

## AOT Biodiversity and No-Deforestation Commitment

AOT closely follows international trends in biodiversity conservation and forest protection and has formulated the **“AOT Biodiversity and No-Deforestation Commitment.”** Through this commitment, AOT publicly affirms its determination to pursue sustainable operations and demonstrates its core values in conserving ecosystems and the natural environment.

In response to global climate action and biodiversity protection, AOT recognizes that safeguarding biodiversity is a shared responsibility of all global citizens. Accordingly, AOT actively supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG 14: Life below Water, SDG 15: Life on Land, and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals. Starting from its own operations, AOT leverages its influence across the global value chain to encourage value-chain partners to take concrete actions to protect biodiversity and promote sustainable forest management, thereby fulfilling its responsibility to protect the environment and care for the planet.

### Our Principles and Commitments

1. We uphold the core values of sustainable operations and harmonious coexistence with nature, and actively practice biodiversity protection through clean production.
2. We continue to comply with regulations and guidelines established by local governments and avoid establishing facilities or conducting operations in or near globally or nationally important biodiversity areas.
3. We continue to comply with forest-related laws and regulations applicable to all operating sites and commit to a goal of Zero Net Deforestation, avoiding indiscriminate forest clearing.
4. Where operations must be conducted near key biodiversity areas, we will sequentially apply measures of avoidance, minimization, restoration, and offsetting to reduce ecological impacts, and we will require our supply-chain partners to meet the same standards.
5. Guided by the principles of green, ecological, nature-based, zero emissions, circularity, and net positive impact, we are committed to

protecting biodiversity and avoiding or minimizing environmental pollution and emissions.

6. We promote awareness and implementation of biodiversity protection, no-deforestation, and conservation practices among our employees, shareholders, partners, suppliers, and external stakeholders, and collaborate to support and advance biodiversity conservation.
7. We actively implement biodiversity protection actions and respond to international initiatives such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

### **Our Actions**

AOT has long adopted “green, ecological, nature-based, zero-emission, and circular” principles as the foundation of its environmental management approach. AOT identifies potential impacts from its products and facilities and minimizes effects on surrounding ecosystems to reduce adverse impacts on communities, the environment, and natural resources.

With respect to biodiversity conservation and forest restoration, AOT has undertaken the following actions:

1. Promote biodiversity-related knowledge and action guidelines among employees and suppliers, and invite suppliers to participate in biodiversity initiatives.
2. Incorporate regional sustainability considerations into operational site-selection decisions.
3. Implement green intelligence and the circular economy to enhance energy and resource efficiency and minimize impacts on surrounding ecosystems.