

## Roundtable #24: “Biodiversity conservation in landscapes and seascapes” with Yasuo Takahashi

The Japan Times Cube Inc. (representative director: Minako Suematsu) launched Roundtable by The Japan Times, a series of talk events broadcasted in Japan.

The English-language events invites readers of The Japan Times to be guest speakers. Ross Rowbury, a Senior Managing Director at Nomura Holdings, who has a deep knowledge of Japan and boasts a wide network both domestically and abroad, sits down in the role of host with Japanese and non-Japanese to discuss their lives in Japan. The Roundtable is held once a month.

For our special speaker, Mr. Rowbury will welcome Yasuo Takahashi, Research Manager of the Biodiversity and Forests Area at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).

### <Overview>

**Date and time:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022  
16:00 to 17:00 JST: Talk session

**Registration at:** <https://peatix.com/event/3367910/>

**Participants:** This event is a recording and not a livestream. A notification will be sent to participants when the recording is posted online.

**Registration fee:** Free

The contents of Roundtable by The Japan Times will be published as an archive at a later date and will be introduced in the main paper of The Japan Times and the website of Sustainable Japan by The Japan Times. Roundtable is held in cooperation with Nomura Holdings.

### Yasuo Takahashi

Yasuo Takahashi is Research Manager of the Biodiversity and Forests Area at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) since 2019, mainly involved in biodiversity-related science-policy interfaces and socio-ecological system research. He has contributed to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) as an assessment expert, including a Fellow for the Asia-Pacific Regional Assessment (2018), a Contributing Author of the Global Assessment (2019) and a Review Editor for the ongoing Nexus Assessment. Besides, he has been supporting the implementation of the Satoyama Initiative, which globally promotes synergies in biodiversity conservation and human well-being in socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes, or Satoyama and Satoumi in Japanese.



Before joining IGES, he was involved in project implementation in Japan and abroad as a consultant, such as an ecosystem restoration project on the Ogasawara Islands, Tokyo, Japan, for its inscription as the World Natural Heritage site, as well as a forest coffee certification project in Ethiopia.

## Ross Rowbury

Ross Rowbury is a Senior Managing Director and Co-Head of Group Corporate Communications at Nomura Holdings. He has observed Japan while living and working here for four decades. Commencing his career in finance in Tokyo during the early 1980s, he later moved into public relations and communications, holding senior positions at Gavin Anderson & Co. (now Kreab) and PRAP Japan. He headed the Edelman business in Japan for 10 years until July 2020. Prior to joining Nomura in October, he was a freelance consultant to a number of firms on their Japan business strategy. He is also a visiting professor of Asian marketing at Doshisha University in Kyoto and is on the Board of TELL, a suicide prevention and mental health NPO.



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