

Charitable Trust “Suntory Fund for Bird Conservation”  
to Start Accepting Applications for FY 2023 Grant Programs



*Japanese Association for Wild Geese Protection (FY2022 Grant Recipient)*  
*Lesser Snow Geese fitted with a transmitter (Photo courtesy of Koji Tagi, December 2021)*

TOKYO, Japan (August 2, 2022) – Charitable Trust “Suntory Fund for Bird Conservation,” established by Suntory Holdings, will start accepting applications for the FY2023 grant programs from September 1<sup>st</sup>. A total of approximately 40 million Japanese yen will be granted across three categories “Bird Conservation Group’s Activities Grant,” “Regional Bird-watching Activities Grant,” and “Waterfront Large Bird Conservation”.

Recognizing that wild birds are barometers of the environment, Suntory started its bird conservation activities in 1973. The company established the “Suntory Fund for Bird Conservation” in 1989, later registered as a Charitable Trust in 1990, to promote environmental conservation through providing grants to various bird conservation activities. To date, the Fund has granted a total of approximately 600 million Japanese yen to a total of 472 organizations.

Last year, the Fund launched a “Global Application Scheme” under the “Bird Conservation Group’s Activities Grant” category to accept applications from overseas bird conservation organizations\* and provided grants to three organizations from overseas. The fund aims to continue supporting various bird conservation activities both in Japan and abroad and engage in bird protection activities.

\*Applications from overseas organizations must be submitted through a Japanese organization.

**<About Suntory’s bird conservation activities>**

In 1973, Suntory started the “Save the Birds! Campaign” on newspaper advertisement with a slogan “Today Birds, Tomorrow Humans,” advocating the tragedies that happen to birds today, will also happen to humans tomorrow. On the same year, the company also established a wild bird sanctuary in Suntory Hakushu Distillery in Japan where it conducts various activities such as wild bird research and observation as well as nest box hanging. In order to further its effort in bird conservation activities, the company established the “Suntory Fund for Bird Conservation” in 1989.

Suntory conducts forest management in 21 locations near its production sites across Japan called “Suntory Natural Water Sanctuaries,” where experts constantly conduct wild bird research. The data retrieved from these researches are utilized as one of the guidelines to manage the forests and conserve the environment in these sanctuaries. In the “Suntory Natural Water Sanctuaries,” the company also nurtures young Raptores such as eagles and hawks which top in the ecosystem pyramid under the “Eagle/Hawk Nurturing Support Program” by creating a rich and well-balanced natural environment suited for nesting, feeding and child-rearing.

Learn more about Suntory’s bird conservation activities [here](#).

**<Details of the “Suntory Fund for Bird Conservation”>**

For further information on applying to the FY2023 grants, please refer to the Fund’s webpage (<http://www.koueki-suntory-aityou.jp/en/>).

A total of approximately 20 million Japanese yen is expected to be granted to the “Bird Conservation Groups Activities Grant” category, a total of approximately 2 million Japanese yen to the “Regional Bird-watching Activities Grant” category, and a total of approximately 20 million Japanese yen to the “Waterfront Large Bird Conservation” category.

Application is open from September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Japan time and results are expected to be announced in January 2023.

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