

The effects of **land subsidence** and **uplift** on intertidal **mollusks** following the Great East Japan Earthquake



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Effects of the 2011

on marine life and residents

- Rapid impacts by liquefaction and tsunamis
- Short and Long-term effects by land subsidence and uplift
- Effects of man-made structures
- Concept of tsunami disaster prevention in Japan and in the world

Introduction

The 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake

March 11th 2011

Magnitude 9.0

Huge tsunamis

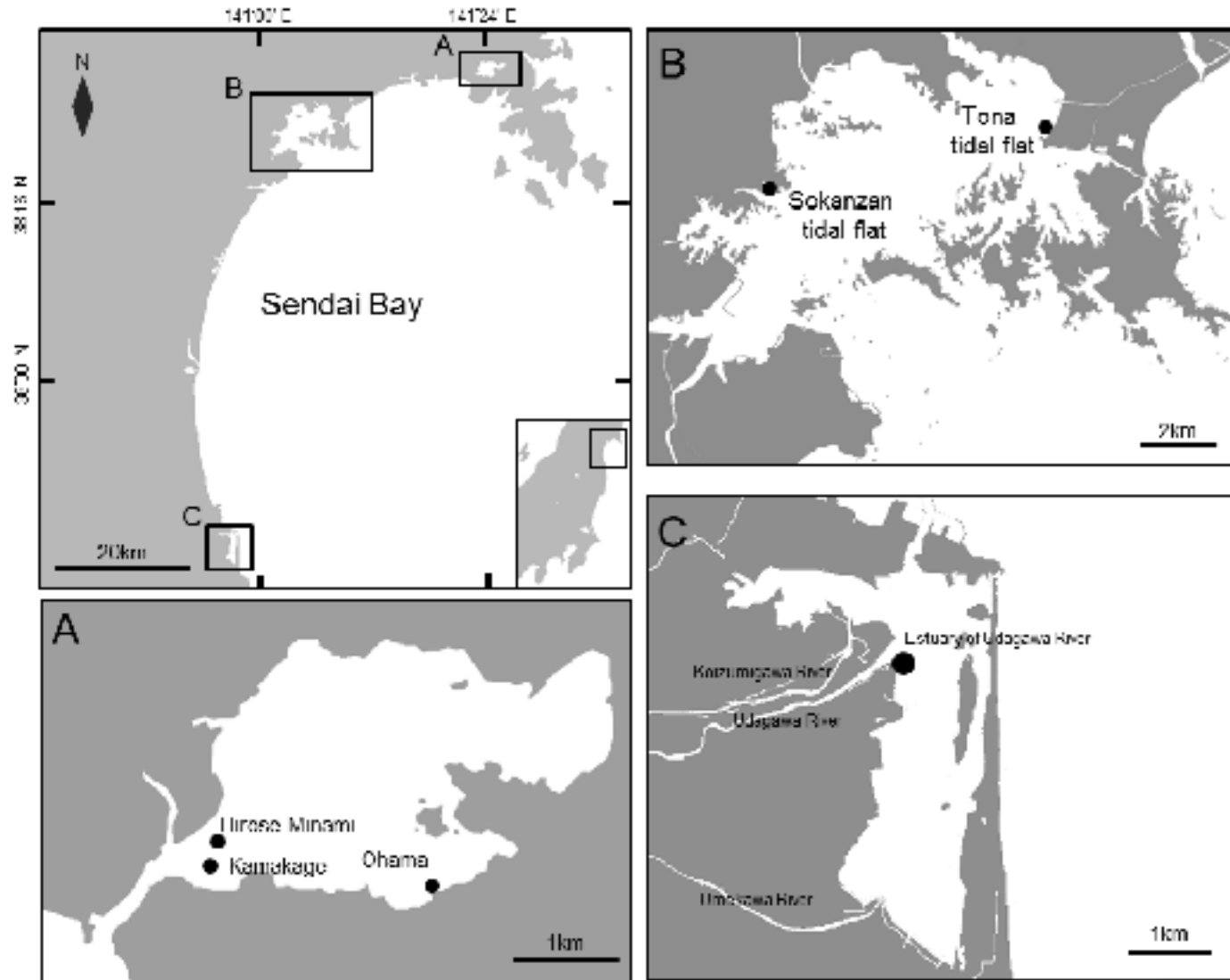
short-term effects :

liquefaction and tsunamis

long-term effects :

land subsidence and uplift

Study area

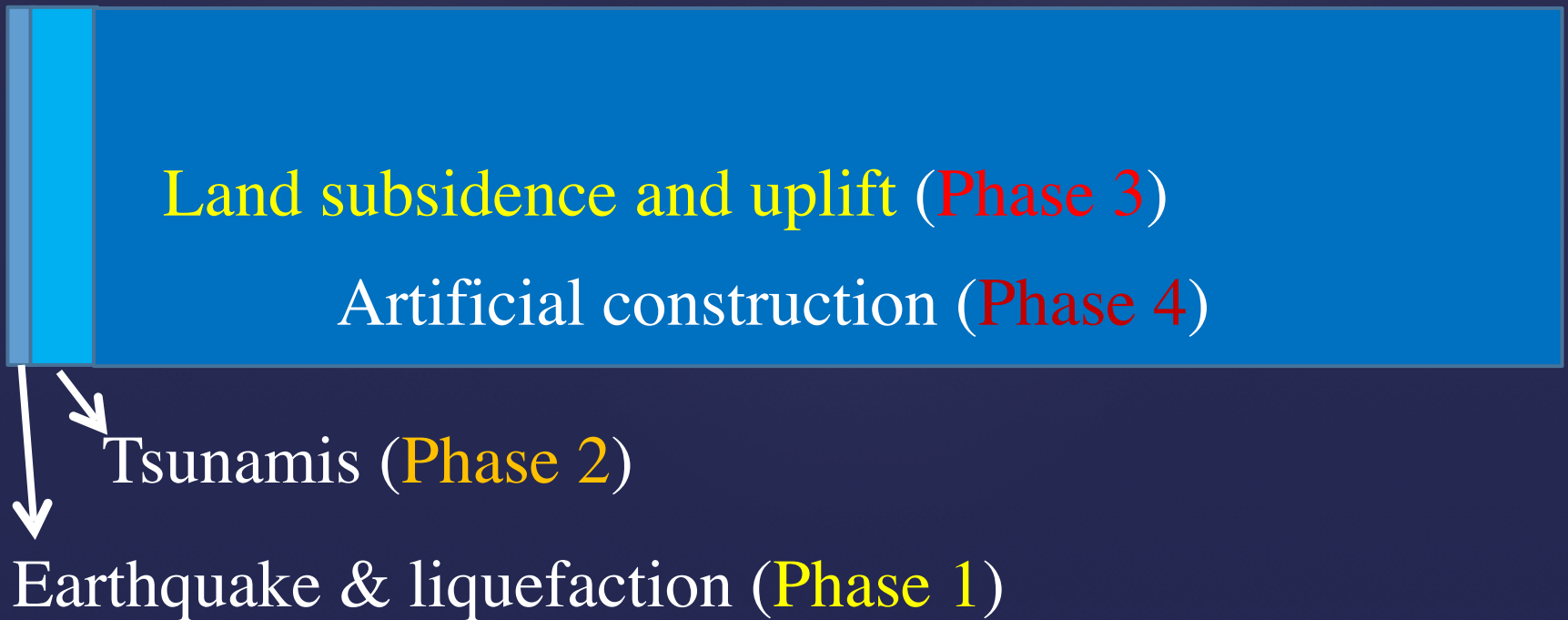


Maps showing the location of the study area in Sendai Bay, Japan, and the locations of (A) Mangoku-ura Lagoon, (B) Matsushima Bay and (C) Matsukawa-ura Lagoon.

Introduction

The 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake

Impact of the earthquake (time series)



Phase 1: earthquake and liquefaction

Sanbanze tidal flat in Tokyo Bay in Apr 2011

Cracks in the ground



Liquefaction induced by earthquake shaking occurred just after the earthquake

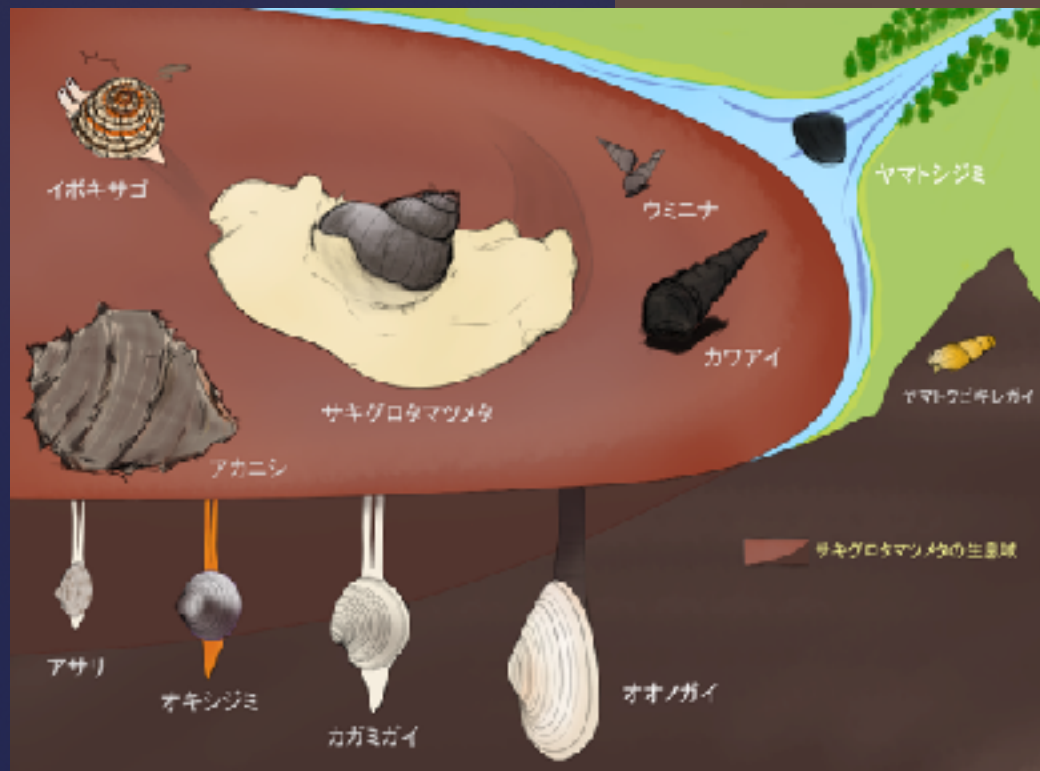
Sand boils that erupted in tidal flat caused by liquefaction



before arrival of the first tsunami

Phase 1: earthquake and liquefaction

Before liquefaction
and tsunami



Phase 1: earthquake and liquefaction

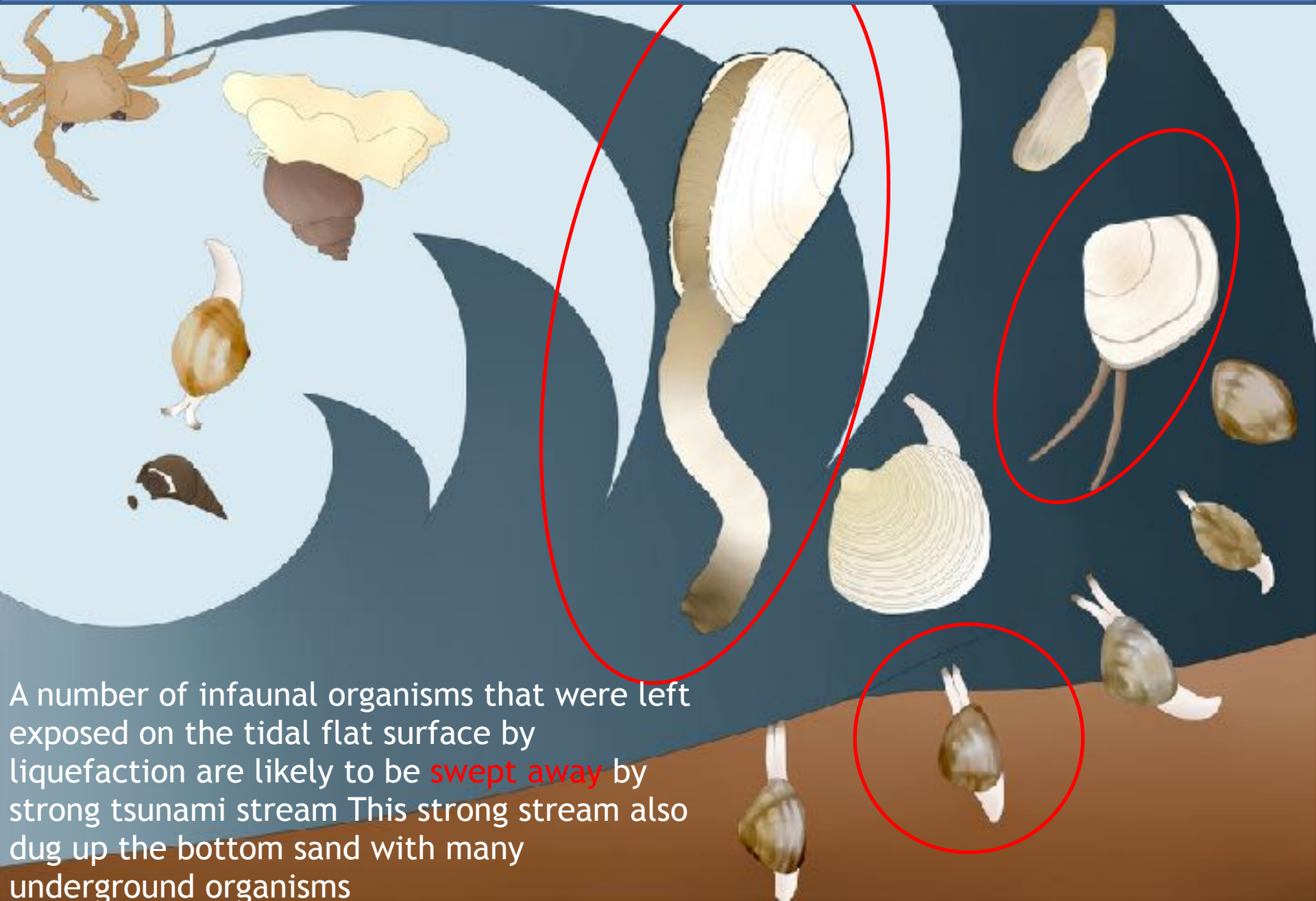
Tidal flats before the tsunami was coming

It is likely that these bivalves were pushed out from the deep sediments by these jets of water, leaving many of the bivalves that live submerged in the sediments exposed on the tidal flat surface prior to the arrival of the tsunamis.



This figure was made on the basis of the testimony of witnesses

Phase 2: subsequent tsunamis



A number of infaunal organisms that were left exposed on the tidal flat surface by liquefaction are likely to be swept away by strong tsunami stream. This strong stream also dug up the bottom sand with many underground organisms.

Phase 2: subsequent tsunamis

Dispersion of benthic organisms

Earthquakes with tsunamis have occurred in ~500 year cycles along the Pacific coast of northern Japan (Okoshi 2015) and may have contributed to the creation of new habitats for sessile organisms such as the oyster (Okoshi 2016).

Okoshi K. 2015. **Impact of repeating massive earthquakes on intertidal mollusk community in Japan**. In: Ceccaldi H-J, Hénocque Y, Koike Y, Komatsu T, Stora G, Tusseau-Vuillemin M-H (Eds). Marine Productivity: Perturbations and Resilience of Socio-ecosystems. **Springer**, pp 55–62. ISBN 978-3-319-13877-0, ISBN 978-3-319-13878-7 (eBook) DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-13878-7_6

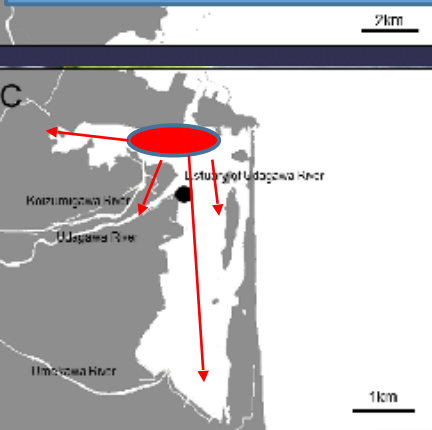
Before tsunami (2009)



After tsunami (2016)



Phase 2: subsequent tsunamis



Work to remove the oyster that has spread to the clam fishery field (Aug 2014)

Bivalves damaged in Matsukawa-ura tidal flats from the 2011 earthquake, where buoyancy caused by **soil liquefaction pushed up many underground organisms** including *Mya arenaria oonogai* ● and *Macoma contaculata* ●



6 April, 2011 in Matsukawa-ura Inlet, Fukushima

Differences in the recovery process

< Dig out mollusks that lived in deep >

Mya arenaria oonogai

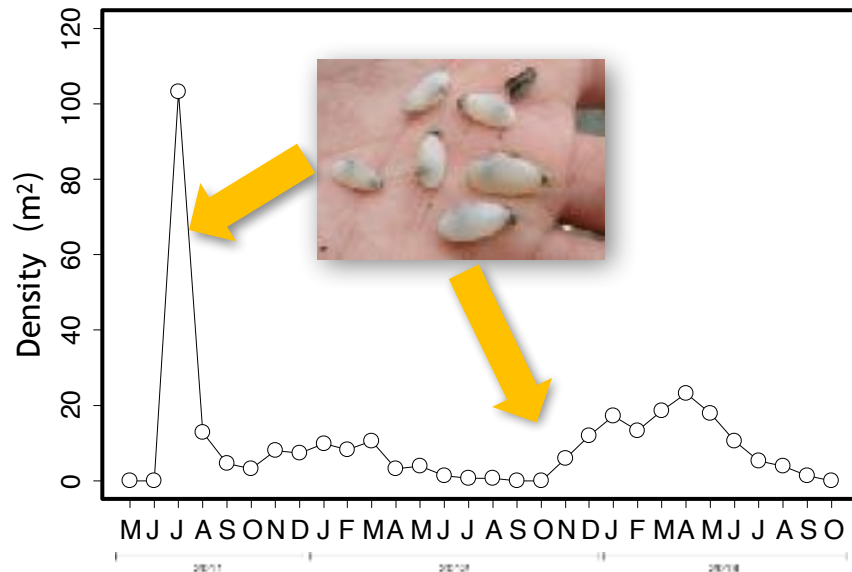


Macoma contacrata



Annual juvenile recruitment

No juvenile recruitment



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Mya arenaria oonogai



Macoma contacrata



Annual juvenile recruitment

No juvenile recruitment

Life
cycle

Annual spawning

(Kinoshita 2002)

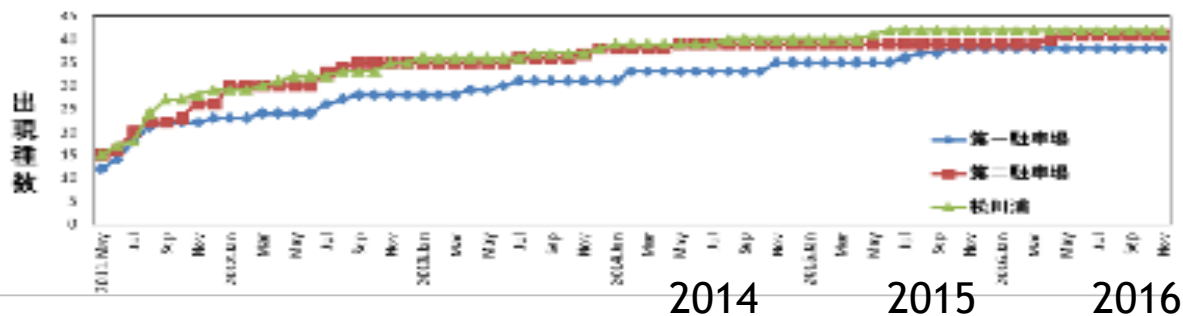
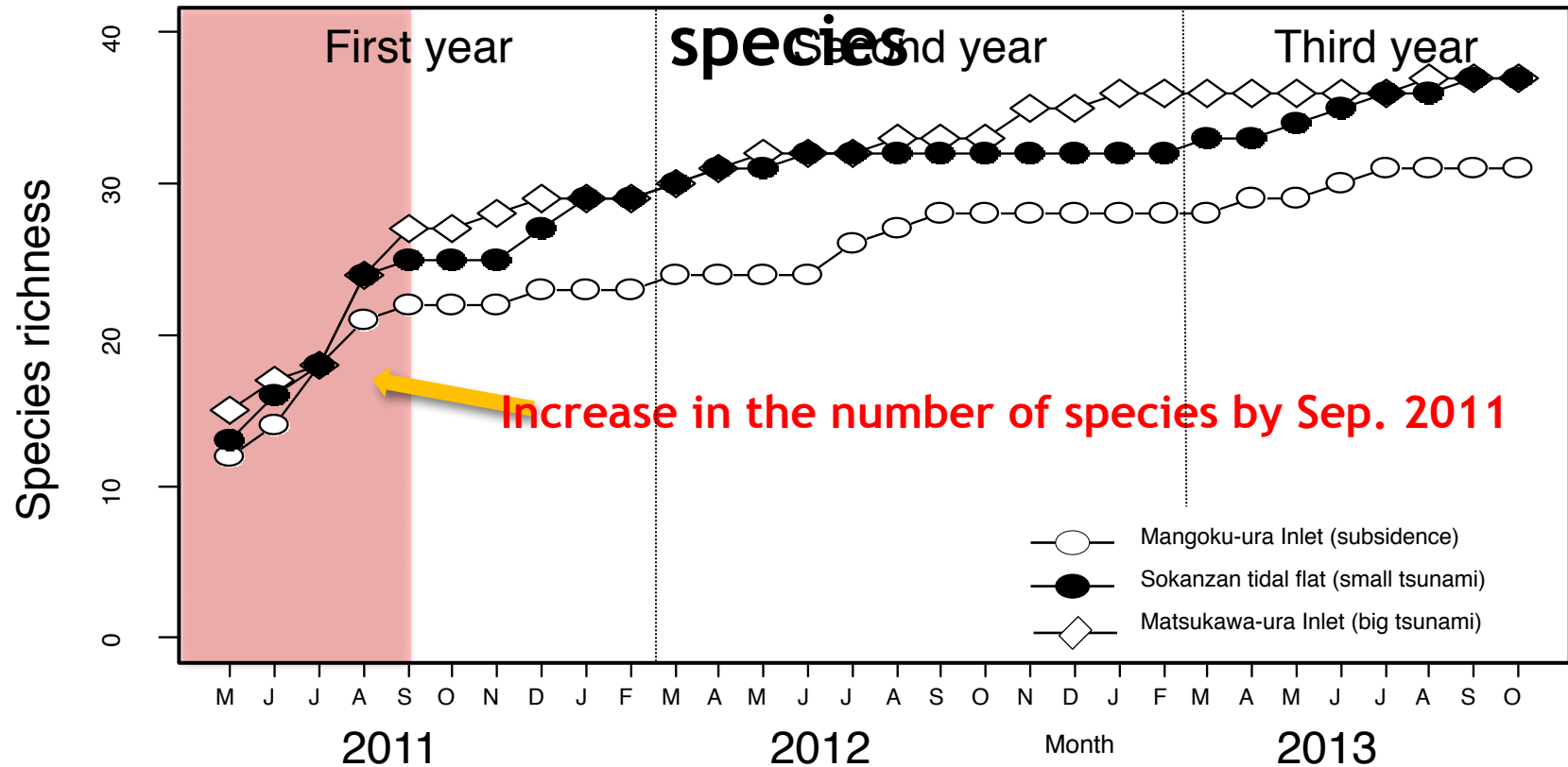
**The spawning once every few
years** (Tanabe & Arimura 1987)

Macoma contaculata haven't recovered since the
tsunami

We can not be grasped in a few years to recover
post-quake situation!

Changes in the number of species observed after the tsunami

The cumulative number of species

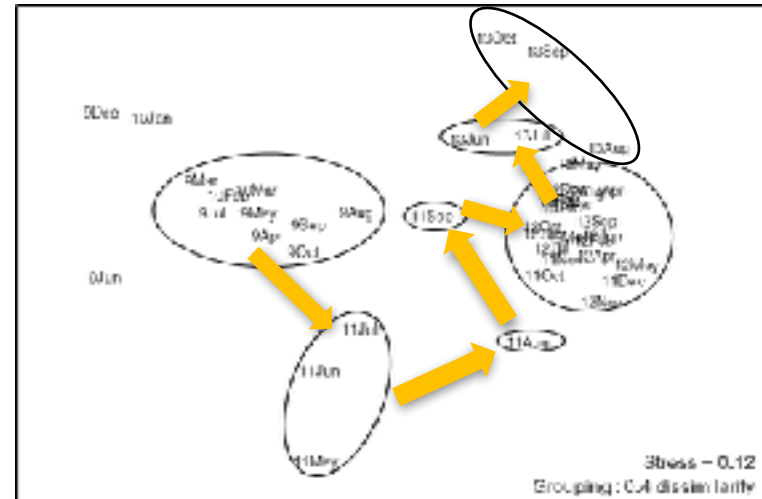


Changes in community structure after the tsunami

nMDS analysis

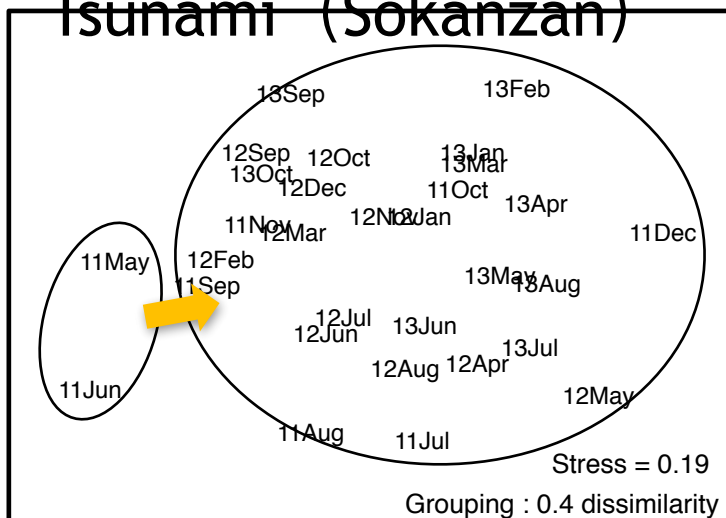
The result of (a) cluster analyses and (b) nonmetric multidimensional scaling (nMDS) based on Bray- Curtis dissimilarity index of density data (Number of individuals (/m²) /month)

Subsidence (Mangoku)

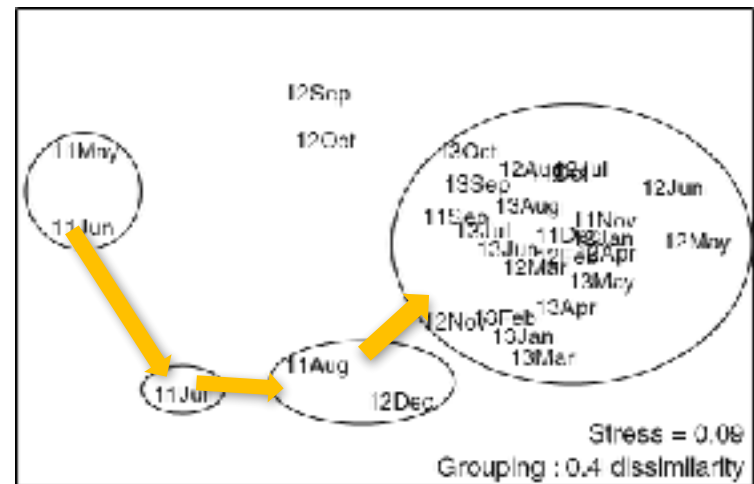


Small

Tsunami (Sokanzan)



Big Tsunami (Matsukawa)



Phase 3: land subsidence

Mangoku-ura Lagoon
80cm subsidence

All pictures taken at the
time of maximum low tide

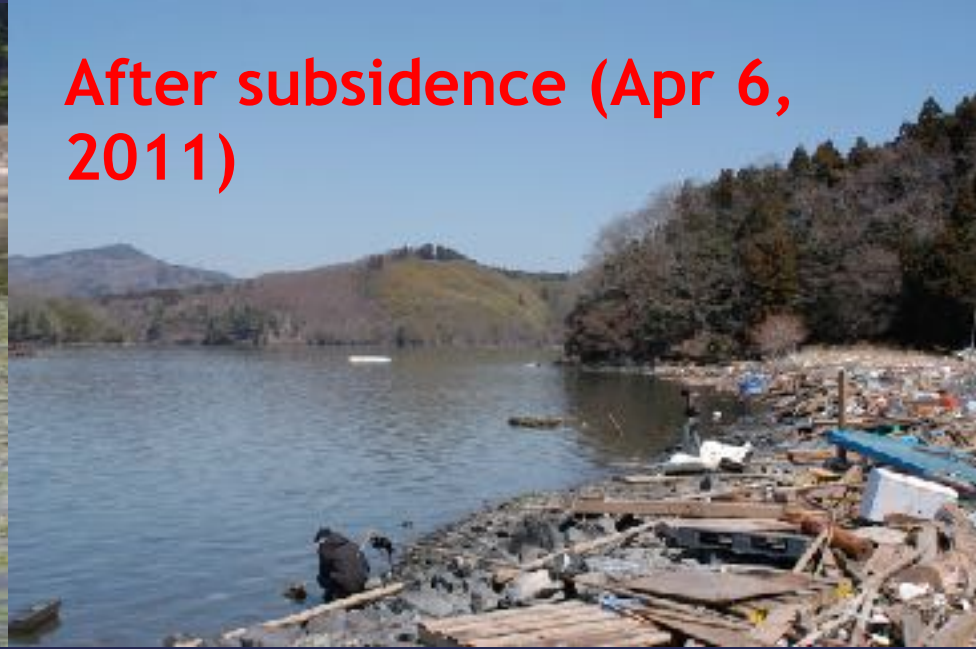
May 24, 2016



Before subsidence (2009)



After subsidence (Apr 6,
2011)



Changes in habitat



Sea slater
Ligia sp.



Cedar trees withered and immersed in seawater

Oysters and barnacles attached to the roots of cedar



Effect by land subsidence

Short-term effect- Migration of mollusks

Parts of mollusks are moving at place that was “land” before, due to seawater level rose as land subsidence (changing habitat)

Lomg-term effect -Community change

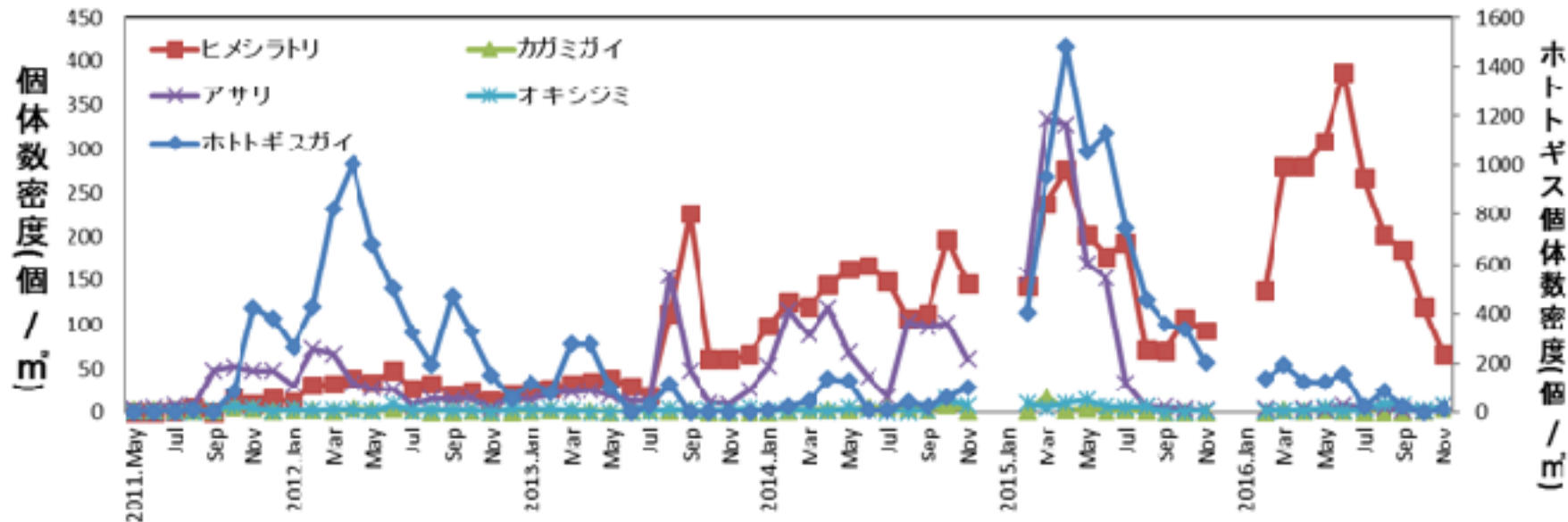


図13 万石浦第一駐車場地先の二枚貝優占種の個体数変動

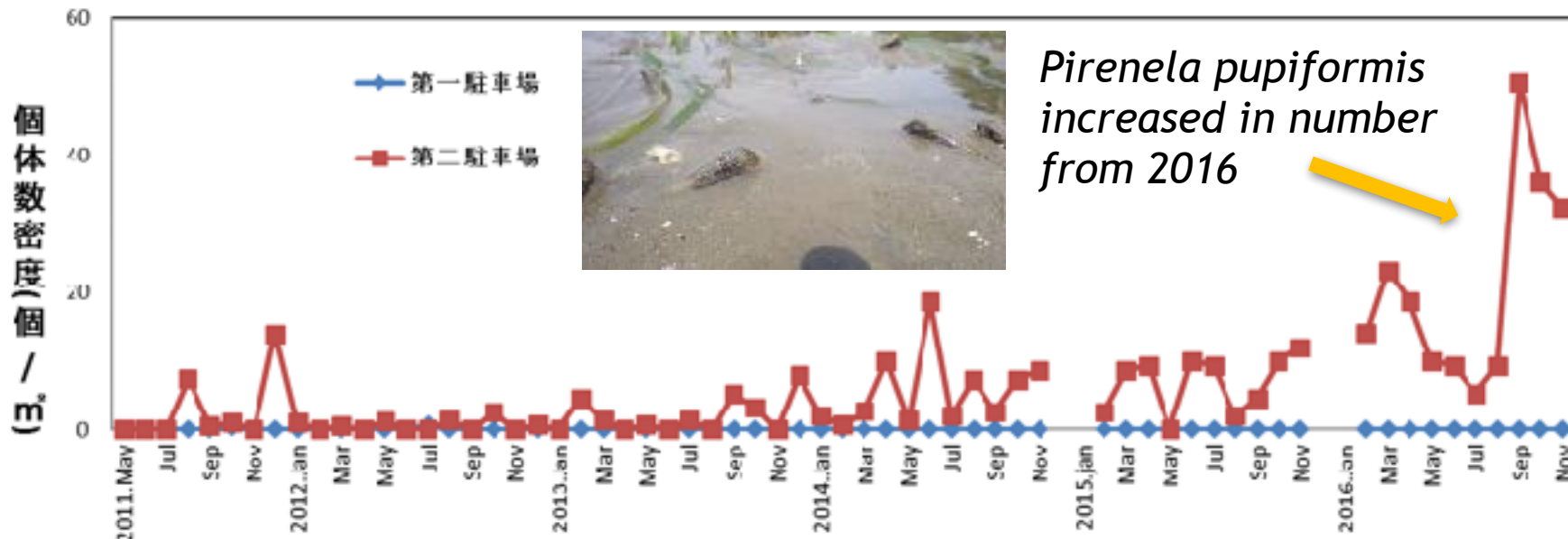


Fig. Population density of *Pirenella pupiformis* from May 2011 to Nov. 2016 in Mangoku-ura

Phase 3: land subsidence

Mangoku-ura Lagoon
80cm subsidence

Arcuatula senhousia



Changes in bottom sediment due to subsidence in Mangoku-ura



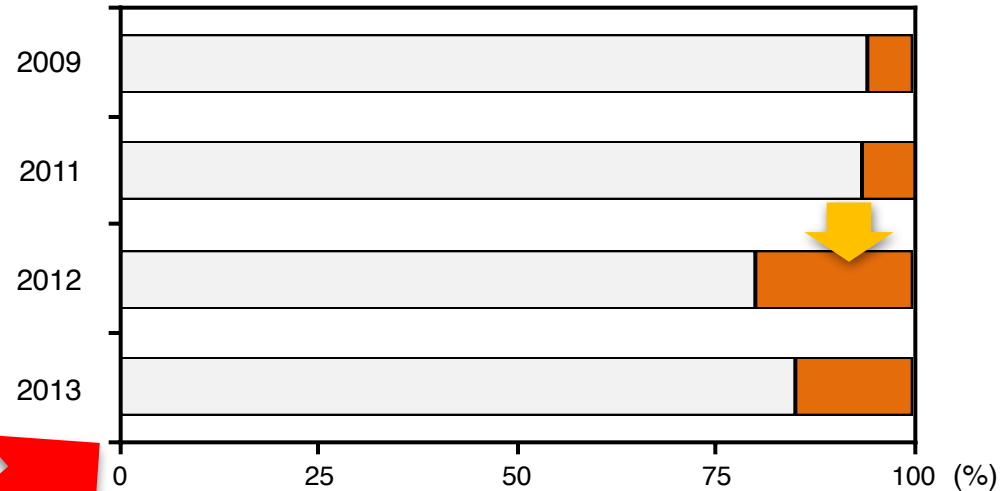
Arcuatula senhousia

Opportunistic species, High density,
covered bottom with byssal mats.

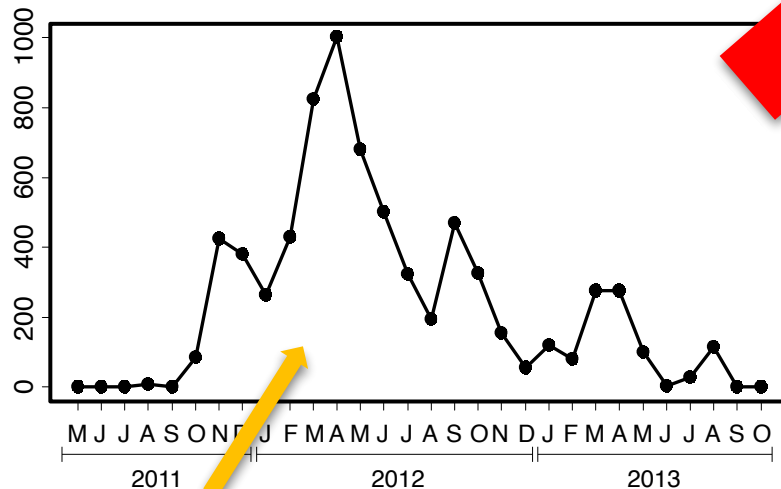
(Yamamuro et al. 2000; Buschbaum et al. 2009)

< Composition of silt contents >

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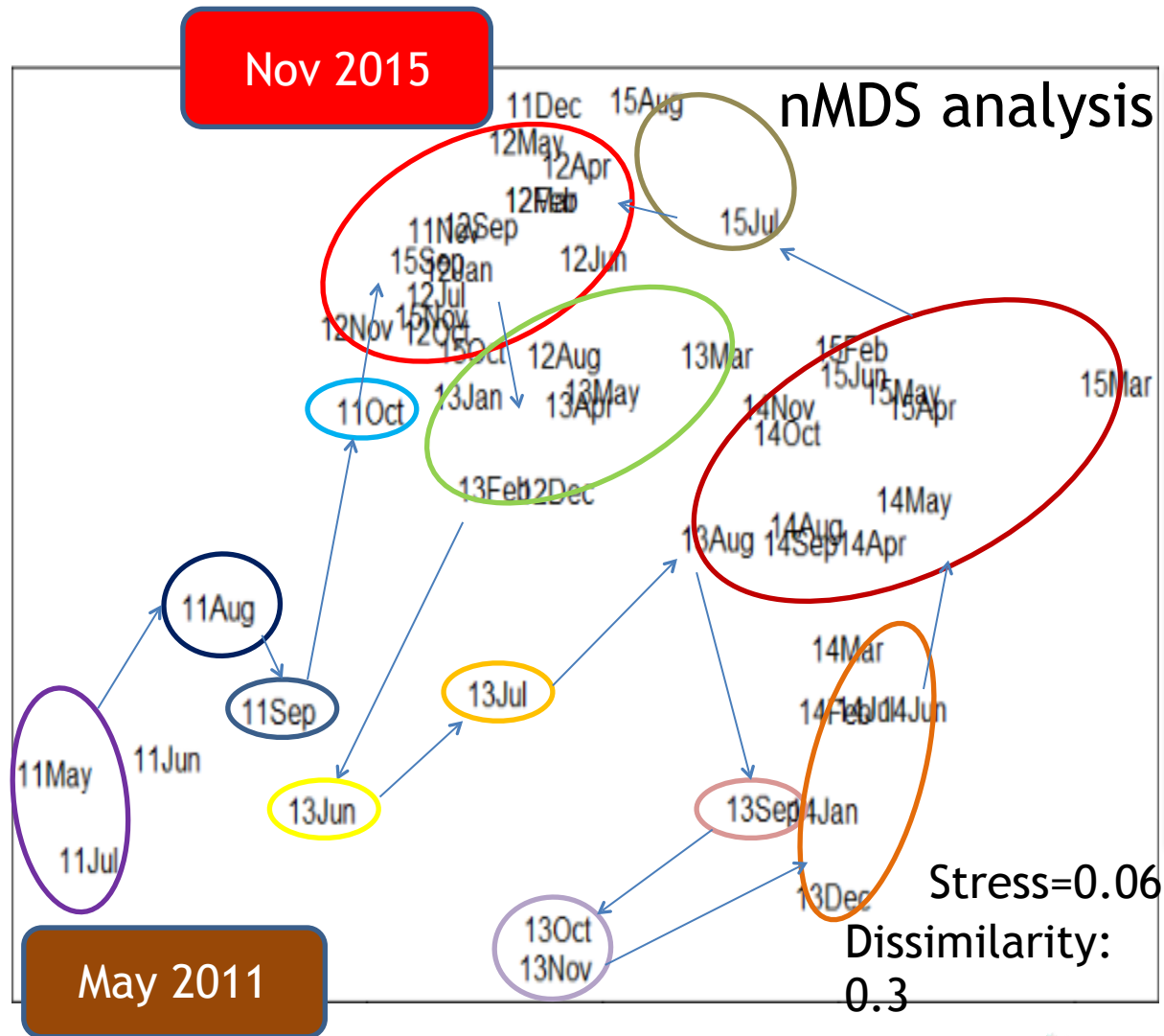


Change in the number of *A. senhousia*
(m²)



Increase in number in 2012

Changes in community structure in Mangoku



Changed to silty and muddy

The dominant species has been changed from species that prefer sandy bottom environments (*R. philippinarum*) to those that prefer muddy bottom systems (*M. incongrua* and *C. angustus*) owing to the increase in the silt content of the sediment.

Species composition and abundance of bivalves changed every year, indicating that the bivalve community was compositionally





We kept observing
the rock from 2011
until now

Sep 2011

From
Okoshi(2016)

K. Okoshi. 2016. **The Effects of Liquefaction, Tsunami, and Land Subsidence on Intertidal Mollusks Following the Great East Japan Earthquake**. In: J. Urabe & T. Nakashizuka (Eds). Ecological impacts of tsunamis on coastal ecosystems: Lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake. **Springer** pp.165-178.

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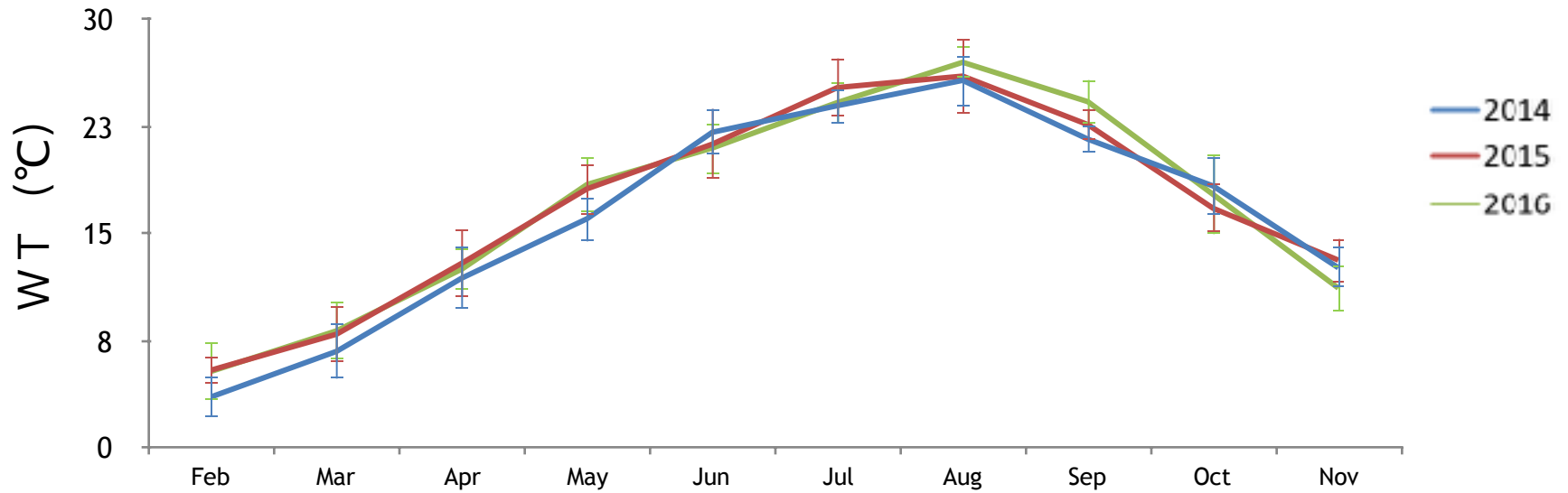
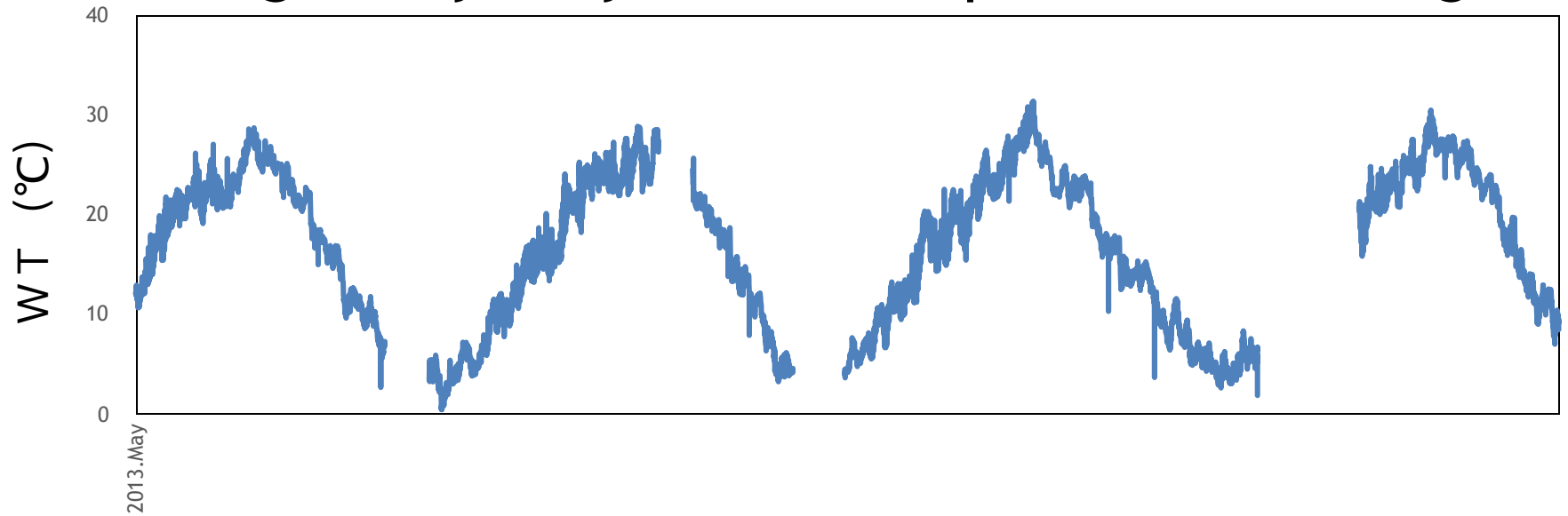


High tide



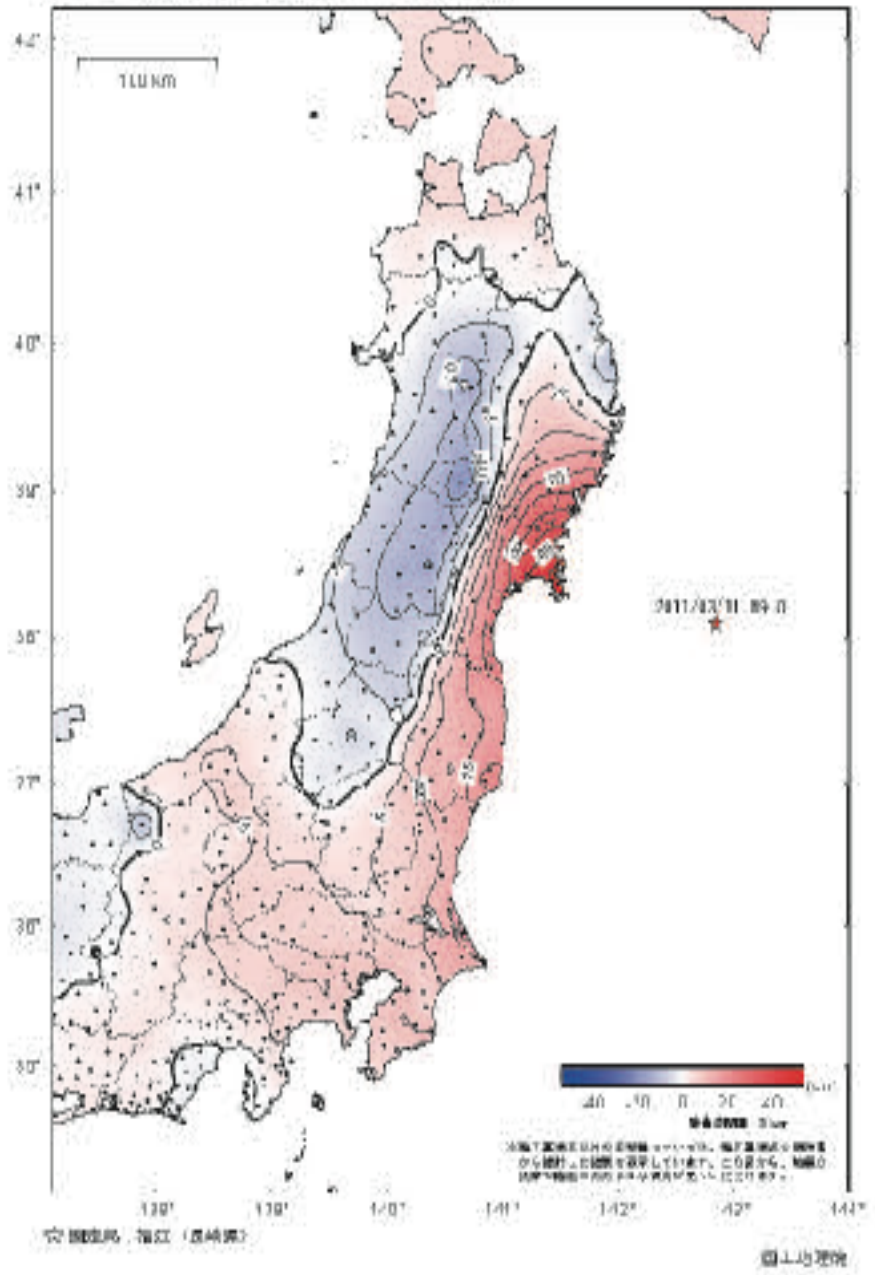
Low tide

Changes in yearly water temperature in Mangoku-ur



東北地方太平洋沖地震 (M_W 9.0) 後の地殻変動 (上下) — 本震発日から6年間の累積 —

基準期間 : 2011/03/12 — 2011/12/12 (F.S. : 岩手県)
比較期間 : 2017/02/01 — 2017/12/11 (F.S. : 岩手県)



Ground uplift Map from March 2011 to Feb. 2017 (in cm)

From the Geographical Survey Institute, Japan
(2017)

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Effect by uplift?

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Long-term effect -Change from subsidence to uplift

A gradual community change

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Phase 4: Artificial structure

Destruction by the tsunami



80cm subsidence after the earthquake



Construction of new and higher seawalls and artificial tidal flats

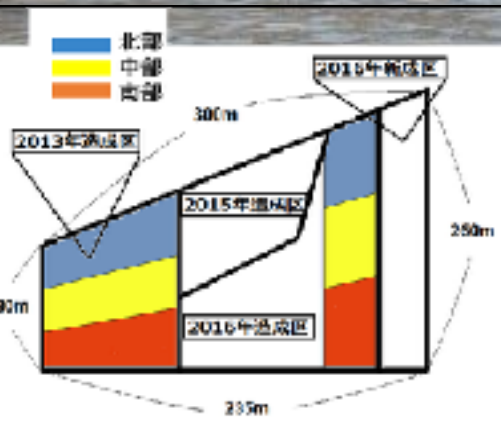
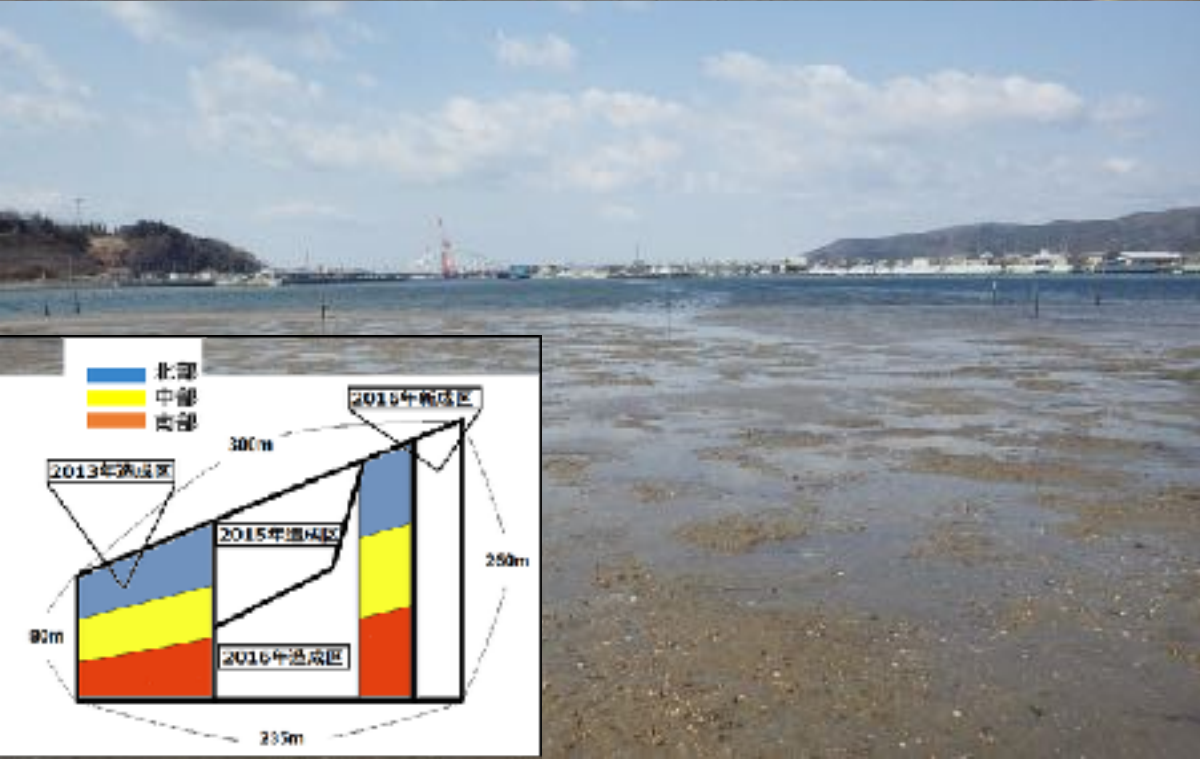
A&B: Artificial tidal flats made by mountain sediment in Mangoku-ura Inlet. C: Turbidity appear when stir the sand

A(Okoshi, 2015)



New recruitment of juvenile after the summer
in 2014
First fishery of clams after the earthquake in
2017

Start sand putting in
2013



Top articles of local newspapers



First fishery of clams after the earthquake

in

May 2017





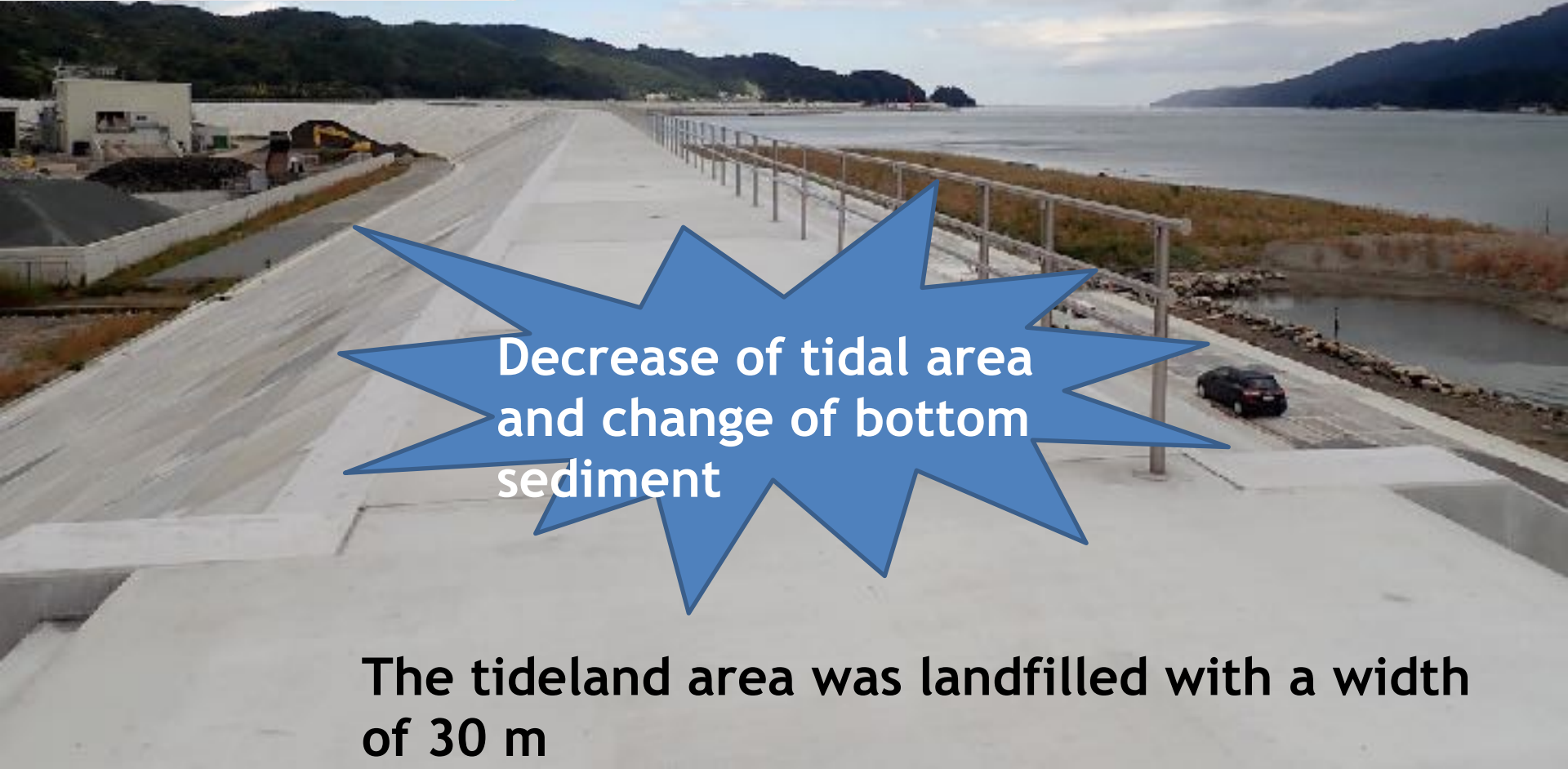


First shipment of clams





Tsunami seawall with a trapezoidal section




**Decrease of tidal area
and change of bottom
sediment**

**The tideland area was landfilled with a width
of 30 m**



Tanohata , Iwate Pref. in Oct.
2017





Taro Kanko Hotel

An aerial photograph of a coastal area. In the foreground, there is a large, flat, brownish area, possibly a construction site or a cleared field, outlined by a blue line. To the left, a harbor area contains several small boats and a few white trucks parked on a paved surface. In the background, there are green hills and a cloudy sky. A blue line runs diagonally across the image, separating the foreground from the background. The text 'Taro Kanko Hotel' is located in the upper right corner. The text 'Resident area' is located in the middle right. The text 'Industrial area' is located in the lower left, enclosed in a blue box. The text 'Outside of tsunami seawall' is located below the 'Industrial area' box.

Resident area

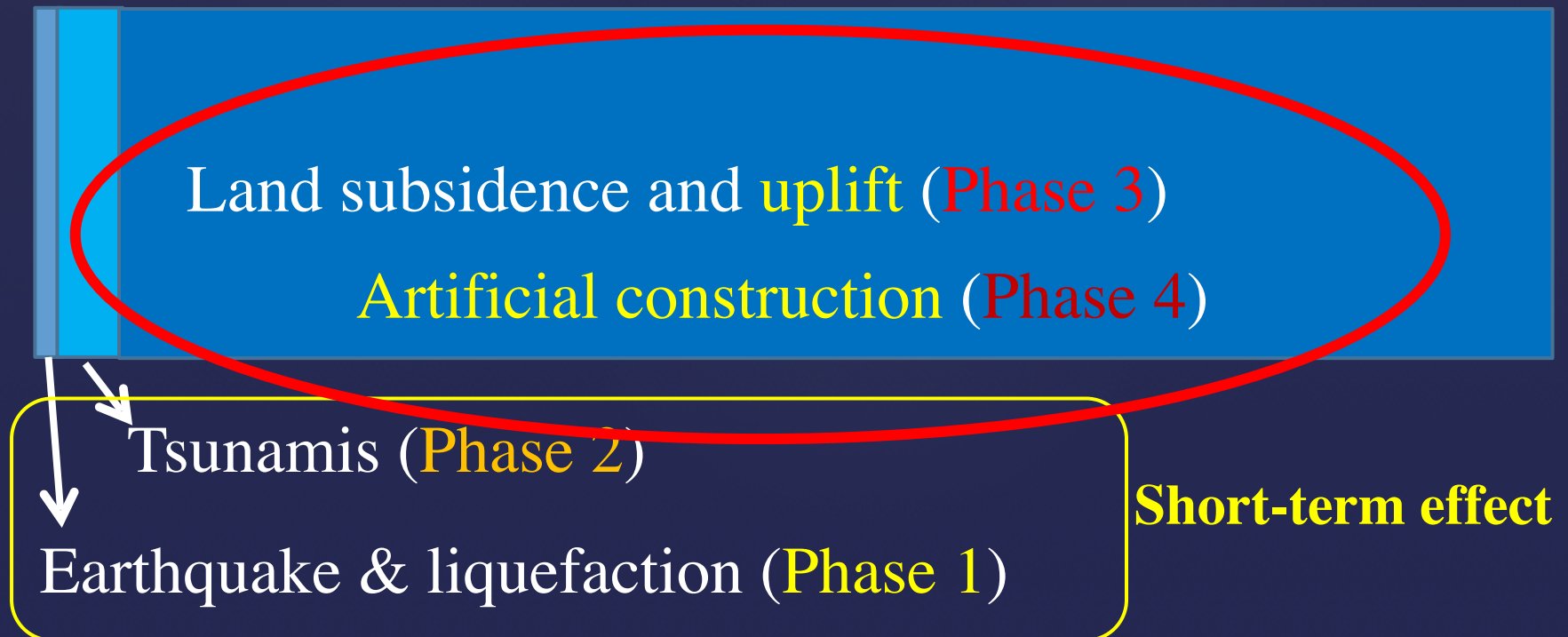
Industrial
area

Outside of tsunami seawall

Conclusion

The 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake

Research of mega earthquake (time series)



Conclusion in marine life

We have to clarify . . .

(2) **long-term effect** which may explain continuous changes in population with land subsidence, **uplift and artificial structure**

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Japan - Thailand Joint Workshop

on



Ecosystem Disturbances by Natural Disasters
such as Earthquakes and Tsunamis
(June 15~17, 2017)







Tsunami evacuation tower







Monuments made for the victims of the

Historical tsunami in the Azores archipelago (Portugal)

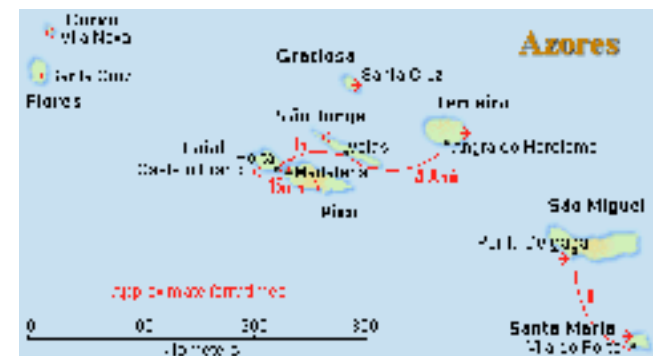
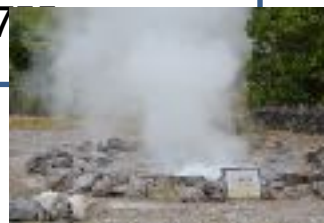
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Because of its exposed northern mid-Atlantic location, morphology and plate-tectonics setting, **the Azores Archipelago is highly vulnerable to tsunami hazards** associated with landslides and seismic or volcanic triggers, local or distal. Critical examination of available data - written accounts and geologic evidence - indicates that, since the settlement of the archipelago **in the 15th century, at least 23 tsunami have struck Azorean coastal zones**. Most of the recorded tsunami are generated by earthquakes. The highest known **run-up (11–15 m)** was recorded on 1 November 1755 on Terceira Island.



<http://www.ewpnet.com/azores/Terceira.htm>





Ponta Delgada, Azores
in Portugal, July 2013



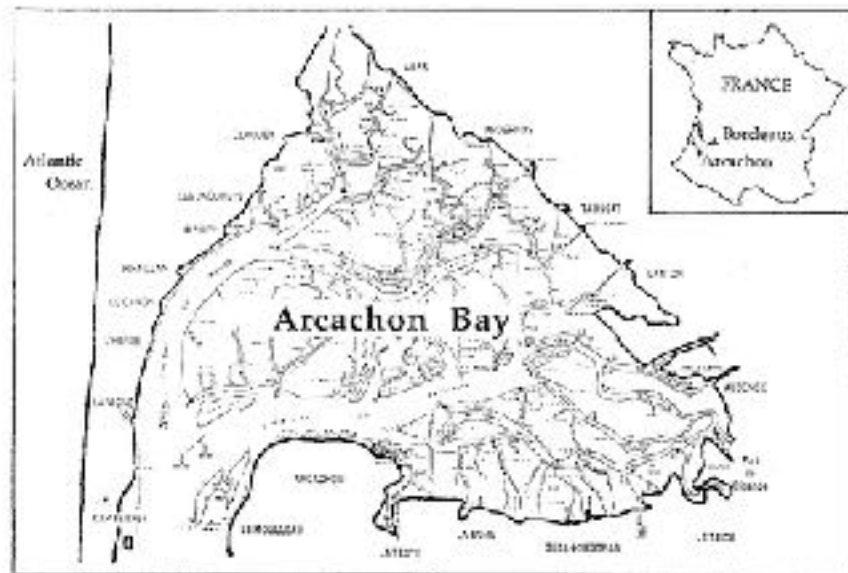
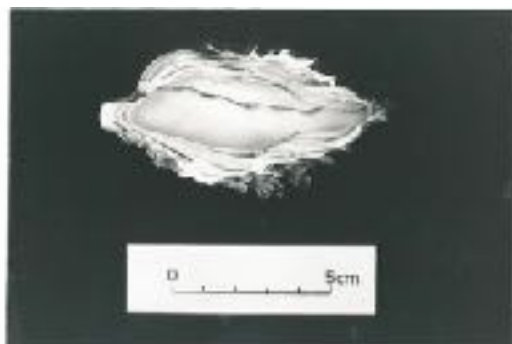


Fig.3 Map of Arcachon, France



Études sur
la
formation
de
coquilles
d'huîtres

Okoshi et al. 1987. Characteristics of shell chamber formation between the two local races in the Japanese oyster, *Crassostrea gigas*
Aquaculture 67, 313-320.

Okoshi et al. 1992. Proceedings of the Tecno-Ocean'92 International Symposium pp. 727-734.

Okoshi. 1992. Observations concernant la coexistence d'activités diverses sur le bassin d'Arcachon. Colloque Bordeaux Aquaculture 1992. Publication N° 33. 17-20



Fig.4 Arcachon Bay. Various activities are being conducted in Arcachon Bay. Major ones of them are oyster culture and sight-seeing industry centering on leisure boats. a:Seaside villa. b:Marina. c:Dune de Pyla, the largest sand dune in Europe. d:Teich Ornithological Park. e:Oyster farm. f:Spall (Seed oyster) collectors, curved tiles coated with plaster. g:Oyster fishing boats. h:Oyster farming community. The basins in which the oysters are fattened prior to sale (Cajon-Mestrac).



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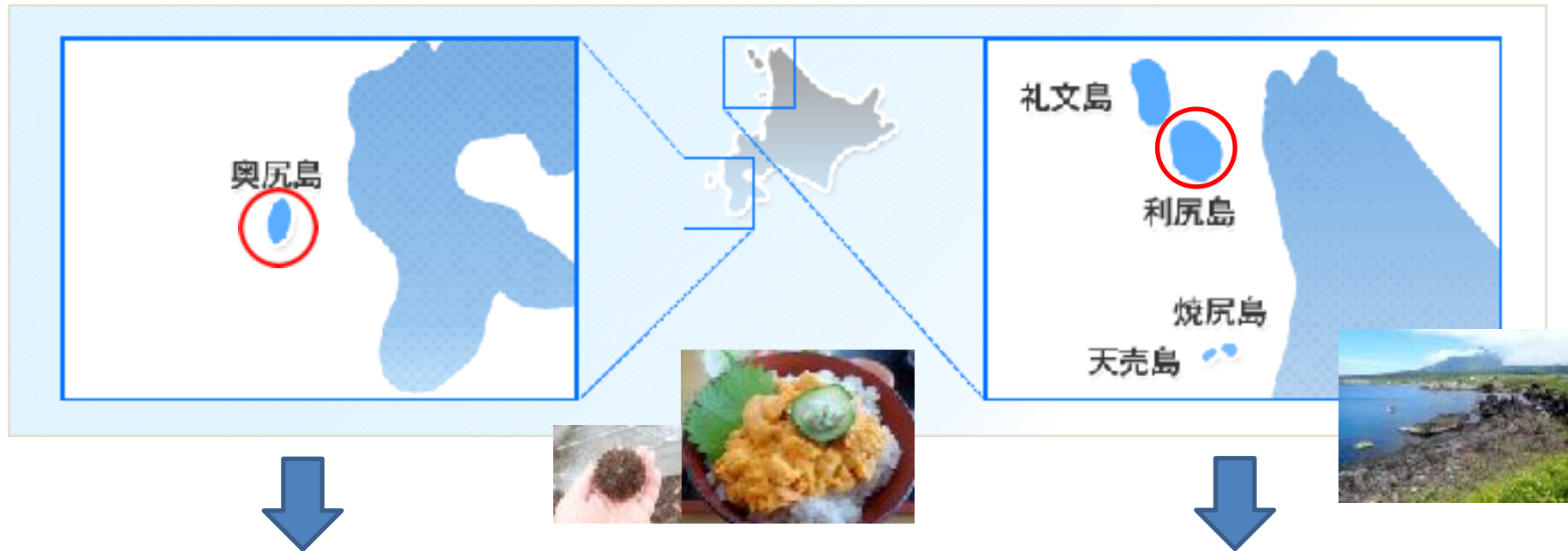


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Je ne peux pas voir la mer !

<http://www.club-t.com/hokkaido/special/island/>



Do you know the difference?



一部が欠けた名所「なべつる岩」——幹線道路・道前奥尻島線は陥没、土砂崩れなどで通行不能の箇所が数多くできた。
島のシンボル「なべつる岩」も地震により、頂上の一部が崩落したが、何とか原形をとどめる。©7796772/20180801/2020

Coastline of Okushiri Island, Hokkaido Japan. A: Natural coast. Coastal vegetation is continuous until the beach. B: Coast which are divided by the tsunami seawalls with some vegetation on the shore. C: Huge seawalls. There is no vegetation at all on the shore. (Okeshi, 2015)

The magnitude 7.7 earthquake occurred in 1993 near the Okushiri Island in southwest-off Hokkaido, northern Japan



A



B



C

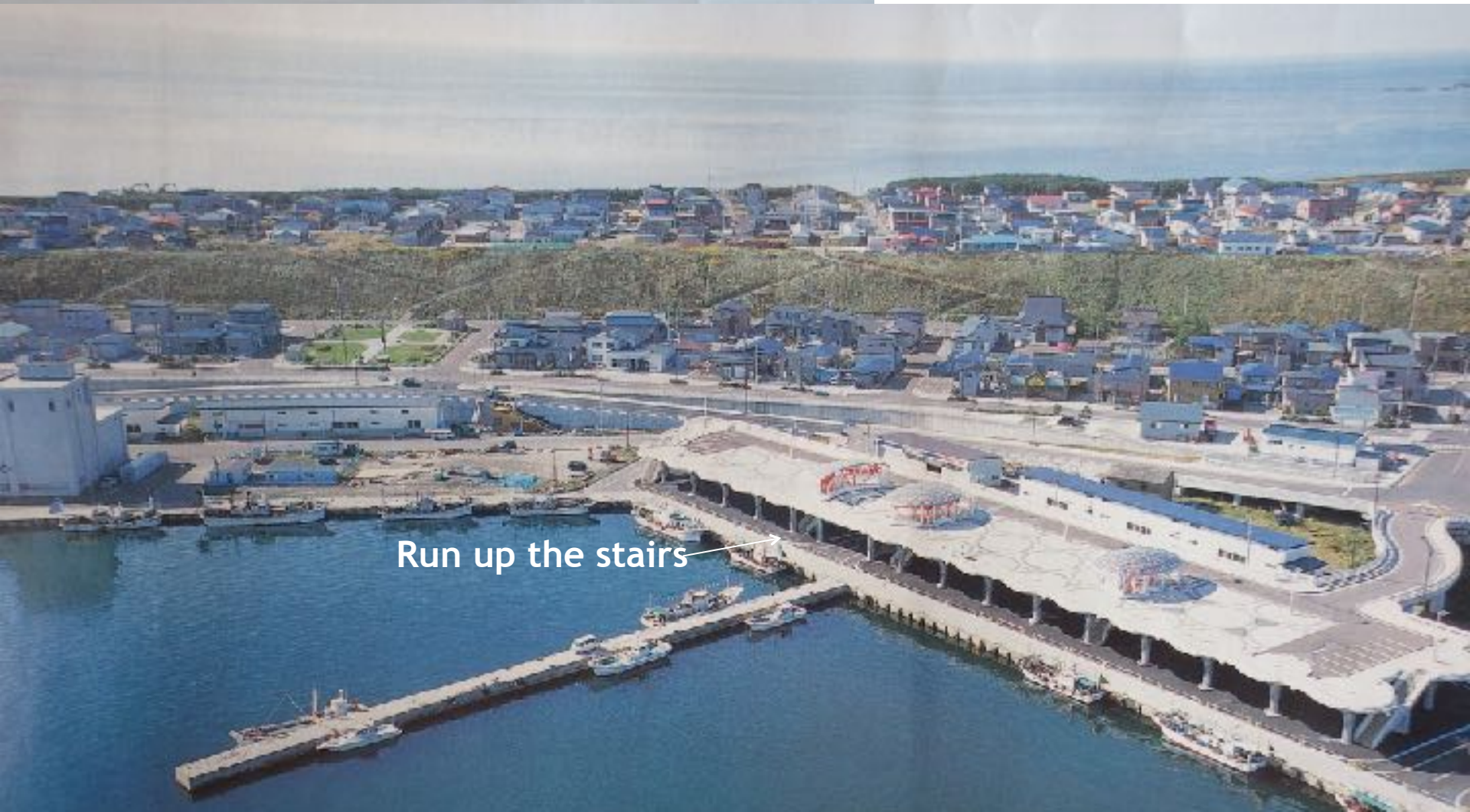




MODATE 光あふれる明日に向かって ROMINENCE プロミネンス

Pour demain plein de
lumière

Run up the stairs



24 years since the tsunami
disaster

Nobody is here !





DAVOS  SENDAI

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What is our choice
for the next
generation?

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Impact of repeating massive earthquakes on coastal marine life in Asia

Tsunami Biology

Key areas for collaboration



Phase 1: earthquake and liquefaction

Liquefaction induced by earthquake shaking occurred just after the earthquake **before arrival of the first tsunami**



Liquefaction is a phenomenon in which the strength and stiffness of a soil is reduced by earthquake shaking. The water spurted from the cracks, which looked like a jet of water. (just after the earthquake, March 11, 2011)

CONTRE L

Avec des amis, imaginez-vous. Que des amis intelligents et en même temps, naïfs, avec une grande et délicate sensibilité. Imaginez-vous. Vous, en train de le faire, à l'aise, et d'ailleurs, à l'aise, de lui en dire de travers. C'est tout ce que vous avez besoin de faire. C'est tout ce que vous avez besoin de faire. C'est tout ce que vous avez besoin de faire.

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elle défendue par de hautes
sur lesquelles viennent se briser
Le mur de béton qui l'enserme en
for par endroits 12 mètres de haut
du cap d'Aomae, au sud, il
vers le nord, épuisant le relief
d'une côte rocheuse, confuse
mer et les contreforts de petits
sés. Bloquée par la banquise au
mer d'Ochotsk, Okushiri, construi
léssé de ses hivers et la saveur de
s, arômes ou selches, a fait par
l'expérience des tsunamis. En
dix ans plus tard, le 12 juillet
par des vagues de 5 à 30 mètres
ont submergé le cap d'Aomae et
fictional oriental jusqu'à la point
lle, entraînant la mort de plus
sont habitants. En perdant d'un
de sa population, ce petit mor
re de 3 800 âmes isolé au milieu
a ainsi connu, à son échelle, un
rable à celui qui endeuille
l'océan Indien. Okushiri a mis
ans à se reconstruire et a installé
de protection perfectionné
az de marée.

Le sur la côte occidentale for
nés par les rafales déglan
elles de Sibirie, la côte orienta
de l'air froid, est pourtant raps
hillet 1993 par un triple

Okushiri, petite île
du Japon victime
d'un tsunami
en 1993,
a mis au point
un système
perfectionné
de protection
contre les raz
de marée. Toute
la population
est mobilisée

Old seawall, just after the earthquake (2011)



New seawall (2016)



Position of the old seawall edge

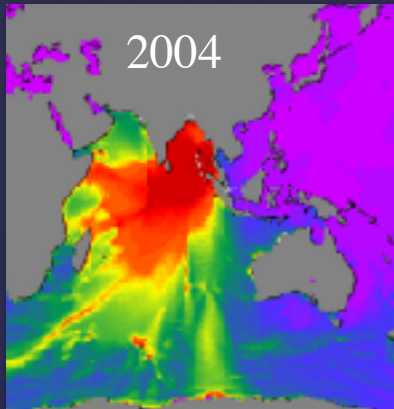


The background image shows a coastal area. On the left, a paved road curves along a grassy embankment. A concrete seawall runs along the edge of the road, separating it from a body of water. The water is calm, and the sky is overcast. In the distance, some land and structures are visible across the water.

Old seawall, just after the earthquake (2011)

New seawall Tidal flat area was greatly reduced due to the influence of land subsidence and tsunami seawall construction

Tsunami & Marine Life in Asia



<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/spotlight/tsunami/image/pmelmamaxcomputedamplitude.gif>

Tropical zone

13 years

Prof. Chavanich
and her collaborators

2011



Temperate zone
(Rias coast)

6 years

Prof. Sato-Okoshi
Prof. Okoshi
Dr. Abe
Mr. Suzuki

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