

FY2021 Ogasawara Islands World Natural Heritage Scientific Council Summary of Results (Advice from the Scientific Council)

The following advice was given to the management authorities at the meeting of the Ogasawara Islands World Natural Heritage Scientific Council for the Fiscal Year 2021, which was held on December 20, 2021.

(1) Advice and Opinions Regarding the Reports from the Management Authorities

The status of responses to the resolution of the World Heritage Committee reported by the management authorities were accepted by the Scientific Council. In addition to this, points of advice regarding the requests in the resolution of the World Heritage Committee are as follows.

[Request A]

- Concerning the prevention of the introduction and expansion of new invasive alien species, initiatives across the whole of the Ogasawara Islands are to be considered, including restarting the “Working Group on the Prevention of Introduction and Expansion of New Invasive Alien Species.”

(2) Concerning Each Project

i Advice and Opinions Regarding the Reports from the Subsidiary Working Groups under the Scientific Council

The policies and status of endeavors laid out by each working group were accepted by the Scientific Council. Individual points of advice regarding the reports by each working group are as follows.

[Anole Working Group]

- After organizing the methods and techniques used to respond to the issue so far, as well as other knowledge, the Anole Working Group is also to consider a revision of future strategy (shift to the defense of key points, etc.)
- The management authorities and the people involved are to collaborate in order to implement the most extensive measures possible to deal with anoles.

[Land Snail Working Group]

- Consideration of and support for ex situ conservation, return to the wild, and so on are to continue to be promoted, based on the policy laid out by the working group.

[Hahajima Subordinate Committee]

- Placing a base facility on Hahajima to protect rare species and take measures against invasive alien species is extremely important. The management authorities are to consider this.

[Planting Working Group]

- Efforts for the conservation of forests of wetland trees including the Ogasawara mulberry are to continue, while also considering the introduction of methods such as syngensis and the establishment and maintenance of a gene bank.

ii Other: Concerning Each Project

In addition, the individual points of advice for each project are as follows.

- When planning a solar facility for Hahajima, care should be taken that this does not lead to disappearance of the habitat of the Ogasawara Oriental Greenfinch.