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## Estimation of groundwater discharge in a sandy beach; An example of Fukiagehama, Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan

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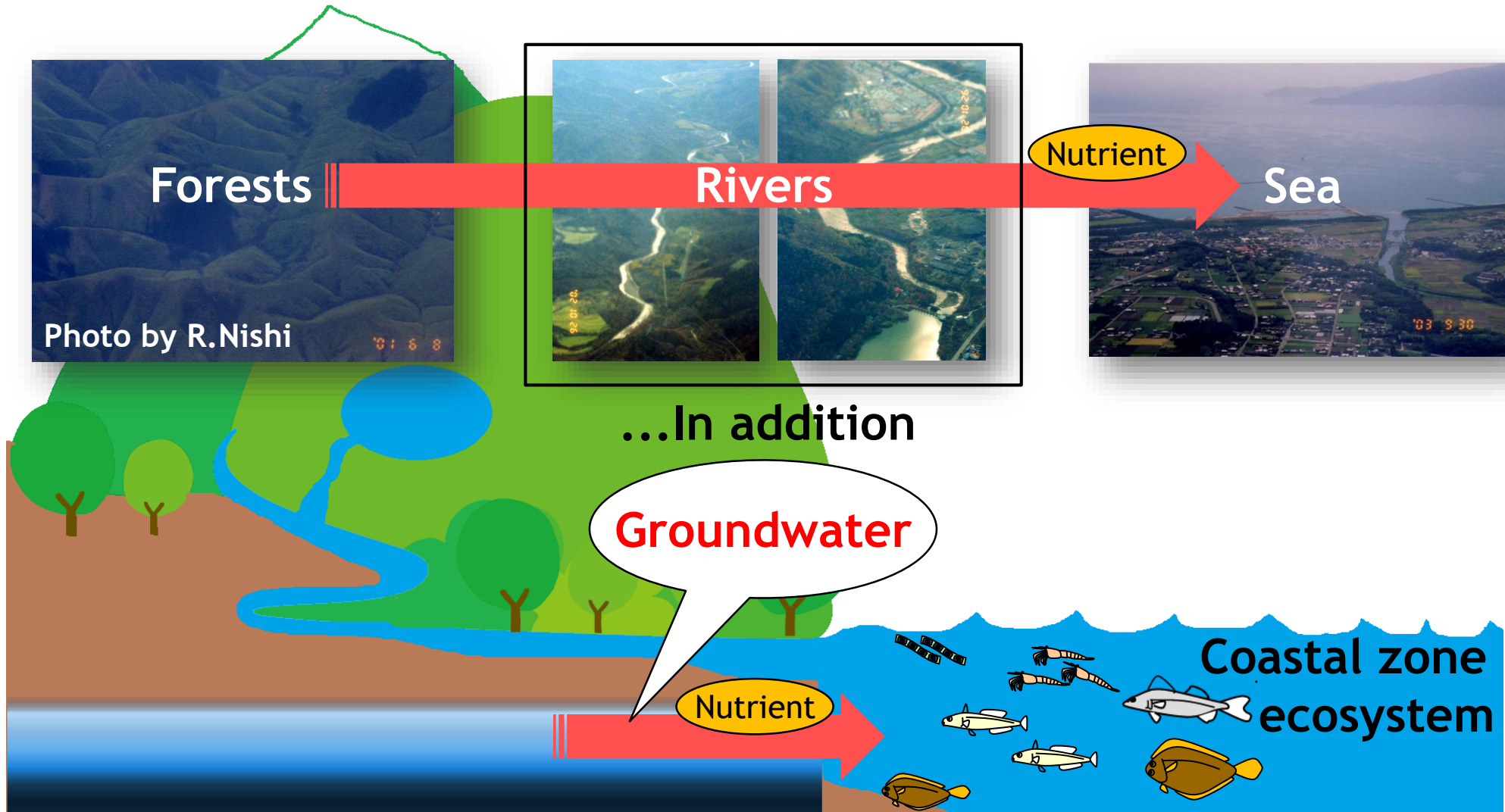
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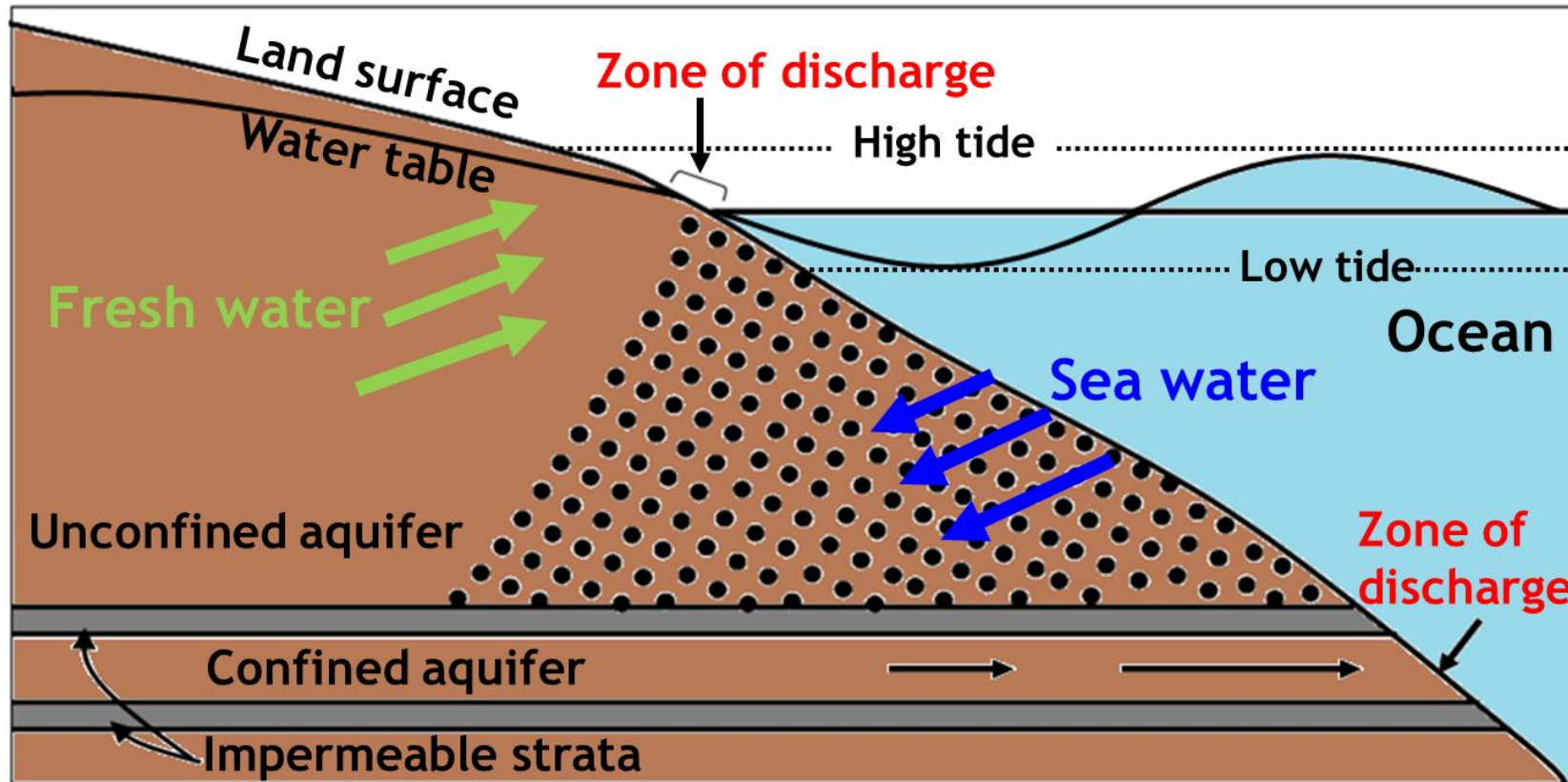
## Nutrient supply from land to the coastal zone





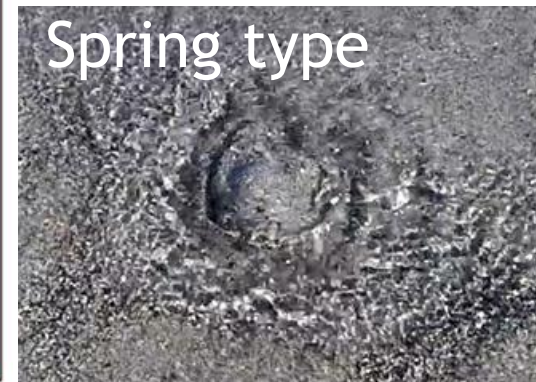
# Background

SGD : Submarine Groundwater Discharge



Reference: Johannes(1980)

SGD



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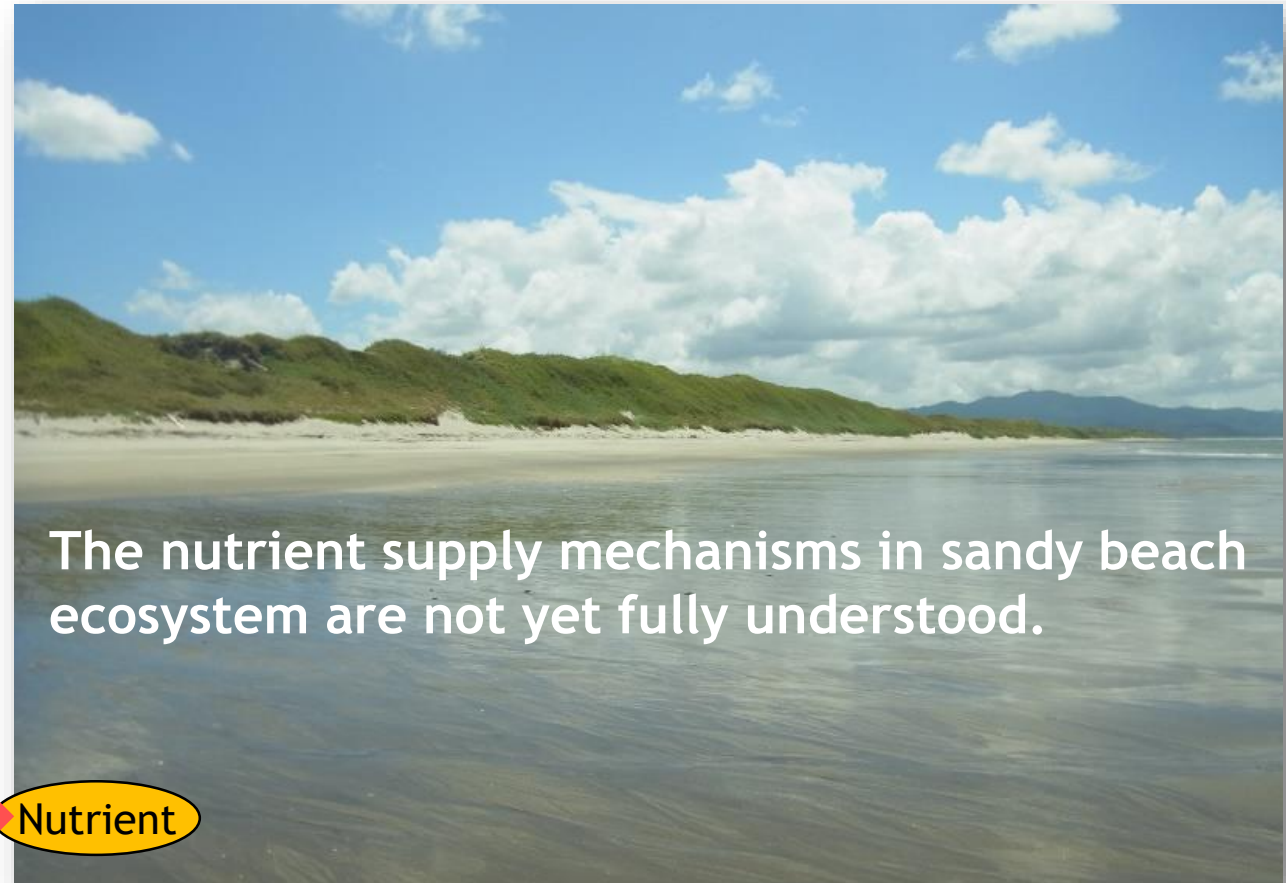
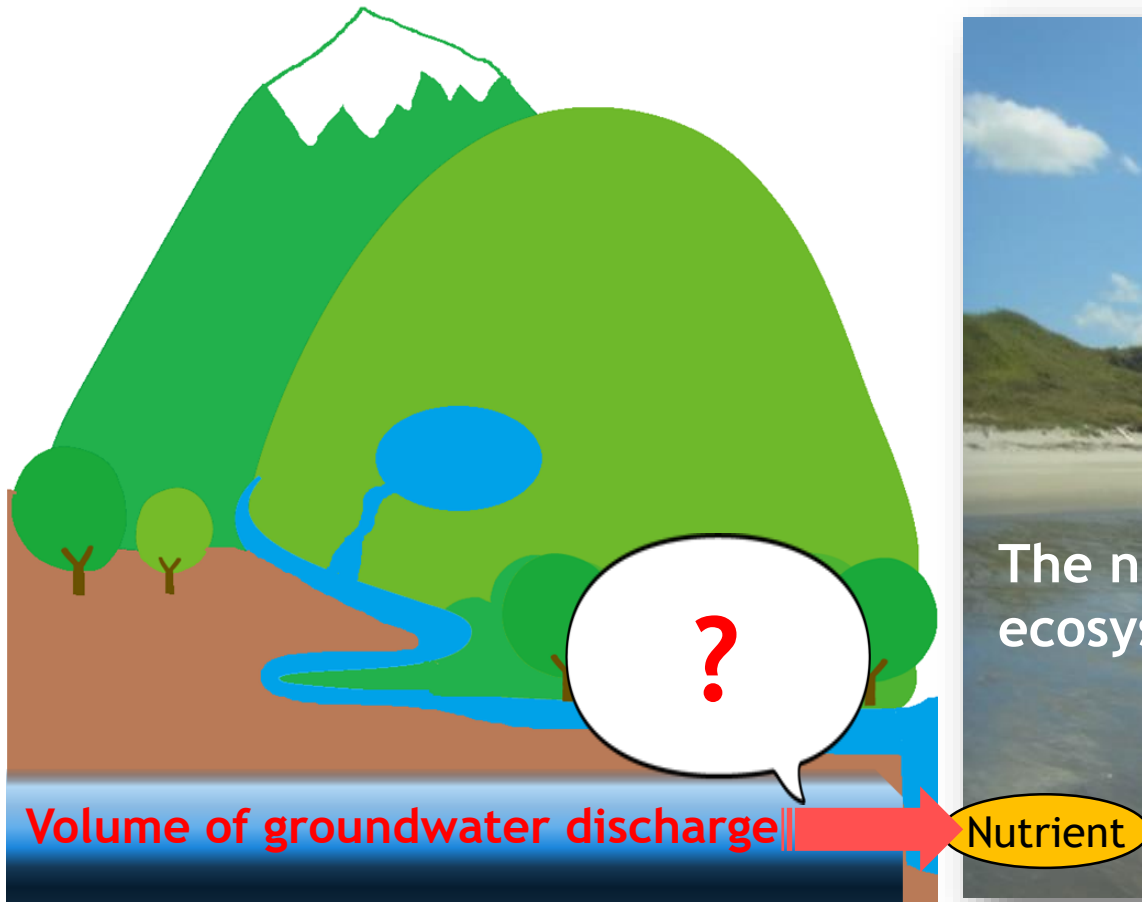
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# Purposes

## Estimation of the groundwater discharge

- ✓ By using the **water budget method**(Macroscopic estimation)



The nutrient supply mechanisms in sandy beach ecosystem are not yet fully understood.



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# Study area ; Fukiagehama Beach

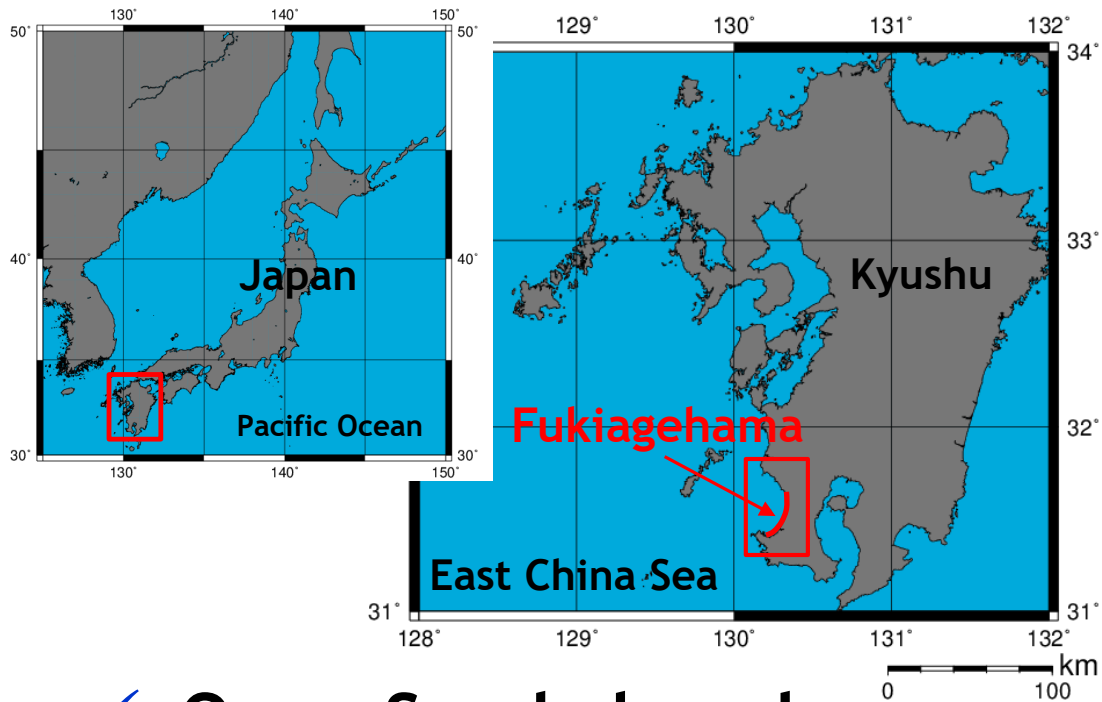


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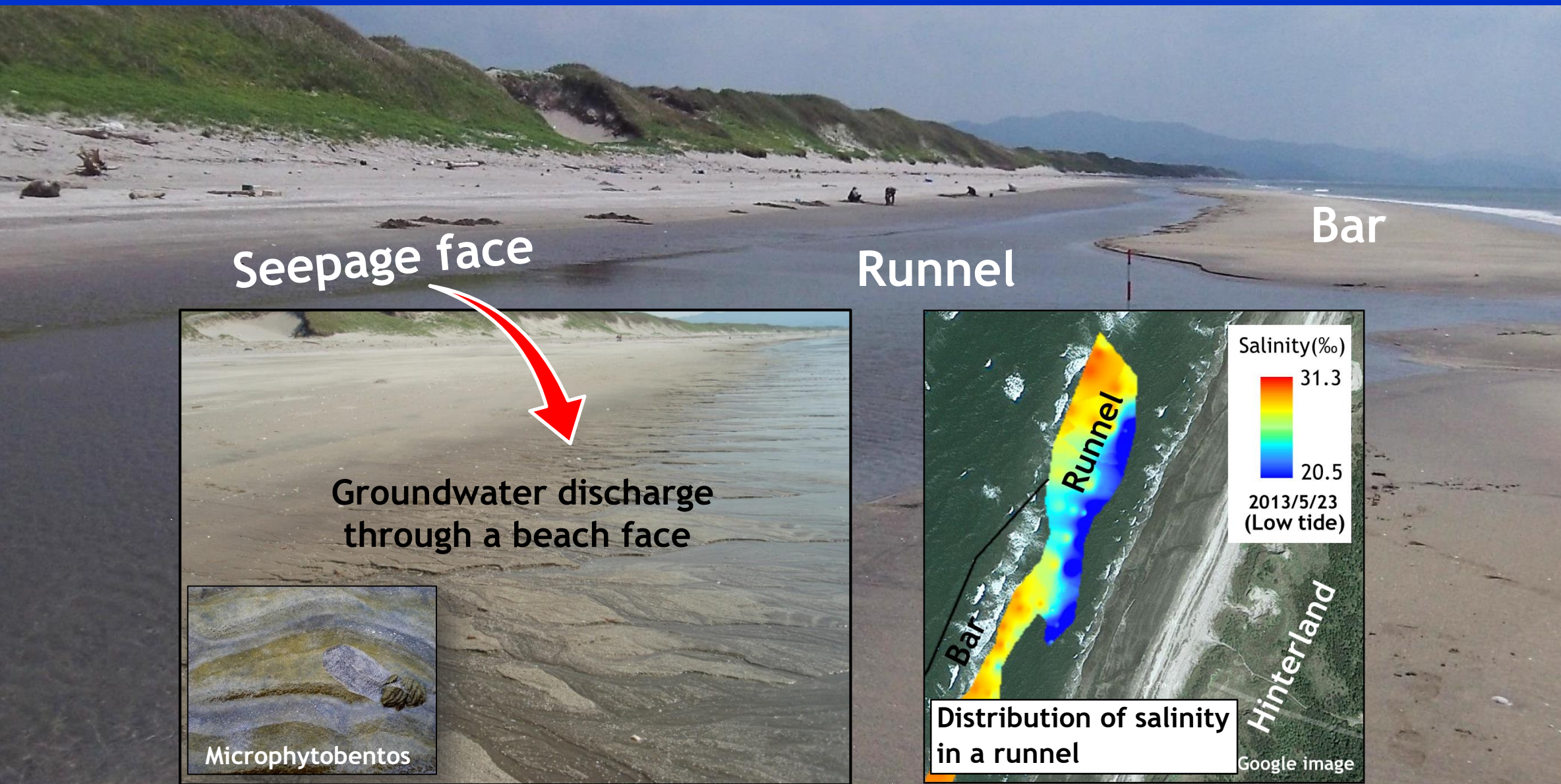
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- ✓ Open Sandy beach
- ✓ Approximately 40km coastline
- ✓ One of the three major sand dunes in Japan
- ✓ Nesting place of loggerhead turtles
- ✓ Significant habitat for various juvenile fishes





# Study area ; Fukiagehama Beach



Seepage face

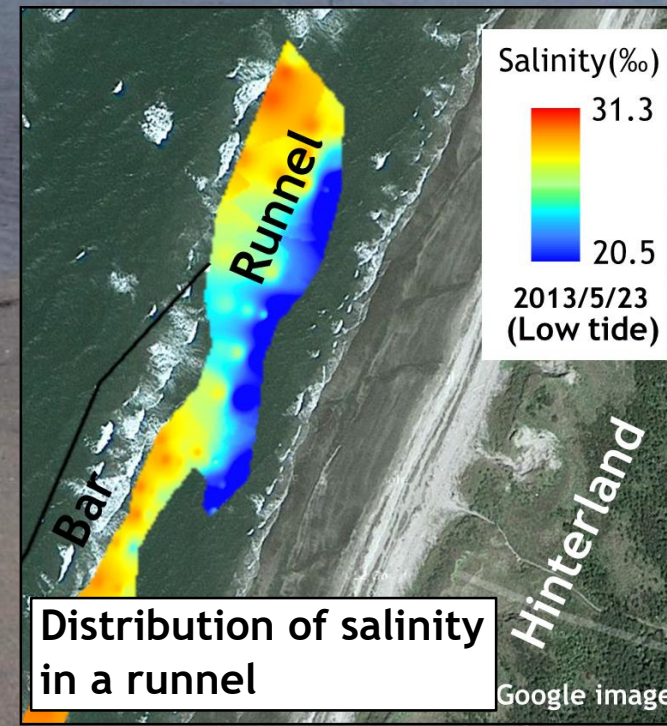
Runnel

Bar



Groundwater discharge through a beach face

Microphytobentos



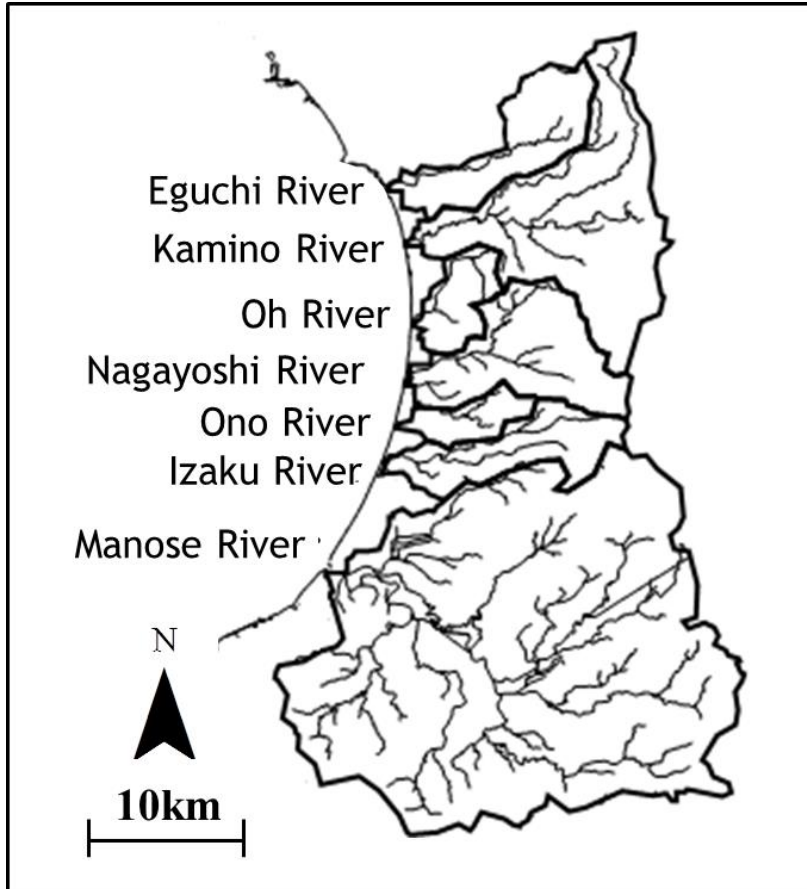
Salinity(‰)  
31.3  
20.5  
2013/5/23 (Low tide)

Distribution of salinity in a runnel

Google image



# Outline of Fukiagehama Basin (1)



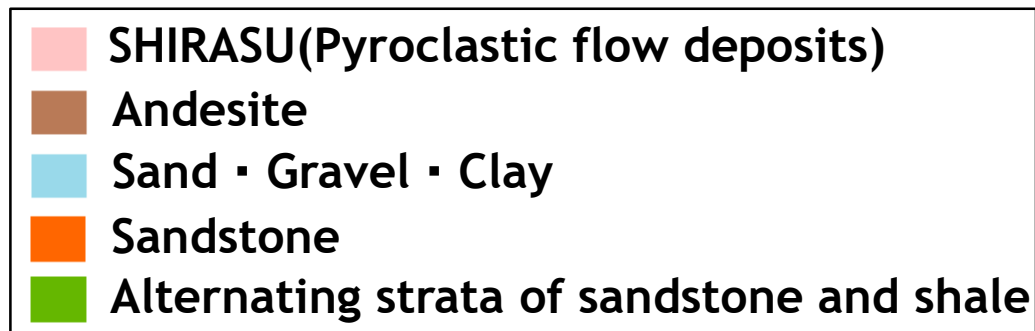
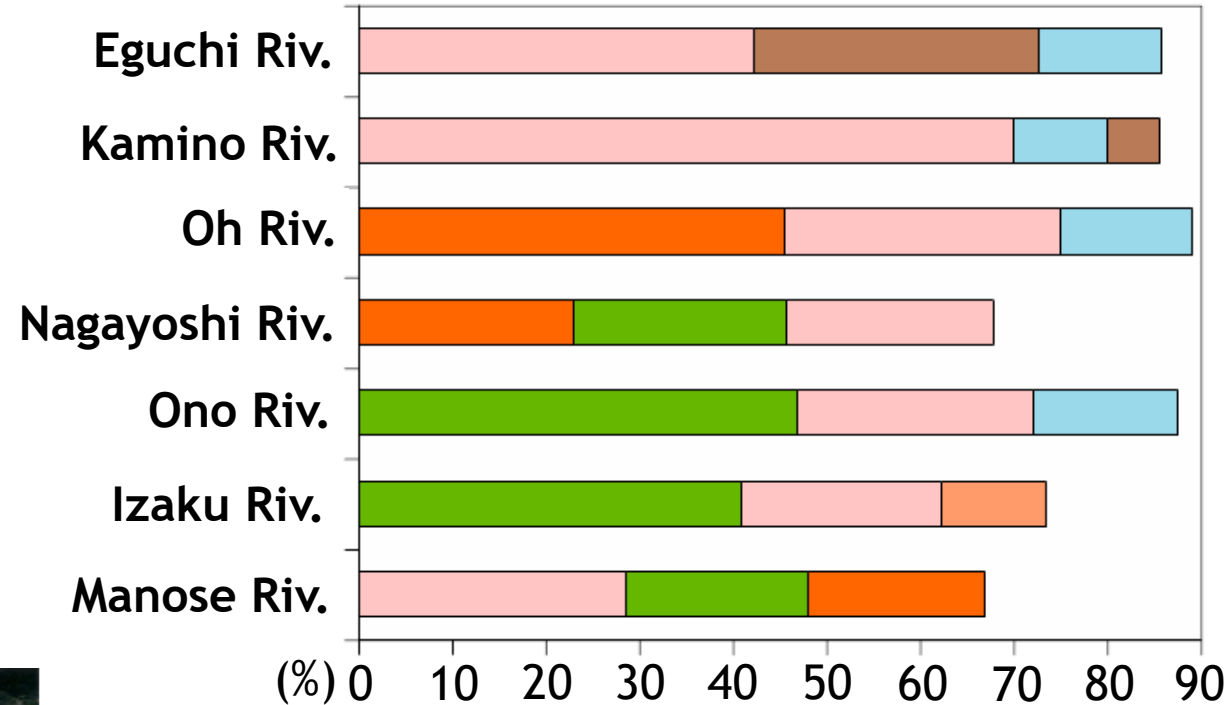
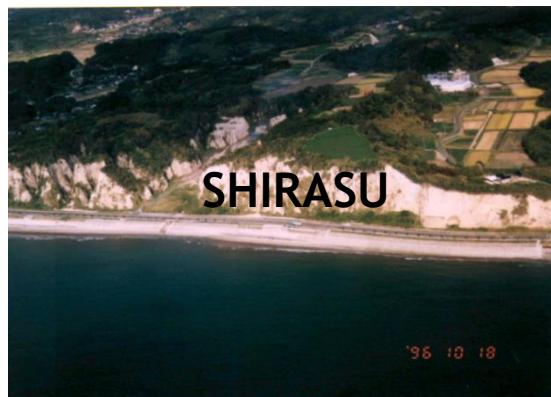
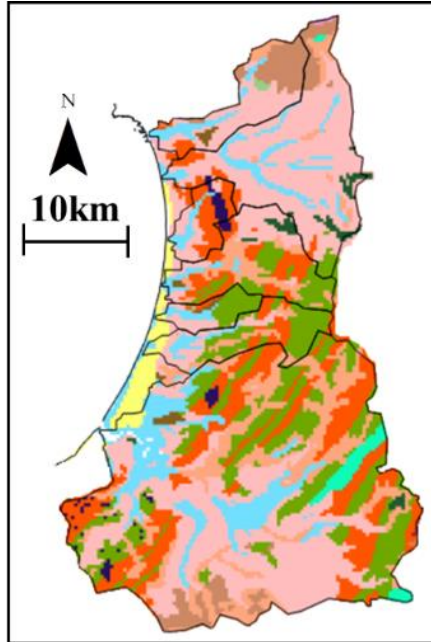
River	Basin area [km <sup>2</sup> ]
Eguchi Riv.	22.9
Kamino Riv.	98.8
Oh Riv.	19.3
Nagayoshi Riv.	50.4
Ono Riv.	13.6
Izaku Riv.	38.9
<b>Manose Riv.</b>	<b>372.3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>616.2</b>





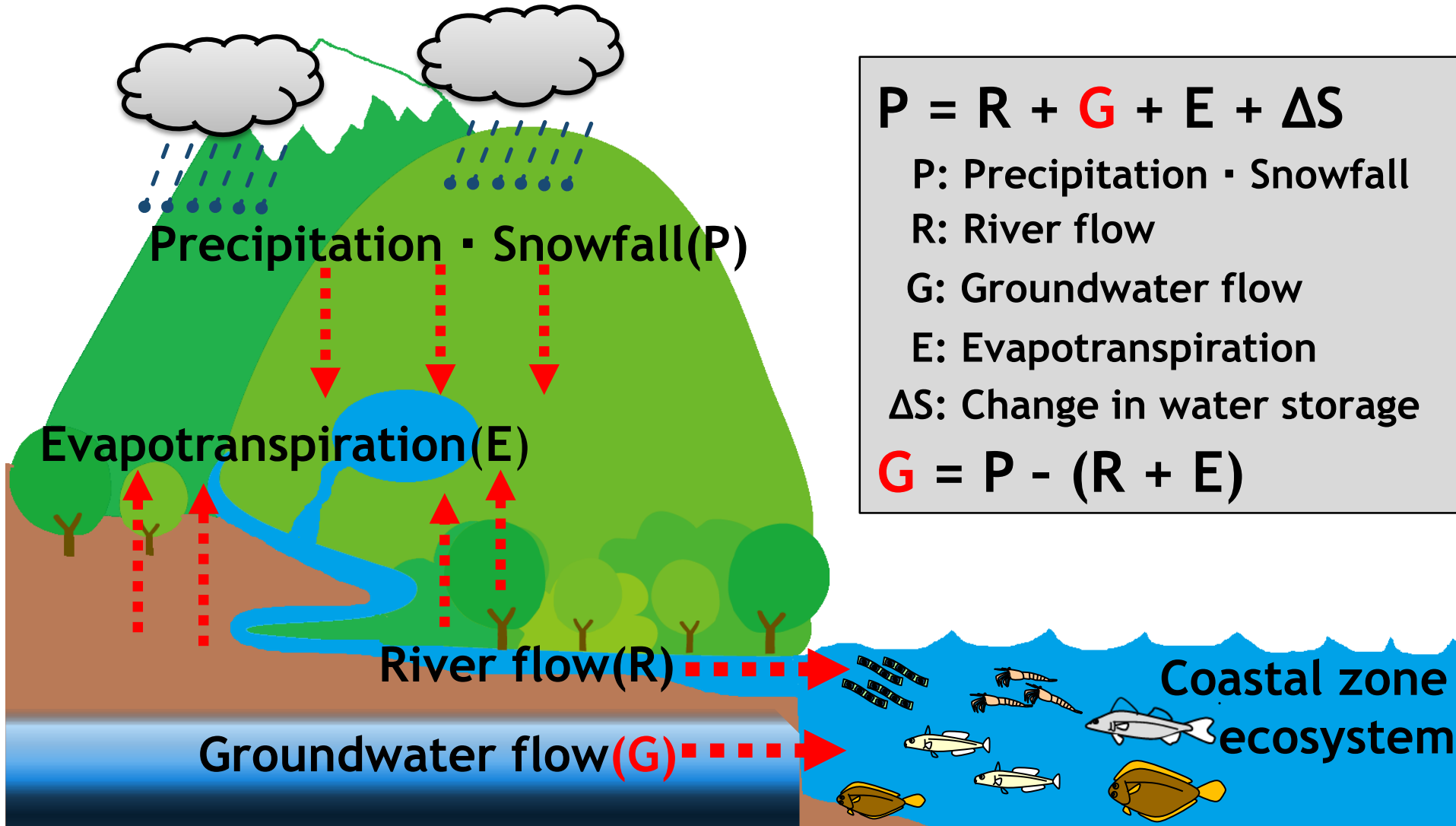
# Outline of Fukiagehama Basin (2)

## Ratio of subsurface geology (The top three items)





# Outline of the water budget method



$$P = R + G + E + \Delta S$$

P: Precipitation - Snowfall

R: River flow

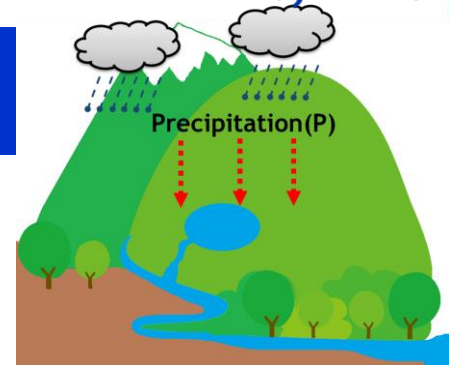
G: Groundwater flow

E: Evapotranspiration

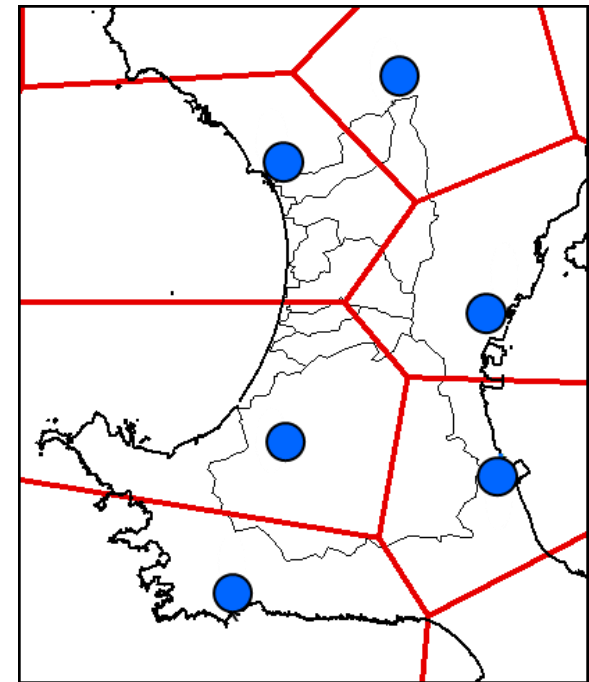
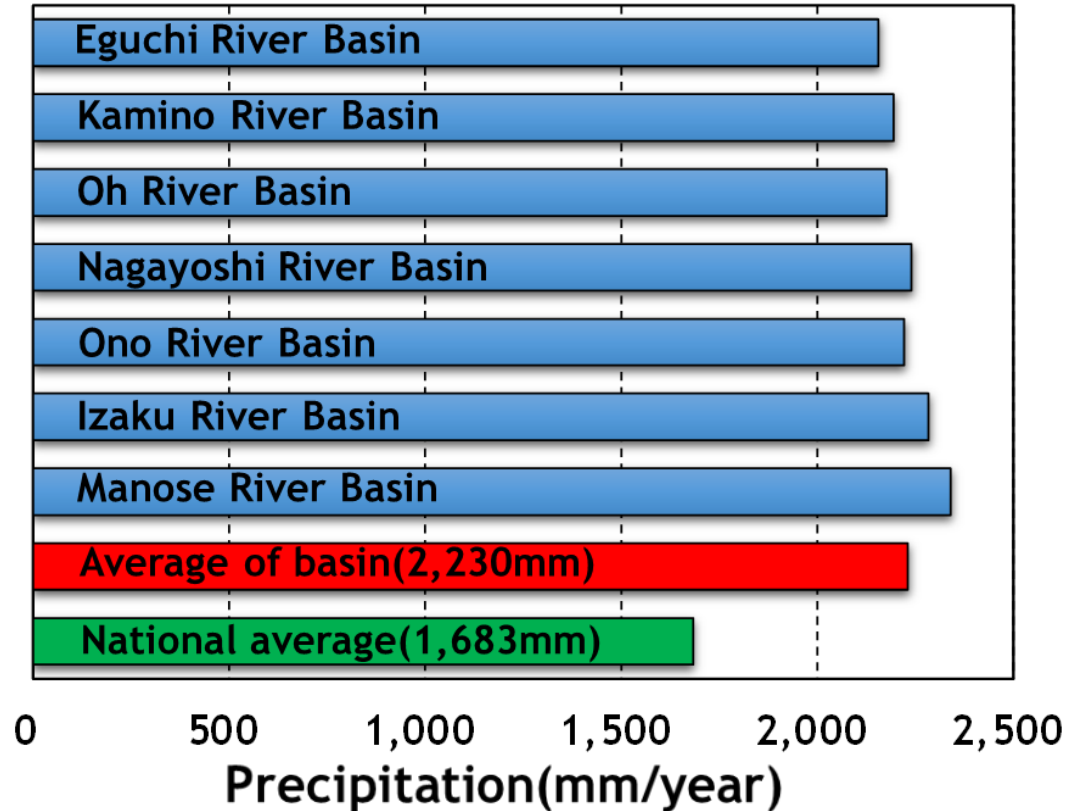
$\Delta S$ : Change in water storage

$$G = P - (R + E)$$

# P : Precipitation



(Annual average)



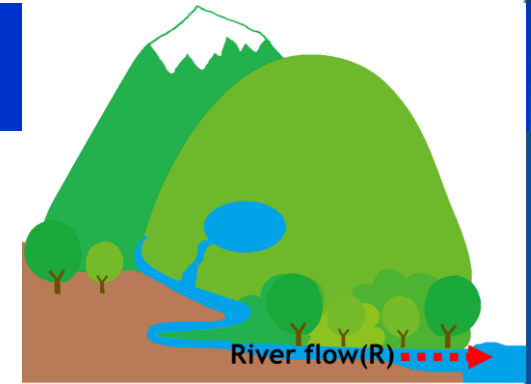
● : AMeDAS Site  
— : Thiessen polygons

Data : AMeDAS precipitation data from the Japan Meteorological Agency(1992-2011)



# R : River flow

River flow is observed by Kagoshima Prefecture.

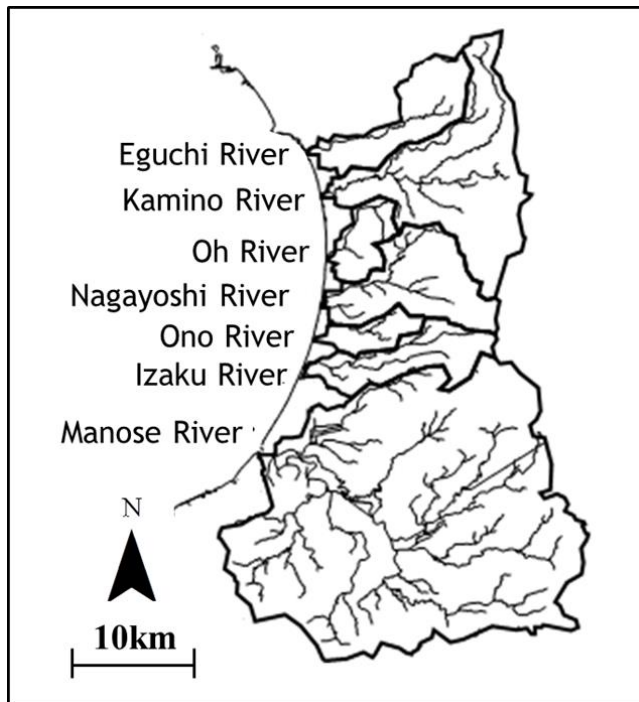


(Annual average) [m<sup>3</sup>/s]

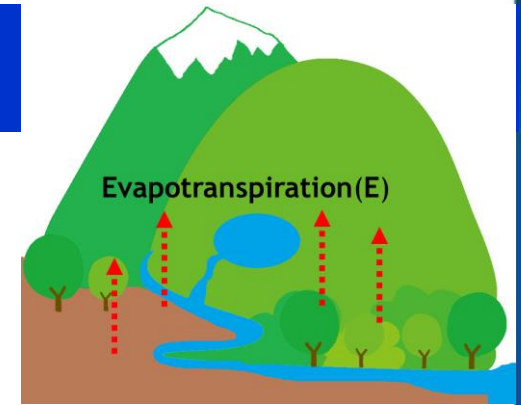
River	River flow
*Eguchi Riv.	0.32
Kamino Riv.	1.36
*Oh Riv.	0.27
*Nagayoshi Riv.	0.70
*Ono Riv.	0.38
Izaku Riv.	1.13
Manose Riv.	13.25

- ✓ Kamino River(1991-2011)
- ✓ Izaku River (1994-2011)
- ✓ Manose River(1991-2011)

✓ \*Estimated river flow using specific discharge



# E : Evapotranspiration



**E = Potential evapotranspiration**

**× Evapotranspiration ratio**

## \*Potential evapotranspiration

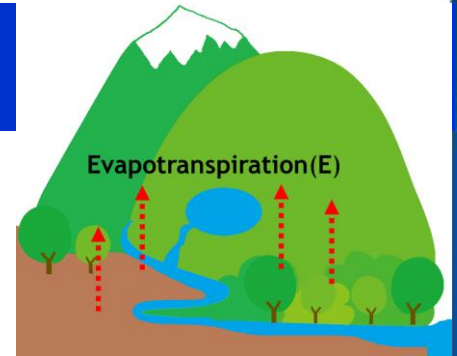
The potential evapotranspiration is the amount of evapotranspiration lost when a sufficient amount of water is supplied to a ground surface that is entirely covered by vegetation.





# Potential evapotranspiration

The potential evapotranspiration was estimated by using Thornthwaite method and Hamon method, which can easily estimate the potential evapotranspiration from the monthly average temperature.



## ✓ Thornthwaite method( $E_T$ )

$$E_T = 16D_0(10T/I)^a$$

$D_0$ : Monthly average number of hours of possible sunshine

$T$ : Monthly average temperature

$$a = (492,390 + 17,920I - 77.1I^2 + 0.675I^3)10^{-6}$$

$$I = \sum(T/5)^{1.514}$$

## ✓ Hamon method( $E_H$ )

$$E_H = 0.14D_0^2P_t$$

$D_0$ : Monthly average number of hours of possible sunshine

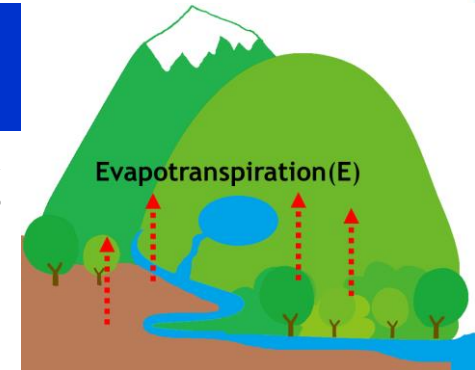
$P_t$ : Absolute saturation humidity per monthly average temperature

Monthly average temperature : Japan Meteorological Agency( 1992 -2011)



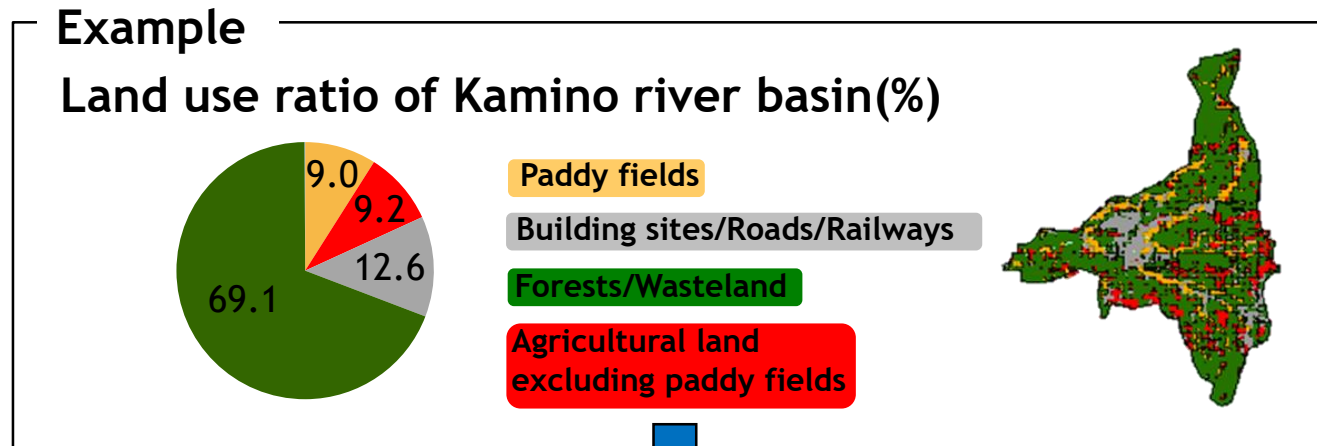
# Evapotranspiration ratio

The evapotranspiration ratio was estimated by conducting land use classification by using ArcGIS 10.0(ESRI).



## ✓ Land use classification

Data : Land use subdivided mesh data from National Land Numerical Information



## ✓ Evapotranspiration ratio

Land use classification	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Paddy fields	0.45	0.45	0.55	0.60	1.00	1.05	1.25	1.30	1.30	1.20	0.70	0.55
Building sites/Roads/Railways	0.45	0.45	0.55	0.60	0.65	0.70	0.80	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.65	0.55
Forests/Wasteland	0.90	0.90	0.70	0.50	0.60	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.90	1.00	0.90
Agricultural land excluding paddy fields	0.85	0.75	0.80	1.65	0.70	0.75	0.70	0.75	0.90	1.00	1.00	1.00

Reference: Kaneko(1973)

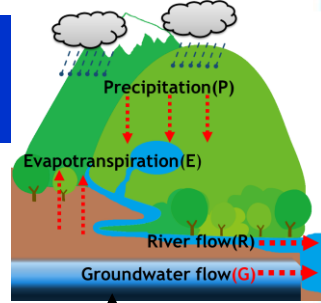


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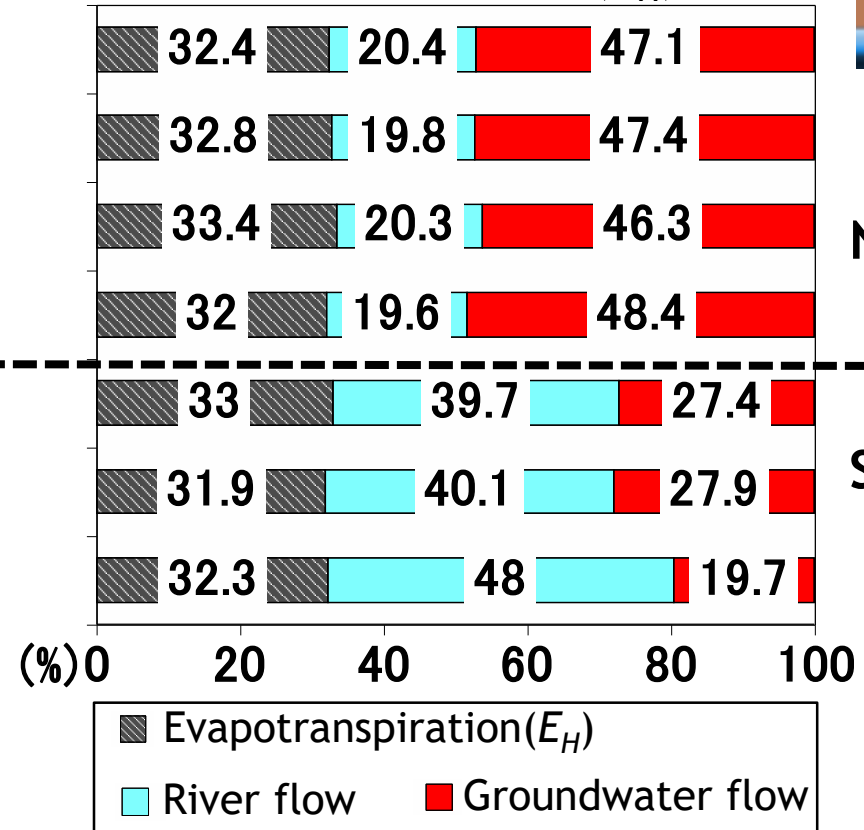
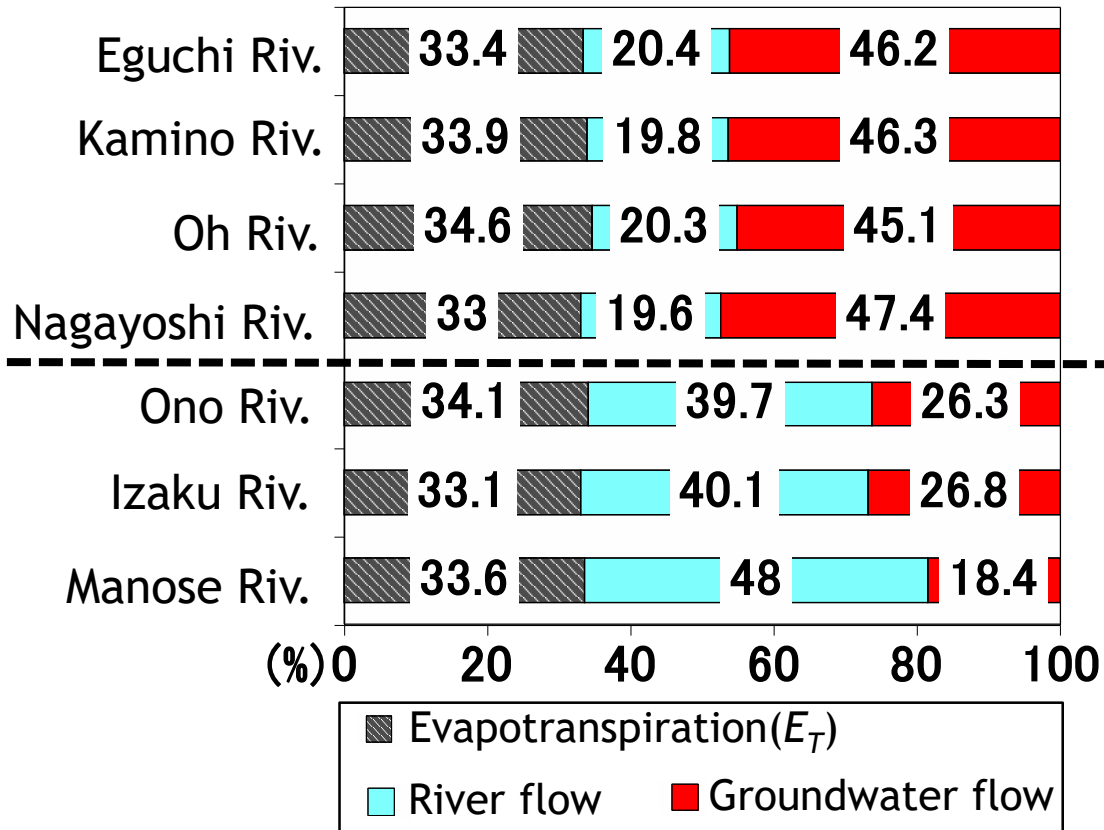


# Ratio to total amount of precipitation



Thornthwaite method ( $E_T$ )

Hamon method ( $E_H$ )



North side

South side

Average in the basin	River flow	Groundwater flow
	29.7%	36.6~37.8%

$4.0 \times 10^8 \text{m}^3/\text{year}$   
 $\approx (12.7 \text{m}^3/\text{s})$   
 Manose river:  $13.3 \text{m}^3/\text{s}$





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# Conclusions

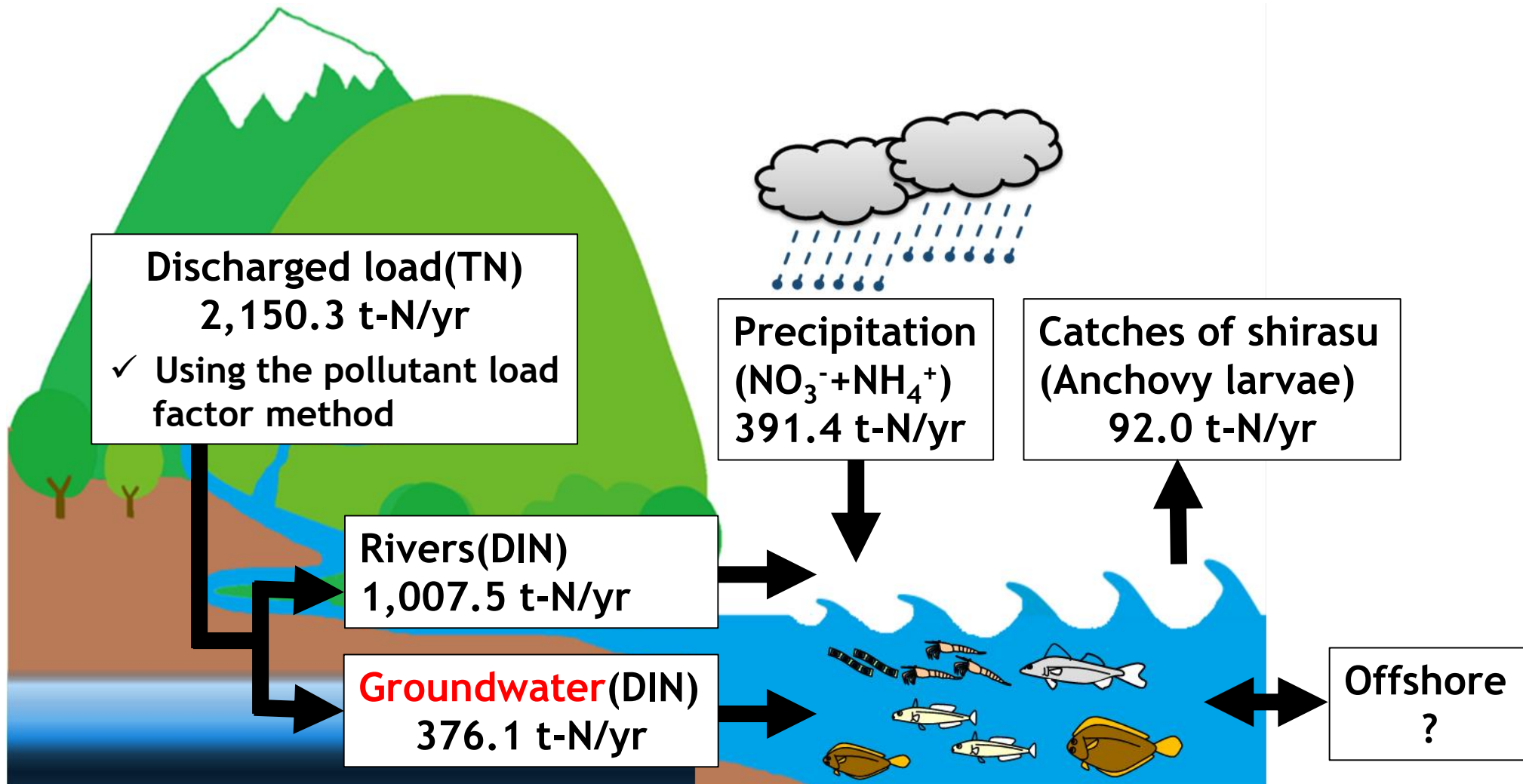
Major conclusions are as follows;

- 1) It is clarified that quantity of groundwater can be as large as  $4.0 \times 10^8$  m<sup>3</sup>/year (12.7m<sup>3</sup>/s), due to the large amount of precipitation and soil condition (much volcanic debris known as SHIRASU) for which permeability is high in general.
- 2) It is a macroscopic estimation using GIS, the groundwater flow is also important as a nutrient supply mechanism in the Fukiagehama basin.



# Appendix

## Nitrogen cycle in the coastal area of Fukiagehama





Thank you very much for your kind attention



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