

- Increase average environmental conservation structure evaluation of suppliers by 20 points by end of fiscal 2003, compared with scores in fiscal 2000.
- Increase the number of new or replacement ecological office supplies by at least 300 over fiscal 2001 level, by end of fiscal 2003.



Nikon has begun a programme of green procurement, beginning with the purchase of paper and office supplies, and extending to other activities to reduce the environmental impact of our products.

The Green Procurement Sub-Committee was established within the Environmental Committee in May 1998, and in August of the same year, issued the “Nikon Basic Policy for Green Procurement”. The policy’s purpose is:

- To give priority to the purchase of items that have been produced by taking environmental issues into consideration.
- To give priority to suppliers who are proactive in conserving the environment.

Product Environment

Regarding the procurement of items that will be passed on to our customers, either as Nikon products or services, we have produced a Product Survey for materials and parts, and another for assembled units. We use the results of these surveys in designing our products.

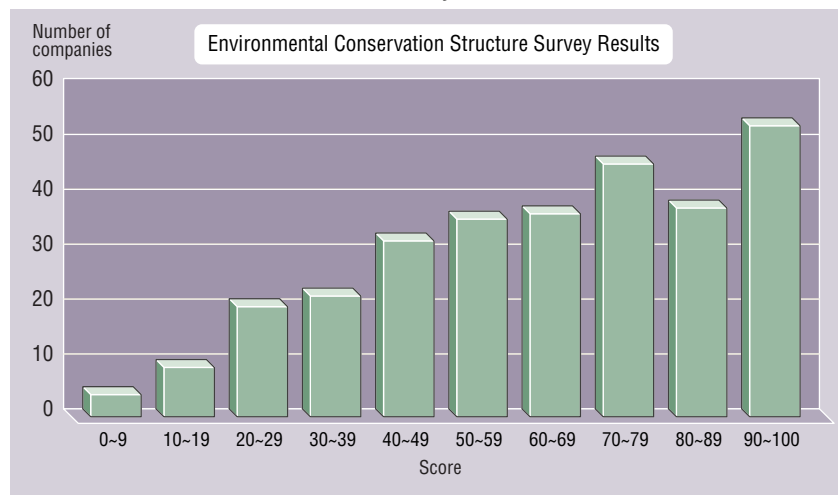
We also evaluate all suppliers in over 50 categories using our Environmental Conservation Structure Survey. During fiscal 2000,

Nikon issued the “Nikon Green Procurement Guide”, which was distributed to about 500 of our leading Japanese suppliers in July 1997. We requested that suppliers participate in a survey (incorporating a Product Survey and an Environmental Conservation Structure Survey), and received positive responses from the majority.

the average score achieved in this survey was 60 out of a possible 100 points. The suppliers of some products and services that are not supplied to customers are also covered.

The responses we received enable us to support our suppliers, with the aim of improving their environmental activities.

Green Procurement Evaluation Score Analysis



Workplace Environment

Nikon is implementing the following types of activities in regard to procured items that are not supplied to our customers as products or services, in response to the Product Surveys:

- Shift to use of recycled paper in copiers (including fine quality paper), intra-company envelopes, business cards, toilet paper, etc.

- Shift to use of office supply products (e.g. writing instruments, binders) with the “Eco-mark”, and increase the variety and number of such items used.
- During fiscal 2001, we introduced 97 ecological office supply products, and are pressing ahead with further introductions.