

Topic 4

Mother Lake Forum

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1. Progress Management of the Mother Lake 21 Plan

Under the progress management of the plan, the technique of “Adaptive Management” is applied to amend not only the content of measures, but also goals and indexes. At the plan assessment stage, multi-tiered evaluation of the degree of achievement of goals is performed from the status of progress of indexes and measures (projects). The “Mother Lake Forum” provides a venue for the participation of the various principal entities involved.

2. Mother Lake Forum

The Mother Lake Forum not only provides a “venue” where the principle entities involved with the Lake Biwa basin including prefectural residents, NPOs and prefectural government can discuss their thoughts and issues revolving around the

future of Lake Biwa in a sense of camaraderie with mutual respect for differences in the perspectives and opinions of all those present, but also shoulders the some of the progress management of the Mother Lake 21 Plan.

The Mother Lake Forum was inaugurated in 2012 and featured an opening symposium and round-table conference. In the future, to provide a link with the development of Lake Biwa conservation actions and new activities, the forum will feature the Biwa-comi meeting (the round-table conference has been renamed the “Biwa-comi meeting” from the second forum) and operation of the “Mother Lake Forum” site where everyone concerned can exchange information over the Internet.

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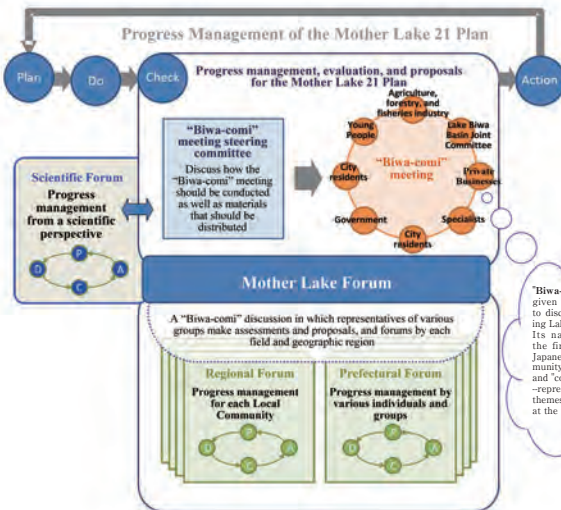


Fig. T4-1
3rd Mother Lake
Forum
Scene from the Biwa-
comi meeting
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Fig. T4-2 Progress management of the
Mother Lake 21 Plan