

## Environmental Law and Policy

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### 1. about KIKUCHI

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### 2. Point of view

Although it has been said that the policymaking process of the Japanese government is lacking in transparency, to be a kind of black box figuratively, however, preceding studies have been done to bring out its characteristics objectively.

He attempted to analyze the policymaking process when Japan concluded some international environmental conventions, such as “the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species on Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)” in 1973 and “Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal” in 1993.

It could be said that these cases show the characteristics of the Japanese policymaking process in the field of environmental conservation.