affected areas. The measures include protection of areas near the mine site, tree replanting after the installation of pipelines, and tree replanting on the mine site after the closure of the mine.



Diademed sifaka, critically endangered species