

## Kingfisher News

This year's rainy season ended in a flash. Rainfall during the rainy season is expected to be average for this time of year, but if sunny weather continues from now on, there will be concerns about water shortages in the summer.

Continuing from last time, We would like to tell you about seaweed bed restoration activities.

### Topic

#### Seaweed Bed Regeneration activities (2)

This time, we will tell you about harvesting eelgrass. Eelgrass is designated as a protected species under the Hiroshima Prefectural Fisheries Adjustment Regulations, so permission from the prefecture is required to harvest it. For this activity, we received permission to collect samples on days of high tide from May to July.

The photo on the left shows eelgrass growing in Etajima Bay. As you can see, when the tide goes out you can put on your boots and reach the area where you can collect eelgrass. The photo on the right shows eelgrass producing seeds in a part of its stem called the inflorescence. This time, we collected eelgrass in this state. When the time comes, the part with the inflorescence separates from the rhizome along with the roots and drifts out to sea. When the seeds ripen, they fall to the seabed and, if conditions are right, germinate on the spot. Eelgrass can reproduce by seed, but because it is connected by underground stems, it can also extend its habitat in place. As described above, eelgrass can reproduce in two ways, but it is said that recently rising seawater temperatures have increased in coastlines that are unsuitable for its growth, causing its habitat to decrease.



### Activity schedule

The 31st Panel Exhibition : July18-August7,2025 Fuji Grand Midorii 5th Floor Gallery “Passage”

The 30th Panel Exhibition : July 4-17,2025 AEON MALL Hiroshima Gion 3rd floor in front of NITORI

### Activity report

The 29th Panel Exhibition : June 3-23,2025 LECT 2nd floor in front of CAINZ

The 28th Panel Exhibition : April22-May20,2025 Fuji Grand Hiroshima 3rd floor in front of Garden Kitchen

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