



Sustainable and Resilient Community Building

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- ▶ Year of establishment: 1961
- ▶ Headquarters: Tokyo, Japan
- ▶ Mission: To contribute to environmentally sustainable development through a holistic approach, emphasizing the interconnectedness of ecological integrity, agriculture, and human spirit
- ▶ Main Activities: Community and human resource development through capacity building, agriculture and environmental conservation and restoration
- ▶ Countries & territories: 29 countries and territories, mainly in Asia and the Pacific
- ▶ Recognition:
 - 1993 UN Earth Summit Award for Sustainable Development
 - 1995 Category I (General) Consultative Status of the UN ECOSOC

OICSA's experience in resilient community restoration

► Aceh, Indonesia

After the earthquake and tsunami in 2004, OISCA started rehabilitation of the area with Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction of ADB.

- Mangrove planting, livelihood development, agriculture training, etc.



OISCA's experience in resilient community restoration

► Mangrove planting

OISCA has initiated mangrove planting in mainly Asia and Pacific countries to restore seashore ecosystem.

- Mangrove planting project in Central Java: rehabilitate mangrove forest to protect the area from land degradation



Natori, Miyagi prefecture

Sendai

Sendai Airport

Kitakama area

This aerial map shows the coastal region of Miyagi Prefecture, Japan. A white oval highlights the area around Sendai. A white callout points to Sendai Airport. A red oval highlights the Kitakama area, with a red callout pointing to it. A small inset map in the bottom right corner shows the location of Miyagi Prefecture within the Tohoku region of Japan.

A map of Japan with a yellow arrow pointing to the Kanto region in the central-eastern part of the country.

► 11 March, 2011







Since the coastal forest slowed down the speed of tsunami, some people barely able to survive.



Functions of coastal forest

- ▶ Protect human's life from ocean wind and sands
 - ▶ Reduce damages by tsunami on ecosystem and human life
 - ▶ Sustain biological diversity
 - ▶ Provide non timber forest products
 - ▶ Provide venue for environment education
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Coastal forest restoration project

- ▶ OISCA took action toward starting a project on 14 March, 2011
 - ▶ Duration: 2011–2020
 - ▶ 500,000 black pine (*pinus thunbergii*) seedlings in 100 hectars
 - ▶ Counterpart org: Association for Restoration of Coastal Forest in Natori
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Local farmers learn how to grow seedlings, and raise the seedlings



- Income generation
- motivation for recovery



OISCA provides financial support to buy seeds and raise seedlings

Self help

For the meetings and implementation of activities, local residents gather and work together.

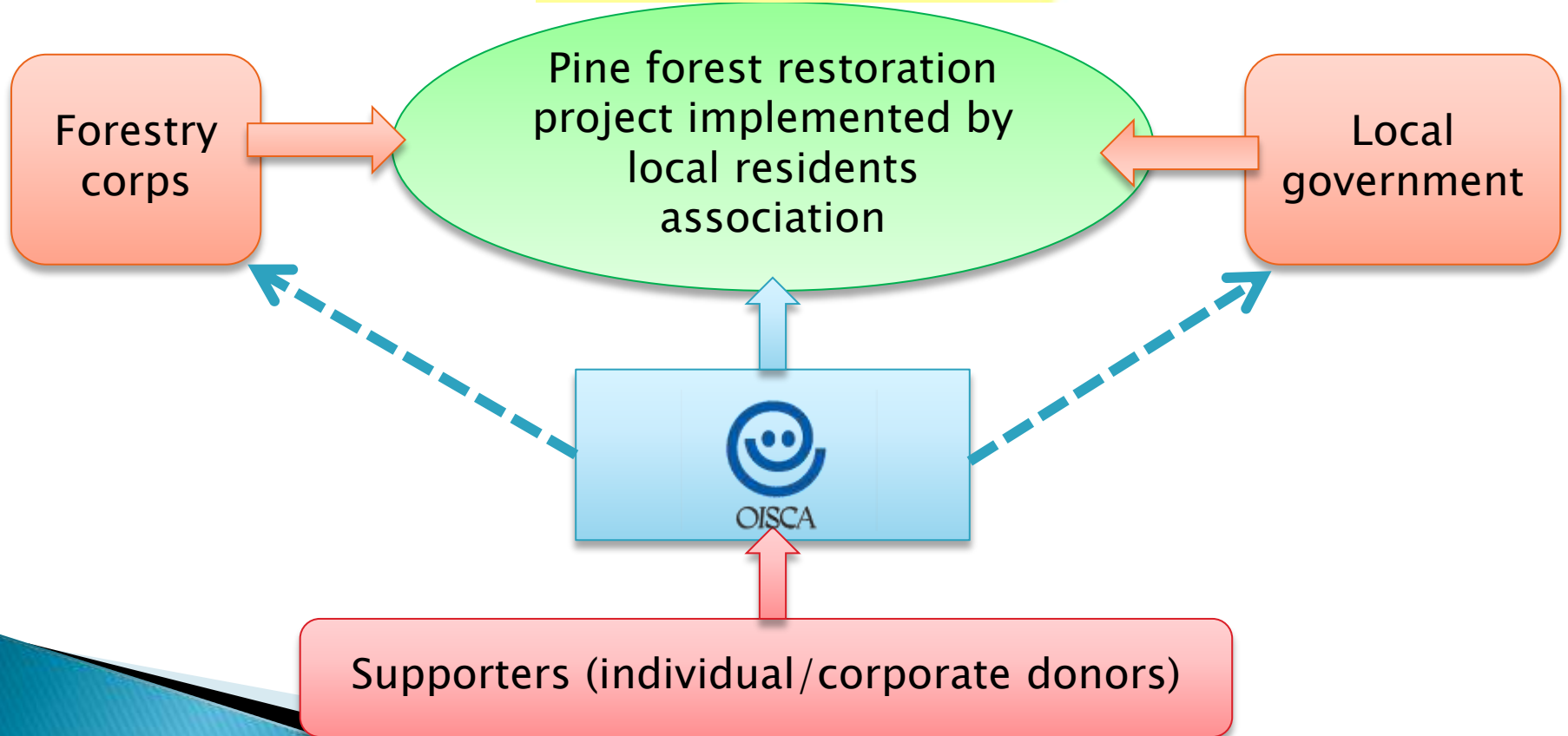
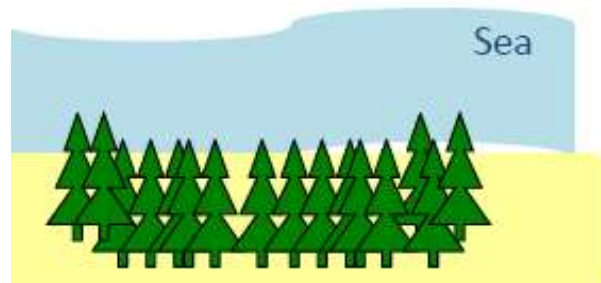


Reunite the community

Mutual help



Project interaction image



Promise for the future
generations to restore the
coastal forest

