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# Role of the Satoyama Initiative for the Achievement of the SDGs and Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in the Face of COVID-19

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# Context

- ❖ **COVID-19** is dominating much of the public discourse
- ❖ **Inappropriate use of wild species** may be to blame for the pandemic
- ❖ The use of wild species is also associated with **loss of habitat**
- ❖ We need to work towards a **more harmonious approach...**



# The Satoyama Initiative

- ❖ Global effort towards “**societies in harmony with nature**”
- ❖ **Landscape & seascape approaches** for biodiversity and human wellbeing
- ❖ International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (**IPSI**) established in 2010 to implement the Satoyama Initiative
- ❖ Cooperation towards “Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes & Seascapes” (**SEPLS**)



# Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes & Seascapes (SEPLS)

- ❖ **Landscapes & seascapes** to produce crops, livestock, etc, where people live in harmony with nature
- ❖ **Dynamic mosaics** of habitats and land/sea uses
- ❖ Enhance biodiversity; **provide goods & services** for human wellbeing
- ❖ SEPLS can be “Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures” (**OECMs**), complementing protected areas
- ❖ Developing a **manual** for the CBD Parties to apply landscape approaches to **revise and implement NBSAPs** under the post-2020 GBF
- ❖ **Contribute to SDGs**



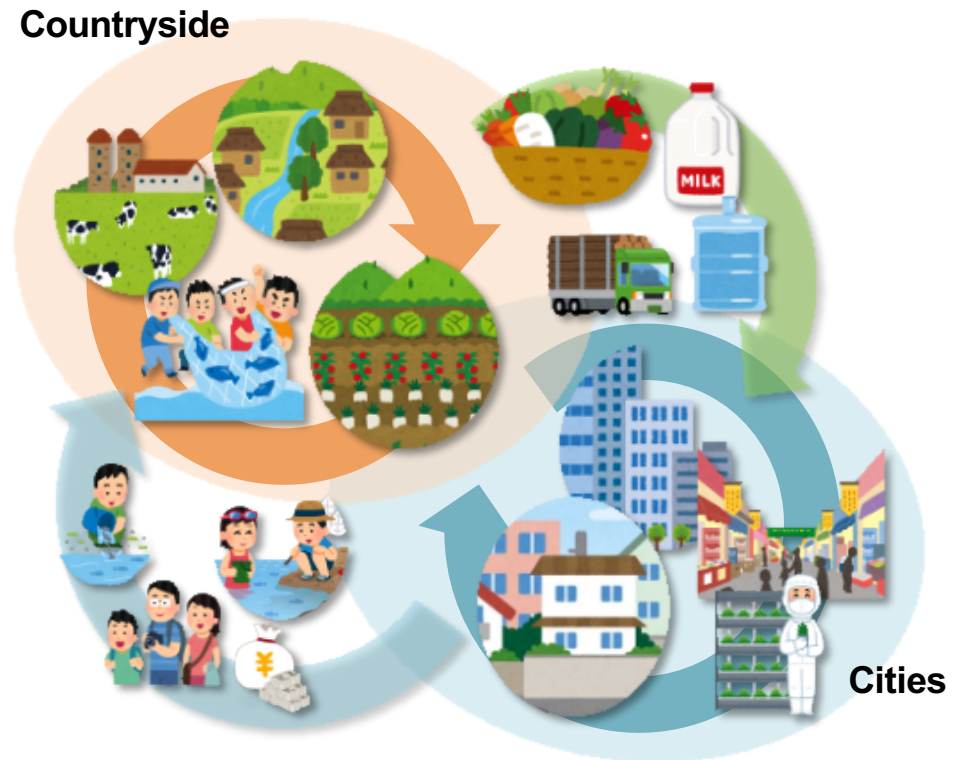
# Satoyama Development Mechanism (SDM)



- ❖ Capacity building and knowledge sharing **platform** for the Satoyama Initiative
- ❖ Funded **42 projects worldwide** since 2013. Examples:
  - ❖ **Thailand**: Participatory GIS mapping, documentation and exchange of the Karen people's **traditional farming system and knowledge**
  - ❖ **Ghana**: Sustainable **cocoa farming in protected area buffer zones** in Ghana, aided by IPM and Rainforest Alliance Certification
  - ❖ **Vietnam**: Community **planting of mixed species** for ecological restoration and supporting livelihoods

# Regional/Local Circulating and Ecological Sphere (CES)

- ❖ Regional development & revitalization in Japan's **5<sup>th</sup> Basic Environment Plan**
- ❖ Regions **circulate unique resources**, exchanging with other regions
- ❖ Helpful to tackle uneven regional development, increasing **disaster risks**, risks associated with **climate change**, etc.
- ❖ Acknowledges contributions of SEPLS to the **green economy and resilience** at multiple scales
- ❖ SEPLS can be seen as **local CES**

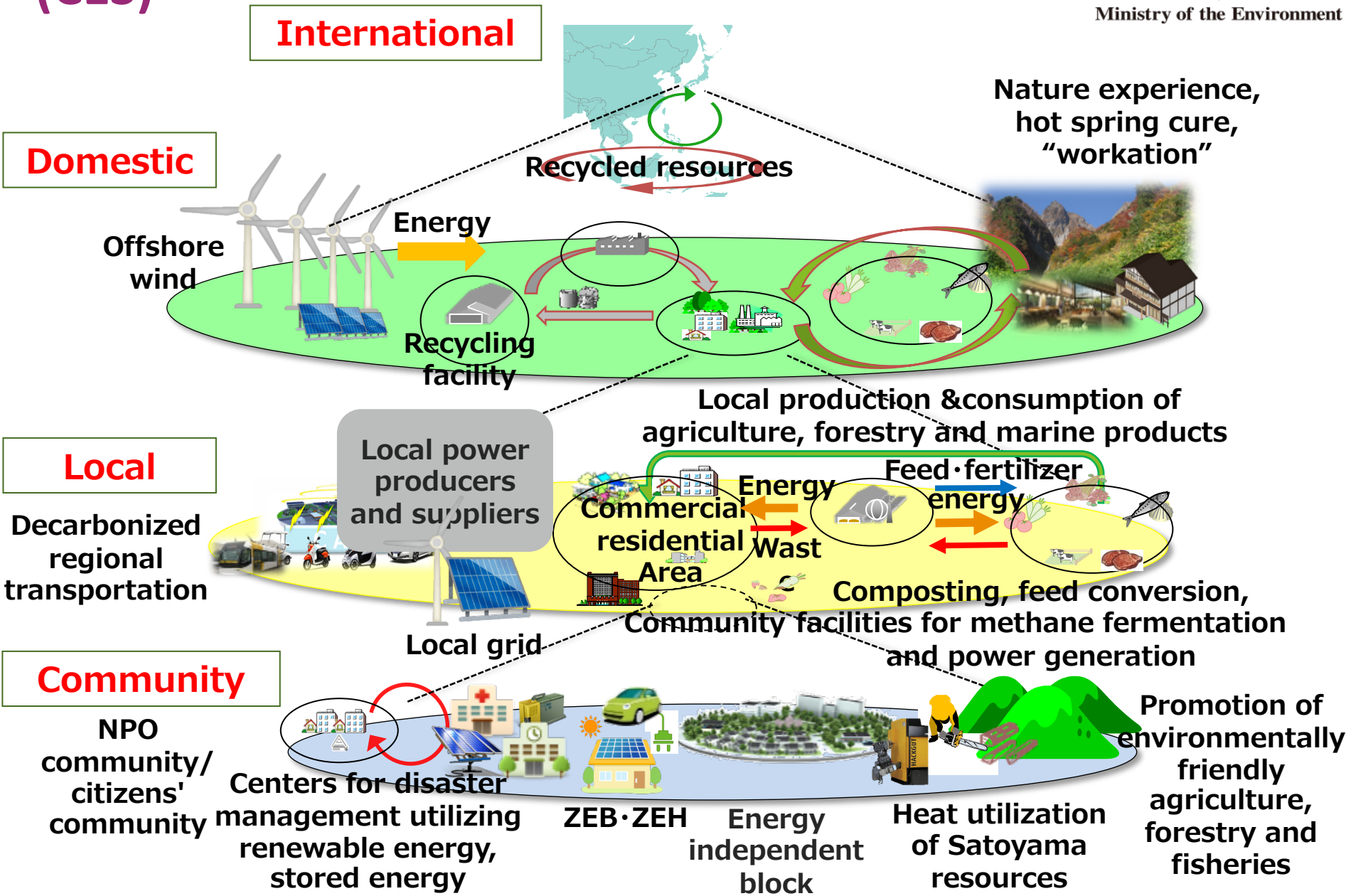




# Multi-Level Circulating and Ecological Sphere (CES)



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# To Conclude...

- ❖ We have a massive and ongoing **impact on nature and biodiversity**
- ❖ One of the main drivers of biodiversity loss is **over-use of wild species**, e.g. those that may have been responsible for COVID-19
- ❖ Rapid global transmission exposes a **negative aspect of modern mobility and globalization**
- ❖ Let's remember COVID-19 is just the current pandemic – **many more are possible**
- ❖ We need **transformative change in our relationship with nature**, prioritizing the long-term wellbeing of nature and society