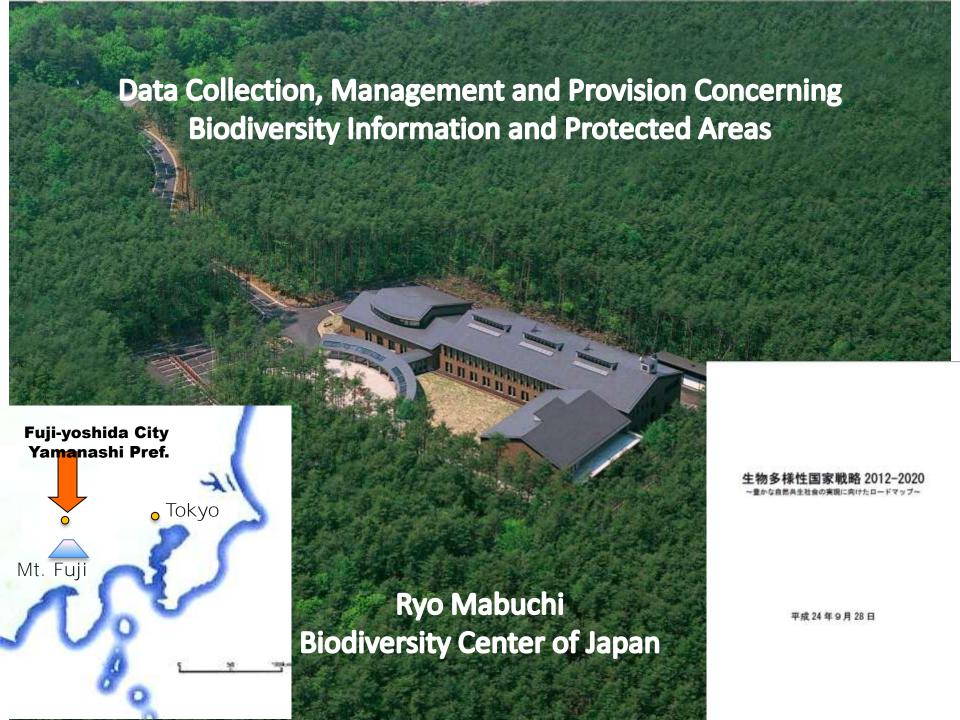
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Collecting data

National Survey on the Natural Environment Monitoring Sites 1000

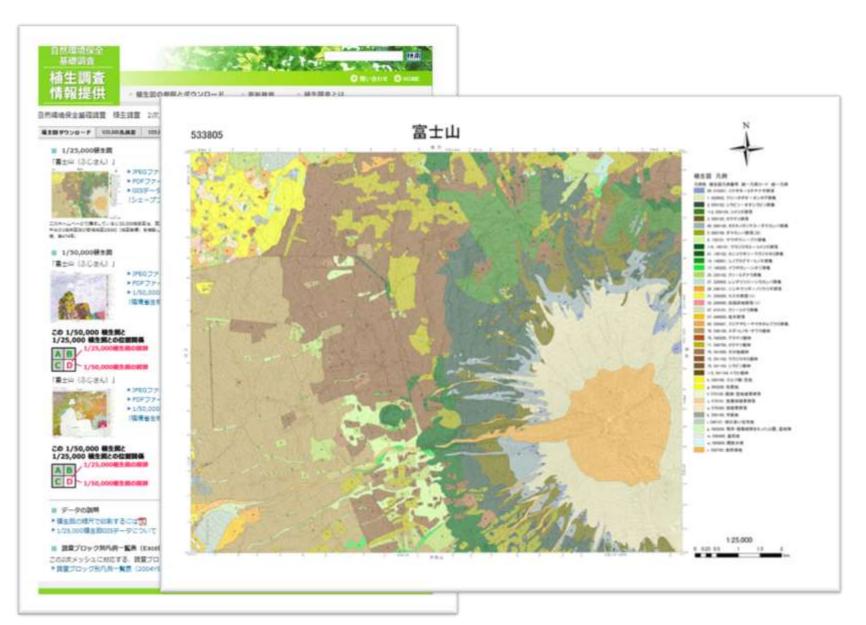
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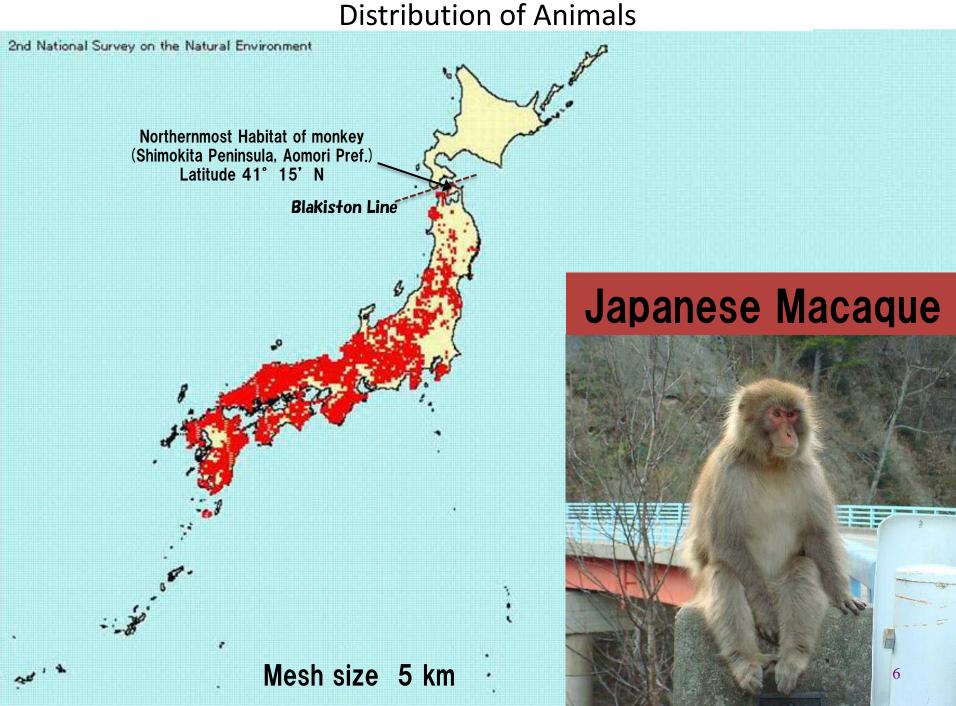
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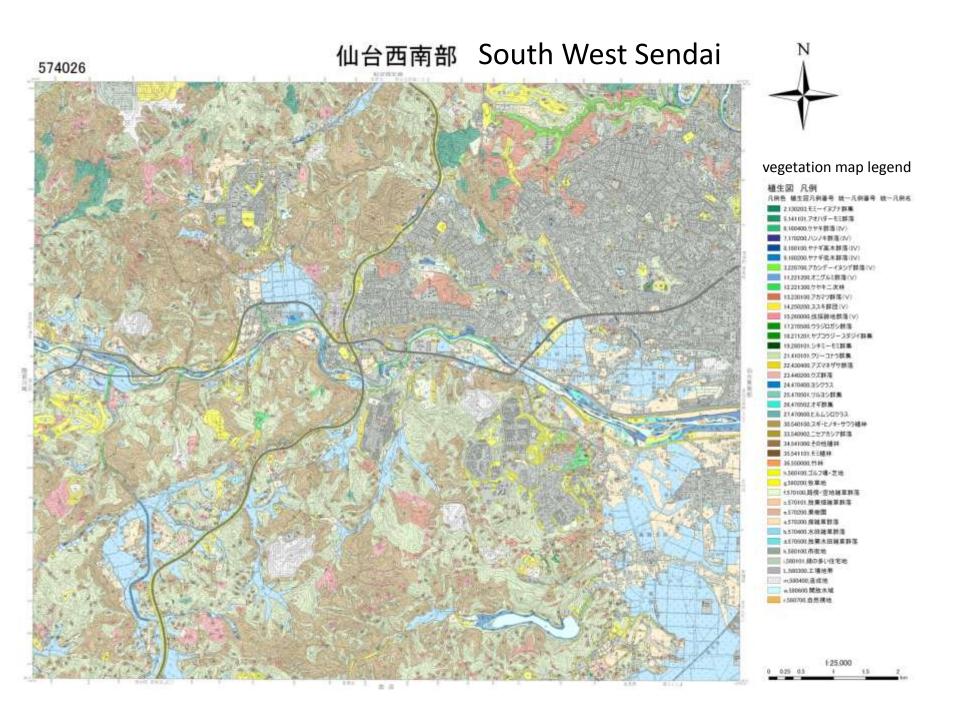
First nationwide survey on the natural environment Launched in 1973

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Targets:
  plants
  animals
  land
  topography and geology
  lakes
  marshes
  rivers
  Coastal areas
  etc.
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Vegetation Map







Monitoring Sites 1000

Conducted on approximately one thousand sites

Monitor various types of ecosystems

target ecosystems: Regional

alpine zones

forests/grasslands

satoyama

lakes

mires/marshes

coastal areas

coral reefs

small islets

Regional experts, NPOs and

volunteers play an important

role

promotes:

restoration

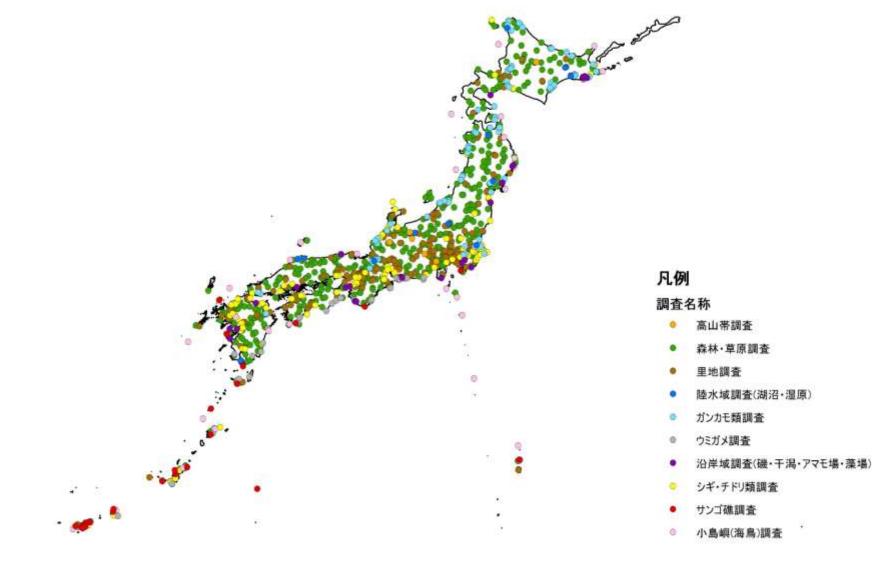
countermeasures against alien or

invasive species

evaluating areas to understand

changes in ecosystems

Monitoring Sites



Ecosystems and Indicators

Ecosystem			Main investigating items	sites no.	investigator
Terrestrial	Alpine zones		vegetation, flowering phenology, alpine butterflies, etc.	5	Scientist
	Forests and grasslands	Core	growth of tree, litter, ground wandering beetles, etc.	20	Scientist
		Sub-core	growth of tree, terrestrial birds	28	Scientist
		Terrestlial Birds	terrestrial birds	422	Citizen
	Satoyama	Core	flora, water environment, iIndicator animals, etc.	18	Citizen
		Satellite	select from indicators shown in upper.	175	Citizen
Inland water	Lakes, mires and marshes		vegetation, plankton, etc.	11	Scientist
		Geese and ducks	Anatidae, etc.	80	Citizen
Marine shore	Sandy shores	Sea Turtles	sea turtle egg-laying, etc.	41	Citizen
	Rocky shores		benthos, etc.	6	Scientist
	Tidal flats		benthos, etc.	8	Scientist
		Shorebirds	shorebirds, etc.	140	Citizen
	Seagrass beds		Seagrass vegetation, etc.	6	Scientist
	Algal beds		Algae vegetation, etc.	6	Scientist
	Coral reefs		coral coverage, crown-of-thorns starfish, bleaching, substratum turbidity, etc.	24	Scientist
	Small islets	Seabirds	vegetation, Seabirds, etc.	30	Scientist
total				1020	

bird banding survey



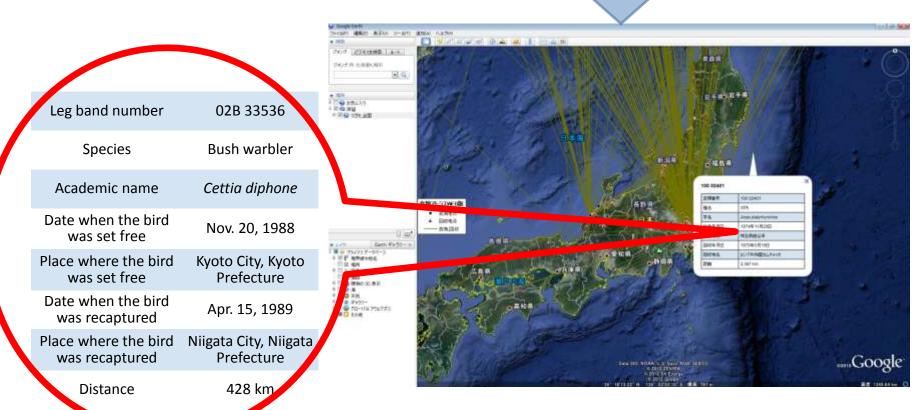


leg bands

Results of bird banding surveys

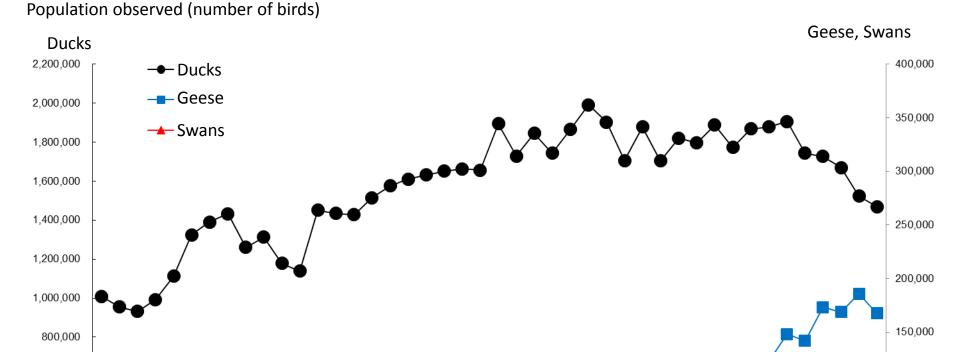
The Web-GIS Atlas of Japanese Migratory Birds is available on the website:

http://www.biodic.go.jp/birdRinging/top.html



records of migratory birds

Results of habitat surveys on Antidae family



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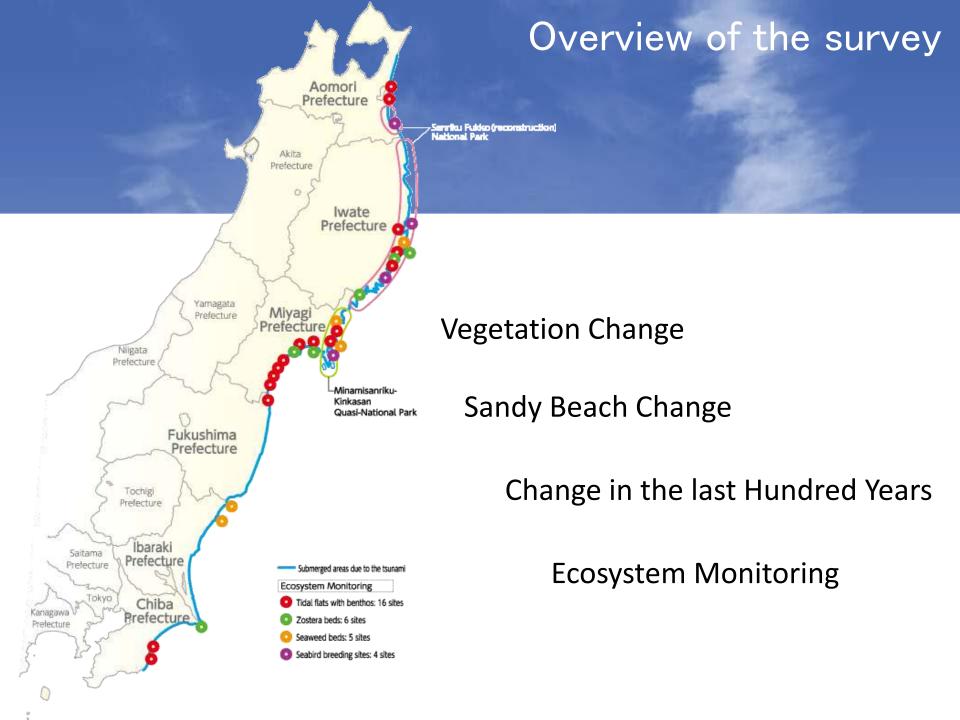
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Changes in Gamo, Sendai City

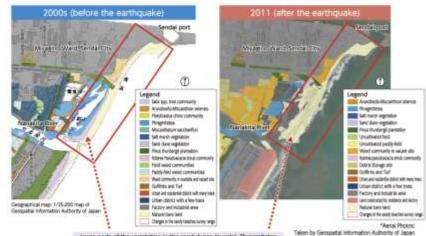


In Gamo, Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, there is a lagoon consisting of a mixture of fresh and sea water which extends inland towards to the sand dunes. At low tides, a mud flat appears as an extension of the surrounding wetlands where many plants and animals live and breed. However, that aspect has changed vastly due to the strong impact of the tsunami.



By comparing the coast and vegetation before and after the earthquake disaster by using past images such as the Old Edition maps and aerial photos taken in the 1970s, we identified 'what' and how much' changes occurred.

Vegetation Changes before and after the earthquake



Large parts of the vegetation in the sand dunes (purple), Phragmitetea in the tidal flats (light, blue) and Salt march vegetation (blue) growing along the sandy beaches were washed away.

Changes in the last hundred years



Changes in the invertebrate habitats before & after the earthquake



Not seen before the earthquake, they have only recently appeared in the sand brought in by the Isunami.

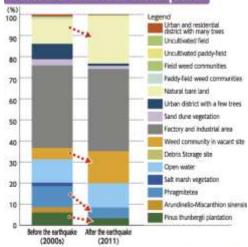


The bivalves known as Mutala shases and Rutilipes philiperature were seen before the earthquake. After the earthquake, a significant number of them remained.



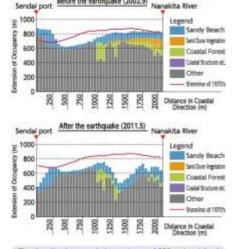
Several species of Garmanus which were not seen before the earthquake disaster were observed and their population was also increased.

Vegetation Changes area before & after the earthquake



From the changes in the areas shown within the red frames in the diagram above, it can be seen that Reed Phragmiteteal; (blue) and Black pine (Phram humbers) registation (green) have decreased while natural bare land (light vellow) and weed community in vacant site londings have increased.

Sandy Beach Changes before & after the earthquake



The shoreline has receded a maximum of 200 meters inland within the range shown in the red frames in the diagram above. The sandy beaches have vastly changed their shapes and most of the coastal forests have been washed away. Japanese Crested Ibis

specimen





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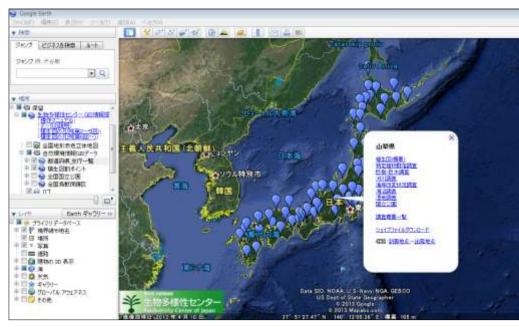


Vegetation map

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