

Nomination of "Amami-Oshima Island, Tokunoshima Island, the northern part of Okinawa Island and Iriomote Island" for inscription to the World Heritage List as a natural property

As the Government of Japan (GOJ) moves forward to nominate "Amami-Oshima Island, Tokunoshima Island, the northern part of Okinawa Island and Iriomote Island" for inscription to the World Heritage List as a natural property, GOJ and the United States Government (USG) discussed cooperation between two governments for the nature conservation at the Northern Training Area (NTA) which neighbors to the nominated property in order to maintain its Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) for future generations.

GOJ and USG shared a common view on the importance of paying special attention to the conservation of the nominated site by taking necessary measures such as promoting invasive alien species control projects in the wide range of the northern part of Okinawa Island, including the NTA, to protect OUV of the nominated property.

Accordingly, both the GOJ and the USG will continue to work together in bilateral forums such as the Environmental Subcommittee for the necessary conservation programmes such as capturing mongoose and feral cats for the benefit of native species, especially those that are threatened and endangered.

It is agreed that the GOJ and the USG will share relevant information on the World Heritage processes, including nomination, evaluation, inscription and monitoring, as appropriate, and to continue to exchange views as needed, for proper conservation and management of the nominated/inscribed property.