

## Forest Landscape of Wood Burial in Japan and Germany

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This study compared forest landscape of wood burials between Germany and Japan. Japan introduced forest study and forestry technique since 19th century and the forest landscapes in the both countries have a lot of resemblance. Recently, a new type of forest use namely wood burial is spreading similarly, but the forest landscapes of the wood burials differ from each other in appearance. The actual states of wood burials in Germany and Japan were figured out through literature researches, fieldworks and interview researches. German wood burial is placed as a new forest use in addition to the multiple public functions of forest. In contrast, Japanese wood burial is a new form of graveyard. In addition to that, German wood burials are managed by private enterprises which contract with forest owners and controlled by foresters in a sustainable nature based forest management. This is the reason why the wood burials in Germany show similar forest landscape. Japanese wood burials have already diversified and some forest-type wood burials are usually managed by Buddhist monks, which face similar challenges in sustainable forest management.

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