



Forest maintenance activities

Fukushima Prefecture established the Fukushima Prefecture Carbon Dioxide Absorption by Forest Maintenance Activities Certification System to certify the effectiveness of forest maintenance activities such as planting, weeding, and thinning conducted by companies and organizations in the prefecture in terms of carbon dioxide absorption as a numerical value. This certification aims to promote participation in forest maintenance activities by companies and organizations, thereby contributing to the continued exhibition of the multifaceted functions of forests, such as the prevention of global warming, and the revitalization of communities in mountain villages.

The Shirakawa Plant of Nippon Koki Co., Ltd. is located in Nishigomura, Nishishirakawa-gun, Fukushima Prefecture, and owns approximately 149 hectares of forest. The plant's forest maintenance activities were certified as yielding absorption of 282 tons of carbon dioxide for the period of 2012 to 2013.

Certified carbon dioxide absorption through forest maintenance activities not only contributes to the prevention of global warming, but also promotes healthy growth of forests and contributes to the conservation of biodiversity. Forest maintenance activities also have the effect of creating local employment and stimulating the local economy.



Before forest maintenance work



After forest maintenance work



Commemorative photo of the Director of the Southern Prefectural Agriculture and Forestry Office and the Plant Manager



Certificate for a carbon dioxide absorbing forest received from Fukushima Prefecture