



Policy for the future:

Sanyo Special Steel is committed to embodying its management philosophy of “Management of Trust” through the cultivation of “trust from society,” “trust from customers,” and “trust between people.” We believe that ESG initiatives are essential in our pursuit of “contributing to the realization of a sustainable society.”

We regard the realization of a “sustainable society in harmony with nature,” where human society continues to thrive alongside the benefits of biodiversity, as a critical challenge that could affect the survival of humanity. To this end, we promote biodiversity conservation activities, such as the protection of forests and “satoyama,” as well as the planting of greenery in local areas.

*“Satoyama” is a Japanese landscape characterized by a harmonious interaction between human activities and nature.

<Specific Initiatives>

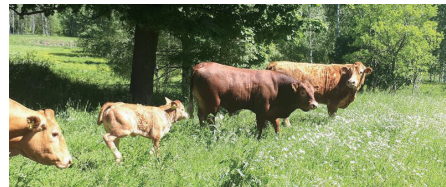
Corporate Forest Creation Activities (“Santokun Future Forest” Activities)

- In May 2024, we began corporate forest creation activities in collaboration with Hyogo Prefecture, the Hyogo Prefecture Greening Promotion Association, and Himeji City. ①
- We conduct the removal of undesirable trees in a forest (1.46 hectares) within Fujinokiyama Nature Park in Himeji City. This removal aims to improve the light conditions in the forest exhibiting signs of oak wilt disease and transitioning to evergreen broadleaf trees, thereby facilitating the restoration and preservation of understory vegetation. (Photo ①)



Biodiversity and Wildlife Protection Activities at European Subsidiary Ovako

- At the European subsidiary OVAKO (Hofors plant), a section of the factory premises is managed as grazing land to protect rare plant species. Cows graze in this area, consuming grass and contributing manure that serves as a natural fertilizer for the plants, thus maintaining a healthy ecosystem. (Photo ②)



Tree Planting Activities at Indian Subsidiary SSMI

- At the Indian subsidiary SSMI, tree planting activities are conducted in conjunction with World Environment Day in June as part of efforts to raise awareness of the importance of environmental protection and to realize a sustainable future. Employees participate and contribute to the greening of local areas. (Photo ③)



<Future Challenges and Tasks>

- We aim to enhance the awareness and understanding of biodiversity considerations among all employees and expand biodiversity conservation activities in partnership with local communities and authorities.