



## Chapter 2 Objectives

This Conservation Strategy, based on the National Biodiversity Strategy 2010, was scrutinised and formulated by the Ministry of the Environment through the “Expert Working Group on Marine Biodiversity Conservation Strategy” organized by the Ministry. It is in line with the international objectives under the Convention on Biological Diversity and with Japan’s Basic Act on Ocean Policy and Basic Plan on Ocean Policy.

This Conservation Strategy aims to conserve the biodiversity which supports the sound structure and function of marine ecosystems,

and to utilize ecological services<sup>3</sup> of the ocean (blessings from the ocean) in a sustainable manner.

This Conservation Strategy, therefore, addresses mainly areas under the jurisdiction of Japan (territorial sea and exclusive economic zone, up to 200 nautical miles from the shore). This strategy provides Japan’s basic perspectives for conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity and the direction of measures to be implemented.

Measures described in this Conservation Strategy will be considered appropriately in

the next revision of the National Biodiversity Strategy. This will facilitate the government as a whole to make efforts for conservation and sustainable use of the biodiversity in the ocean.

Furthermore, efforts will be made in public relations so that this Conservation Strategy contributes to implementation of measures by local governments on the biodiversity, such as consideration of local strategies on the biodiversity and enhancement of public understanding and actions on marine biodiversity.



<sup>3</sup> Refer to Chapter 3 “1. What are the biodiversity and the ecosystem service?”

