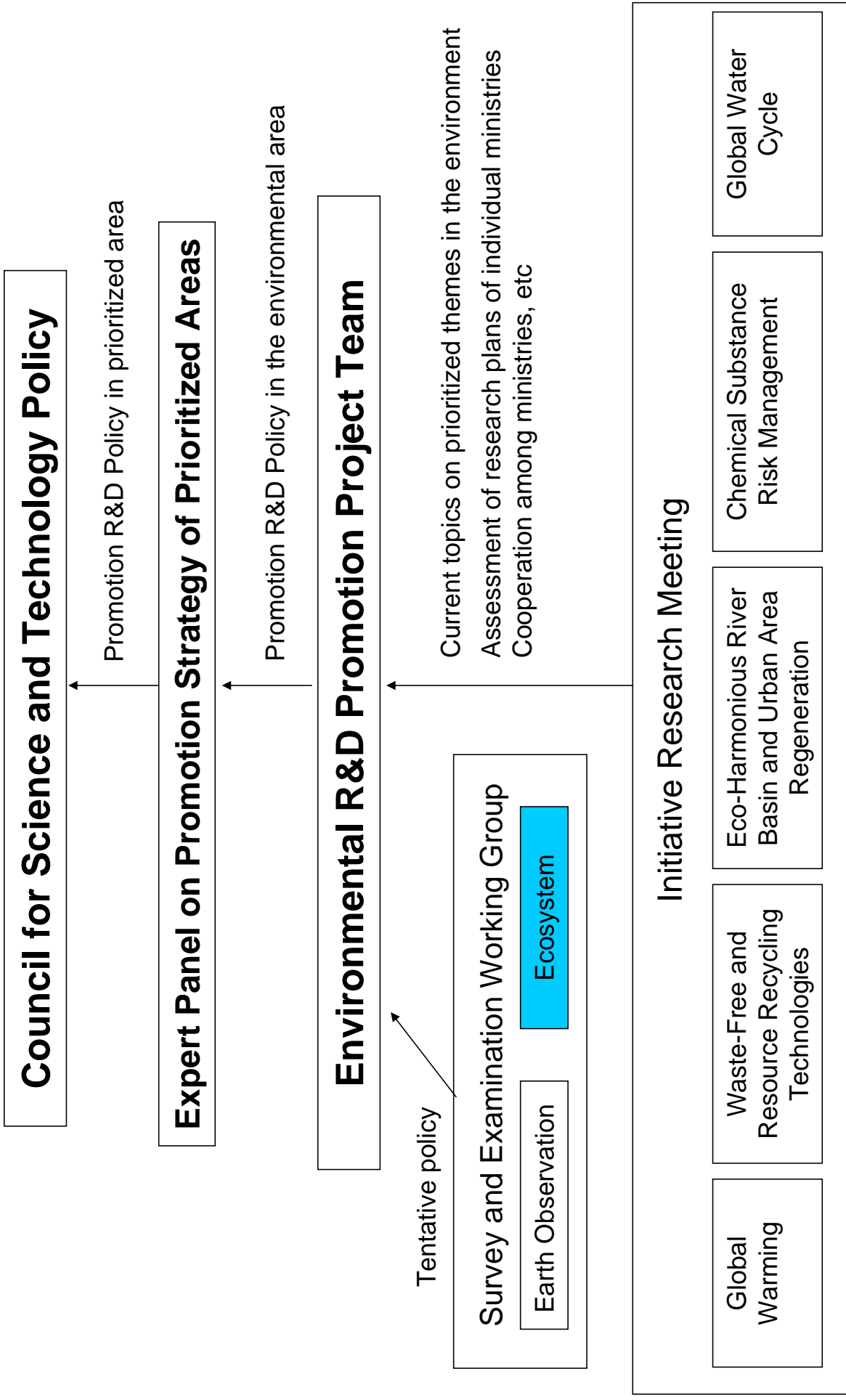


Appendix 1 Promotion Structure in Environmental R&D



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Environmental Research and Development Promotion Project Team

1. Outline

In an attempt to contribute to the government's support for environmental research, the Environmental Research and Development Promotion Project Team (Environmental PT) conducts studies about R&D in the environmental field carried out by various ministries, and the state of related ministerial and agency research.

Biological and ecological viewpoints are vital in the support of environmental R&D, and conserving biodiversity is a key issue in the environment, as witnessed by the adoption of the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Biodiversity Treaty at the 1992 Earth Summit, and Japan's own New National Biodiversity Strategy, which was given ministerial approval on March 27, 2002. It was thus decided to set up a working group within the Project Team, to examine the state of R&D on biological organisms and ecosystems, the issues that will need to be dealt with in the future, and the methods for doing so.

2. Details and manner of support for the research and study

The Working Group is supporting five priority areas in the environmental field in line with the sectoral support strategy: global warming, waste-free and resource recycling technologies, eco-harmonious river basin and urban area regeneration, Research initiative on chemical substance risk management, global water cycle.

While bearing in mind the relevance to the five issues mentioned above and the direction of the policies and measures indicated by the New National Biodiversity Strategy, the research and studies will mainly deal with the state of R&D, issues that will need attention in the future, and ways of addressing these, with regard to:

- 1) R&D for countermeasure technologies for environmental conservation using biological organisms, and
- 2) R&D related to the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem management.

The Working group has been set up for these reasons, and it will launch its research and studies with a target of reporting back to the Environmental PT by the end of the fiscal year 2003.

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