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#### Profile

Dr. Yamamoto is the Director of the National Institute for Agro-Environmental Sciences (NIAES/NARO). He is currently leading the NARO project on carbon sequestration using biochar in agricultural land, in addition to managing the institute. He received his PhD from the University of Tokyo in 2000 on the relationship between landscape structure and conservation of SATOYAMA flora. His research focuses on the sustainable management of agroecosystems, particularly the conservation of biodiversity in the secondary ecosystem of SATOYAMA and rice paddy landscape, which has been maintained by agricultural activities. In this context, he has been studying the utilization of unused biomass generated by agroecosystem management. He has also been involved in the planning and formulation of mid- to long-term agricultural research strategies at the MAFF and NARO, and has been in charge of research management at NIAES and NARO for 20 years.