



## Venue: Aichi-Nagoya

Aichi Prefecture and its capital, Nagoya, are situated at the center of Japan. Our region faces the Pacific Ocean to the south and is surrounded by mountains to the east, west, and north. Mountain ranges as much as 3000 m high, known as the Japanese Alps, line the eastern side of the region.

Pure water gushing from the surrounding mountain ranges not only supplies water to the forests, fields, and cities but also flows into Ise Bay and Mikawa Bay and gives rise to an abundance of seafood.

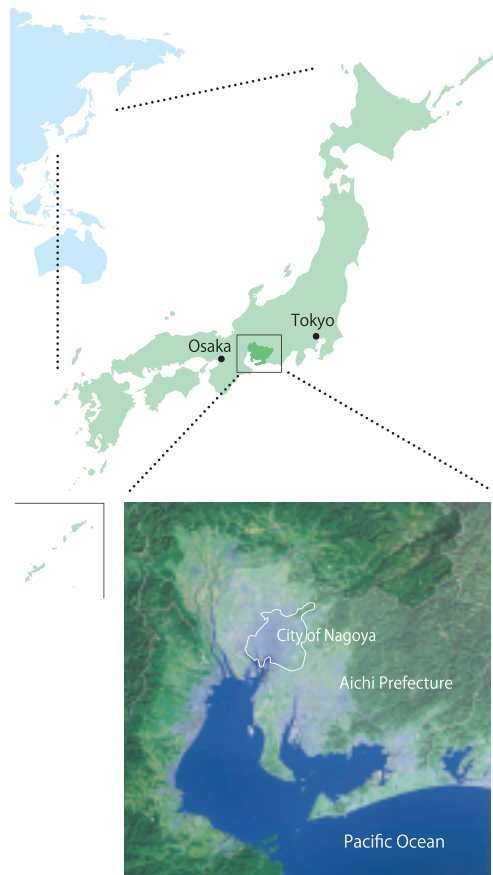
This year marks the fifth year since the "EXPO 2005 AICHI," highlighting the theme "Nature's Wisdom," was held here. Seizing the opportunity provided by the hosting of the COP 10, we would like to make an even greater contribution to the global environment of the 21st century.

## Aichi Prefecture

Aichi Prefecture, with a population of 7.4 million, is the number one industrial prefecture in Japan. It specializes in the manufacture of automobiles, aircraft, industrial robots, and ceramics. As Aichi is blessed with rich natural resources, it is also a prefecture known for its agriculture and fisheries throughout Japan.

## City of Nagoya

Nagoya is the capital of Aichi Prefecture. It has a population of 2.2 million and is a key business center of Japan. This year marks the 400th anniversary of its founding as a castle town in 1610.



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The Aichi-Nagoya COP 10 CBD Promotion Committee is a coalition of government agencies and businesses. It is established to provide support to the success of the COP 10, as well as to promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and to encourage community development towards the coexistence with nature.

# City Biodiversity Summit 2010

## Local Governments Acting for Biodiversity

Associated Event to the 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity  
Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture, Japan, October 24-26, 2010



First Announcement

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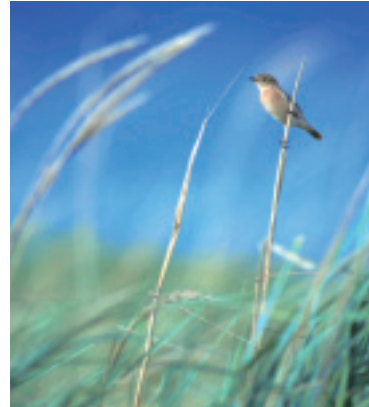


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## City Biodiversity Summit 2010

As one of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the conservation of biological diversity requires initiatives taken not only at the national level but also at the local level. The role of local authorities, the ones implementing policy measures in the communities, has become crucial. As our lives deeply rely on natural resources around the world, their conservation is also an issue that must be addressed on a global scale. Therefore it is essential for local authorities from around the world to convene and exchange information.



As a venue of the 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 10), Aichi prefecture and the City of Nagoya will hold the City Biodiversity Summit in order to affirm the importance of cities and biodiversity, while calling out to the world the necessity of further expanding local efforts.

Local authorities from around the world will gather to discuss biodiversity related issues and the problems of their respective communities and present best practice cases for use in their community development.

**Organizers:** Aichi Prefecture, City of Nagoya, Aichi-Nagoya COP 10 CBD Promotion Committee

**Co-organizers:** Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability

**Endorsers:** UNEP (tbc), UNHABITAT (tbc), UNESCO (tbc), IUCN/Countdown 2010 (tbc), URBIO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, UNCRD, JICA, Cities from the Steering Committee (tbc) (Curitiba, Montreal and Bonn), Singapore National Parks Board(tbc) and Stockholm Resilience Centre

## Objectives

The City Biodiversity Summit aims to reaffirm the critical role of local authorities in biodiversity management, facilitate the sharing of information and exchange of experiences among local authorities worldwide in handling development and managing biodiversity, and to promote a significant expansion of local initiatives to conserve biodiversity. It also plans to validate the proposed CBD COP 10 Plan of Action on Cities, Local Authorities and Biodiversity, a needed plan for implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity at the local level, and to deliberate on the use of parameters and indicators (e.g. CBI) to enable local authorities to monitor biodiversity effectively.

The Summit outcomes will be consolidated in a declaration to be presented at the CBD-COP 10 High Level Segment, introducing initiatives taken by local governments worldwide.

## Theme

**Main theme: "Cities and Biodiversity-Local Governments Acting for Biodiversity"**

### Sub-themes

- Using nature to provide quality of life to urban citizens
- Allowing nature to stay, and bringing biodiversity back into cities
- Sustainable use of biodiversity in the urban context
- Involving citizens in protecting nature
- Building capacity for local action

## Draft Program

<b>October 24, 2010 (Sunday)</b>	Morning	Registration
	Afternoon	Excursion Welcoming Reception
<b>October 25, 2010 (Monday)</b>	Morning	Opening Plenary Meeting
	Afternoon	Working Sessions
<b>October 26, 2010 (Tuesday)</b>	Morning	Working Sessions
	Afternoon	Plenary Meeting Closing
		Farewell Reception

\*The Summit results will be presented at the CBD COP 10 High Level Segment, scheduled to be held on October 27 (Wed.) –29 (Fri.), 2010.

## Languages

English and Japanese (Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the plenary and working sessions). Interpretation for other languages will be considered due to individual circumstances.

## Expected Participants & Registration

Heads and senior local decision makers of local authorities and representatives of national governments, international organizations, development agencies, UN agencies, key NGOs and specialists in urban biodiversity and related fields will gather to exchange information and best practice cases for use in their community development.

Information on how to apply for Summit attendance will be provided in the next announcement (second circular) and will also be posted on our website.

## Background

The first meeting on cities and biodiversity convened for local authorities took place in March 2007 in **Curitiba, Brazil**, the same venue where the CBD COP 8 was held in May 2006. The **Curitiba Declaration on Cities and Biodiversity**, which recognized “the crucial importance of the involvement of local authorities in the global efforts towards the protection and sustainable use of biodiversity,” was adopted.

Then in May 2008, the **Mayors Conference on Local Actions for Biodiversity** was held in **Bonn, Germany** as a parallel event to the CBD COP 9. At the conference, a declaration recognizing the role of cities and calling for the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (UN CBD) to support the conservation of biological diversity in cities was adopted.

At COP 9, the **Decision “Promoting engagement of cities and local authorities,”** which was the first decision involving local authorities, was adopted. The role of cities and local authorities in the implementation of the UN CBD gained international recognition.



Bonn Mayors Conference on Local Action for Biodiversity



CBD COP9 (Bonn, Germany, May 2008)

Curitiba (2007) ► Bonn (2008) ► Aichi-Nagoya (2010)