

Subcommittee / One Health Initiatives

[NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS]

Theme [One Health & Us -Learning from Our Activities-]

Lecture 1

One Health Forest in Shioujinomori

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Shiouji Kenmin no Mori (Shiouji Prefectural Citizens' Forest) has been endeavoring to make people feel closer to forests. Forests nurture a variety of creatures, and they change by the way people interact with them. In a variety of forests ranging from old-growth forests untouched by humans to man-made forests planted by humans, including treeless wildernesses, I believe the more diverse the ecosystem is, the more diverse the life that lives there. One Health Forest serves as a place where people and forest maintain a balanced relationship and stimulate each other. It also serves as a place where people can appreciate the philosophy of One Health where "the health of humans, animals, and the environment are closely connected."