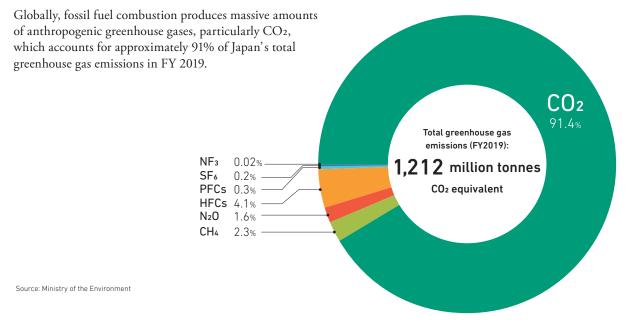
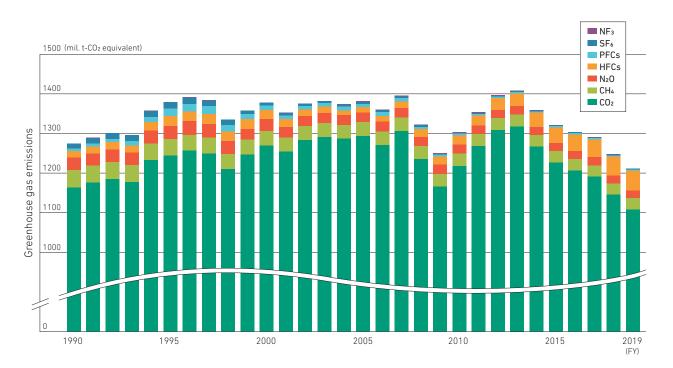
Breakdown of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Japan (FY2019)



Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Japan

Japan's total greenhouse gas emissions in FY 2019 were equivalent to approximately 1,212 million tonnes of CO₂, a 2.9% drop from the previous year. Two main factors for the decrease are the decrease in energy consumption due to reduced production in manufacturing industries, and the increase in the share of renewable energy within electricity supply.



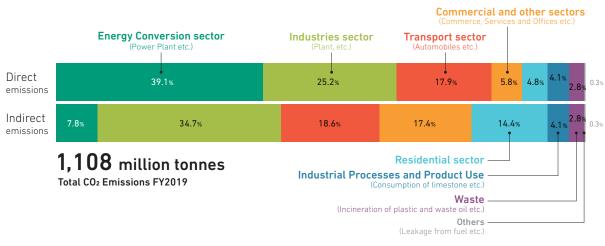
Source: Ministry of the Environment

GHG Emissions in Japan

Additional materials provide more details about the GHG Emissions in Japan.

Breakdown of CO₂ Emissions by Sector

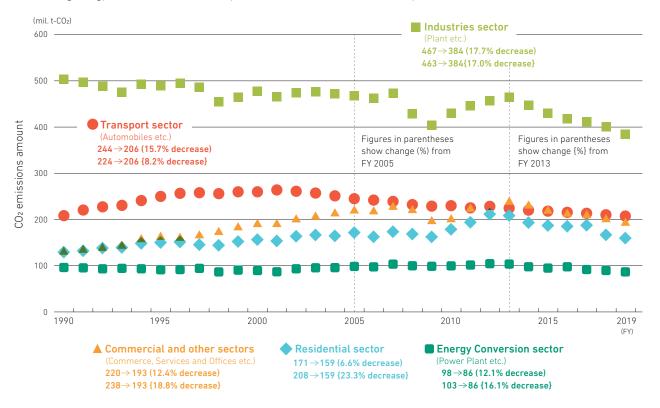
The sector with the largest CO₂ emissions in indirect emissions in FY 2019 was industries sector, accounting for approximately 34.7% of Japan's total.



Source: Ministry of the Environment

Energy-related CO₂ Emissions by Sector (Indirect Emissions)

Plotting energy-related CO₂ emissions by sector reveals that emissions in every sector decreased from FY 2013.



Source: Ministry of the Environment

Threatened Species in Japan

With an increasing number of species being put on the Red List, which publicizes threatened species, it is clear that the circumstances of wild fauna and flora in Japan continue to be severe.

									(Re	eported in N	/arch 2020)
					Threatened Species			Near	Data	Total of listed	Endangered Local
Taxon		Species Targeted for Evaluation	Extinct	Extinct in the Wild	Endangered Class I		Endangered				
					Class IA	Class IB	Class II	Inreatened	Deficient	species	Population
			EX	EW	CR	EN	VU	NT	DD		LP
	Mammals	160 (160)	7 (7)	0 (0)	34(33)		17	5	63	26	
					25(2	13(12)	9(9)	(18)	(5)	(63)	(23)
		Approx. 700 (Approx. 700)	15 (15)	0 (0)	12(12)	98(98)		22 (21)	17 (17)	152 (151)	
	Birds				55(5	55(55)					2 (2)
					24(24)	31(31)	43(43)	(21)	(17)	(131)	(2)
	Reptiles	100 (100)	0 (0)	0 (0)	37(37)		17	3	57	5	
Fauna					5(5)	9(9)	23(23)	(17)	(4)	(58)	(5)
		91 (76)	0 (0)	0 (0)	47(29)		10	1		0	
	Amphibians				25(1		22(12)	19 (22)	1 (1)	67 (52)	(0)
	(70)				5(4)	5(4) 20(13)					
	Brackish water and freshwater fish	Approx. 400 (Approx. 400)	3 (3)	1 (1)	169(169) 125(125)		35	37	245	15	
					71(71)	54(54)	44(44)	(35)	(37)	(245)	(15)
	Insects	Approx. 32,000 (Approx. 32,000)	4 (4)	0 (0)	367(363) 182(177) 185(186)		351	153	875	2	
							185(186)		(153)	(870)	(2)
					75(71) 107(106) 629(616)						
	Shellfish	Approx. 3,200 (Approx. 3,200)	19 (19)	0 (0)	301(2	301(288)		440	89	1177	13
					39(33)	28(16)	328(328)	(445)	(89)	(1169)	(13)
	Other invertebrates	Approx. 5,300 (Approx. 5,300)	1 (0)	0 (0)	65(65)		42	44	152	0	
					22(2		43(43)	(42)	(44)	(151)	(0)
	Subtotal of Fauna		49 (48)	1 (1)	0(0) 2(2) 1446(1410)		943	349	2787	63	
						749(722) 697(688)		(950)	(350)	(2759)	(60)
		Approx. 7,000 (Approx. 7,000)	28 (28)	11 (11)	1790(1786)						
Flora	Vascular plants				1049(1	045)	741(741)	297 (297)	37 (37)	2163 (2159)	0 (0)
					529(525)	520(520)	741(741)				
	Bryophytes	Approx. 1,800 (Approx. 1,800)	0 (0)	0 (0)	107/1	240(241)	103(103)	21 (21)	21 (21)	282 (283)	0 (0)
	Δηριτοχ 3.000 /		1	37(137(138) 103(10 116(116)		41	40	202	0	
	Algae	gae (Approx. 3,000) (4) (1)			95(9		21(21)	(41)	(40)	(202)	(0)
	Lichens	ichens Approx. 1,600 4 0				63(61)		41	46	154	0
	(Approx. 1,600)		(4)	(0)	43(4		20(20)	(41)	(46)	(152)	(0)
	Fungi	Approx. 3,000 (Approx. 3,000)	25 (26)	1 (1)	37(3	61(62)	24(23)	21 (21)	51 (50)	159 (160)	0 (0)
	Subtotal of Flora		61 (62)	13 (13)		2270(2266)	24(20)	421	195	2961	0
					1361(1		909(908)	(421)	(194)	(2956)	(0)
	Total of thirteen taxonomic groups		110	14	:	3716(3676)		1364	544	5748	63
	iotat or thirteen taxo	nonne groups	(110)	(14)	2110(2	2110(2080)		(1371)	(544)	(5715)	(60)

* Numerals within parentheses indicate the respective numbers of species (including subspecies, variety (only for flora) and form (only for algae and fungi)) from the Red List 2019. The numbers in the LP column are the numbers of local population. ** The number of species excluding those that cannot be evaluated by the naked eye.

The categories are considered as follows:

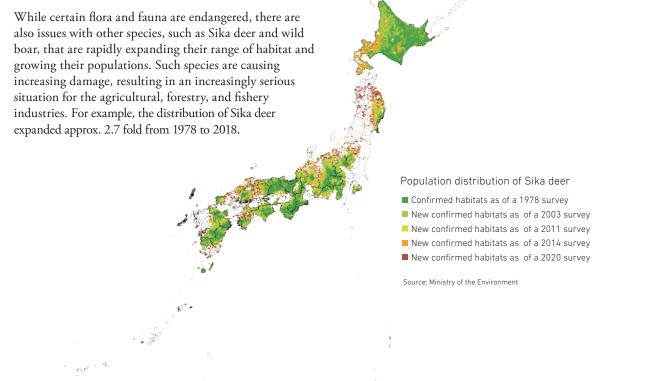
Extinct [EX]: Species that are likely to already be extinct / Extinct in the Wild [EW]: Species that exist only in captivity or as a naturalized population outside its natural habitat / Endangered Class I (Critically Endangered + Endangered) [CR+EN]: Species that are threatened to extinction / Endangered Class I A (Critically Endangered) [CR]: Species that are facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future / Endangered Class I B (Endangered) [EN]: Species that are facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future / Endangered Class I B (Endangered) [EN]: Species that are facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future / Endangered Class I B (Endangered) [EN]: Species that are facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future / Endangered Class I B (Endangered) [EN]: Species that are facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future / Endangered Class I B (Endangered) [EN]: Species that are facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future / Endangered Class I B (Endangered) [EN]: Species that are facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future / Endangered Class I B (Endangered) [EN]: Species that are facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future / Endangered' status with changes in their habitat conditions / Data Deficient [DD]: Species with data insufficient for adequate evaluation / Endangered Local Population [LP]: Species with appulation isolated regionally, and face a high risk of extinction

Source: Red List 2020 by the Ministry of the Environment

Biodiversity

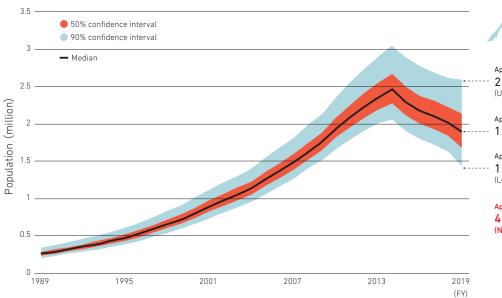
Additional materials provide more details about biodiversity in Japan.

Expanding Distribution of Sika Deer



Estimated Number of Sika Deer in Japan (excluding Hokkaido prefecture*)

By implementation of various approaches, the number of capturing of sika deer increases, and the estimated number of individuals tends to decrease.



Approximately 2.60 million

(Upper limit of 90% confidence interval) Approximately

1.89 million (Median)

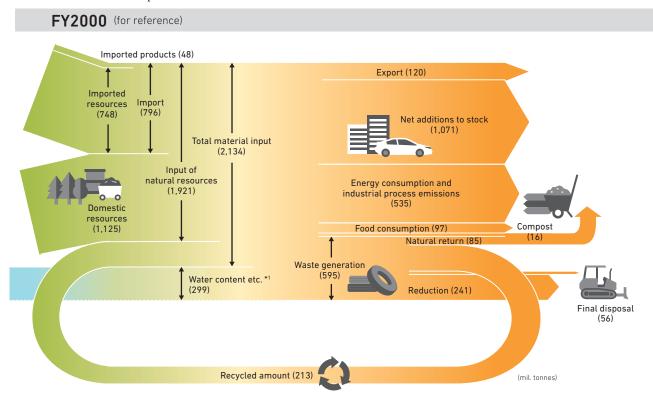
Approximately 1.42 million (Lower limit of 90% confidence level)

Approximately 496 thousand (Number culled in FY2019)

*: In FY 2019, estimated number in Hokkaido was approx. 670,000, and number culled was approx. 107,000 (Hokkaido data). Source: Ministry of the Environment

Material Flow in Japan

In order to establish a sound material-cycle society, it is necessary to comprehend material flows (or substance flows) to understand the extent of material extraction, consumption, and disposal in Japan. Japan uses material flows to determine targets for the four indicators of resource productivity, cyclical use rate(resource base), cyclical use rate (waste base), and final disposal amount.



Total Volume of Waste Generation and Waste Volume Per Person Per Day

Total generated waste and waste generated per person per day are declining year by year.

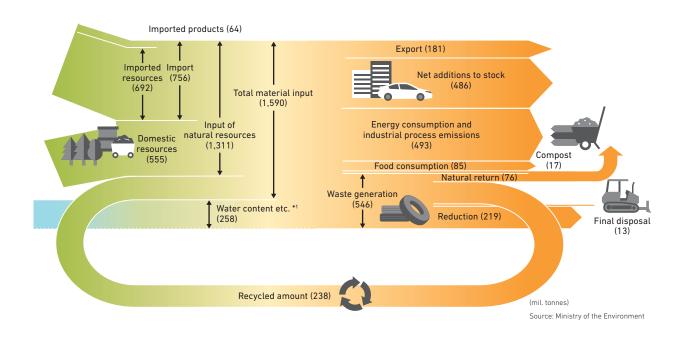


Sound material-cycle society

Additional materials provide more information about current efforts to form a sound material-cycle society.

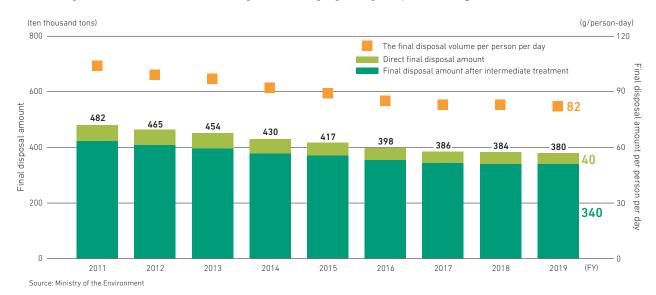
*1 Water content: water contents of wastes (sludge, livestock waste, night soil, waste acid, waste alkali) and sediments dumped in association with the process of economic activities (sludge in mining, construction and in waterworks as well as slag)

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Final Disposal Amount and Final Disposal Amount Per Person

Final disposal amount of waste and final disposal amount per person per day are trending downwards.

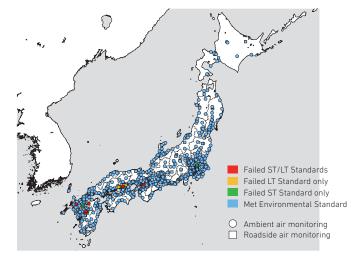


Fine particulate matter

In FY2019, the rate of compliance with ambient air quality standards for fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) was 98.7% for ambient air pollution monitoring stations and 98.3% for roadside air pollution monitoring stations throughout Japan. The annual average was 9.8 μ g/m³ for ambient air pollution monitoring stations and 10.4 μ g/m³ for roadside air pollution monitoring stations. By region, the rate of compliance with environmental standards remains lower in mainly urban areas of the Kanto and Kansai regions, in parts of the Chugoku and Shikoku regions that face the Inland Sea, and in Kyushu.

	Fiscal year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019				
No.	No. of vaild stations										
	Ambient	672	765	785	814	818	835				
	Roadside	198	219	223	224	232	238				
No. of vaild stations compliant with ambient air quality standards											
	Ambient	254	570	696	732	765	824				
	Ampient	37.8%	74.5%	88.7%	89.9%	93.5%	98.7%				
		51	128	197	193	216	234				
	Roadside	25.8%	58.4%	88.3%	86.2%	93.1%	98.3%				

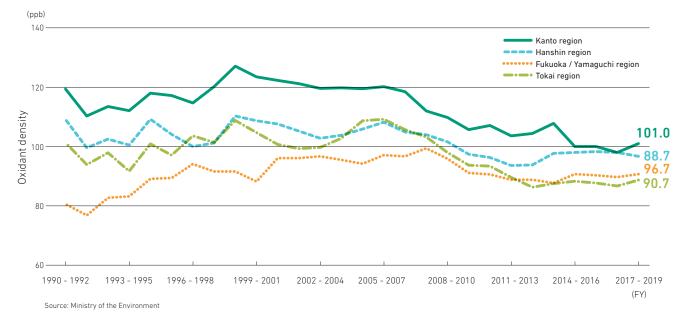
Source: Ministry of the Environment



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Photochemical oxidants

Photochemical oxidant densities (the highest value within a region of the 3-year average of the 99th percentile values of highest 8-hour daily values) had been tending to decline since around FY2006 to FY2008, but in recent years they have tended to be almost flat.



Atmospheric and water environments

Additional materials provide more information about atmospheric and water environments.

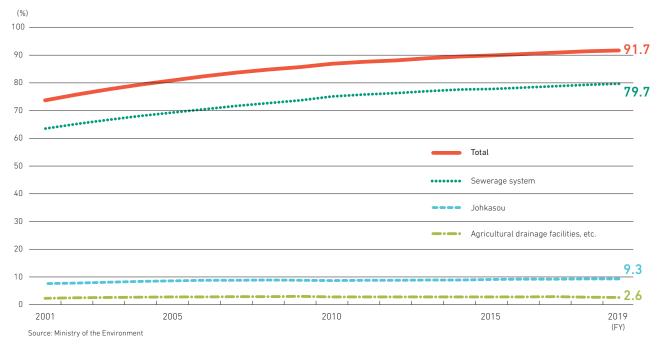
Achievement of Environmental Standards (BOD or COD)

An overall level of 89.2% has been achieved for the biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and chemical oxygen demand (COD) environmental standards relating to the maintenance of living environments. BOD and COD are leading indicators of water quality in respect of organic pollution.

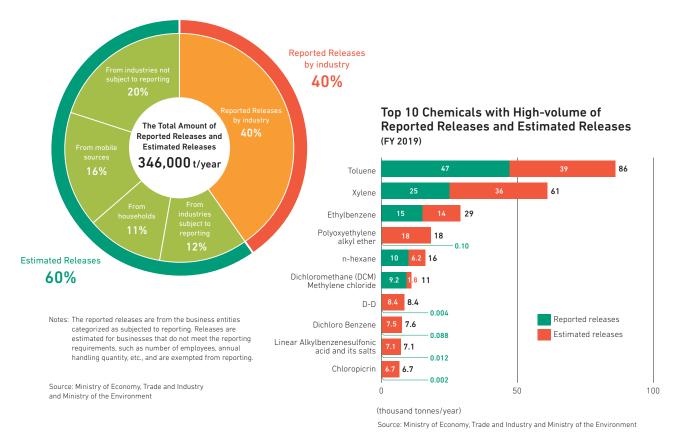


Coverage of Population Served by Wastewater Treatment System

The population coverage of wastewater treatment systems in Japan is 91.7%. Wastewater treatment facilities are being installed to cover the population not yet served by the wastewater treatment systems.



Breakdown of Reported Releases by Industry and Estimated Releases of Chemical Substances in FY 2019



In March 2021, the government compiled data reported from businesses concerned on release and transfer of chemical substances complying with the Act on Confirmation, etc. of Release Amounts of Specific Chemical Substances in the Environment and Promotion of Improvements to the Management Thereof (PRTR Law). Releases that were not subject to reporting were estimated.



Sanriku Fukko (Reconstruction) National Park

The Sanriku Fukko (Reconstruction) National Park was created in May 2013 to contribute to the reconstruction of the Sanriku coastal region that was devastated by the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011. The park extends approximately 250 km in the north-south direction. Its northern portion is known as "Alps by the Sea" because of its dynamic cliffs, while the southern portion is topographically characterized by an elegant ria coastline formed by numerous capes and bays.

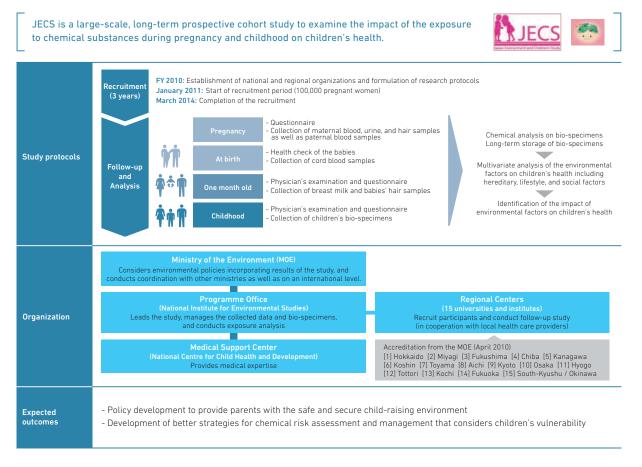
The coast is home to a diverse collection of maritime plants that have adapted to the unique environment; moreover, visitors can observe wildlife up-close. In the shallow waters, eelgrass beds and seaweed beds have formed, supporting the area's biological diversity. The cover photo shows the precipitous cliffs of Kitayamazaki area in Tanohata Village, Iwate Prefecture, a leading dynamic scenic spot of the park. The dense fog is a result of Yamase, the cool and humid easterly wind typical of Tohoku Region in summer.

Environmental risks of chemicals

The following data provides information on action regarding chemical substance emissions into the environment and initiatives for children's environmental health.

The Japan Environment and Children's Study (JECS)

The Japan Environment and Children's Study (JECS), a large-scale, long-term national birth cohort study involving 100,000 mother-child pairs, was launched in FY 2010. The Sub-cohort study, which includes home visits for environmental measurements, medical examinations and children's bio-specimen collection, began in November 2014, involving 5,000 participants selected from the Main Study.



Source: Ministry of the Environment



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