

**Ogasawara Islands World Natural Heritage Property Scientific Council
Meeting, FY2012
Summary of Results (Advices etc.)**

Following advices etc. to the management bodies were proposed at the second meeting of the Ogasawara Islands World Natural Heritage Site Scientific Council which was held on March 11, 2013.

1st Agenda: Responses to the Resolution of the World Heritage Committee

- Reports were received from the Secretariat on the status of the response to the resolution of the World Heritage Committee for each item.
- Regarding requested matter a) alien species control, the Scientific Council members' advice or requirements for the administration and regulatory bodies are as follows:
 - Control measures should not be considered on an individual species basis. Instead, an opportunity for examination shall be provided so that multiple initiatives can be executed in coordination upon comprehensive survey of the ecosystem.
 - Future measures for accommodative control should be carried out more effectively such as by utilizing the findings on the impact of eliminating alien species and making predictions prior to actions.
 - As there are alien species that are difficult to eradicate, low-density control and the utilization of alien species functions should also be considered.
 - The revision of the ecosystem conservation action plan should incorporate the opinions of the Regional Liaison Committee.
 - For the prevention of invasion and proliferation of new alien species, it is necessary to survey the alien species that have actually entered the site and the routes of their entry to the extent that this information can be obtained, and have a careful discussion that involves local persons and relevant parties.
- Regarding requested matter b) environmental impact assessment, it is the opinion of the Scientific Council that there is a need for prior consultation in the planning phase.
- Regarding recommended matter b) monitoring climate change impacts, the Scientific Council members' advice or requirements for the administration and regulatory bodies are as follows:
 - Perhaps collaboration with existing monitoring surveys (e.g. the Monitoring Sites 1000 Project) and comparisons with climate change impacts in other regions may also be necessary.
 - The currently recognized outstanding universal value (OUV) only applies to the ecosystem, but as future consideration, it should be a monitoring program that takes biodiversity into account as well.
 - In addition to the forest ecosystem monitoring program, which is currently under review under the auspices of the Forestry Agency's subsidy project, a marine monitoring program should also be considered.
 - From the next fiscal year, the Secretariat should proceed with the deliberation on a comprehensive monitoring plan (beyond covering only climate change) for the preservation of the site's value as a World Heritage Site in terms of the content, actors, and operational structure of such plan.

2nd Agenda: Report from the Regional Liaison Committee

- In the form of a report from the Regional Liaison Committee, the Secretariat reported on the Regional Liaison Committee and Villager Opinion Exchange.
- Scientific Council members requested permission for next fiscal year's Scientific Council to visit the site and have opinion exchange with the local people.

3rd Agenda: Future Plan for the Scientific Council

- The plan for the activities of the Scientific Council and the subordinate working groups for the following fiscal year was accepted and shall be carried out as per the plan.

4th Agenda: Other Request

- N/A