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Sanden Corporation

Sanden Forest's Biodiversity Conservation Activities Featured in the Ministry of the Environment's “Monitoring Sites 1000” Survey Summary Report



Sanden’s ecosystem monitoring efforts at its business site “Sanden Forest” (Maebashi City, Gunma Prefecture) were featured in the Ministry of the Environment’s “Monitoring Sites 1000 (official name: Project to Promote Monitoring of Important Ecosystem Monitoring Areas) 4th Survey Summary Report”. A representative of ECOS, Facility Control Section, Administration Division, commented on the biodiversity conservation activities conducted in response to the monitoring results in the Forest.

Sanden has been continuously conducting voluntary surveys for many years to understand and evaluate the state of the natural environment. As a general site (survey area) for the “Monitoring Sites 1000 Satoyama Program,” the company provides a portion of the survey results as observation data on long-term ecosystem changes throughout Japan.

● What is Monitoring Sites 1000?

Sanden Forest has participated in the Ministry of the Environment’s Monitoring Sites 1000 survey since 2009. The Monitoring Sites 1000 program, initiated in 2003 by the Biodiversity Center of Japan’s Ministry of the Environment, is an initiative to establish about 1,000 survey sites in various types of representative ecosystems in Japan (forests, grasslands, Satoyama landscapes, inland waters, seaweed beds, tidal flats, sandy beaches, coral reefs, small islands, etc.) and conduct long-term continuous monitoring.

By analyzing the data obtained through monitoring, the objective is to quickly identify abnormal changes in the ecosystem, such as declines in species, and link them to prompt and appropriate biodiversity conservation measures.

● Monitoring Survey in Sanden Forest

Monitoring surveys of medium and large mammals using sensor cameras have revealed locations where many non-native species have been photographed in recent years. In response to this, Sanden Forest is strengthening its biodiversity conservation activities.

Monitoring is not something that yields results in a short period of time; results are only visible when continued over a long-term period of decades. These activities are one of the pillars of the sustainability management and regional symbiosis that Sanden promotes, and are supported by a continuous operational system in the field. This initiative will also contribute to the achievement of the “30by30 target,” an international target to promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable land use.



Installation of sensor cameras



Monitoring survey with sensor cameras

● ESG Management and Contribution to "30by30 Target"

Sanden Forest was registered as an “Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECM)” site by the Ministry of the Environment in the first half of 2023.

This 30by30 target is an international initiative that aims to protect and conserve at least 30% of land and sea areas by 2030, and plays an important role in protecting ecosystems and combating climate change. Sanden’s initiative will contribute to the achievement of the “30by30 target,” an international target to promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable land use.

Sanden will continue its commitment to ESG management and fulfillment of social responsibility through long-term nature conservation activities.

[Reference Links]

- Ministry of the Environment, Monitoring Sites 1000
 - Publication of the 4th Survey Summary Report <https://www.env.go.jp/content/000310222.pdf>
 - Monitoring Sites 1000 <https://www.biodic.go.jp/moni1000/index.html>
 - 30by30 <https://policies.env.go.jp/nature/biodiversity/30by30alliance/>
- Sanden Forest <https://www.sandenforest.com/>

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