

FINPP  
5 years after the accident

Overview of ...

# Overview of Radioecology Studies at Fukushima

~ Ecosystem Disturbance and Scales

Ken Ishida



2011.7.15 Toya, Tamura

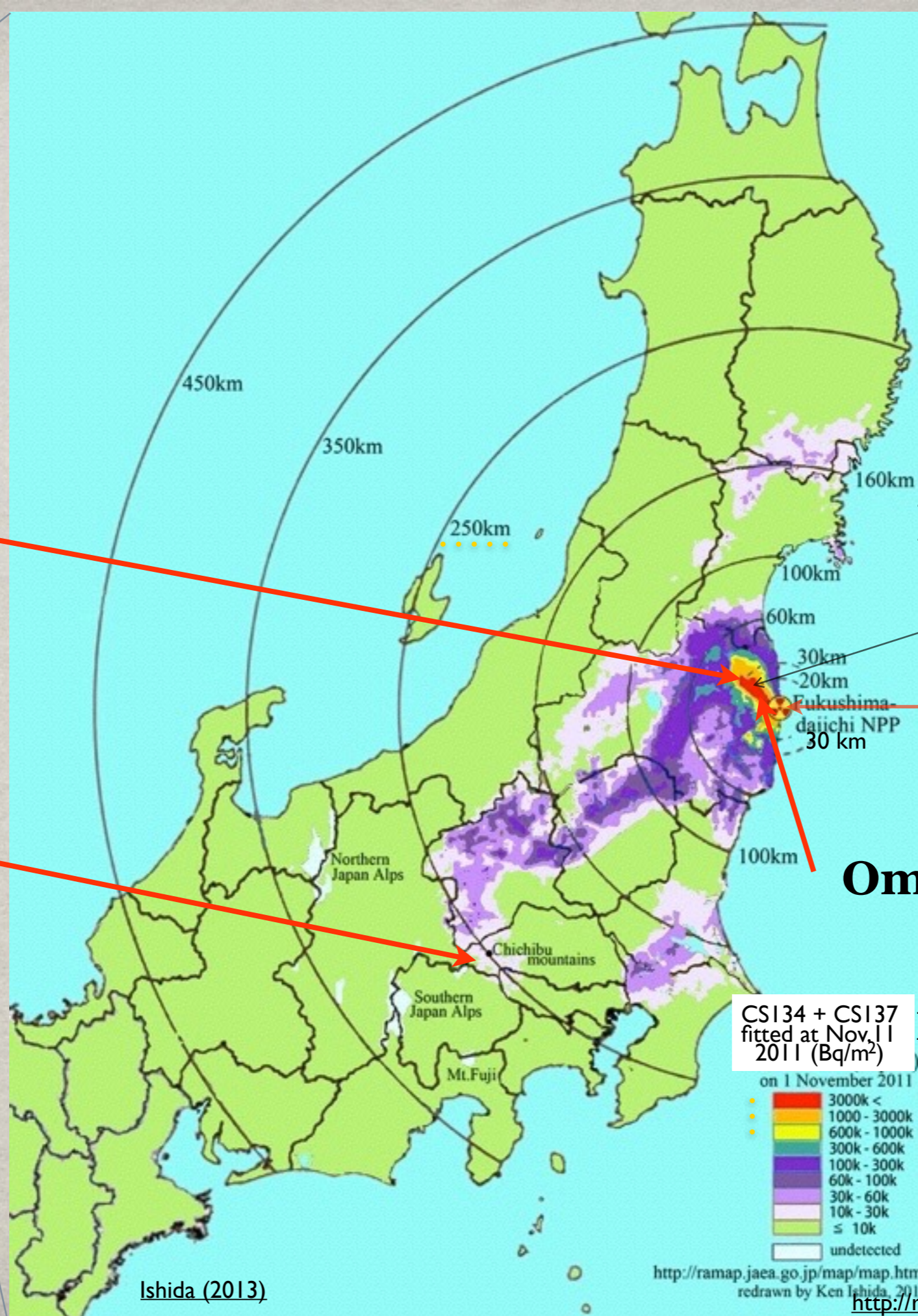
15 July, 2011 13:58 p.m. Tamura (R288, 20km from F1NPP)



Pacific

Akaugi

Chichibu



Ishida's research area

F1 NPP



Omaru

estimated fallout rate

MEXT air bone survey

fitted those on 11 Nov. 2011

CS134 + CS137 fitted at Nov. 11 2011 (Bq/m²)



Ishida (2013)

<http://ramap.jaea.go.jp/map/map.html>  
redrawn by Ken Ishida, 2012

<http://radioactivity.mext.go.jp/en/list/203/list-1.html>



16 July, 2011 9:17 a.m. Akaugi

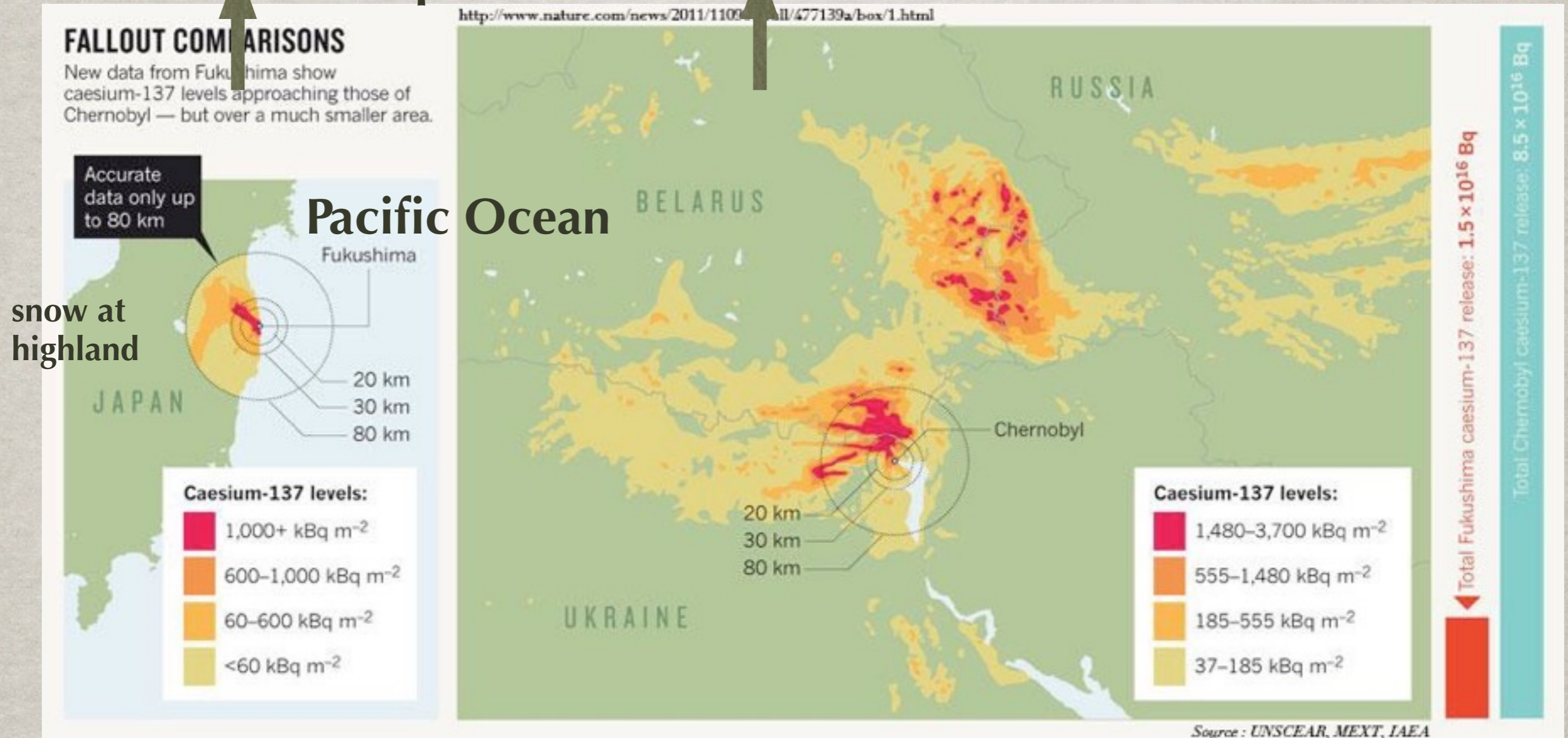
# Fukushima & Chernobyl

15 March

before p.s.

26 April ~ 6 May

after plant shooting



Cs137 fallout , Nature 7 September, 2011

★ Season is one of the essential factors on the initial biological effects.

## fallout estimation

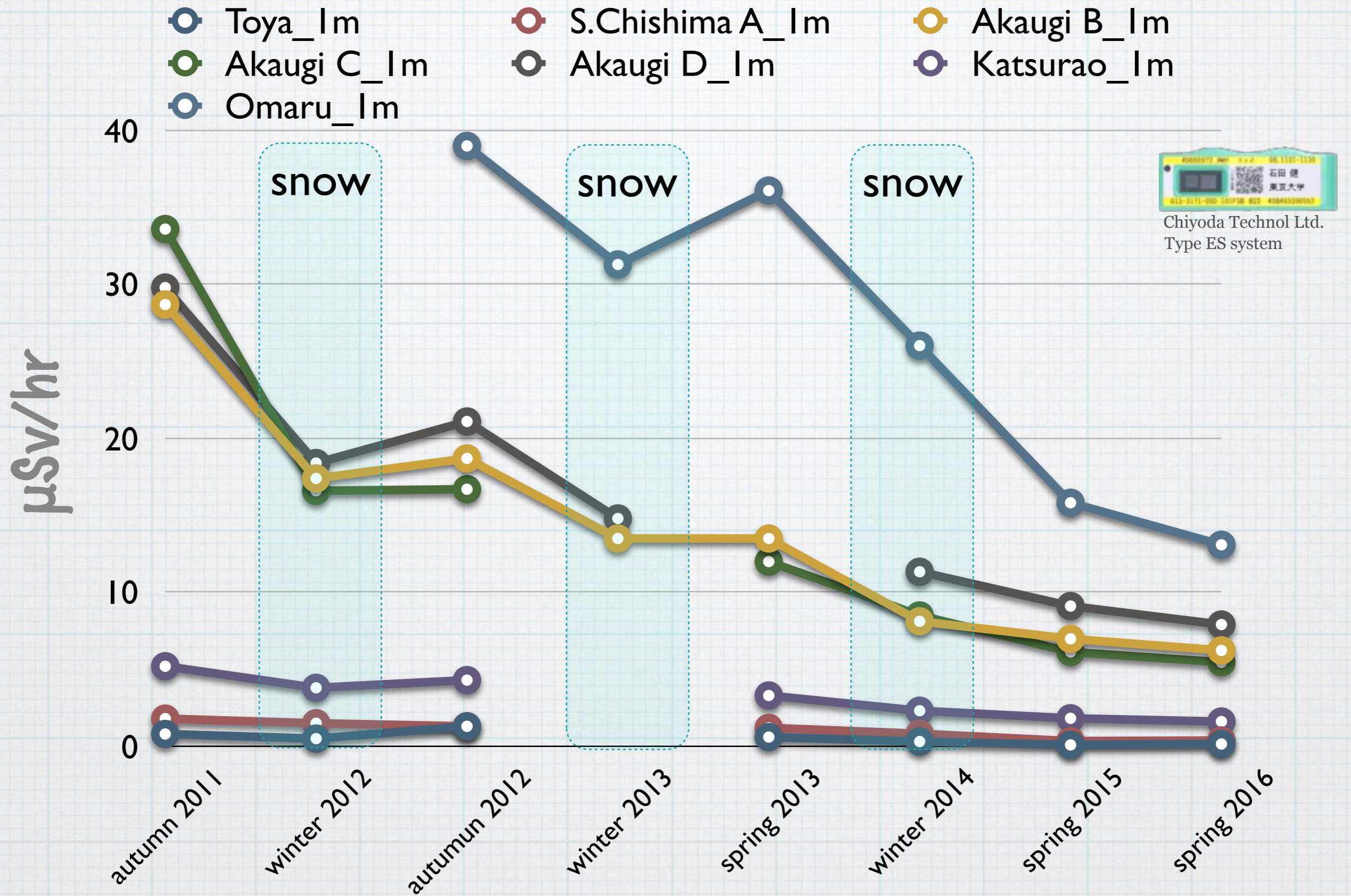
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radiation accident	I131	Cs134	Cs137	Str90	Pr239
Fukushima	160k.	18,000	15,000	14	0.0032
Chernobyl	170m.	44,000	85,000	8,000	30

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**area F1, 8,900Km<sup>2</sup>; CB, 145,100Km<sup>2</sup>**

**(Nakanishi 2013 Tab. 1-3)**



monitoring with 10 glass dose badges

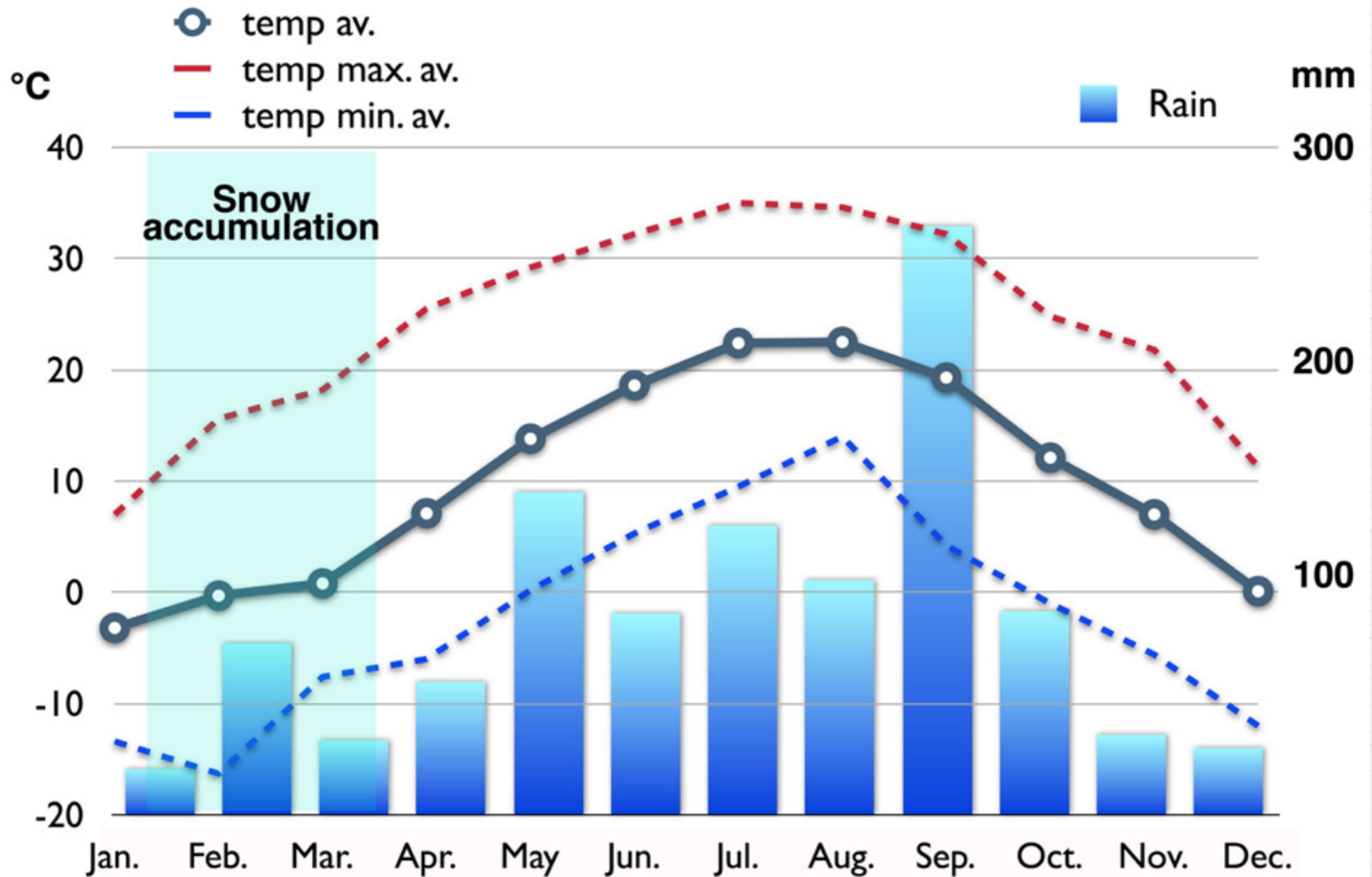
# **Fukushima**

## **What place ?**

- **environment**
- **climate**
- **geography**
- society**
- history**

**...**





# climate of Abukuma highland

Iitate village, Japan Meteorological Agency

“Nakadori” plain

“Hamadori” plain

4

3

2

1

the main 4 landscapes  
in the “main” contaminated area  
i.e.  $>^{137}\text{Cs } 500\text{kBq/m}^2$

gentle slopes, mixed landscape      steep slope

small valleys

highland



large cities  
Shinkansen railway  
Tohoku highway

← more fallout

F1 NPP

# Profile of Abukuma Mountains

# “Hamadori” plain <sup>1</sup>

**High RA**



**“40 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ .” (2012), “25 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ .” (2014)**

**East slope**

**Forest**

**Low population density**

**High RA**



# snow accumulation in winter

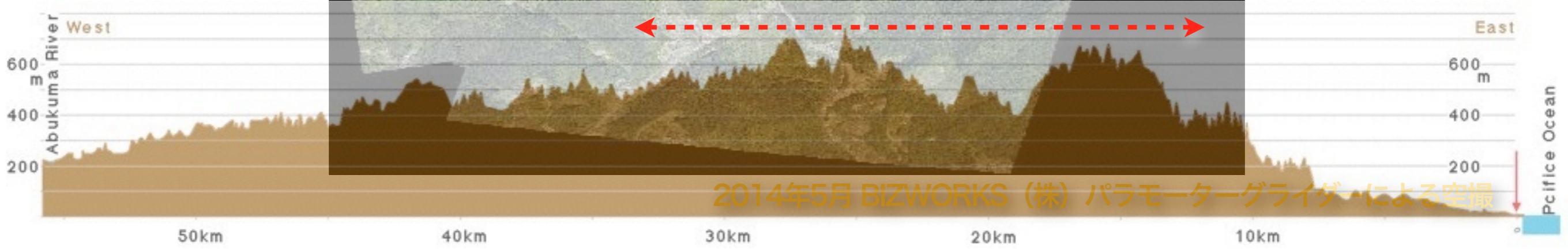
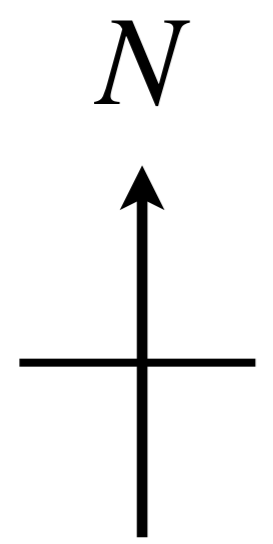


2012.1.31 Hiruzone, No.10

# Landscape around Akaugi & Nagadoro

*forest dominates*

**High RA**



**the time and the day of the next year**

2012/03/11 14:46  
Akaugi, Namie Fukushima, Japan

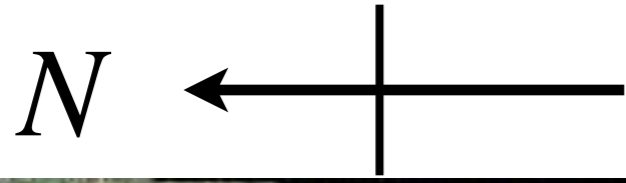


2012.10.4 Teshichiro, Akaugi

**humid air**

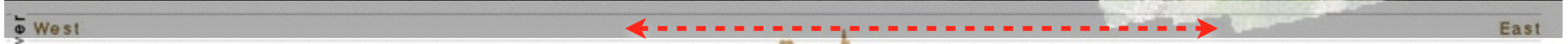


# Yamakiya district of Kawabata Town



*mixed forest and agricultural field*  
**comparatively lower RA**

May, 2014 BIZWORKS Co.Ltd. Paramotor glider picture



# Satoyama Landscape



grass

orchard →

pine

cypress

pond

mixed deciduous broad leaf

paddy

border

drain

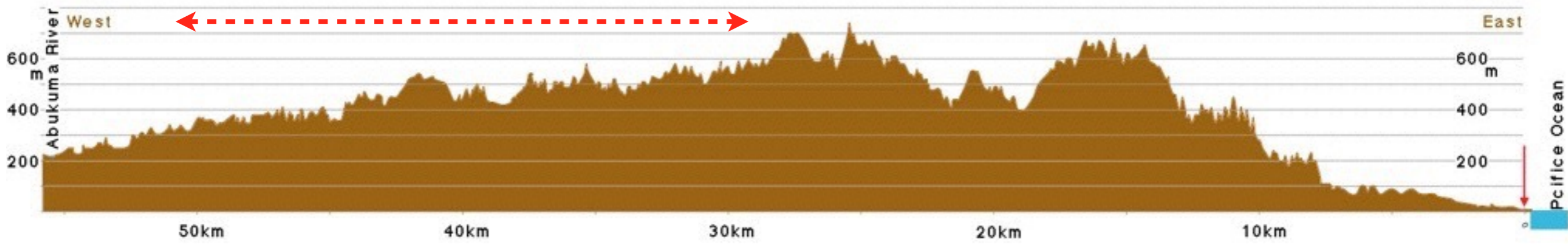
stream

bank

mixed deciduous broad leaf

2013.5.9 Kamitashiro, Yamakiya

# gentle slope, forest and more open land





**Satoyama & Yamazato Landscape**



**paddy fields**

# Many, many, many . . . measurements of dose rates

## Food

摂取や出荷等を差し控えるよう要請している福島県産の食品について

(平成28年9月29日現在)

区分	品目	該当産出地	差し控えるよう要請している内容
野菜	非結球性葉菜類	南相馬市(平成24年3月30日付け指示により設定された帰還困難区域に限る)、富岡町、大熊町、双葉町、浪江町、葛尾村(平成24年3月30日付け指示により設定された帰還困難区域に限る)、飯館村	摂取・出荷
	結球性葉菜類		摂取・出荷
	アブラナ科花蕾類		摂取・出荷
	カブ	伊達市、川俣町(山本屋の区域に限る)	出荷
	ワサビ(畑において栽培されたものに限る)	浪江町	収穫
	トウガラシ	南相馬市(福島第一原子力発電所から半径20km圏内の区域並びに旧計画的避難区域(平成24年4月16日から帰還困難区域、居住制限区域及び避難指示解除準備区域に相当)に限る)	出荷

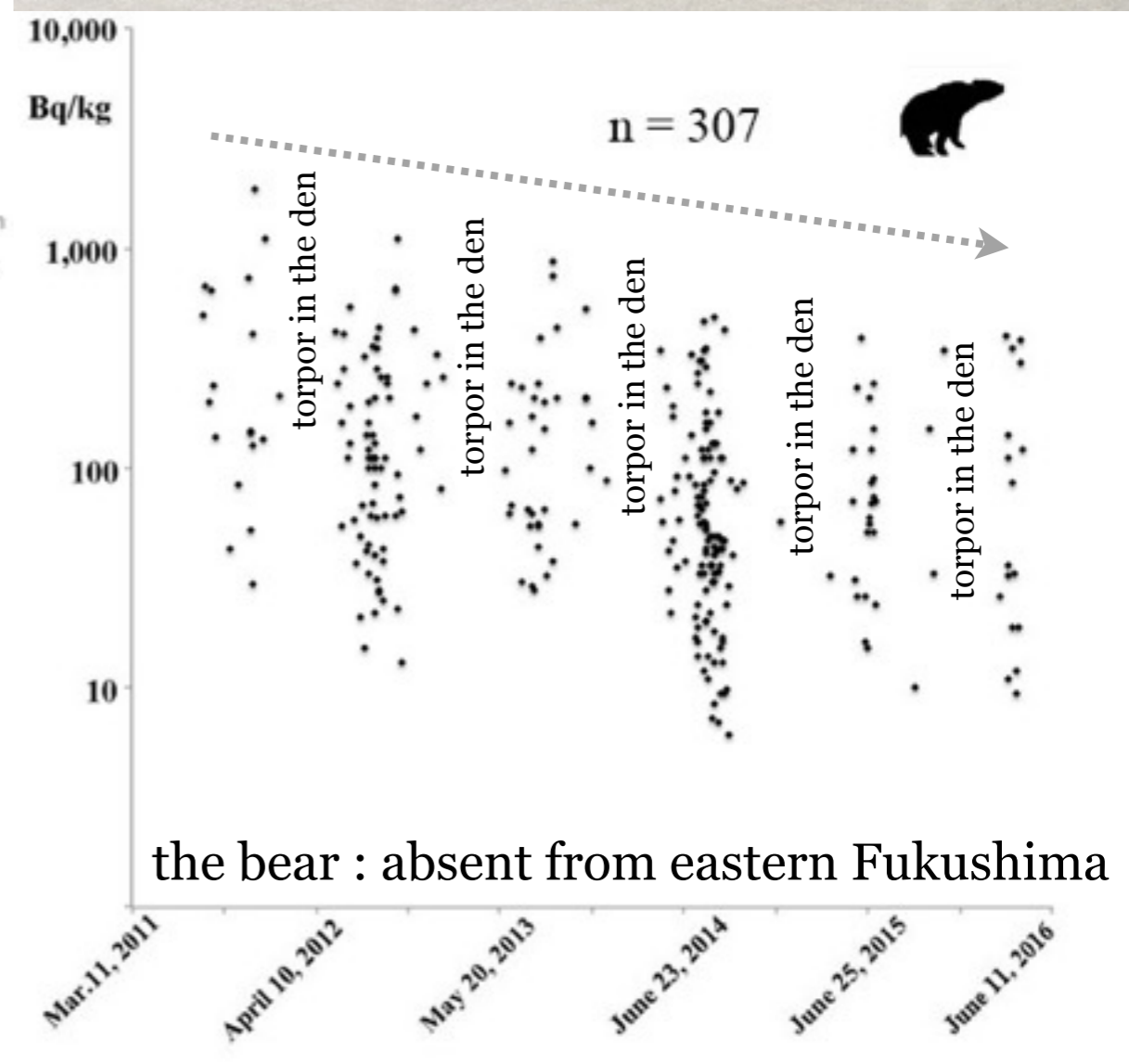
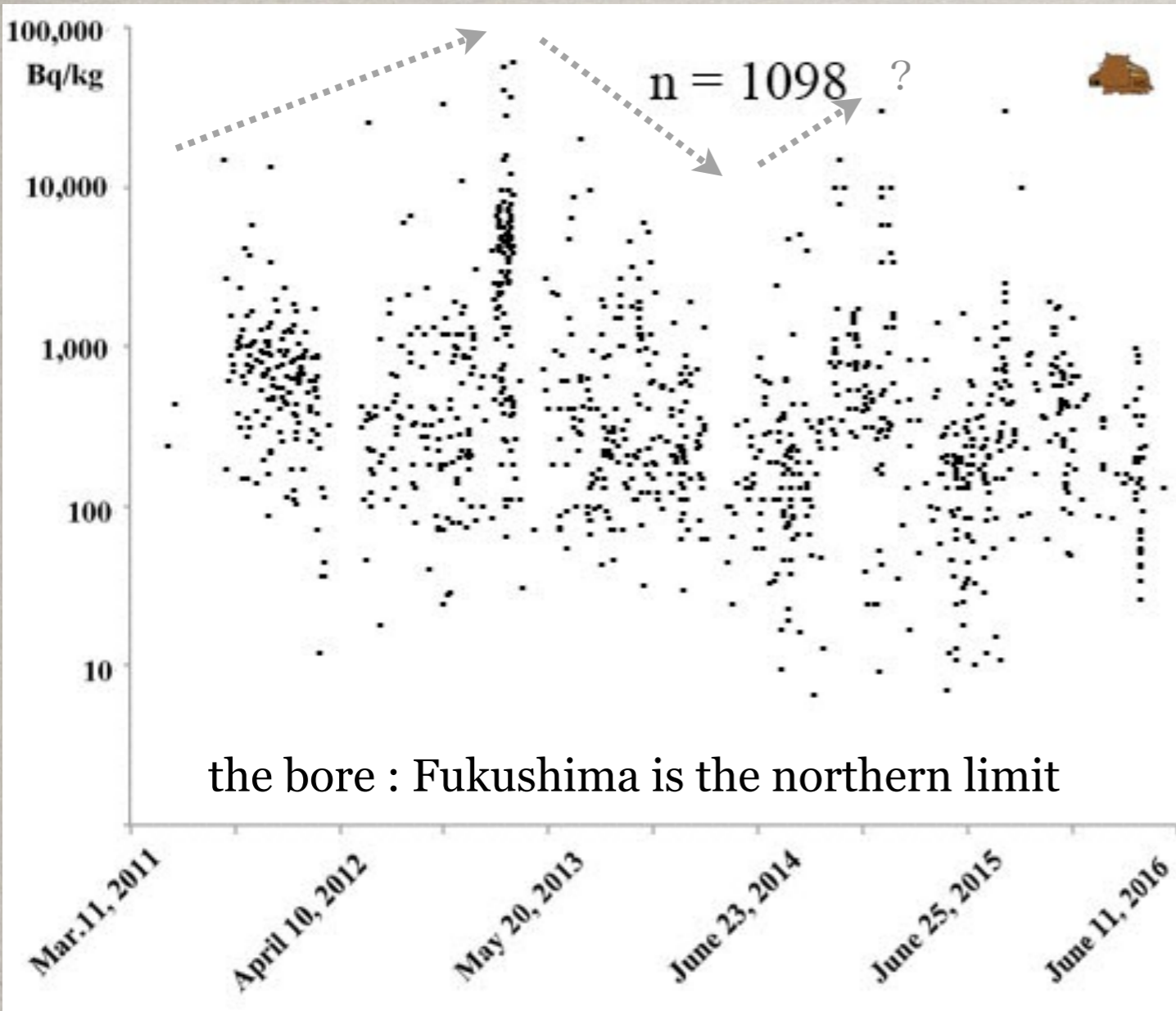
agricultural products and natural resources of many kind mushrooms, vegetables, fruits, bamboo shoots, milk, meat,

fish, crabs, etc.

区分	品目	該当産出地	差し控えるよう要請している内容	
果実	ウメ	福島市、二本松市、伊達市、郡山市、田村市、相馬市、桑折町、国見町、川俣町、古殿町、三春町、広野町、棚栗町、大玉村、葛尾村	出荷	
	ビワ	会津美里町、南相馬市	出荷	
	ユズ	福島市、二本松市、伊達市、本宮市、郡山市、須賀川市、田村市、白河市、相馬市、南相馬市、いわき市、桑折町、川俣町、三春町、広野町、棚栗町、新地町、大玉村、天栄村、西郷村、川内村、葛尾村、富岡町、大熊町、双葉町、浪江町、飯館村	出荷	
	カキ	福島市、伊達市、本宮市、田村市、相馬市、南相馬市、桑折町、国見町、川俣町、広野町、棚栗町、葛尾村	出荷	
	キウイフルーツ	二本松市、郡山市、須賀川市、田村市、相馬市、南相馬市、いわき市、川俣町、棚栗町、川内村、葛尾村	出荷	
	あけび	広野町、大玉村	出荷	
	ギンナン	福島市、二本松市、伊達市、本宮市、郡山市、須賀川市、田村市、白河市、相馬市、南相馬市、いわき市、桑折町、川俣町、鏡石町、古殿町、碓町、猪苗代町、広野町、新地町、大玉村、西郷村、泉崎村、鮎川村、川内村、葛尾村、棚栗町、富岡町、大熊町、双葉町、浪江町、飯館村	出荷	
	クリ	伊達市、南相馬市、いわき市、川俣町、棚栗町、鮎川村、葛尾村	出荷	
	山菜	わらび(野生のものに限る)	福島市、二本松市、伊達市、郡山市、田村市、相馬市、南相馬市、いわき市、川俣町、棚栗町、鮎川村、葛尾村	出荷
	山菜	わらび(野生のものに限る)	福島市、二本松市、伊達市、郡山市、田村市、相馬市、南相馬市、いわき市、川俣町、棚栗町、鮎川村、葛尾村	出荷
※6 穀類	平成23年度米	福島市、二本松市、伊達市、郡山市、田村市、相馬市、南相馬市、いわき市、川俣町、棚栗町、鮎川村、葛尾村	出荷	
	平成24年度米	福島市、二本松市、伊達市、郡山市、田村市、相馬市、南相馬市、いわき市、川俣町、棚栗町、鮎川村、葛尾村	出荷	
	平成25年度米	福島市、二本松市、伊達市、郡山市、田村市、相馬市、南相馬市、いわき市、川俣町、棚栗町、鮎川村、葛尾村	出荷	
	平成26年度米	福島市、二本松市、伊達市、郡山市、田村市、相馬市、南相馬市、いわき市、川俣町、棚栗町、鮎川村、葛尾村	出荷	
	平成27年度米	福島市、二本松市、伊達市、郡山市、田村市、相馬市、南相馬市、いわき市、川俣町、棚栗町、鮎川村、葛尾村	出荷	
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	畜産物	原乳	田村市(福島第一原子力発電所から半径20km圏内の区域に限る)、南相馬市(福島第一原子力発電所から半径20km圏内の区域並びに旧計画的避難区域(平成24年4月16日から帰還困難区域、居住制限区域及び避難指示解除準備区域に設定)に限る)、川俣町(山本屋の区域に限る)、棚栗町(福島第一原子力発電所から半径20km圏内の区域に限る)、富岡町、大熊町、双葉町、浪江町、川内村(福島第一原子力発電所から半径20km圏内の区域に限る)、葛尾村、飯館村	出荷
	畜産物	牛(12月齢未満のもの、及び県の定める出荷・検査方針に基づき管理されるものを除く)	全市町村	県外への移動
	畜産物	牛(県の定める出荷・検査方針に基づき管理されるものを除く)	全市町村	と畜場への出荷
	水産物	ヤマメ(産卵により生産されたものを除く)	新田川(支流を含む) 秋元湖、猪苗代湖、樽原湖及び小野川湖並びにこれらの湖に流入する河川(支流を含む。ただし、鮎川(支流を含む。)を除く。)、本県内の阿武隈川(支流を含む)、真野川(支流を含む)、太田川(支流を含む)、日横川のうち東京電力株式会社金川発電所の上流(支流を含む)	摂取・出荷・採捕
水産物	ウグイ	秋元湖、猪苗代湖、小野川湖及び樽原湖並びにこれらの湖に流入する河川(支流を含む。ただし、鮎川及びその支流を除く。)、日横川のうち東京電力株式会社金川発電所の上流(支流を含む)、真野川(支流を含む)並びに本県内の阿武隈川(支流を含む)	出荷・採捕	
水産物	イワナ(産卵により生産されたものを除く)	秋元湖、小野川湖及び樽原湖並びにこれらの湖に流入する河川(支流を含む)、長瀬川(鮎川との合流点から上流の部分に限る)並びに本県内の阿武隈川(支流を含む)	出荷・採捕	
水産物	モクズガニ	真野川(支流を含む)	採捕	
水産物	アユ(産卵により生産されたものを除く)	真野川(支流を含む)、新田川(支流を含む)及び本県内の阿武隈川のうち信夫ダムの下流(支流を含む)	出荷・採捕	
水産物	ホシモロコ(産卵により生産されたものに限る)	川内村	出荷	
水産物	コイ(産卵により生産されたものを除く)	秋元湖、小野川湖及び樽原湖並びにこれらの湖に流入する河川(支流を含む)、阿賀川のうち大川ダムの下流(支流を含む。ただし、東京電力株式会社金川発電所の上流及び片門ダムの上流を除く。)、長瀬川(鮎川との合流点から上流の部分に限る)並びに本県内の阿武隈川(支流を含む)	出荷・採捕	
水産物	フナ(産卵により生産されたものを除く)	秋元湖、小野川湖及び樽原湖並びにこれらの湖に流入する河川(支流を含む)、阿賀川のうち大川ダムの下流(支流を含む。ただし、東京電力株式会社金川発電所の上流及び片門ダムの上流を除く。)、長瀬川(鮎川との合流点から上流の部分に限る)、真野川(支流を含む)並びに本県内の阿武隈川のうち信夫ダムの下流(支流を含む)	出荷・採捕	
水産物	ウナギ	本県内の阿武隈川(支流を含む)	出荷・採捕	
水産物	ドジョウ(産卵により生産されたものに限る)	郡山市	出荷	
水産物	イカナゴ(稚魚を除く。)、イシガレイ、ウスメバル、ウミタナゴ、カサゴ、キツネメバル、クロウシノシタ、クロソイ、クロダイ、サクラマス、シロメバル、スズキ、ヌマガレイ、ババガレイ、ムラソイ、ピノスガイ	最大高潮時海岸線上宮城福島県界の正東の線、我が国領海の経済水域の外縁線、最大高潮時海岸線上福島茨城県界の正東の線及び福島県最大高潮時海岸線で囲まれた海域	出荷	

# Wildlife

## Wild Boar and Black Bear Cs134+Cs137 dose rate in the muscle

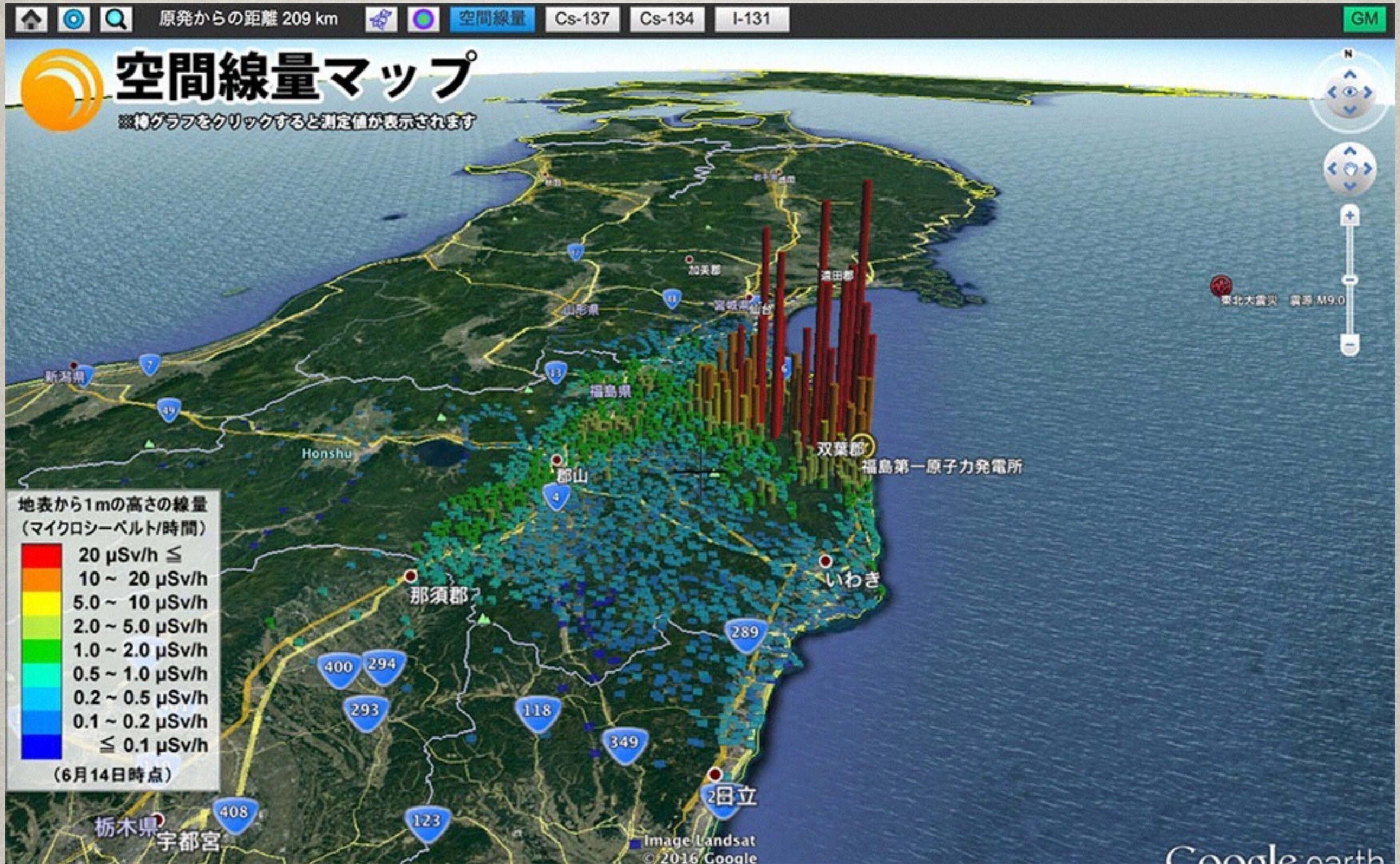


※no data at the highest dose area  
in the earliest period

published data by Fukushima Prefecture Government

Many, many, many . . . measurements of dose rates

Soil





### 高濃度の放射性セシウムがたまっている福島県内の大規模ダム

- ① 岩部ダム 6万4439ベクレル
- ② 横川ダム 2万7533ベクレル
- ③ 真野ダム 2万6859ベクレル
- ④ 高の倉ダム 2万2971ベクレル
- ⑤ 大柿ダム 2万1957ベクレル
- ⑥ 松ヶ房ダム 1万9983ベクレル
- ⑦ 坂下ダム 1万9584ベクレル
- ⑧ 風兼ダム 1万8553ベクレル
- ⑨ 滝川ダム 1万7730ベクレル
- ⑩ 木戸ダム 1万940ベクレル

Bq/m<sup>2</sup>

※数字は2011～15年度のダムの底土表層の全計測値の平均

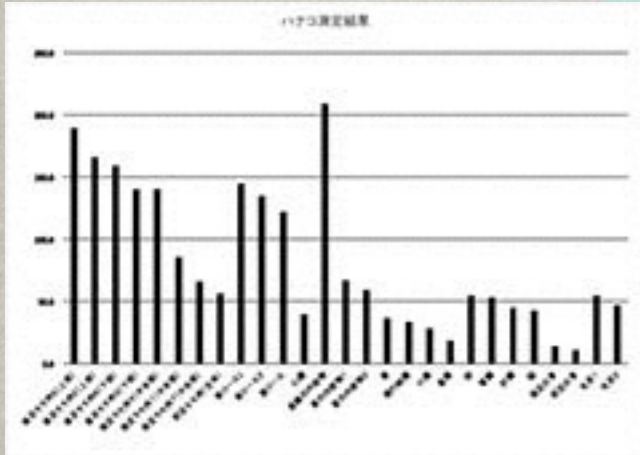
- 帰還困難区域
- 居住制限区域
- 避難指示解除準備区域



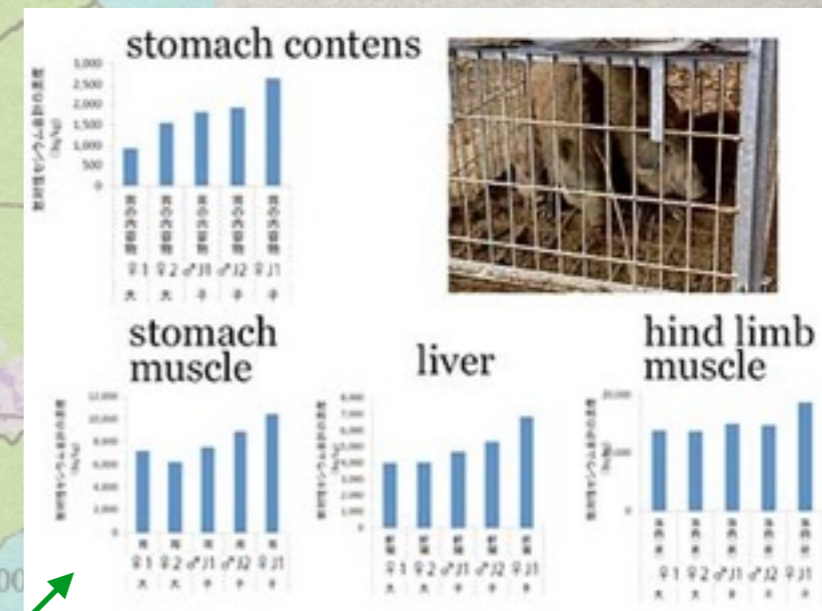
press by Ministry of the Environment, Japan 2016

Many, many, many . . . measurements of dose rates

citizen science  
surrounding prefecture governments



Sika deer organs ,  
10 ~ 210 Bq/kg,  
Chichibu citizen group

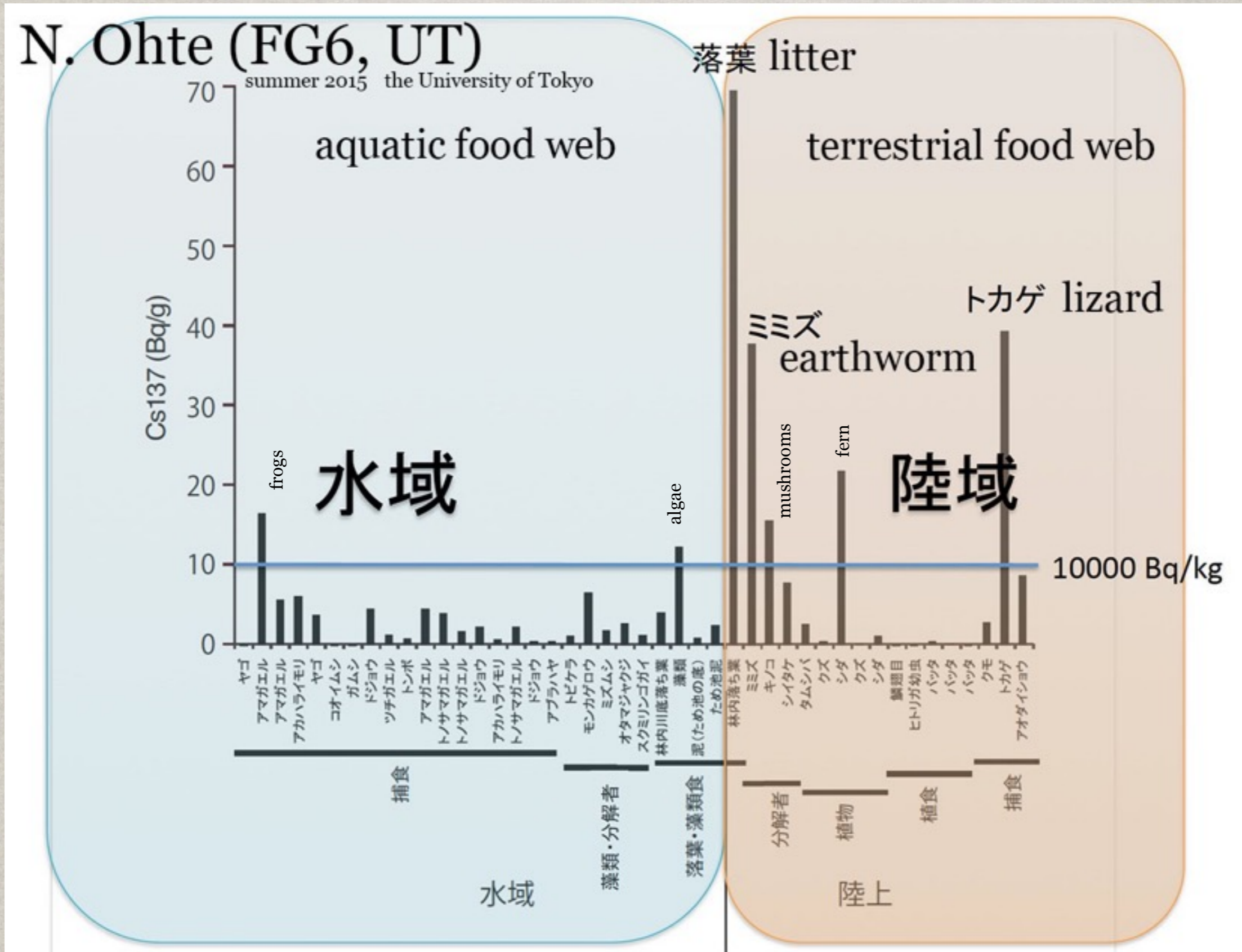


wild boar 1000 ~ 18000 Bq/kg,  
Iitate citizen group



Sika deer 220 ~ 820 Bq/kg,  
Saitama Prefecture

<http://ramap.jaea.go.jp/map/map.htm>  
redrawn by Ken Ishida, 2014



**Many, many measurements of dose rates and few ecological consequence**

**four ecological consequences of Fukushima wildlife**

**examples,**

- butterfly**
- aphid**
- fir**
- bird**

# 1. butterfly

J. Ohtaki Labo. homepage

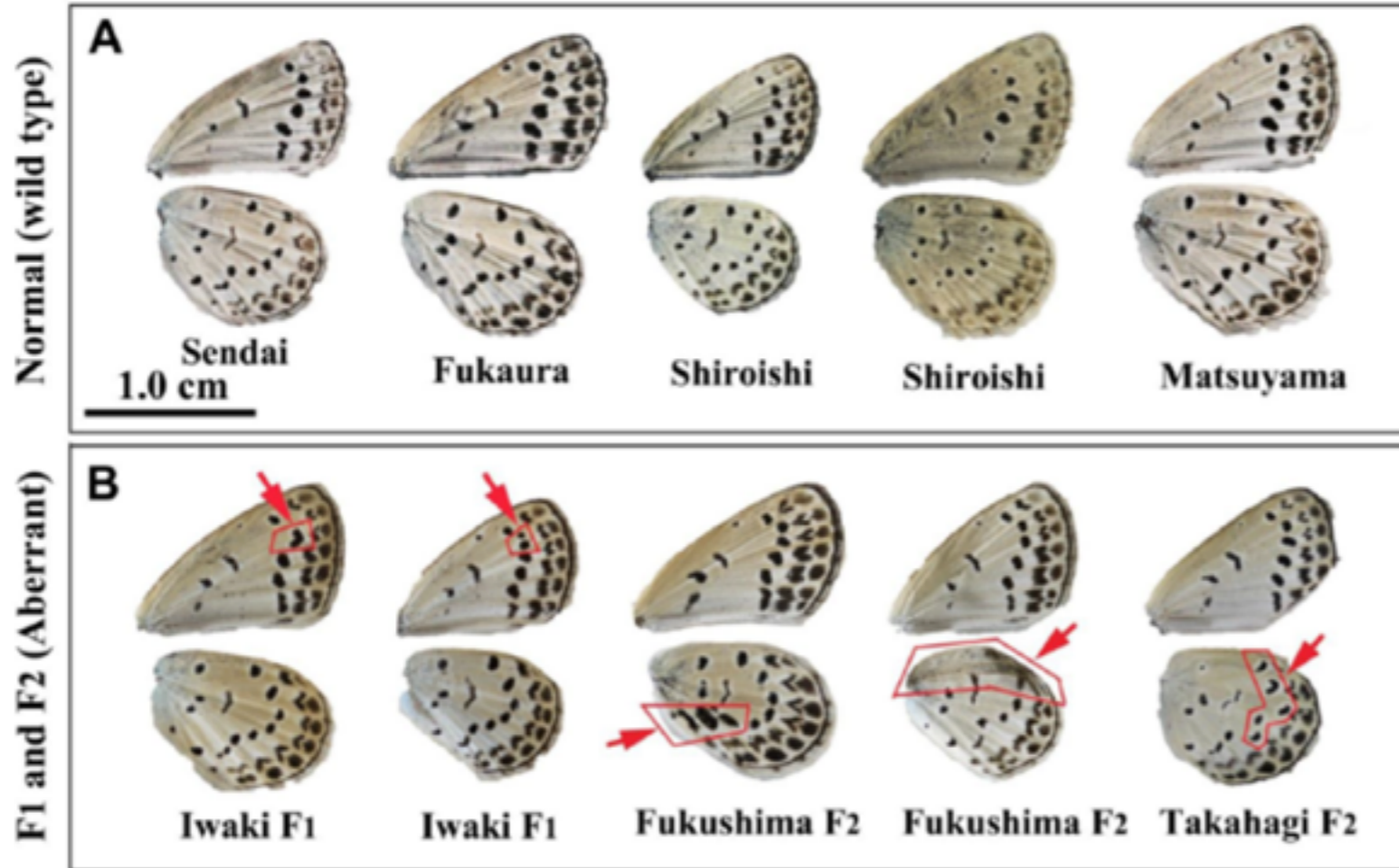
<http://w3.u-ryukyu.ac.jp/fukushimaproj.html>



These aberrants were found first at Fukushima in 2011.  
Also antenna and wing anatomical aberrants were found.

2011

## F1(子)・F2(孫)世代の斑紋異常



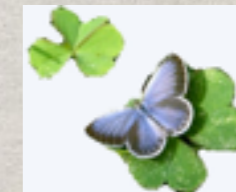
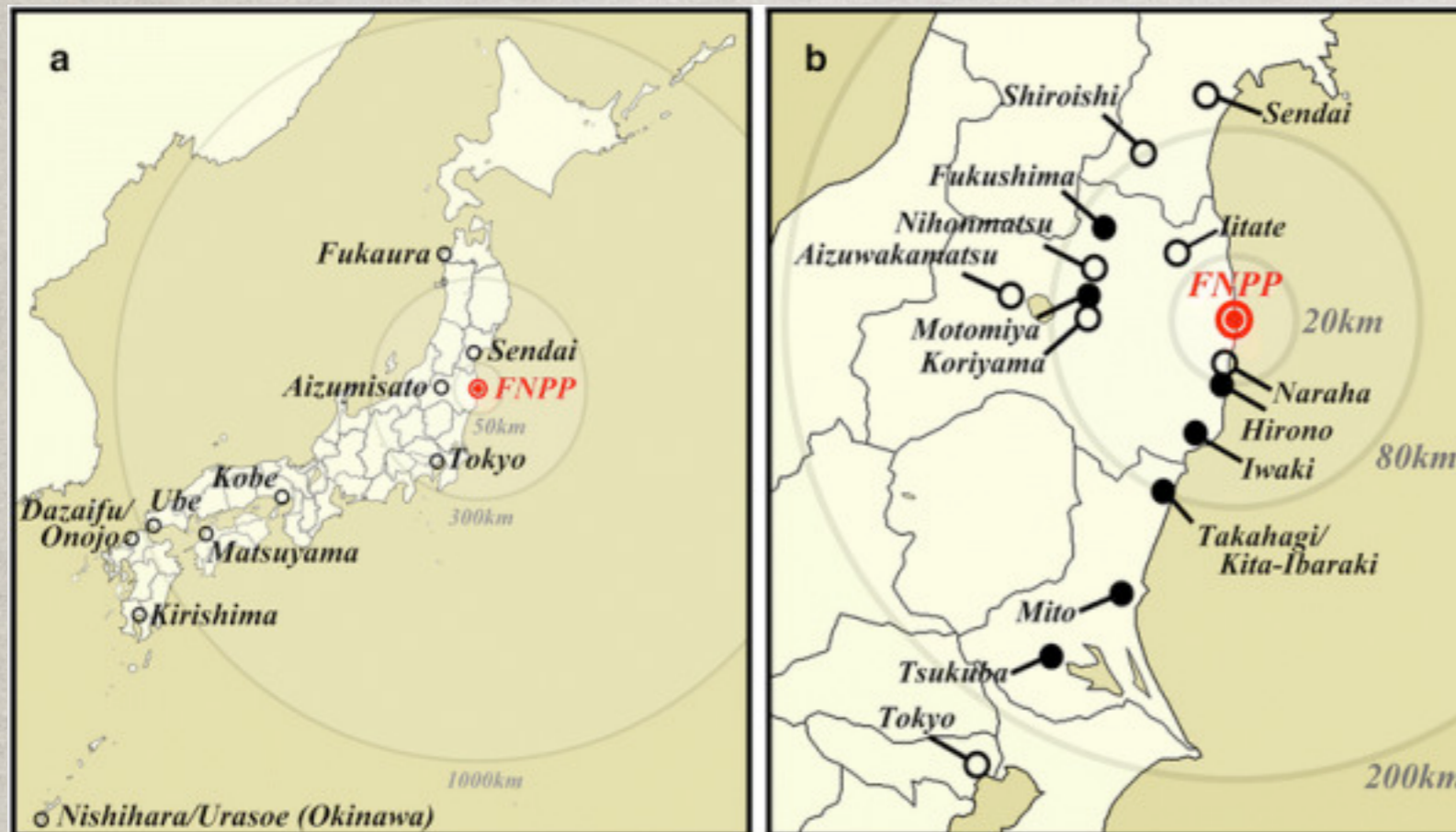
abnormal morphology by a heat shock

冷却ショック個体  
【表現型可塑性】  
斑紋変化は「異常」  
ではない  
斑紋変化のみで  
他の形態異常は  
伴わない

多様で法則性のない斑紋異常: 他の形態異常・不妊・行動異常を伴うことが多い

pale grass blue butterfly  
genetic effect

population recovered, abnormality decrease much in 3 years



close to the north limit of the species distribution

capture adult butterflies in spring and autumn  
 capture / net swing time (min.)  
 count wing pattern aberrants

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 DOI 10.1186/s12862-015-0297-1

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**Spatiotemporal abnormality dynamics of the pale grass blue butterfly: three years of monitoring (2011–2013) after the Fukushima nuclear accident**

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**Abstract**  
**Background:** Long-term monitoring of the biological impacts of the radioactive pollution caused by the Fukushima nuclear accident in March 2011 is required to understand what has occurred in organisms living in the polluted areas. Here, we investigated spatial and temporal changes of the abnormality rate (AR) in both field-caught adult populations and laboratory-reared offspring populations of the pale grass blue butterfly, *Glaucopsyche xuthops*, which has generation time of approximately one month. We monitored 7 localities (Fukushima, Motomiya, Hirono, Iwaki, Takahagi, Mito, and Tsukuba) every spring and fall over 3 years (2011–2013).  
**Results:** The adult ARs of these localities quickly increased and peaked in the fall of 2011, which was not observed in non-contaminated localities. In the offspring generation, the total ARs, which include deaths at the larval, prepupal and pupal stages and morphological abnormalities at the adult stage, peaked either in the fall of 2011 or in the spring of 2012, with much higher levels than those of the parent field populations, suggesting that high incidence of deaths and abnormalities might have occurred in the field populations. Importantly, the elevated ARs of the field and offspring populations settled back to a normal level by the fall of 2012 and by the spring of 2013, respectively. Similar results were obtained not only in the spatiotemporal dynamics of the number of individuals caught per minute but also in the temporal dynamics of the correlation coefficient between the adult abnormality rate and the ground radiation dose or the distance from the Power Plant.  
**Conclusions:** These results demonstrated an occurrence and an accumulation of adverse physiological and genetic effects in early generations, followed by their decrease and leveling off at a normal level, providing the most comprehensive record of biological dynamics after a nuclear accident available today. This study also indicates the importance of considering generation time and adaptive evolution in evaluating the biological impacts of artificial pollution in wild organisms.  
**Keywords:** Adaptive evolution, Fukushima nuclear accident, long-term monitoring, pale grass blue butterfly, radioactive contamination

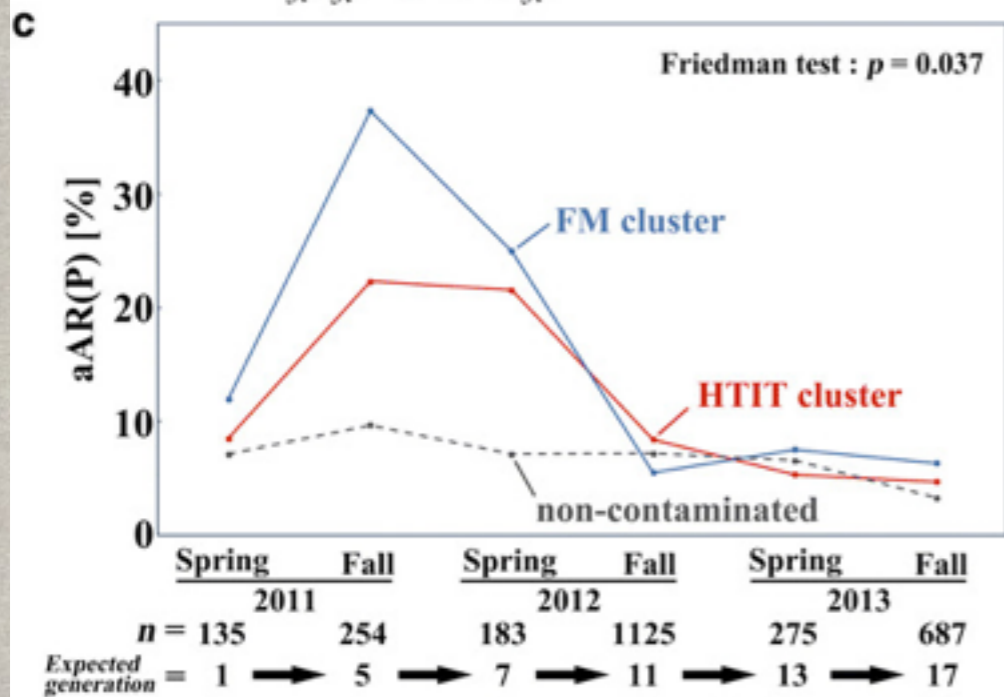
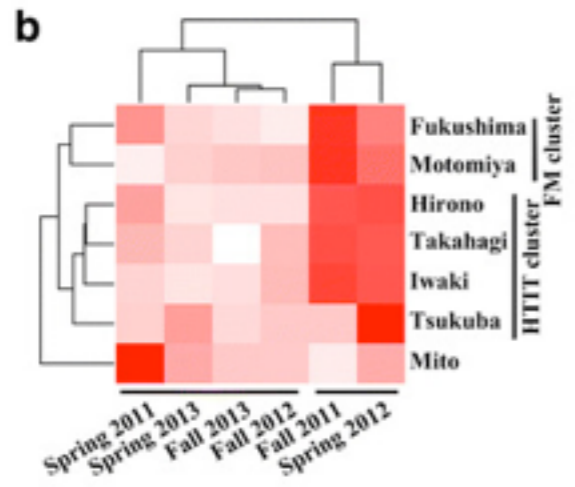
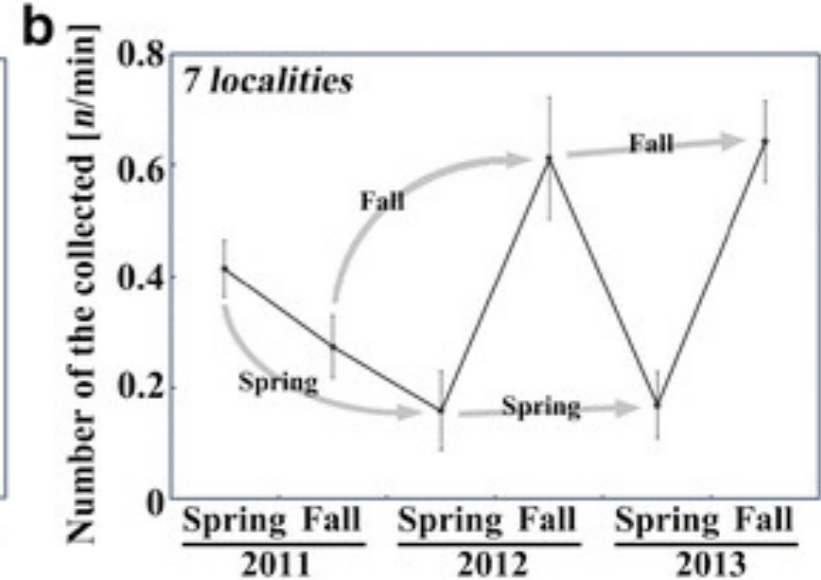
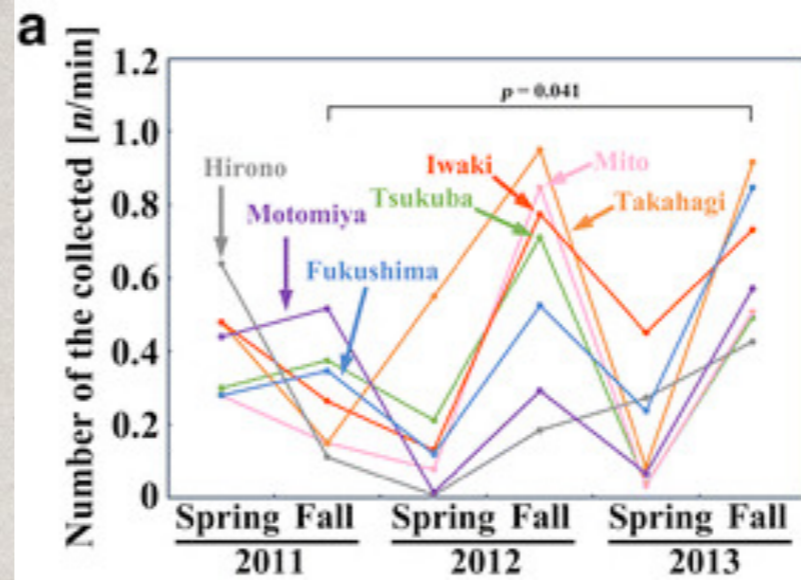
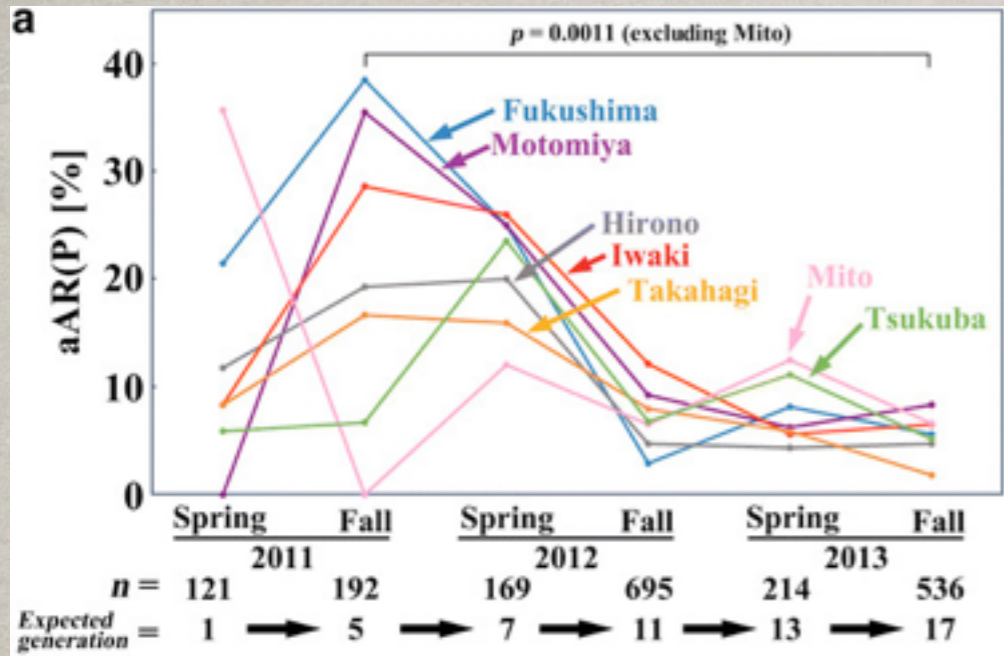
**Background**  
 The release of a massive amount of radioactive materials from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant (DNPP) to the surrounding environment on 15 March 2011 and afterwards resulted in large-scale radioactive pollution worldwide and especially across pollution in the Tohoku and Kanto districts of Japan [1,2]. Both marine and forest ecosystems have been heavily polluted [3A], but scientific studies on biological impacts of this accident are still scarce. Yet, such studies are gradually accumulating now, which include changes in abundance of animals, especially birds and butterflies, in the polluted areas [3A]. Recently, low blood cell counts have been reported in wild Japanese monkeys [7]. In gall-forming aphids, severe morphological abnormalities have been documented from Fukushima samples, which are rare from other samples [8]. In some of these studies, insects played an important role as environmental indicators.

**Conclusions**  
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cap. rate / min. has recovered in 2012  
higher density in autumn than in spring

the team is continuing the tests  
wild individuals < ?

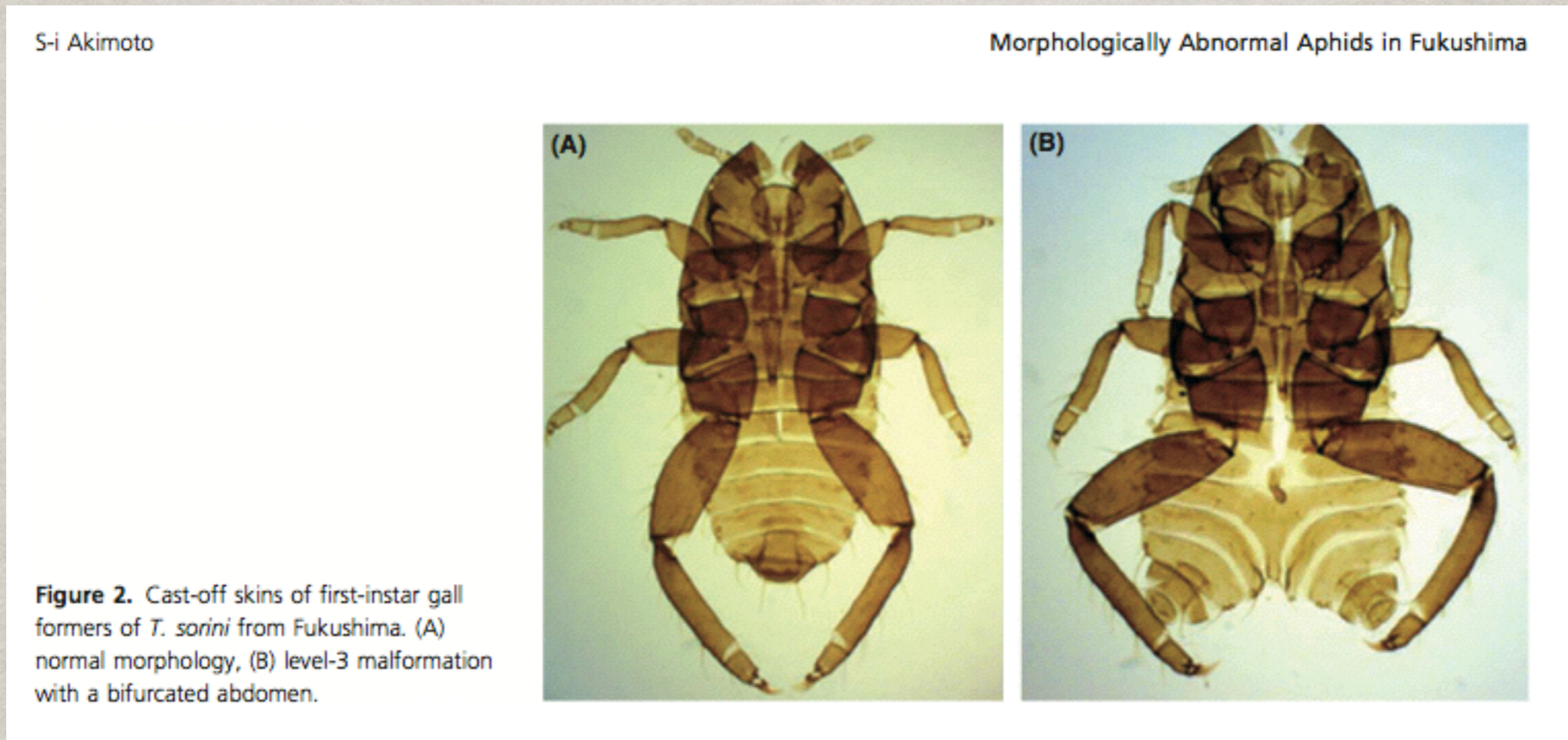


abnormal rate had decreased in autumn 2012

## 2. aphid

From Akimoto (2013)

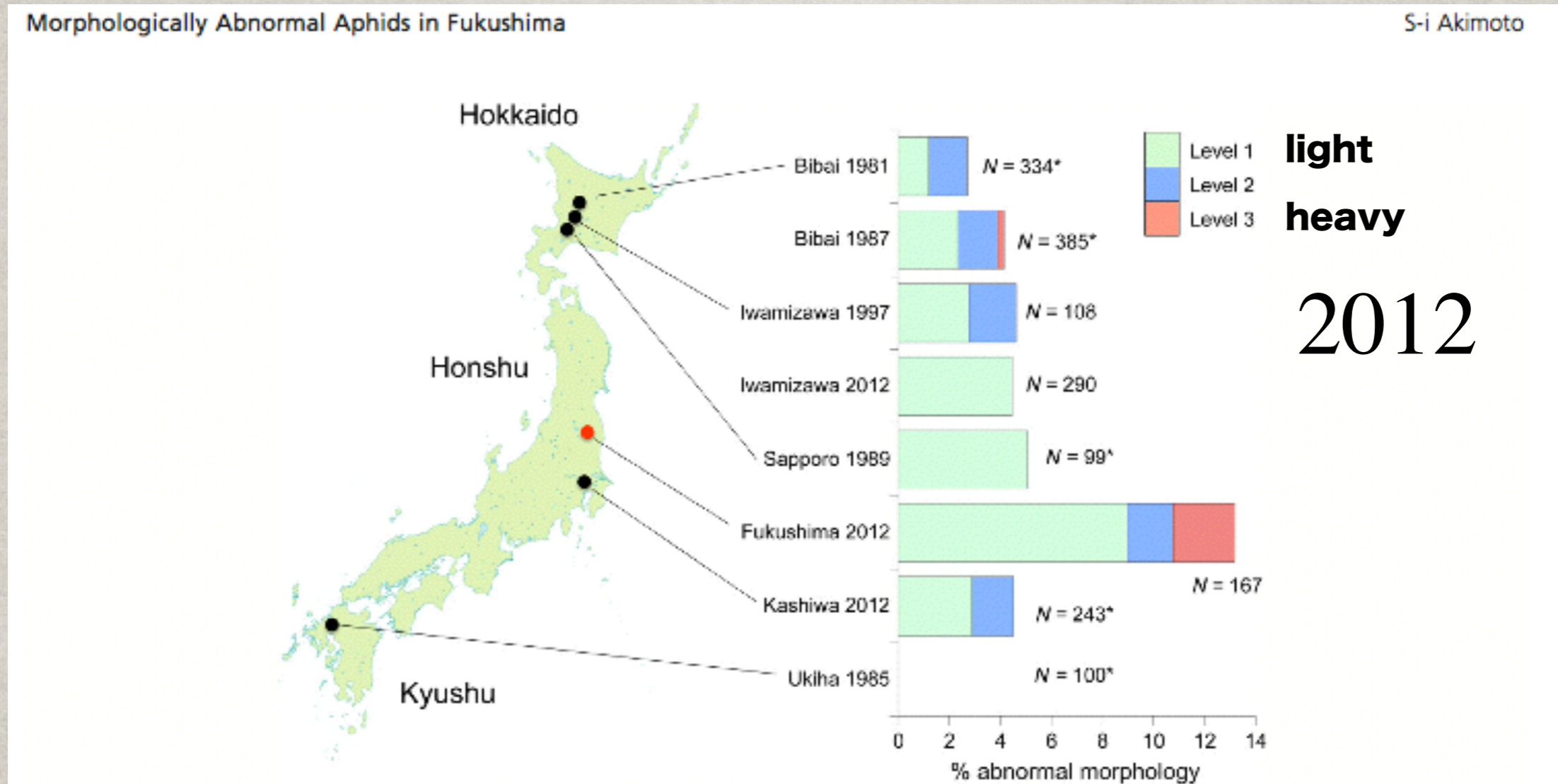
Some of anatomical aberrants were found first at Fukushima in 2012.



no genetic effect



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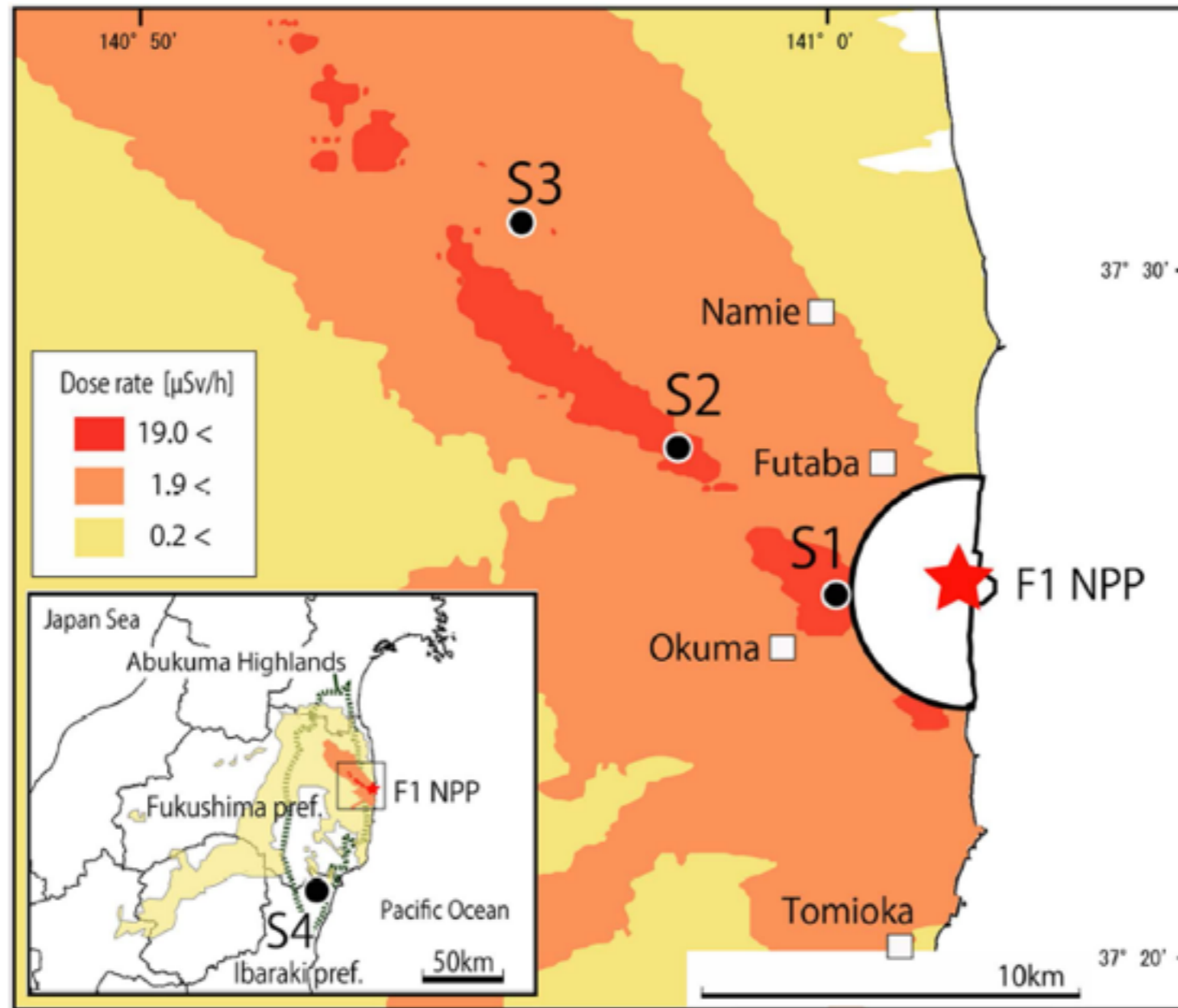


**Figure 1.** Percentage abnormal morphologies in *Tetraneura sorini* first-instar gall formers from eight populations. Asterisks in sample sizes indicate that first instars were collected from buds, whereas nonasterisked figures indicate that first-instar cast-off skins were collected from galls. Level 1, slight abnormalities included the atrophy or bending of one leg (Fig. S2A,B), small ganglia on the ventral surface (Fig. S2C), partial fusion of adjacent abdominal tergites (Fig. S2D), and tissue necrosis in one leg or antenna (Fig. S3A,B). Level 2, abnormalities included the atrophy or bending of two legs and tissue necrosis in two or more appendages. I categorized the complete or partial loss of one appendage of first instars as level 2 (Fig. S3C,D). Level 3, intense abnormalities included the loss of two or more appendages, the loss of one leg and atrophy of another leg, the appearance of new features, and conspicuous asymmetry in bilateral characters.

Abnormal rate decreased in Fukushima in 2013.

### 3. *Abies firma* shoots

From Watanabe *et al.* (2015)



**Figure 2.** Map showing the observation sites. A red star indicates the location of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant. The base map was modified from the Digital Japan Portal Web Site (Geospatial Information Authority of Japan; GSI). Airborne monitoring results on 2013.11.19; the “Extension site of distribution map of radiation dose, etc./Digital Japan”<sup>13</sup> was used as the source of the distribution of radiation dose.

northern  
limit

cf) 4. bush warbler study like plan

from Watanabe et al. (2015)

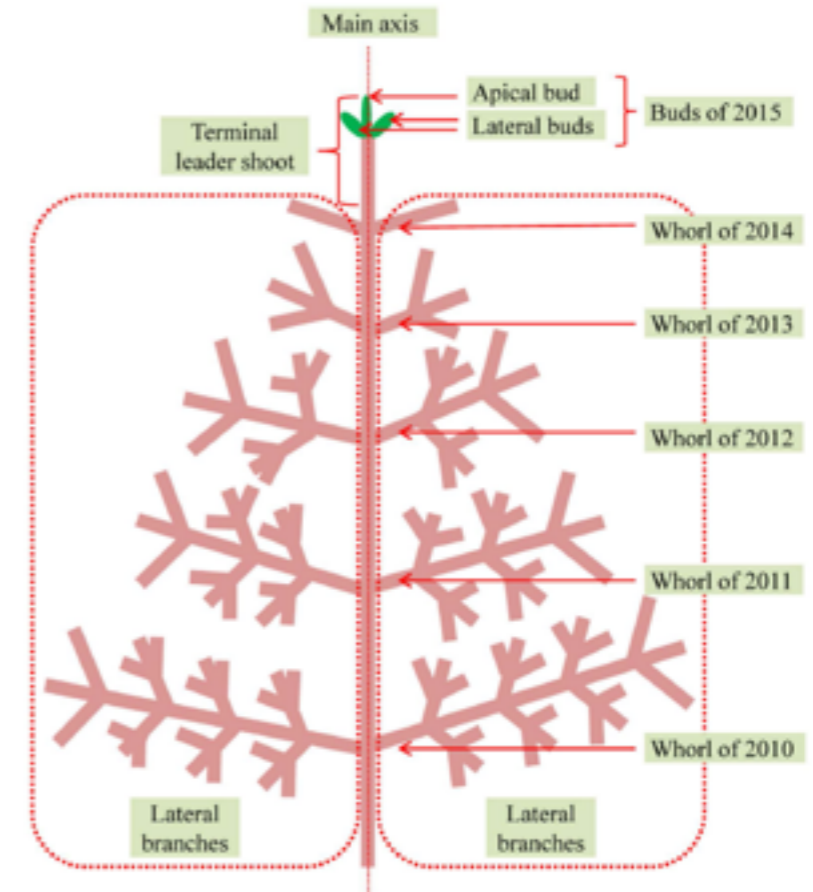
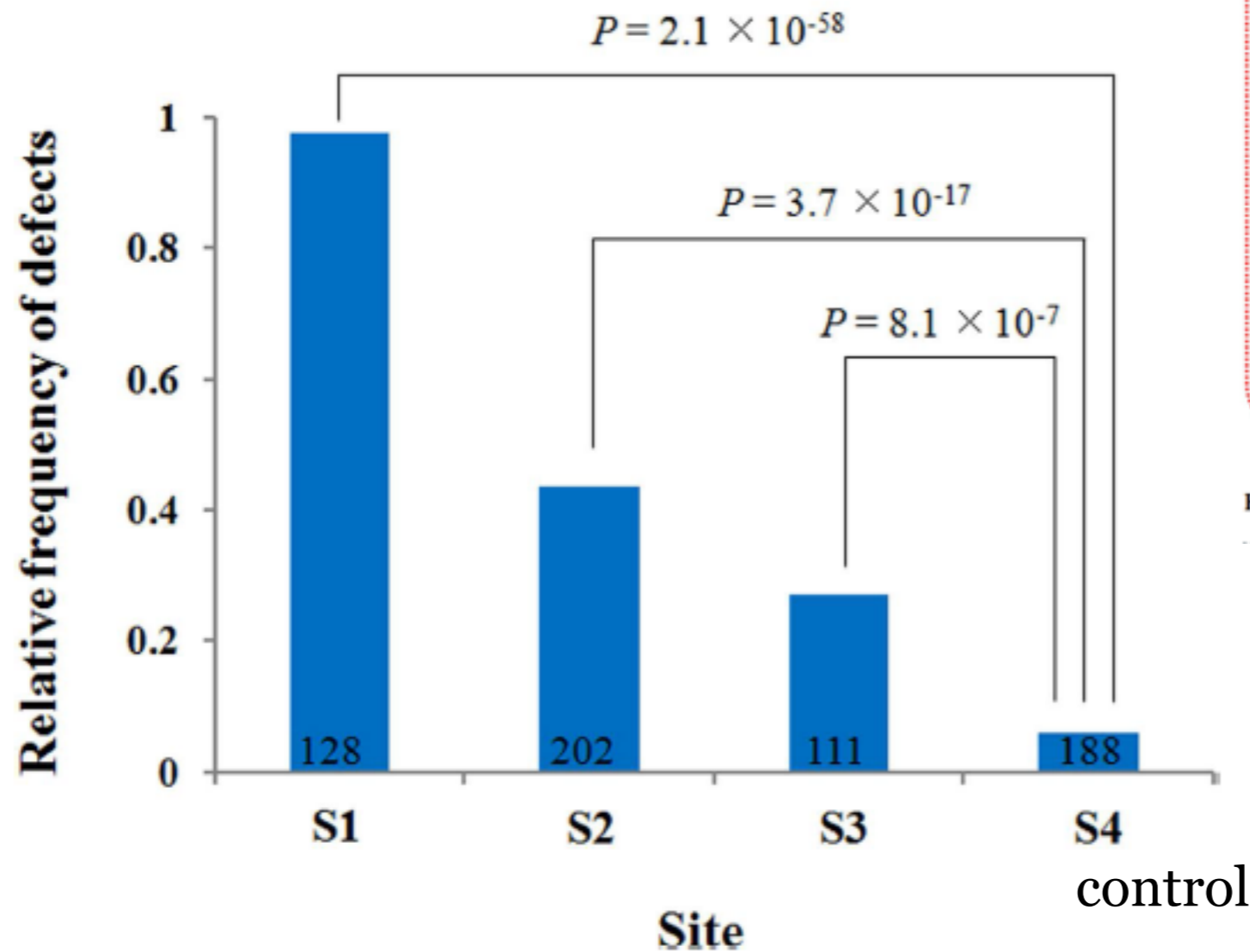


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of Japanese fir tree in January 2015.

Figure 4. Relative frequency of main axis defects in Japanese fir trees from different sites. The defects were counted by the observation of 5 annual whorls from the top of the trees. Trees with deleted or dead leader shoots in the lower whorls were excluded from observation; therefore the observed tree number for defects (n: indicated in the graph) were different from the total number of observed trees (Table 1). Bonferroni-corrected *p*-values are presented using Chi-square tests with  $df=1$ .

# 4. bird (*Cettia diphone*)

Abukuma mountains

alt. 600~800m



Akaugi

Omar

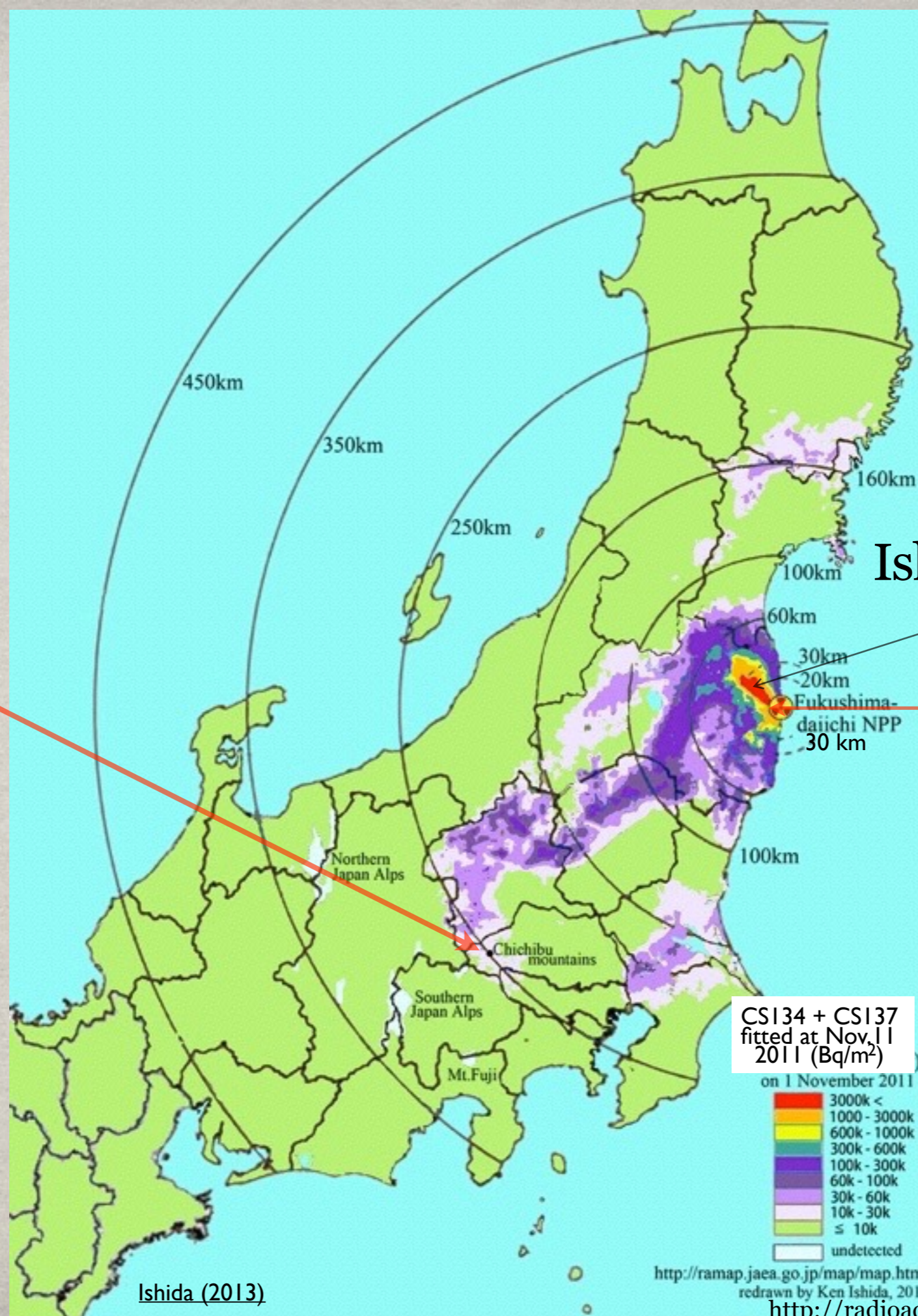
~170 km N-S,  
(~ 50 km E-W)

cf) 3. fir study research plan

bush warbler



control  
Chichibu Mts.



Ishida's research area

F1 NPP

Ishida (2013)

<http://radioactivity.mext.go.jp/en/list/203/list-1.html>

# radio autography feather images

August 2011

3-day exposure

very short period

石田先生  
EtOH洗浄後の羽

...効果なし!

no image from  
October feathers

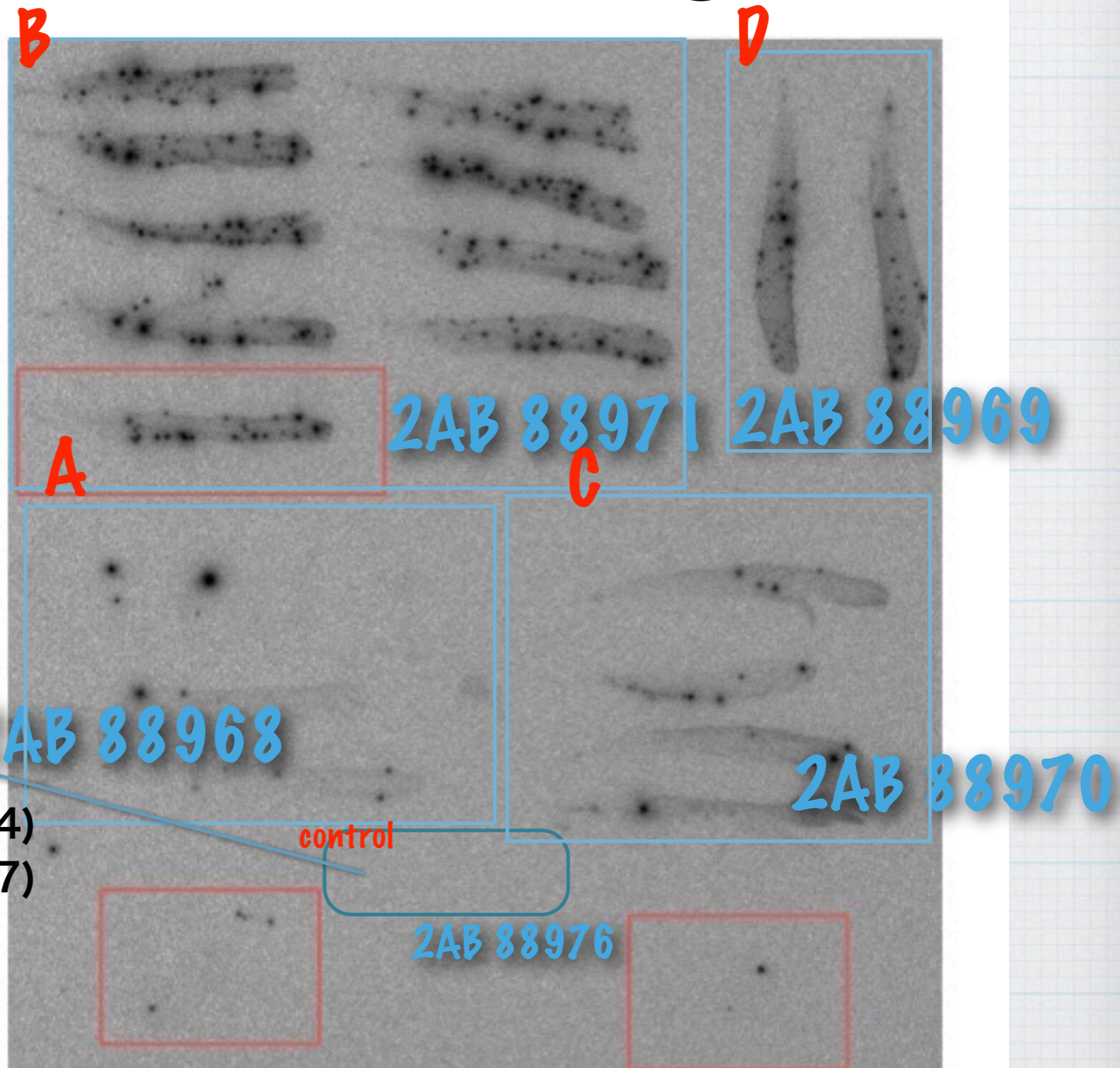
washed feather

赤枠が洗浄した羽と、  
その時の脱脂綿2つ

○ no image for a feather  
from Chichibu  
(∴ K40 is litte)

site **B** 50~230Bq/g (Cs134)  
80~320Bq/g (Cs137)

**D**



IP test & nuclide analysis by Prof. K. Tanoi (BRC, U. Tokyo)

2012

## **BW feather contamination**

change of contamination since August 2011

**contamination -> lower, more scattered**

**~530 kBq/kg → ~120 kBq/kg**

**about a fifth**

less and more scattered among feathers later (2013 ~)

**ecological decrease = move of Cs's**

conspicuous lesion and black head skin, bare on a male

1 of the 3 in high dose area, all males

2011

August, molting season

Tsushima

A

(~2μSv/h)



Akaugi

B

(~20μSv/h)



black head, bare

C

\* abscess

(20~30μSv/h)

conspicuous



D

(~30μSv/h)



\*, Other two examples of the same lesion in Wakayama prefecture in 2016



All were normal in 2012 ~ 2014 (n = 27)  
2 of 6 in July, and 2 of 6 in August ; 3 of 5 totally were abnormal

2015

black head skin, bare



July and August



sequential observation of individuals in the wild (ecological)

2016

4 of 5 in July, and 5 of 6 in August ; 6 of 8 totally were abnormal

all the 6 males, 1 normal female

black head skin, bare

Tsushima

Akaugi

\* , 1 in low does area was also abnormal

July and August



\*\* , sequential observation of individuals in the wild (ecological)

# other many observations and dose measurement of wildlife, some consequences of genetic - organ level dose effects

- Bird counts (Mousseau & Møller)
- Siberian Owl nest (Nishiumi)
- Tit nest box (WBSJ, Matsui & IRSN)
- Bird banding (MAPS, Nakamura & YIO)
- Mice (Yamada & FFPRI, NIE etc.)
- Bird capture (Murakami & Ohte)
- Insects (Ohtaki, Akimoto, ... ?)
- Fish (Kaneko, Nakajima, ... ?)
- Frogs and other amphibians ?
- 
- Cattle (Okada, Fukushima Prefecture, ... , ... )

- There are a wide range of citizen scientists and activists. I know only a small part.



**abandoned paddy field**

**pine forest**

**older**

**willow (pioneer tree)**

**after 2011 ?**

**cleaned**

**2015.4.26 Tsushima, Namie, Fukushima**

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concluding remarks,

## Fukushima-daiichi nuclear power plant accident and ecological consequence.

- First one or two years were ecologically significant period in Fukushima.
- Ecological consequences are dynamic and continuing.
- Population level consequences are left to be detected, long term monitoring might show the recovery.
- Ecosystem level consequences will be analyzed by assembling and integrating the data, which is now collected individually at each research group.
- Scale , hierarchy, dynamic concept should be rethought on the integration.

