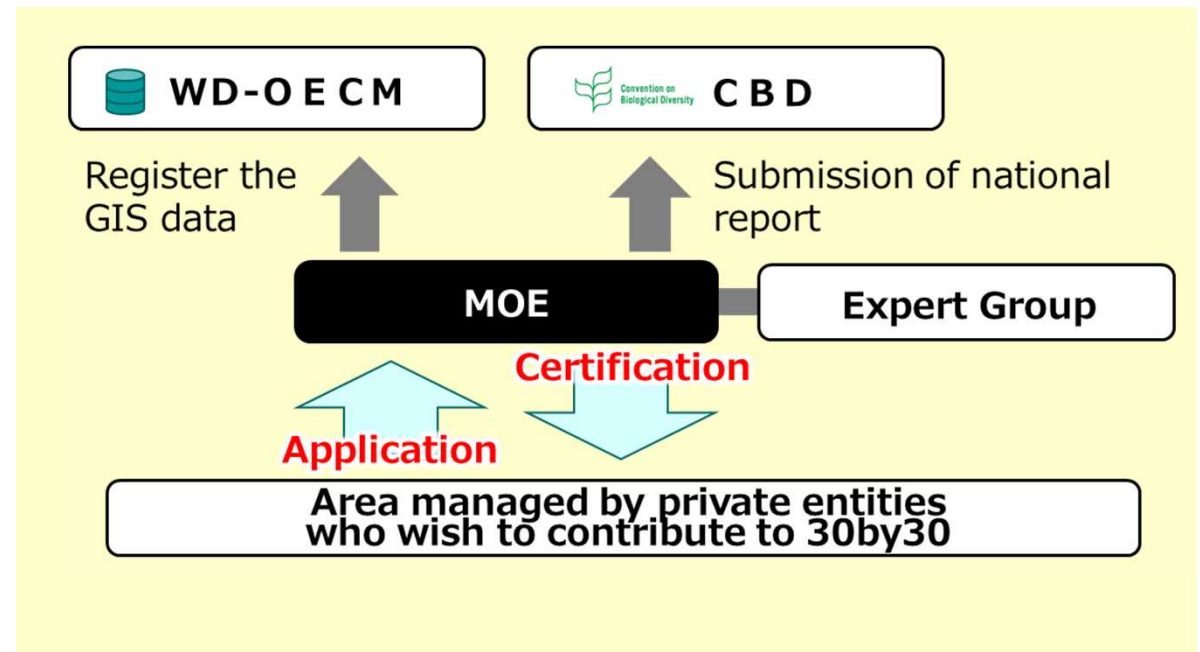


Japan's clear, transparent and flexible OECMs system



Japan has started to certify “Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites” (自然共生サイト) and registering such sites (outsides protected areas) as OECMs.

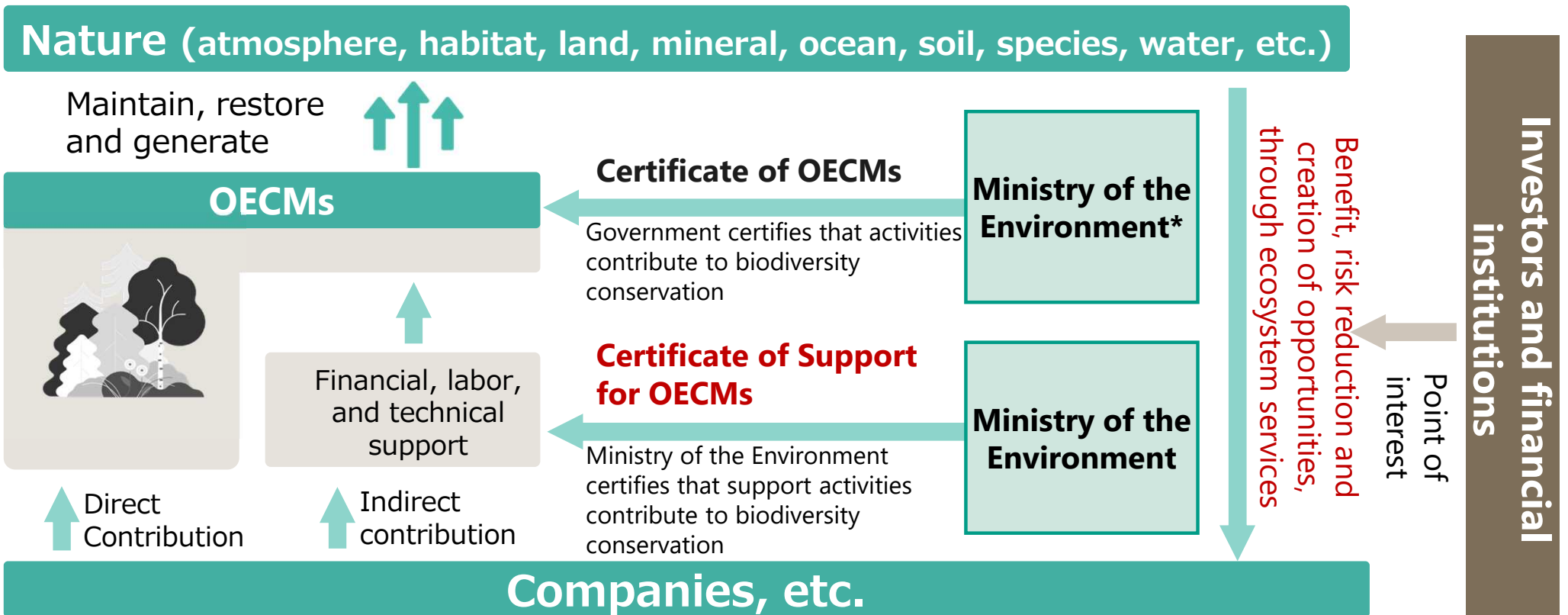
- **“Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites”** is the site that contribute to biodiversity conservation through private entities’ initiatives.
- We conducted a trial certification scheme with 30by30 alliance member’s cooperation in 2022.
- We started the full operation of the certification scheme last spring.
- And the Ministry of the Environment **certified 253 sites** as of October, 2024.
- We register those certified sites on WD-OECM unless they are located within protected areas.



Certificate Scheme of Support for OECMs



- Dependence of economic activities on and loss of natural capital is a clear socioeconomic sustainability risk, and a transition to nature-positive management is essential to address such risks.
- Companies that own land can directly contribute to biodiversity by registering their sites as OECMs and undertaking on-site conservation and management. For other companies, supporting such on-site activities through various ways is possible and meaningful especially when such sites are locally connected or linked to their value chain. The Certificate of Support, issued by the Ministry of the Environment, can be useful to demonstrate the significance of such supports.
- Given recent international trends, such demonstration of supports for OECMs or even other nature-positive activities is likely to be positively evaluated by the market, which will be beneficial for the supporting companies.



*Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries will join the certification scheme in 2025.