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To whom it may concern

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.

## **Notice Regarding the Publication of Natural Capital Report 2021/2022**

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc. (Director, President: Toru Takakura; hereinafter “SuMi TRUST Holdings”) has today published its Natural Capital Report 2021/2022 (hereinafter “the Report”).

Since fiscal 2013, we have published Natural Capital Report as a separate edition of its Sustainability Report, but this year has published it as the full report. With the “30by30 Targets”(\*1) being formulated by the Japanese government in mind, we are appealing for ways to protect natural capital and biodiversity on Japan’s land.

As the formulation of Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework(\*2) and the TNFD(\*3) (Task Force on Nature-related Financial Information) are currently under discussion, natural capital and biodiversity are attracting significant international attention.

In 2008, we were among the first to launch initiatives on natural capital and biodiversity, including the formulation of the Basic Policy for Addressing Biodiversity Issues. We have also led the financial industry in the development of related products and services, such as mutual funds, loan products, and trust products.

SuMi TRUST Holdings will continue to strive to enhance natural capital and maintain and expand biodiversity not only in Japan but also on a global scale through our business activities and further enhancement of information disclosure.

### Contents of the Report

(under the supervision of the Ecosystem Conservation Society-Japan(\*4))

- Protecting Japan’s Rich Natural Capital -Our Approach
- Global Biodiversity Trends
- Making More Land available for Wildlife! Advancement in Securing Land and Establishing National Trusts Around the World
- Forestry Trust
- JHEP “Visualizes” its Contribution to Biodiversity
- Mori-no-boen, a Forest Cemetery that Restores Nature in the Ages of SDGs
- New Style of Golf Courses that Coexist with Wildlife is Under the Spotlight in Japan!
- Ecological Networks Beginning to Expand  
Advanced examples of Econet (Naganuma-cho, Tone and Arakawa River Basin, Echigo Plain, Hii River Basin, Shikoku Region, Izumi Plain)
- Major Initiatives in the Group’s Business to Date

(\*1) One of the proposed targets of the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework, which aims to conserve 30% of land and sea by 2030.

- (\*2) A new international target for 2021 and beyond, replacing “Aichi Targets”, which were set until 2020.
- (\*3) An international organization that establishes a framework for private companies and financial institutions to properly assess and disclose risks and opportunities related to natural capital and biodiversity.
- (\*4) A non-profit public interest corporation established in 1992 with the aim of creating sustainable countries and regions that coexist with nature.

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<https://www.smth.jp/english/-/media/th/english/sustainability/report/2021/NC-E-all.pdf>

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