Japan’s approach on PAME

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National Parks and Environmental Offices in Japan

- National Park (34 areas)
- Regional Environmental Office (10)
- Ranger office (85) *2015
- Wildlife Conservation Center (8)

Locations:
- Osaka
- Tokyo
- Sapporo
- Naha
- Ryukyu Archipelago
National Parks of Japan

- 34 National Parks
- 2.2 million ha of land,
- 5.8% of the total land
- The sites consist of various areas
  - primitive nature,
  - area for agriculture and forestry
  - communities (villages and towns)
National Parks of Japan

- **Park Designator ≠ Landowner**
  - Parks are designated including privately owned areas with certain regulations
  - Parks based on zoning system

- **Park Designator = Landowner**
  - Parks are exclusively allocated on the government-owned park land
  - Parks with exclusive land use

- **Japan, Great Britain, etc...**

- **U.S., Canada, Australia etc...**
National Parks in Japan

Conservation and Utilization are well balanced.

☐ Conservation and utilization are equally prioritized.

☐ BALANCING between the conservation efforts and attracting more visitors
Collaboration is key

- Residents from local districts and communities, land owners
- Mass media
- Companies
- Tourism associations
- Hunting clubs
- Police
- Guides
- Natural Parks Foundations
- Park management organizations
- Environmental organizations
- Park volunteers
- Nature guides
- Park operators
- MOE-J
- National Agency
  - Forestry Agency, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport
  - Tourism, Agency for Cultural Affairs
  - Japan Tourism Agency, etc.
- Applicants
- Land improvement districts
- Agricultural cooperatives
- Fishermen's cooperatives
- Forest owners' cooperatives
- Prefectures and municipalities

• It is necessity to cooperate with a wide range of officials.
Adaptive Management System of World Natural Heritage in Japan

Ministry of the Environment, Forestry Agency, Agency for Cultural Affairs, Local governments and municipalities

Shiretoko 2005
Shirakami-Sanchi 1993
Ogasawara Islands 2011
Yakushima 1993

Conservation Outlook
good or good with some concerns

UNESCO World Heritage Committee (Consultative Committee: IUCN)
Goals

Development MEE methodology for National Parks in Japan

✓ Confirm that Conservation and utilization are balanced

✓ Evaluate our collaborative management

Improvement
Management and Operation planning
What we need?

- Choice of Indicators
- Establishment of Criteria

Fit NPs in Japan
How we promote?

2017
- Study Existing Methodologies

2018
- Develop Japan’s MEE
  - Choose Indicators
  - Decide Criteria
- Investigation of Leading Countries
  - Trial MEE in a few Model NPs
  - Workshop for participants involved

2019
- Improve MEE
- Implement MEE in NPs in Japan
Request for APAP members

✓ Published reports on MEE

✓ Detailed procedures of MEE
  - How to select participants
  - Any Tips to carry out MEE
  - What data were collected/valuable

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Thank You