Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund Management System User Manual

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To our applicants

Thank you for your application for the Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund (KNCF).

This manual is designed to make application procedure for **Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund Management System** more efficient and easier for the applicant.

For further information, such as the application requirements, necessary reports, documents to be submitted, and the overall schedule for the 2026 application period, please visit our homepage:

https://www.keidanren.net/kncf/fund/project/

Regarding recommended PC environment of Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund Management System, we guarantee operation only for the following environments.

Oct 1st 9AM(JST)~Nov 1st 12PM(JST)

OS: Windows10(64bit), × Google Chrome116

OS: Windows10(64bit), × Microsoft Edge116

After Nov 1st 12PM (JST)

OS: Windows11(64bit), × Microsoft Edge138

Regarding PC environments other than the above, there may be cases of problems such as "display disappears" or "sentences you have entered disappears" etc. to those who use other OS than the above.

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The procedure

	Oct 1st~Dec 1st, 2025	Apr 1st, 2026	Apr~May	Oct	Apr, 2027		
2025		Applicant can confirm the results by logging into the system Communition to / w	Organizations to whom grant is approved are to upload a Revised, submit the written pledge. Plan and the Bank Account information onto the system. The Trustee shall confirm the Revised Plan and the Bank Account information and remit the first half of the grant (May~June)	Organizations to whom grant is approved are to upload an Interim Report onto the system The Trustee shall confirm the Interim Report and remit the second half of the grant (Nov) can be made using	Organizations to whom grant is approved are to upload a Final Report onto the system the		
	Inquiry and communition to / with the trustee(s) can be made using the "Contact / Message Exchange" function of the system						

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2) Online Registration Process

Online Application Process

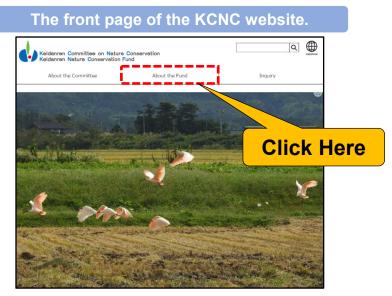
The procedure of online application is as follows. An operational period is set for each step respectively. Input / Update of data cannot be done before / after such period.

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Procedure	Contents	Relevant URL	Operational Period (Japan Standard Time)	
Step One	User Registration	https://www.keidanren.net/kncf/en/fund		
1.1	User Registration	Keidanren Nature Conservation Council web site → Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund	(Start) October 1st (WED), 2025 9:00 (End) December 1st (MON), 2025 17:00	
1.2	Log in	→ Call for application to Grant Program https://www.keidanren.net/kncf/en/fund/program → User Registration https://kncf.jp/entry/top.html		
Step Two	How to make online application	https://kncf.jp/entry/		
2.1	Filling out your application	Main Menu	(Start) October 1st (WED), 2025 9:00	
2.2		→ Registration button (each TAB)	(End) December 1st (MON), 2025 17:00 * During this period, you can revise your application as many times as needed.	
2.3	How to upload your Project Proposal			
2.4	Requirement Check and Declaration		*Date of last revision will be your application date.	
2.5	Submitting your application			
2.6	Confirming that your application is completed	Main Menu → Check your progress status button	As needed	
Step Three	Checking your status	https://kncf.jp/entry/		
_	To check whether your application	Main Menu	(Start) April 1st (WED), 2026 9:00	
3.1	has been accepted	→ Check your progress status button	(State) / Ipin 13t (WEB), 2020 0.00	
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Step Four	Submitting your Revised Plan & Bank Info	https://kncf.jp/entry/		
4.1	Revising your Project Plan & Budget Plan	Main Menu → Revised Plan button → Bank Account button	(Start) April 1st (WED), 2026 9:00 (End) May 31st (SUN), 2026 17:00	
4.2	Entering your bank account info & attaching your signature	- Dank Account button		
4.3	Sign the written pledge and submit with the revised plan			
Step Five	Submitting your Interim Report	https://kncf.jp/entry/		
5.1	Preparation of your Interim Report	Main Menu	(Start) October 1st (THU), 2026 9:00 (End) October 31th (SAT), 2026 17:00	
5.2	Submission of your Interim Report	→ Submit Interim Report button		
5.3	Submitting extra files			
Step Six	Submitting your Final Report	https://kncf.jp/entry/		
6.1	Preparation of your Final Report	Main Menu	(Start) April 1st (THU), 2027 9:00	
6.2	Submission of your Final Report	→ Submit Final Report button	(End) April 30th (FRI), 2027 17:00	
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В	Messaging Function	Main Menu → Contact / Message Exchange button	(Start) October 1st (WED), 2025 9:00 (End) April 30th (SUN), 2028 17:00 Note: In case of Collaboration Grant, (End) April 30th (WED), 2031 17:00	

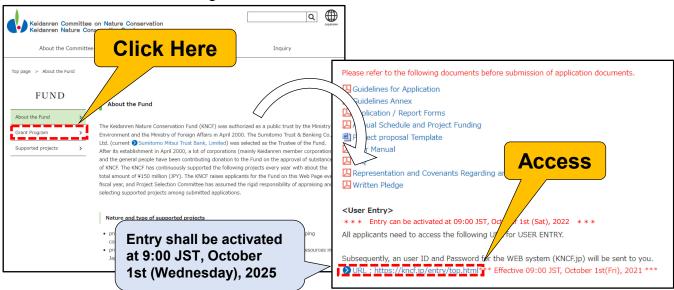
Step One: User Registration and How to Log In

1.1 User Registration

1) Go to the Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund website and click on "About the Fund".



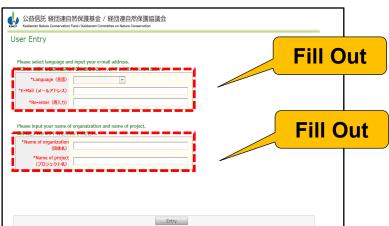
2) Click on "Guide to Grant Program"



3) Follow the User Registration link provided on the 2026 Project Assistance application page. Fill out the fields in the screen that pops up.

Gmail cannot be used because it cannot receive mails from "Contact / Message Exchange" function of the system.

Please make sure the mail address is contactable for long period of time, as the address cannot be changed after registration.





Step One: User Registration and How to Log In

1.1 User Registration (Receiving your URL / ID / Password)

A unique User ID and password will be provided for each project. An automated confirmation mail will be sent to the e-mail address you provide during registration.

Please check whether or not you can login as soon as you receive the confirmation mail.

Sample of the confirmation mail				
[KNCF (10.10.1)] Notice of your login information				
Organization Name Name of Project Representative				
Thank you for your application for Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund 2026. We hereby inform you your login ID and password for your WEB site registration as follows.				
Please refer to the User Manual for further details about the registration procedure. You can download the manual at the following URL: https://www.keidanren.net/knof/en/fund/manual				
Site URL: https://kncf.jp/entry/ Login ID: . 1 , 5 Password: a 1 , .				
* Please be careful for handling your ID and Password.				
* This E-mail is delivered from a send-only address. No reply mail will be sent from this address. In case of inquiry, please use the "Contact/ Message Exchange" function from the TOP MENU.				
Trustee: Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund, c/o Public Trust group, Retail Fiduciary Business Department, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited (E-mail: charitabletrust@smtb.jp)				

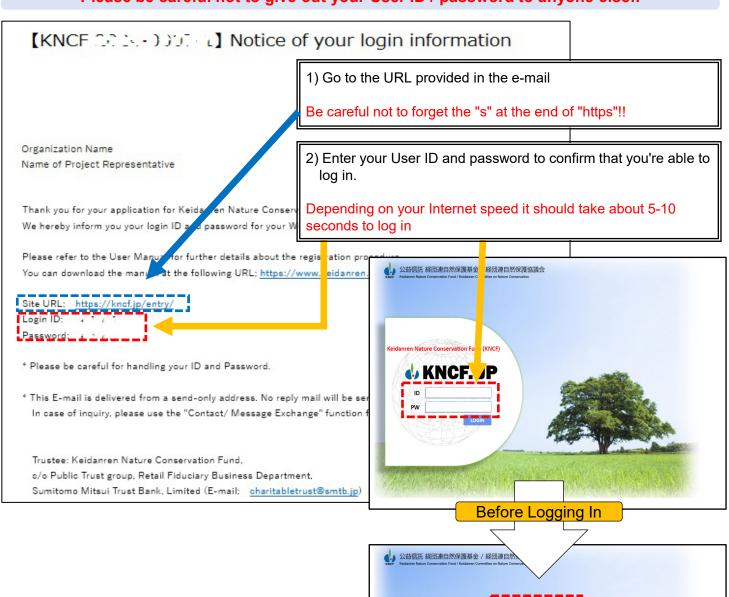


Step One: User Registration and How to Log In

1.2 How to Log In

After receiving your confirmation mail please go to the URL provided and then try logging in with your User ID and password.

Please be careful not to give out your User ID / password to anyone else!!



Registering your application is covered in Section 2.1 (from page 12-14)

Actions Nature Conservation Fund / Actions Committee on Nature Conservation

Check your progress status

Check your progress status

Revised Plan Bank Account

(KNCF) is authorized as a public trust by the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan.

Submit Final Report

Upload documentalmaterials

Project No:

Contact/Message Exchange

After Logging In



Step One: User Registration and How to Log In

1.2 How to Log In -System Resources & Tips 1

Tip 1: Each session is set for 120 minutes and users will have to log in again if they go over that limit. **Any information that isn't updated or saved during this time will be lost** and will have to be re-entered.

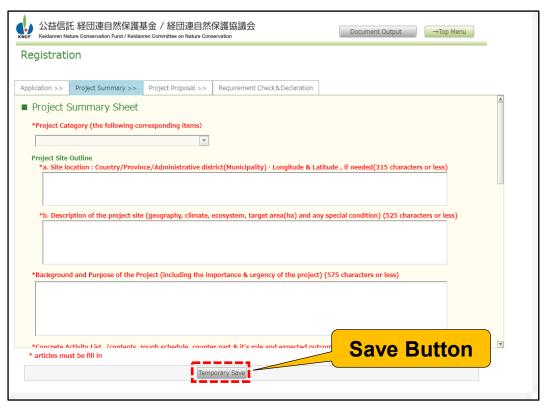


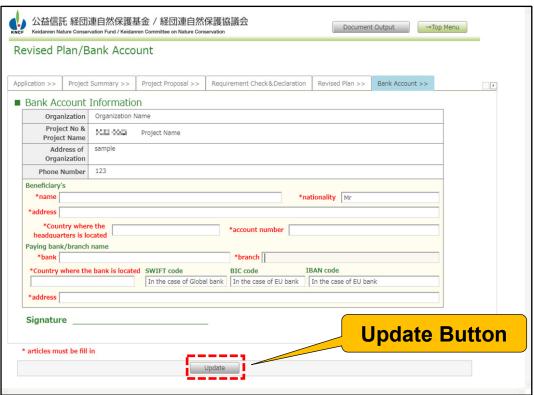
Step One: User Registration and How to Log In

1.2 How to Log In -System Resources & Tips 2

Tip 2: Since pages without a "Save" button cannot be saved you'll have to press the "Update" button and then go back to make any revisions.

*The application page is the only page that can be saved midway







Step One: User Registration and How to Log In

1.2 How to Log In -System Resources & Tips 3

Tip 3: Areas where text can be input or can be otherwise manipulated are shown in black.

Transparent buttons cannot be used / out of input period

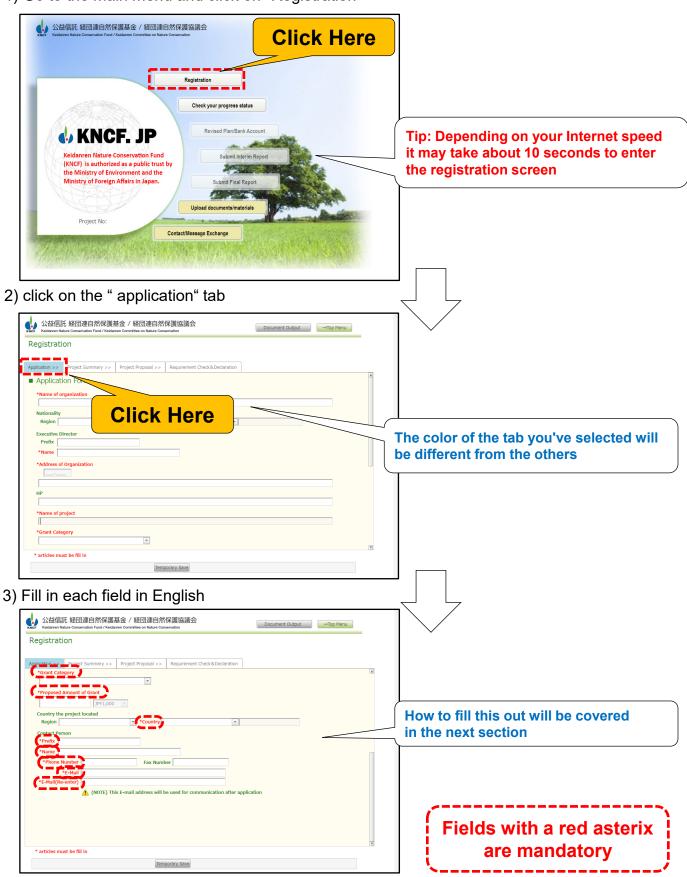




Step Two: How to make online application

2.1 Filling out your application (Registration)

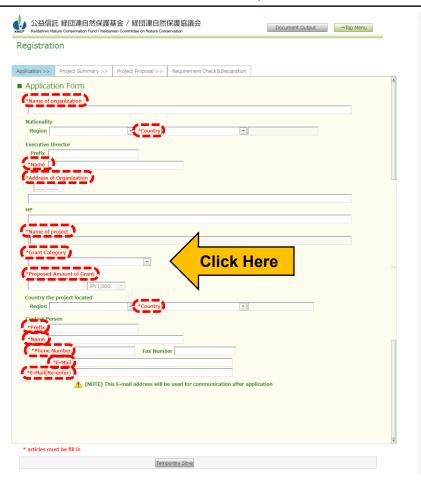
1) Go to the main menu and click on "Registration"



Step Two: How to make online application

2.1 Filling out your application (Registration) 1

1) Please fill in the requested information Fields with a red asterix are mandatory



Name of Organization
Nationality
Name of Executive Director
Address of Organization
Name of the project for which grant
is requested
Requested grant amount
Telephone Number
e-mail address

Country where the organization is based
Name of the group's representativ

Name of the group's representative Country where the project will be taking place

Name of the contact person

2) If field is not filled out correctly then a red error message will appear beside the relevant field



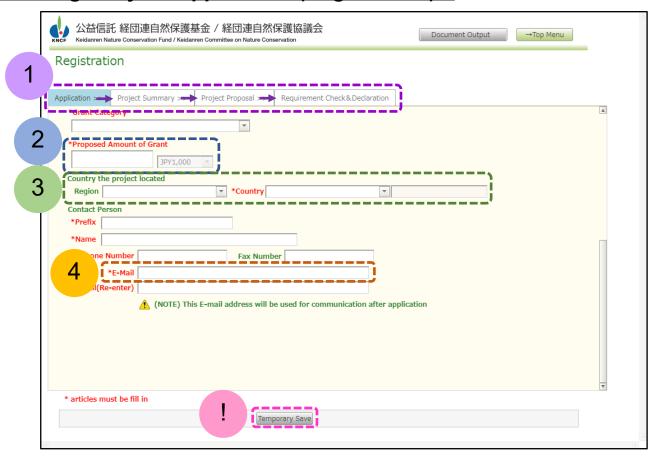
Gmail cannot be used because it cannot receive mails from "Contact / Message Exchange" function of the system.

Mail address cannot be changed after registration, so please select an address contactable for long period of time.

If you are not able to receive mails from "Contact / Message Exchange" function of the system, please log into the site regularly to check for new messages.

Step Two: How to make online application

2.1 Filling out your application (Registration) 2

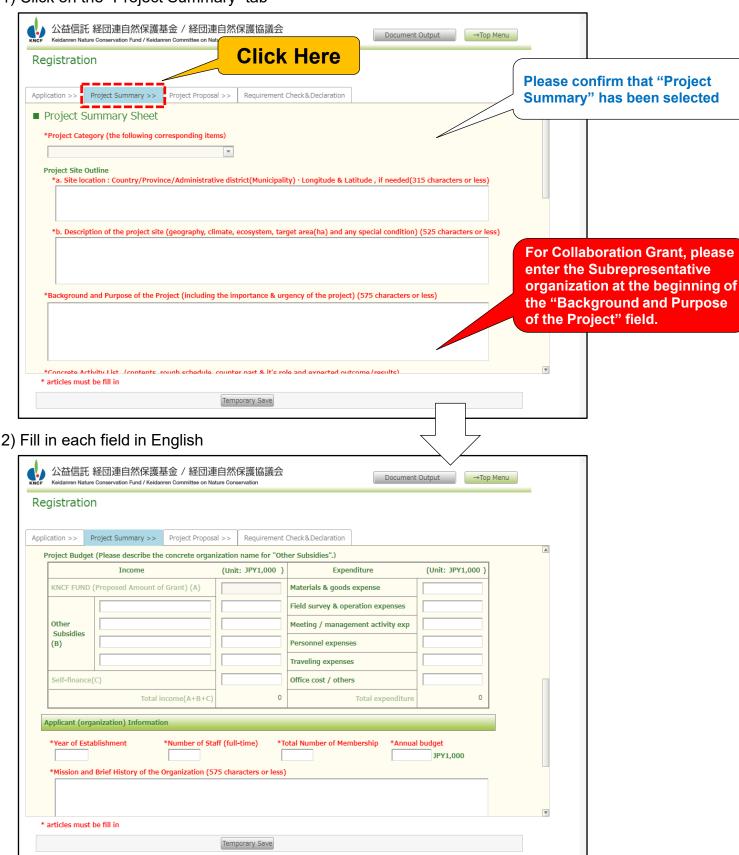


- You will need to fill in everything from the Application tab on the left to the Requirement Check & Declaration tab on the right.
- About the requested grant amount: The input amount is set to Japanese yen in thousands (displayed as JP¥1,000). You cannot put in American dollars or any other currency.
- About the country / region names: If the name of the country or region where your organization is based or where your project will be taking place is not listed in the dropdown menu then select "Other" from Region field and enter the name in the text box.
- About the contact person's e-mail address: All contact made after the submission of the application will be sent to the e-mail entered here. Since organizations are not allowed, in principle, to change the e-mail address registered here, KNCF strongly recommends to enter a group address such as the representative address of your organization in order to avoid any inconvenience due to the replacement of the person in charge.
- You can save your application with the "Temporarily Save" button even if you have not completed all the required fields.

Step Two: How to make online application

2.2 How to fill out your Project Summary

1) Click on the "Project Summary" tab



Step Two: How to make online application

2.3 How to upload your Project Proposal 1



Click on "Template" and a Word file will be downloaded.

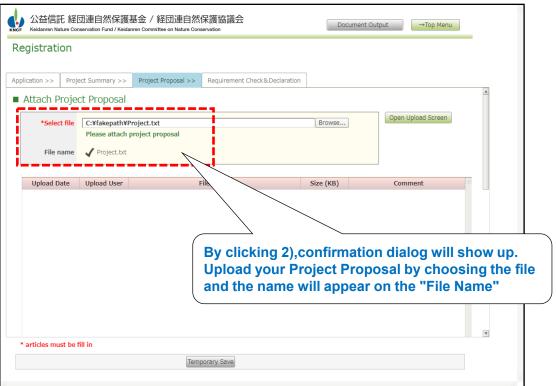


Step Two: How to make online application

2.3 How to upload your Project Proposal 2

- 1) Click "Project Proposal" tab
- 2) Click "Browse" button

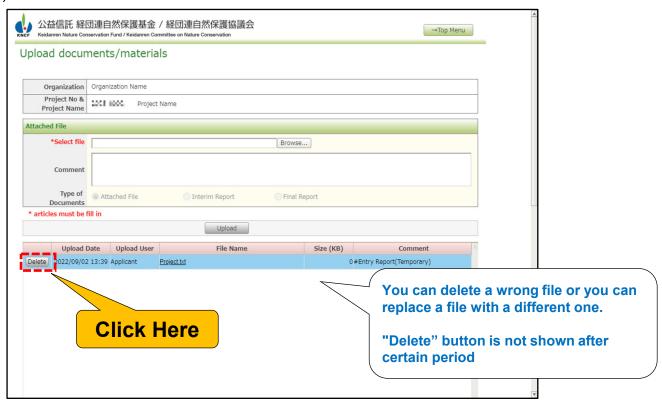




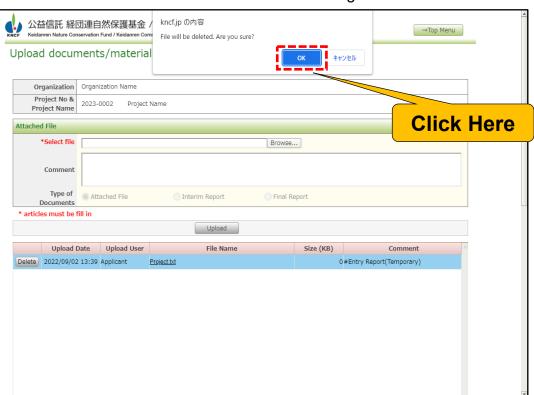
Step Two: How to make online application

2.3 How to delete your Project Proposal

1) Click on the "Delete" button



2) Click on the "OK" button of the confirmation dialog

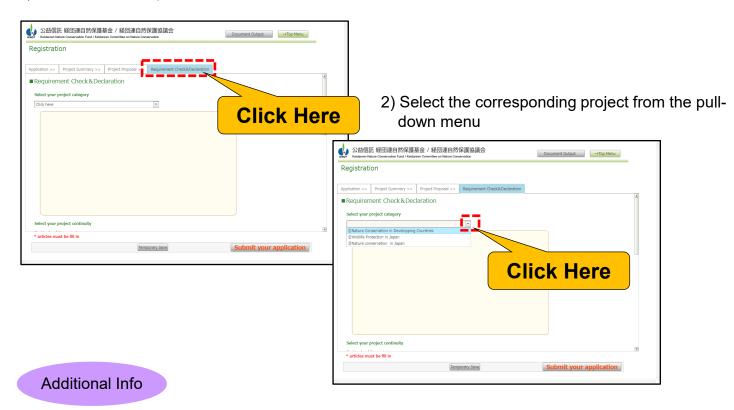


Step Two: How to make online application

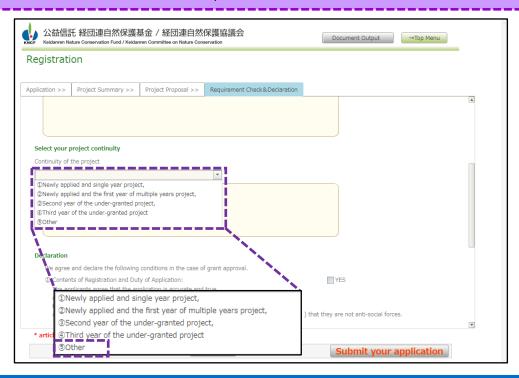
2.4 Requirement Check & Declaration

purpose: Please enter the information needed to confirm that your organization meets the requirements necessary for the grant application.

1) Click on the "Requirement Check & Declaration" tab



Please choose whether the application is a new one or a continuing one. If you can't determine which one yours is then select "Other" and enter an explanation.



Step Two: How to make online application

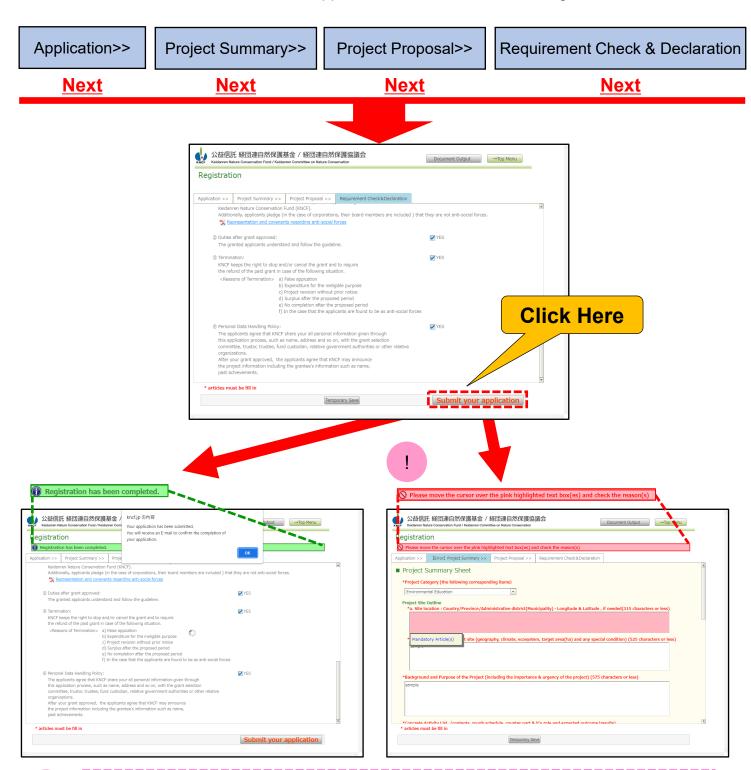




Step Two: How to make online application

2.5 Submitting your application

1) Make sure you have entered all required information and attached all the required documents in each tab and then click on the "Submit Your Application" button on the bottom right-hand side of the screen.



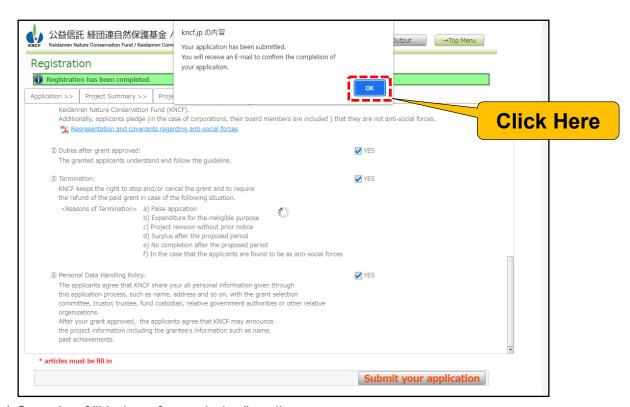
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If you do not enter all the required fields then a red error message will appear over the tab with the missing information. Your cursor will automatically jump to the field with the missing information and an explanation of what's needed will be provided. You can edit an application you've already submitted as long as you do so before the deadline.

Step Two: How to make online application

2.6 Confirming that your application is complered

1) When your registration is completed then a pop-up will appear telling you that an automated message will be sent to the e-mail address you provided. Click on the OK button and then check your e-mail.



★Sample of "Notice of completion" mail

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[KNCF ▶ • • • • • • • 2] Notice of completion of your application
From: but # knct |c
Date: 2022/09/02 13:56
To: peawa_rya@infed.page
Organization Name
Project Name
Thank you for your application for Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund 2026.
Your application has been registered.
You can check your application form and submitted information on the WEB site of
You need your organization's ID and Password when you login the WEB site.
Your application form and submitted materials (1. Application and Declaration form,
2. Project Summary, 3. Project Details) cannot be revised after the application is
closed.
2025 KNCF Grant Projects will be selected and the result will be uploaded on the WEB
site by the end of March.
All applicants shall check the result on the WEB site after the Trustee's notice.
 This E-mail is delivered from a send-only address. No reply mail will be sent from
this address
 In case of inquiry, please use the "Contact/ Message Exchange" function from the TOP
 Trustee: Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund,
  c/o Public Trust group, Retail Fiduciary Business Department,
  Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited (E-mail; charitabletrust@smtb.jp)
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Step Three: Checking your status

3.1 Checking your progress and results 1

1) Click on "Check your progress" on the main menu



If a decision has not been made yet

2) Your organization's progress will be displayed



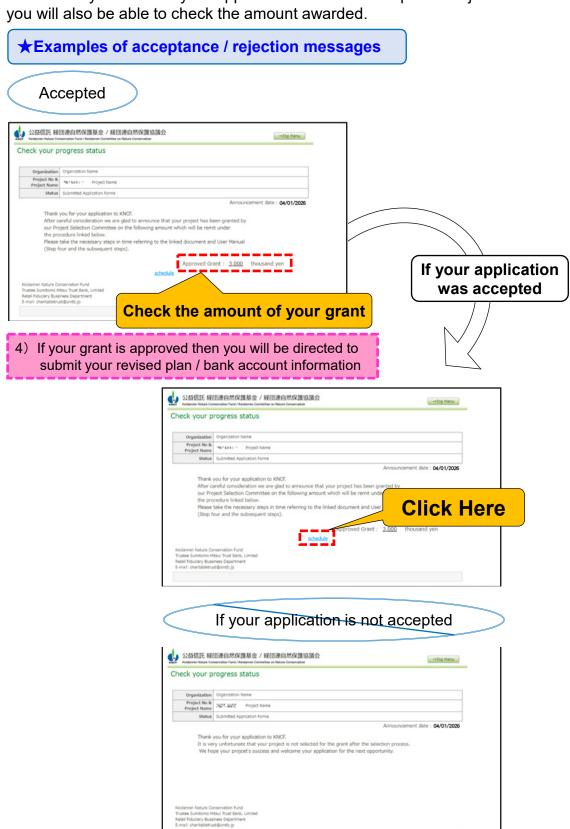
If your status says " temporarily saved " then your application hasn't been submitted yet



Step Three: Checking your status

3.1 Checking your progress and results 2

3) After submitting your application, a decision will be made and the word "Message" will be displayed that will tell you whether your application has been accepted or rejected. If it has been accepted then you will also be able to check the amount awarded.





Step Four: Submitting Your Revised Plan & Bank Info

4.1 Revising your Project Plan & Budget Plan 1

1) Click on "Revised Plan / Bank Info" button on the main menu



3) The information you have provided during registration will be displayed on the screen. Please update the page with the actual amount you have been awarded, your activity plan, and your expense report.



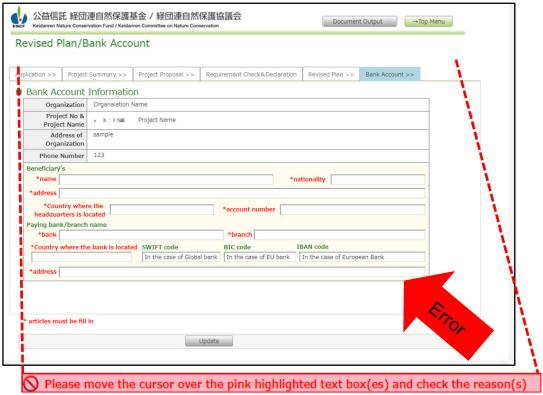
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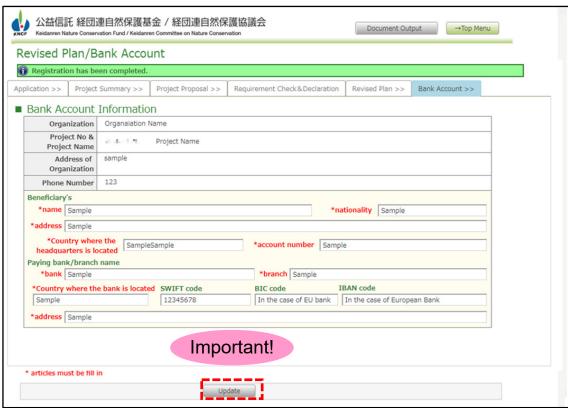
The grant amount entered in your Revised Plan must match the actual amount awarded to you by KNCF. An error message will appear if the two amounts do not match.



Step Four: Submitting Your Revised Plan & Bank Info

4.1 Revising your Project Plan & Budget Plan 2





Important!

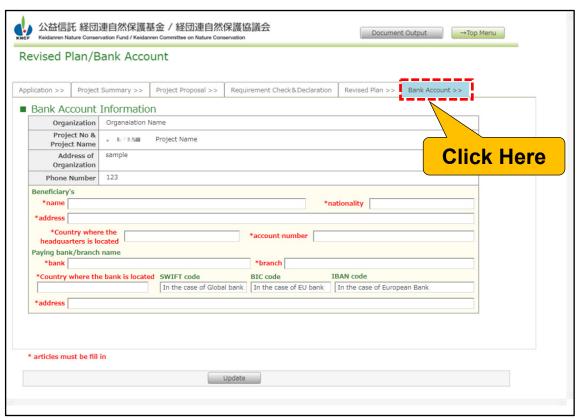
If the amount you have been rewarded is the same as the amount you have applied for, then you still need to click on the Update button even though nothing has been changed. Your Revised Plan will not be recognized by the system if you skip this step.



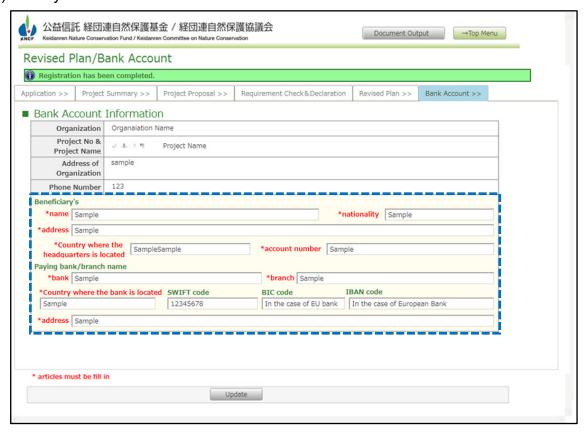
Step Four: Submitting Your Revised Plan & Bank Info

4.2 Entering your bank account info

1) Click on the Bank Account Info tab



2) Enter your bank account information

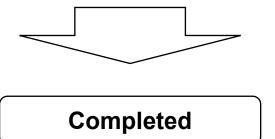




Step Four: Submitting Your Revised Plan & Bank Info

4.3 Revised Plan & Account Inf registration Update

Upon completion of Registration, clich Update button





Step Five: Submitting your Interim Report

5.1 Preparation of your Interim Report

Prepare an Interim Report (in free format) containing the followings.

- Report Summary (Activity Report and Income & Expenses Statement) [Mandatory]
- Activity Report (Achievements and Challenges for the period of April 1st~September 30th) [Mandatory]
- Income and Expenditure Report (for the period of April 1st~September 30th)
 [Mandatory]
- Reference material [Optional]

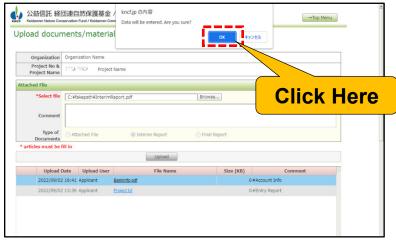
5.2 Submission of your Interim Report

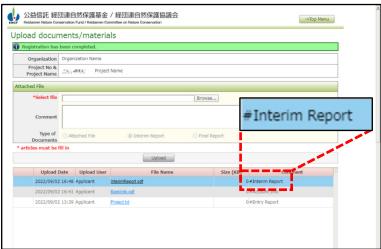
Click on the "Submit Interim Report" button on the main menu. "Upload documents/materials" screen will appear.

Upload your Interim Report (free format). Maximum size of each file is to be 25MB.

If "#Interim Report" appears under the list of Attached File, then your Interim Report has been successfully uploaded.

There will be no Interim Report for the Collaboration Grant, but an in-person annual report will be presented at the March Grant Review Committee meeting.







Step Six: Submitting your Final Report

6.1 Preparation of your Final Report

Prepare a Final Report (in free format) containing the followings.

- Report Summary (Activity Report and Income & Expenses Statement) [Mandatory]
- Activity Report (Achievements for the period of April 1st~March 31st) [Mandatory]
- Income and Expenditure Report (for the period of April 1st∼March 31st) [Mandatory]
- Reference material [Optional]

6.2 Submission of your Final Report

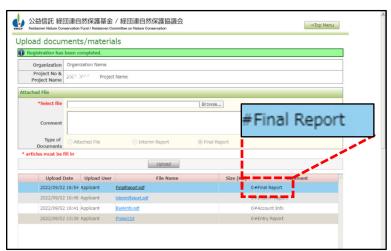
Click on the "Submit Final Report" button on the main menu. "Upload documents/ materials" screen will appear.

Upload your Final Report (free format). Maximum size of each file is to be 25MB.

If "#Final Report" appears under the list of Attached File, then your Final Report has been successfully uploaded.

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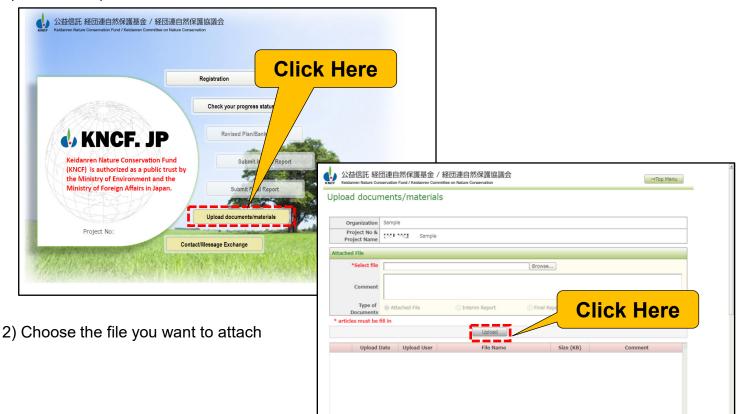




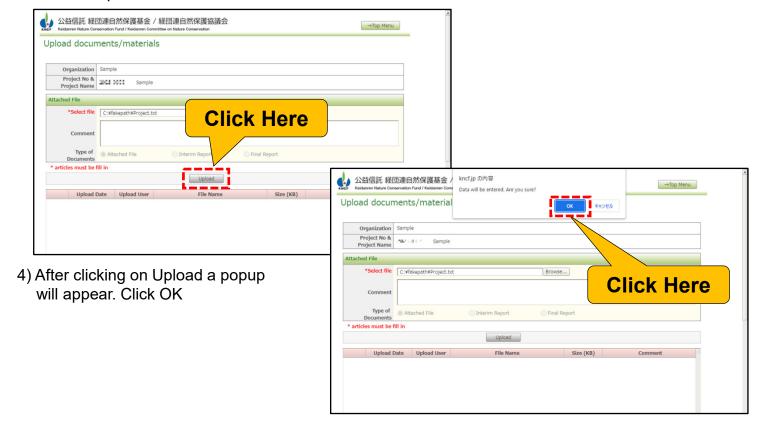
General Function("Upload documents / materials" and "Contact/Message Exchange")

A. Upload documents / materials

1) Click on "Upload documents/materials" on the main menu



3) Click Upload after selecting the file you want to attach. You can upload extra documents as needed



General Function("Upload documents / materials" and "Contact/Message Exchange")

B. Contact / Message Exchange

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After User Registration, you must use this message function for all email contacts with KNCF.

1) Click on "Contact/Message Exchange" on the main menu



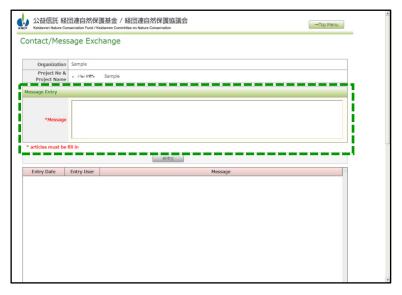
If you register the wrong mail address, mails from "Contact / Message Exchange" function of the system will not be delivered.

In that case, please log into the site regularly to check for new messages. Important messages are most likely to arrive in

- · May (after uploading Final Report)
- · June (after uploading Revised Plan)
- · November (afrer uploading Interim Report)

so please check the system often during this period.

2) Write your message within the "Message Entry" field and click "Entry".



Using this function, an email message will automatically be sent to the KNCF's administration offices including trustee.

KNCF's administration offices may also send messages including various notices to registered email address of the organization from KNCF Management System.

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For more information



Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund

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Email: charitabletrust@smtb.jp

(about nature conservation activity)

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Phone: +81-367410981

Email: kncf@keidanren.or.jp