



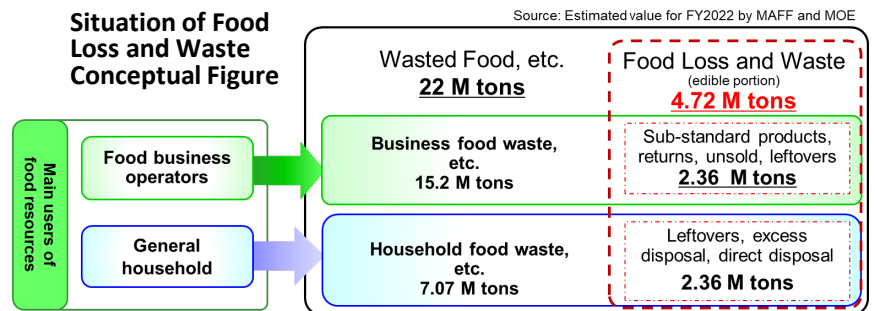
# Food Loss and Waste Reduction National Movement In Japan



## • Situation of Food Loss and Waste in Japan

Japan is implementing a range of initiatives to reduce food loss and waste through cooperation among national and local governments, businesses, and consumers. The term “food loss and waste” refers to leftover food, unsold food and any other food that is fit for consumption but which, for various reasons, ends up being thrown away. According to statistics published by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of the Japanese government, the food loss and waste generated in Japan amounted to around 4.72 million tons (38 kg per capita) in FY2022. Of this, 50% (2.36 million tons) was generated by businesses in industries such as the food service and food manufacturing industries, and 50% (2.36 million tons) was generated by households.

Throwing away vast amounts of food like this has various impacts on society. Due to food loss and waste in FY2022, the total economic loss was 4.0 trillion yen (32,125-yen per capita), and the total greenhouse effect gas emissions was 10.46 million tons-CO2 (83 kg-CO2 per capita).



## • The goal by 2030 ( → 4.89 million tons)

The Japanese Government has set a target of halving food loss and waste by 2030 from 9.8 million tons recorded in FY2000. In order to achieve this goal of 4.89 million tons, a range of initiatives are being implemented in Japan. A key pillar underpinning such initiatives is the Act on Promotion of Food Loss and Waste Reduction, which came into force in October 2019 (Jurisdiction by Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA)). The act was enacted to encourage diverse entities, including national and local governments, businesses, and consumers, to work together to reduce food loss and waste.

Overview of the Act on Promotion of Food Loss and Waste Reduction : [https://www.caa.go.jp/en/policy/consumer\\_policy/pdf/consumer\\_education\\_cms201\\_191119\\_02.pdf](https://www.caa.go.jp/en/policy/consumer_policy/pdf/consumer_education_cms201_191119_02.pdf)

## • Policy package to the goal

In December in 2023, CAA, MAFF, MOE and relevant ministries and agencies have compiled the policy package of measures to promote the reduction of food loss and waste. The policy package has three targets. Firstly, target is promoting food donations, secondly, is promoting doggy bags, Thirdly, is promoting the fundamental control of wasted food generation such as reviewing delivery deadlines for food businesses, promoting food reuse, extending best-before dates, and forecasting demand using ICT.



12.3 By 2030, halve per capita global food waste



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