



# Sustainable Use of Natural Capital

## Biodiversity Preservation Initiatives

### Examples of Initiatives for “Obligation”

Working to preserve biodiversity is one of Sumitomo Chemical’s most important pillars as it strives toward building a sustainable society. Since formulating Sumitomo Chemical’s Commitment to the Conservation of Biodiversity, Sumitomo Chemical has strengthened its initiatives, including setting ISO 14001 activity goals for biodiversity preservation aligned with the Commitment at All worksites. The Company has been actively participating in a private-sector biodiversity partnership and promoting initiatives through business while giving considerable thought to what we should be mindful of as a chemical company.

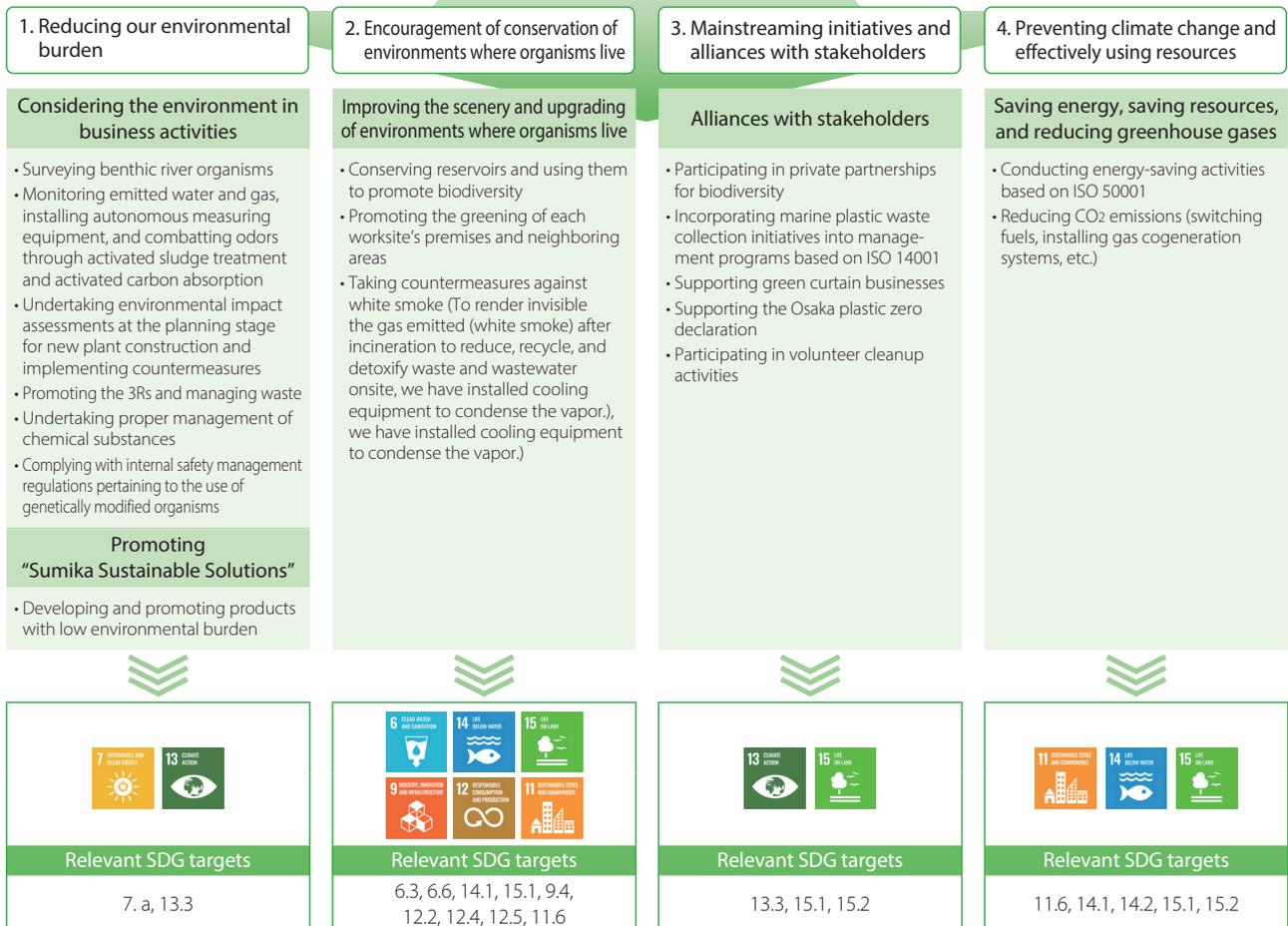


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### Sumitomo Chemical’s Commitment to the Conservation of Biodiversity

1. We position the conservation of biodiversity as one of our most important management issues and strive to help protect the global environment.
2. We work to continuously reduce environmental impact in our production operations and our development and supply of products and services and in cooperation with third parties in the supply chain and thereby contribute to the conservation of biodiversity.
3. By regularly implementing education programs, we ensure that employees fully recognize and understand the importance of biodiversity and promote our commitment to its conservation.
4. We continuously engage in corporate social responsibility activities that contribute to environmental protection and lead to greater trust and confidence from society.
5. We disclose the results of these efforts and maintain effective communication with the general public.

### Sumitomo Chemical’s Biodiversity Preservation Initiatives





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### ● Preserving the Environment of Sakuragaike (Misawa Works)

To prevent damage from heavy rains at Misawa Works, we created a retention pond that can store 50,000 tons of water. The pond (*ike*) was named Sakuragaike because of the cherry trees (*sakura*) planted in the surrounding area. Platanus, Sakhalin fir, double cherry, Sargent's cherry and other trees have been planted along its banks. Many different wild animals live around the pond, such as foxes, racoon dogs, and serows as well as a wide variety of birds, including ducks and cormorants.

To maintain Sakuragaike, we do not use synthetic chemical insecticides or germicides and instead regularly prune the trees of withered and diseased branches every three years.



Sakuragaike



Double cherry



Left: Grey heron Right: Cormorants



Left: Rabbit Right: Bat

### ● Revitalizing Prairieland (Valent BioSciences LLC)

The Osage Plant of Valent BioSciences LLC, which is based in Iowa, U.S.A., is working to revitalize prairieland on its site, to this end replanting native vegetation on part of the farmland. The revitalized portion of prairie covers 1.4 hectares and supports ecosystems with native grasses, trees, and shrubs. It has become a habitat for endangered and other small creatures, including birds, butterflies and other insects, and reptiles. This initiative is being undertaken in partnership with Iowa State University, local municipalities, and local schools.



The revitalized prairieland on the Osage Plant