

Achievements of Environmental Preservation Activities / Ecosystem Conservation

► Kajima Created a Biotope for the Protection of Newts at Its Project Site in England

Kajima Europe UK Holding Ltd., Kajima's subsidiary in England, has been engaged in the construction of school buildings in the central England town of Northampton under the school private finance initiative (PFI) since March 2003. When a pond on the school premises was found to be home to the great crested newt—designated as a protected wildlife species—we erected a protective fence on the construction site and created a biotope to improve the habitat of this threatened species. Periodic counting of the newt population shows the construction works have had no ill effect on the newts.

Biotope enclosed by a protective fence



► Kajima Developed Technology for Accelerating Regeneration of Eelgrass Beds, the “Ocean’s Cradle”

Eelgrass, a marine plant that grows in clumps in shallow waters of one to three meters, attracts many sea creatures. It serves as a feeding and spawning ground for fish, and provides young fish with a refuge from predators. For this reason, eelgrass beds have been called the “ocean’s cradle.” Kajima and Kitasato University have jointly developed a technology for regenerating eelgrass beds, which have been shrinking in recent years because of land reclamation and marine pollution.

Green Procurement

Promotion System and Achievements

The construction industry consumes vast quantities of resources, and as such must play a major role in finding uses for recycled materials. In 2001, Kajima established the Kajima Green Procurement Guidelines to promote its green purchasing efforts. We have also made progress in using recycled or secondhand materials in key construction materials.

Kajima also promotes green procurement in office-related areas. Eco-products now account for 69% of all office supplies purchased, and 32% of company-owned cars are low-emission vehicles.