

## The Mangrove plantation activity in Nagura Bay, Ishigaki Island

The INPEX JODCO FOUNDATION (the Foundation) co-hosted a mangrove plantation activity in Nagura Bay, Ishigaki Island with Yaeyama Lions Club and International Society for Mangrove Ecosystems (ISME). This event was held in presence of the Director of the Foundation, H.E. Shihab Ahmed Alfaheem, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Japan.

The UAE has announced a target to plant 100 million mangrove trees by 2030 in their own country. In November 2022, during 27th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) in Egypt, led by the UAE and Indonesia, seven countries, including Japan, launched the Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC) (42 countries and 1 organization participating as of October 2024). This activity is an initiative put forward by Ambassador Alfaheem since 2023, the year COP28 was held in the UAE. It is part of efforts to tackle climate change and promote environmental exchange between the UAE and Japan.

About 100 participants took part in the activity, including Ambassador Alfaheem and his sons, the members of the Foundation, the Yaeyama Lions Club, ISME, students from Yaeyama Agricultural and Forestry High School, and the members of Camp Ishigaki of Japan Ground Self-Defense Force. The cross-generational group planted 600 *Rhizophora stylosa* Griff seedlings and checked the growth of the seedlings planted last year, performing maintenance such as removing seaweed caught on the seedlings.

The activity, as part of an initiative for environmental conservation to pass a sustainable natural environment onto future generations, provided a great opportunity to raise awareness of climate change measures not only in Ishigaki Island but also in the UAE, Japan, and the world.





The Foundation will continue to promote projects that facilitate environmental exchange between the UAE and Japan.