

**MIYAKOJIMA PROJECT**  
**2011 SIMDC COMMITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Miyako Island is a beautiful place, but also one that is greatly troubled by marine debris. The situation is cruel to small islands and in some places creates a difficult lifestyle, but this will always be a battle for many years to come. We at the Miyakojima Project hope to help find some viable solutions for controlling marine debris.

Small islands are distinctive sampling sites to quantify the impact of marine debris to know the actual amount of environmental stress, because every situation is compactly collected in one small area, including people, plants and all other creatures.

We are collecting these data which can be used, not only for scientific or professional purposes for further study, but most likely to visualize the real situation for the people of small islands. They need to be able to take a long hard look at the ramifications of doing nothing as their islands' ecology melts away from all the marine debris and to know how serious the issue is and what they have to fight against. Our database is a valuable tool as a visual resource simulation for small islands and how to help combat this overgrowing problem.

Our budget is too small to keep fighting this situation alone. However, it is not the time to wait for our budget to grow, but time to help find a solution and keep working by our own hands. To make this strategy possible, we need a lot of new ideas. For us, the world means great resource of wisdom. That's the reason why we are here. We would like to ask the many professionals and experts like you, to share your ideas for effective marine debris disposal methods so that we can localize the information to fit small remote islands with their low budgets.

Our project platform "Priority Number One" will function as a resource center for the people of small islands of the world to encourage their regional independence and initiatives.

Our commitment is to collect all of this information and bring a visibility that changes scenario to help the island people with their movement. They need to keep their beach clean with their own hands, not merely being dependent on financial help from the outside.