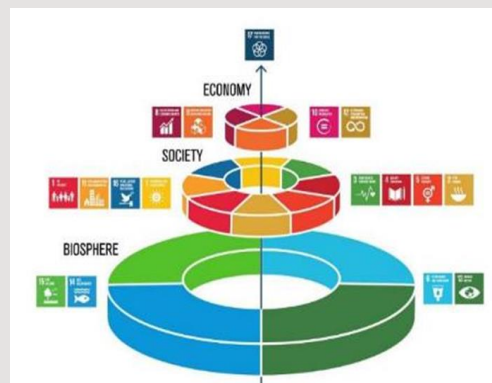


The Importance of Nature Conservation in realizing Human Security

As the SDGs wedding cake shows, people's social, economic, and other activities are based on the biosphere. If human activities destroy the natural environment, this foundation can be rapidly decreased and degraded, posing a serious threat to human life and livelihoods. Working to conserve, restore, and enhance the biosphere will protect the richness of oceans (SDG 14) and the land (SDG 15), as well as people's lives and livelihoods, and will also strengthen the foundation essential for achieving the other SDG targets, thereby contributing significantly to the realization of human security.



The SDGs Wedding Cake

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JICA's contribution through applying of its Human Security approach

People in many developing countries, whose livelihoods depend on the blessings of nature, are particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change and environmental problems. Therefore, by combining a protection and empowerment approaches for vulnerable people, JICA aims to contribute to the realization of societies that live in harmony with the natural environment while respecting local cultures and traditions.

From a conservation perspective, JICA works to strengthen environmental governance through the institutionalization and support for locally appropriate environmental conservation initiatives. JICA also emphasizes the empowerment perspective with the aim of strengthening people's ability to make their own choices. Specifically, through collaboration with local communities, including indigenous peoples, we are supporting people to carry out sustainable economic activities while protecting the natural environment. In addition, JICA aims to expand the impact of its operations through domestic and international funding and partnerships, and to improve its operation sustainability.

Contribution to the SDGs



JICA contributes to the achievement of SDG Goal 13 "Climate action", Goal 14 "Life below water", and Goal 15 "Life on land", especially the following targets

- 13.2: Integrate climate change measures into policy and planning
- 14.2: Protect and restore marine and coastal ecosystems
- 15.1: Conserve and restore terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems



Women's group plays a central role in agroforestry activities, carrying out forest conservation efforts across 270 villages in the Democratic Republic of the Congo



Local community actively participating in discussions about land use, Timor-Leste