# Background of the National Biodiversity Strategy

## The Convention on Biological Diversity - adopted in May 1992

Came into effect in Dec. 1993

Parties: 189 countries and EC (as of July 2007)

(Article 6 of the Convention)
"Each Contracting Party shall develop national strategies, plans or programmes for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity."

## The National Strategy of Japan on Biological Diversity - decided in October 1995

The Ministry of the Environment - established in January 2001

## The National Biodiversity Strategy of Japan - decided in March 2002

(2002)
- Enactment of the Law for the Promotion of Nature Restoration
- Amendment of the Natural Parks Law
- Amendment of the Wildlife Protection and Hunting Law

(2003)
- Enactment of the Cartagena Law

(2004)
- Enactment of the Invasive Alien Species Act

(2006)
- Amendment of the Wildlife Protection and Hunting Law

- Informal Committee on the Review of the Strategy (August 2006 ～ March 2007)
- Deliberation by the Central Environment Council (April ～ November 2007)

**2010 Target (COP6, 2002)**

Cabinet approval on Japan's offer to host COP10 (2010) (January 2007)

G8 Environment Ministers Meeting in Potsdam, Germany (March 2007)

**IPCC Fourth Assessment Report**
Working Group II Report :
"Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability
(Published in 2007)

## Cabinet Decision on The Third National Biodiversity Strategy of Japan -November 27, 2007