Amakusa Blue Carbon Neutral ~Creation of Clean Energy for Regional Recycling~

## Kumamoto Prefectural Amakusa High School Science Club Eelgrass Group

# 1. Issues that triggered the initiative

Progress of Global Warming

# Decrease in eelgrass beds

## Depopulation

Decline in coasta

ecosystem



Conducting eelgrass fertilizer and eelgrass power generation research

(Also looking to create local jobs)

#### Holding environmental symposiums

(A place for high school students, government and local residents to think) • Amakusa Blue Carbon Neutral Initiative (The culmination of our research to date)

## 3. Utilization of STI(1) (1) Eelgrass Fertilizer Development

< Features and Appeal Points >

- •Fish waste that would normally be discarded can be put to good use.
- Can be used for stable eelgrass cultivation
- Less environmental impact than using artificial fertilizers
- $\uparrow \textbf{Prevent}$  outbreaks such as the red tide that caused major damage this year

<Process of fish waste decomposition> 引用:<u>https://bonchist.</u>



•Measuring ammonia nitrogen and nitrate nitrogen

- Measure dissolved oxygen saturation, dissolved oxygen concentration, and dissolved oxygen gas concentration
- Fish feces composition measurement

**%Ongoing ongoing research** 

## 3. Utilization of STI(2) (2) Eelgrass power generation

- Since it is not food, it is 100% biomass feedstock.
- •The supply as biomass is abundant.

There are limits to the supply of woody biomass in Japan.



(1) Eelgrass fertilizer development and (2) Eelgrass power generation mix

- Become carbon neutral with local circulation
- Potential for stable fuel supply.
- Can create new industries in the region

#### 4. Characteristics of the initiatives <u>characteristic: 3Symposium + Eelgrass seedling planting experience</u>

Holding environmental symposiums to disseminate measures based

- on research results
- -Held twice to date (last October and this August)
- Held jointly with Amakusa City
- Eelgrass planting workshop was held (last October)
- **%**Simultaneous with the Eelgrass Study Session







# 5. Future Vision

## Plans for future development

## Collaboration with companies refining bioethanol

**%**Currently in the process of approaching companies that have a presence in the local area.

Collaboration with companies and laboratories that utilize bacteria

to purify butanol **XApproaching local universities for collaboration**.

- Collaboration with organizations that utilize fish waste
- Collaboration with overseas environmental NPOs

**%**Another species of eelgrass in Kiribati(Cymodocea serrulata?)

**%Started ecological research with Okinawa Prefectural Koyo High School** 

**\***Research results and methods deployed in Kiribati



Photo:

Eelgrass collected in Kiribati→



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## Thank you very much for your attention.

