

Basic Approach to Preservation & Creation of Harbors and Ocean Regions in the Seto Inland Sea and Efforts Toward Achievement

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Policies and Approach

In March 1994, the Ports and Harbours Bureau of what was then the Ministry of Transport (and is now the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport) enacted new port and harbor environment policies with the aim of creating "ecoports" that could exist in harmony with the environment.

Basic principles:

- (1) To pass on rich harbor environments to future generations
- (2) Coexistence with natural environments
- (3) Creation of public facilities

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1. Basic approach:

- (1) Prevent eutrofication and improve water and bottom sediment quality
- (2) Work to preserve natural environments and to use the special properties of estuaries, calm ocean regions and the like to create diverse habitat environments
- (3) Promote the creation of shoreline spaces where people can come in contact with nature
- (4) Work to upgrade environmental management systems so they can help improve regional environments

2. Basic policy: Restore environments in the Seto Inland Sea so they can be passed on to future generations and aim for sustainable development in the Seto Inland Sea region

Approaches that should be pursued in the Seto Inland Sea:

- (1) Form good quality water environments and habitat environments
- (2) Create good quality scenery and utilize historical environments
- (3) Provide people with access to natural and historical assets
- (4) Improve regional environments

Efforts Toward Realization

- Creation of an organization to work on environmental policy
- Wide-ranging and scientific efforts to determine the state of the environment
- Development of technologies for environmental preservation & creation