

Sustainable Development and NGO Activities in the Japanese Inland Sea

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Abstract

Legislation intended to conserve the environment of the Japanese Inland Sea was enacted some 25 years ago. Nevertheless, even though the law declares the importance of protecting the Inland Sea from pollution, many instances of serious destruction of nature have occurred in subsequent years. Now, it is imperative to ensure that the Inland Sea environment is conserved in accordance with the principles of sustainable development and the evolution of a sustainable society. It is also important that residents of the region be given a voice in decision-making.