



Let's Protect Forest with Action Plan

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Objective: Consider the action plan to protect the forests through SDGs 15

Background

In school, I had the opportunity to make a presentation on the topic of SDGs 15 to protect the abundance of forest.

Since I was a child, I have lived in a natural environment, so I didn't really feel the important of SDGs. However, when I looked surrounding, I noticed that there were many "abandoned forests" and "fallen trees (due to natural disasters)." I thought that there are many forests in this situation in Japan, so I focused on forests from SDGs 15 and decided to explore what we could do in action.

State

Japan's forest area occupies about 25 million hectares, which is two-thirds of the country's land area. Looking at the past 50 years, the forest area has not increased.

However, as for forest resources, stockpiles, mainly planted forests, increase about 70 million cubic meter every year, and Japan's forest rate is the third highest among the 37 OECD member countries. This indicates that there is a problem of excess wood, leaving these trees unattended would increase the likelihood of natural disasters and biodiversity destruction. Due to heavy rains and earthquakes, the damage caused by the mountain disaster in 2018 amounted to about 206.8 billion yen.

Topic

About 80% of forest owners do not have the motivation to manage forests. In addition, the current situation is that knowledge about SDGs 15 is not widely known. Therefore, let the high school generation, to know the current state of forests in Japan. And to communicate what we can do to protect the forest, to get interested, to protect, restore and sustainably use the blessings of nature in the future.

Action Plan

What we can do

What we want society to realize

Summary

I hope that SDGs 15 would be disseminated to the younger generation who frequently use SNS and expand the communication circle. Furthermore, each person need to independently think about why SDGs are necessary and what actions should be taken in the future. In addition, I hope that new value will be created while various efforts are passed on to the next generation. For that purpose, I would like to think about and put into practice various action plans.

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