

Conservation of geological sites based on the Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties

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The national government designates animals, plants and geological features and minerals that possess a high scientific value for this country as "natural monument". Under the terms of the Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties, any alternation of the existing state of a natural monument, or any activities that will affect its preservation require authorization from the Commissioner for Cultural Affairs. The national government is required to indemnify owners and others for any loss to property rights which exceeds a specified limit that result from such restrictions. As a rule, however, it seeks to compensate owners by providing subsidies from the national treasury for the purchase of such sites by the local government. To ensure that natural monuments are widely used, the national government also provides subsidies for their monitoring investigation, upkeep, and repair.

In this presentation, we will introduce the concept of the recent designation, the authorized status alternation of the existing state, and the municipality of conservation projects.

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