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## **CBD Secretariat and UNU-IAS Launch CBD Technical Series Report on Biological and Cultural Diversity in Coastal Communities**

**Event:** *Satoumi* and the Management of Marine and Coastal Biodiversity in Japan  
**Date:** 19 October (Tuesday), 1:15-2:45 PM  
**Venue:** Nagoya Congress Center, Bldg. 2, 1st Floor, Room 212 B, Nagoya-City  
**Organizers:** Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and United Nations  
University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS)

- The CBD Secretariat and UNU-IAS Operating Unit Ishikawa/Kanazawa (OUIK) will co-organize a COP 10 Nagoya side event to mark the launch of the CBD Technical Series report *Biological and Cultural Diversity in Coastal Communities: Exploring the Potential of Satoumi for Implementing the Ecosystem Approach in the Japanese Archipelago*.
- Under the guidance of the CBD Secretariat, the report, which was coordinated by UNU-IAS OUIK, brings together the work of leading experts in Japan on this culturally appropriate implementation of the ecosystem approach in human influenced seas. The report explores the relevance of *satoumi* to the CBD mandate and the mainstreaming *satoumi* in Japanese national policy. It examines 9 case studies throughout the Japanese archipelago, from northern Shiretoko Peninsula, Hokkaido to Ishigaki Island, Okinawa.
- This side event will be an opportunity to propose the Japanese regional experiences in managing biodiversity in human-influenced coastal seas, and to link it to other such experiences in other cultures.
- Speakers will include Marjo Vierros (Adjunct Senior Fellow, UNU-IAS), Takuya Yamada (Office of Environmental Management of Enclosed Coastal Seas, Ministry of the Environment), Tomoya Akimichi (Deputy-Director General and Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature), Osamu Matsuda (Professor Emeritus, Hiroshima University), Masaya Torii (Assistant Manager, Fisheries Division, Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, Okayama Prefecture), Jihyun Lee (Environmental Affairs Officer, Secretariat of Convention on Biological Diversity), Anne McDonald (Director, UNU-IAS OUIK), and Joannes Berque (Research Fellow, UNU-IAS OUIK).

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Ms. Kozue Suto, UNU-IAS (tel.: 045-221-2300; e-mail: [suto@ias.unu.edu](mailto:suto@ias.unu.edu)) to reserve your space.