

- To present a direction for developing chemicals management toward the realization of Nature-Positive outcomes, the Ministry of the Environment established the “Study Group on Promoting Nature-Positive through Chemicals Management” in September 2025.
- Based on an analysis of the current situation and challenges, taking account of international trends and domestic policies including the National Plan of Action for the Implementation of the GFC, the Ministry prepared the “Action Plan Ver.1.0 (March 2026, Ministry of the Environment, Japan),” which sets out six response options considered necessary going forward.

(1) Implementation and Expansion of Surveys, Research, and Monitoring

Promote surveys and research on chemicals and biota, including monitoring, methodologies for impact and risk assessment, indicators, and risk communication, making use of national survey and research projects and related initiatives.

(2) Advancement of Risk Assessment Methodologies

Promote consideration of the advancement of risk assessment methodologies, including approaches that take account of the life cycle of chemicals and risks to biodiversity and ecosystems.

(3) Review and Revision of Chemicals Management Systems

Incorporate the perspective of Nature-Positive outcomes into the review and revision of existing chemicals management systems, while strengthening systems and mechanisms that encourage voluntary efforts by businesses.

(4) Actions and Strengthened Collaboration by Relevant Actors

Encourage voluntary efforts by businesses and initiatives in local communities, identify and share good practices, and strengthen support for collaboration among local actors (including citizens, local governments, NPOs/NGOs, and businesses), making use of existing systems and organizations where appropriate.

(5) Development and Implementation of Biodiversity Impact Assessment Indicators

While contributing to the development of international assessment indicators, promote the development of biodiversity impact assessment indicators, taking account of their use for encouraging action and evaluating outcomes.

(6) Input to International Frameworks and Domestic Plans

Appropriately reflect the outcomes of relevant efforts in domestic plans and international frameworks at relevant points in time.