

PRESERVATION OF THE INLAND SEA THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND ECO-TOURISM

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One of the most vital challenges facing humans today is to halt and reserve the destructive environmental impact of our modern society.

The past two centuries has seen the emergence and peak of the industrial revolution.

With this came the unbridled pursuit of wealth and economic growth. The demands of increasing consumerism and lifestyles that utilize technology and products requiring raw materials and chemicals. Improperly discarded, their wastes and garbage can find their way into the environment causing ecosystem disturbance, pollution and greenhouse gases. (United Nations Conference of Human Environment, 1972)

With the process of education the trend can gradually be reserved, bringing about awareness and changes to culture and attitudes and new methods of re-cycling and conservation.

With an active eco-tourism program, more immediate changes could result through the process of catering for visitors to the Sato Inland Sea area, who would admire, enjoy and fully utilize a clean and friendly environment.

With the introduction of the important role of eco-tours and creating eco-friendly industries and biotopes, benefits could go to the local population and create examples to the wider world of what can be achieved through the use of alternative methods in industry and tourism. (Belgrade Charter, 1975)