

## Appendix

- 1: Japan's Ministry of the Environment certifies areas where biodiversity is being conserved through private-sector efforts as Nature Coexistence Sites. Implementation of the program began in FY2023. The designated Nature Coexistence Sites, excluding those that are already registered as Protected Areas, are registered in the international database as OECMs (Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures).

Ministry of Environment website <https://www.env.go.jp/en/index.html>

- 2: YKK Group Environmental Vision 2050

[https://www.ykk.com/english/corporate/csr/c\\_news/2019/20190625e.html](https://www.ykk.com/english/corporate/csr/c_news/2019/20190625e.html)

- 3: YKK Corporation Joins the “30 by 30 Alliance for Biodiversity”

[https://www.ykk.co.jp/japanese/corporate/g\\_news/2022/20220809.html](https://www.ykk.co.jp/japanese/corporate/g_news/2022/20220809.html) (Japanese Only)

### ■ YKK Center Park Furusato-no-Mori (Hometown Forest) - Overview

In the past, the Kurobe River alluvial fan had been dotted with small forests and waterside areas that were home to a wide variety of creatures. In an effort to combat the deterioration of the area's natural environment, YKK's Kurobe Manufacturing Center began in 2006 to collect the seeds of trees native to the Kurobe River alluvial fan and plant them. Thanks to the work of many employees and members of the local community, a total of 20,000 trees of 20 different types were planted from the years of 2008 to 2012. Since, the center has maintained a purposely hands-off approach, observing the changes to the forest through periodic measurements of tree height and biological surveys. A biological survey conducted in 2019 showed that there were 318 species (including 26 species that are considered endangered in Japan and in Toyama Prefecture) living in the area.

Furusato-no-Mori (Hometown Forest) has also been made available to the public as YKK Center Park, along with an exhibition facility for industrial tourism. The park is also used as a site for environmental education, hosting events for children such as the observation of land/aquatic creatures, and wood board/sign crafting and installation.

[Location] Within YKK Center Park, 200 Yoshida, Kurobe City, Toyama Prefecture

[Area of Designated Site] 32,400 square meters

[Access] Approx. 10-minute drive from Kurobe Station (Ainokaze Toyama Railway)  
Approx. 15-minute walk from Ikuji Station (Ainokaze Toyama Railway)  
<https://visit-toyama-japan.com/en/places-to-go/51020>

