

# TC Roving Seminar 2015 in RAO (4-6 NOV)

# Topic A: Risk Reduction and Mitigation of Sediment-related Disaster

- (1) Sediment-related disaster in Japan
  - The features, tendency and actual situation –
- (2) Sediment Disaster Countermeasures
  - Structural Measures and Monitoring for the Preservation of National Land
- (3) Non-structural Measures
  - Designation of Sediment Disaster Alert Areas, Soil Precipitation Index, Warning and Evacuation systems -

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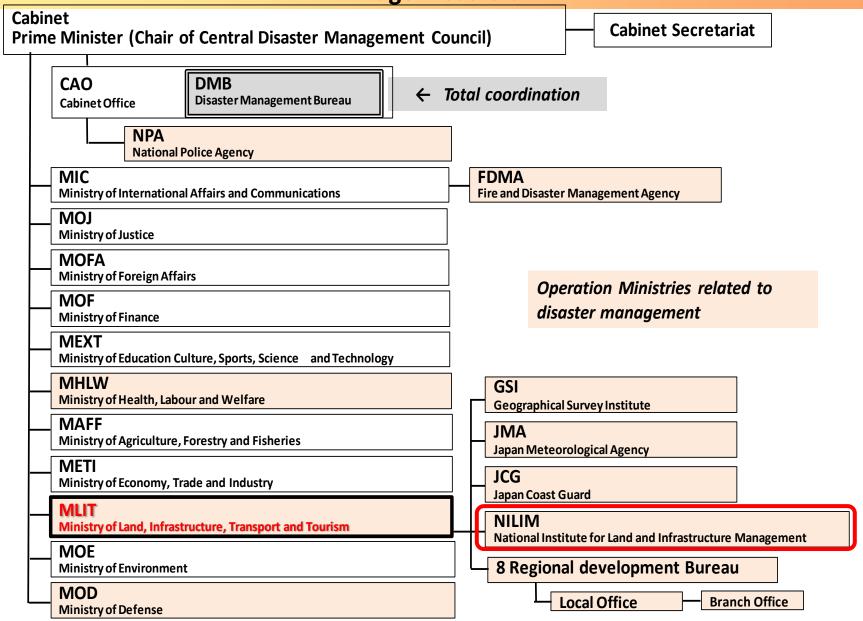
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Disaster Management System in central government in case of Huge Disasters

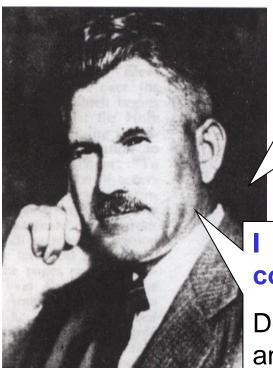


XOrganization chart has been simplified from a real organization chart



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#### "SABO"砂防?



I propose that we shall call erosion-control technology "SABO".

Proposal in question and answer session at the meeting of International Association of Hydrological Sciences in Brussels, Belgium. (1951)

I expect that Japan will be the world leader in torrent control works, or "Sabo"

Description in the report to Bureau of Economic Sciences and Natural Resources Division in GHQ. (1952)

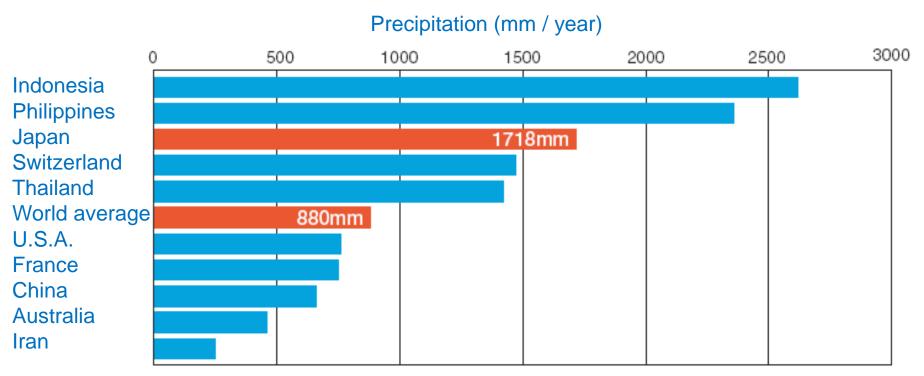
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U.S. Truman Presidential Technical Committee Chairman of the Supreme. He visited Japan for inspection of flood control projects in 1951.



#### Why Do Dangerous Sediment-transport Phenomena Occur Frequently?

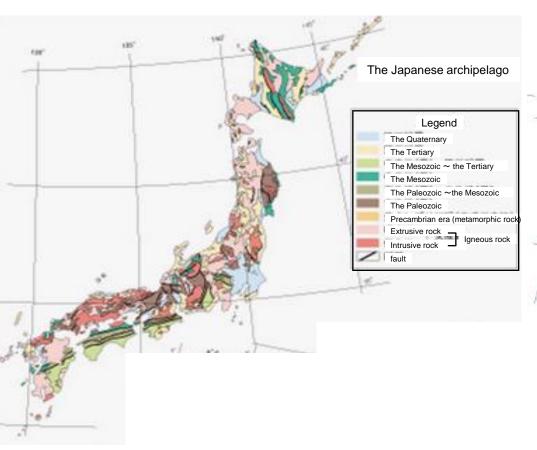
Japanese precipitation is twice as much as the world average.



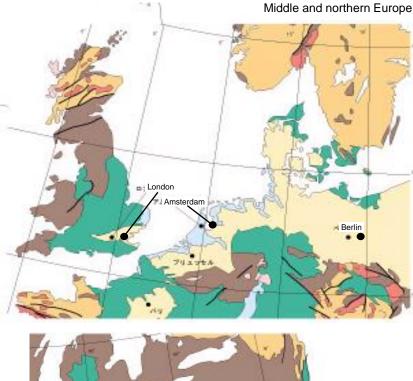
http://www.mlit.go.jp/river/pamphlet\_jirei/bousai/saigai/kiroku/suigai/suigai\_3-1-1.html

#### Why Do Dangerous Sediment-transport Phenomena Occur Frequently?

Complex geological formation and many faults









Source: "Geological Features and Geological Environment of the Japanese Archipelago: For the Management of Rich and Safe Land", Japan Geotechnical Consultants **Association** 

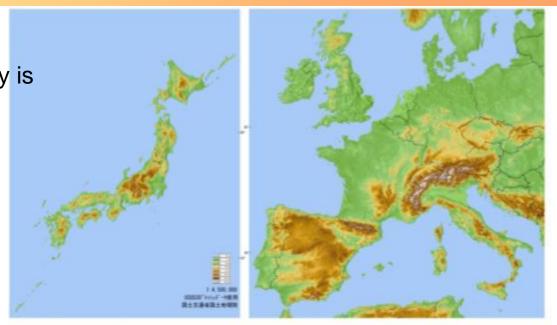


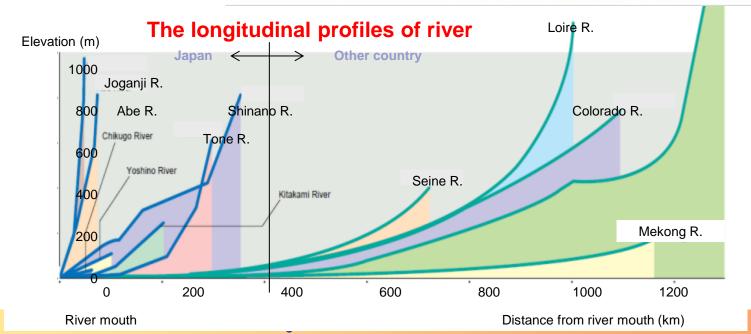
#### The topography is very steep

About 73% of the national territory is occupied by mountain land.

About 68% is covered by forest.

The rivers are short and rapid.



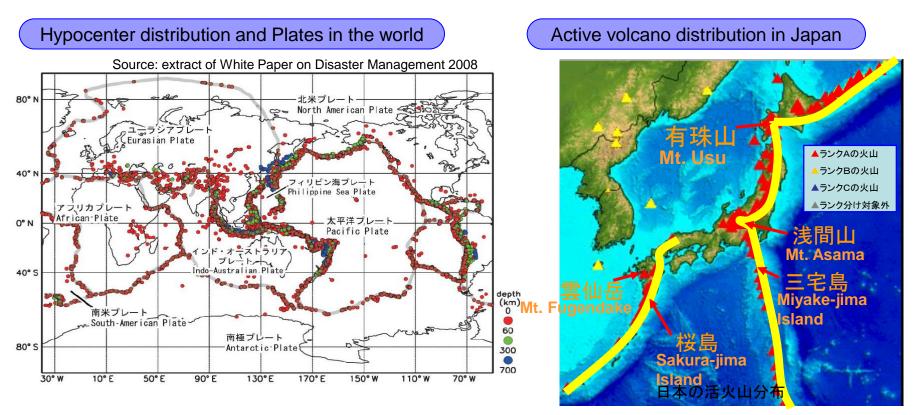


# △ Why Does It Lead to Disaster?

Small inhabitable land area → "Dangerous sediment-transport phenomenon" and "people's livelihoods" tend to overlap.

country	Area of country	Area of inhabitable land	Inhabitable land as a percentage of total land area (%)
Japan	37.86	10.35	27.3
UK	24.38	20.63	84.6
France	54.79	39.72	72.5
German	35.67	23.79	66.7





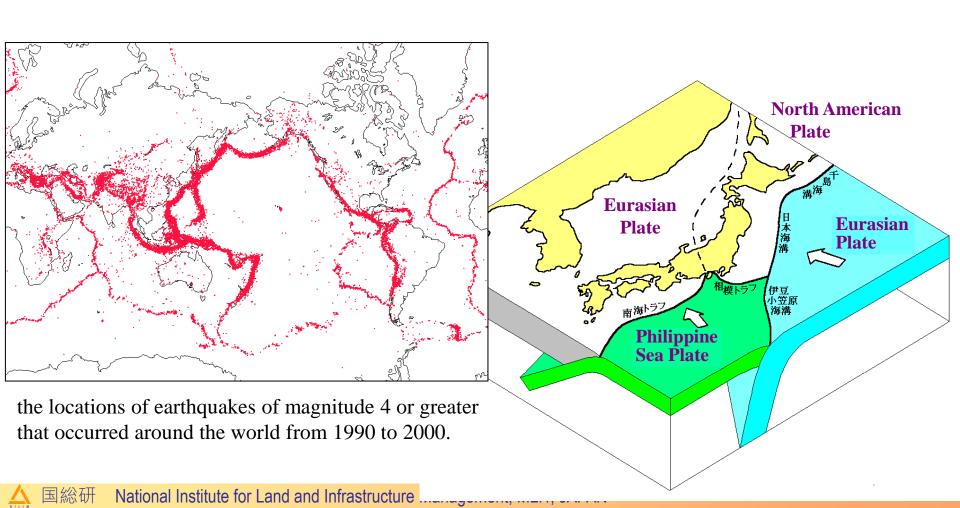
(Note)1998-2007, magnitude 5 or greater, Source: Formulated by JMA based on the epicenter data of the United States Geological Survey

# Japanese islands vulnerable to damages by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions

#### /Japan is one of the most earthquake-prone nations in the world

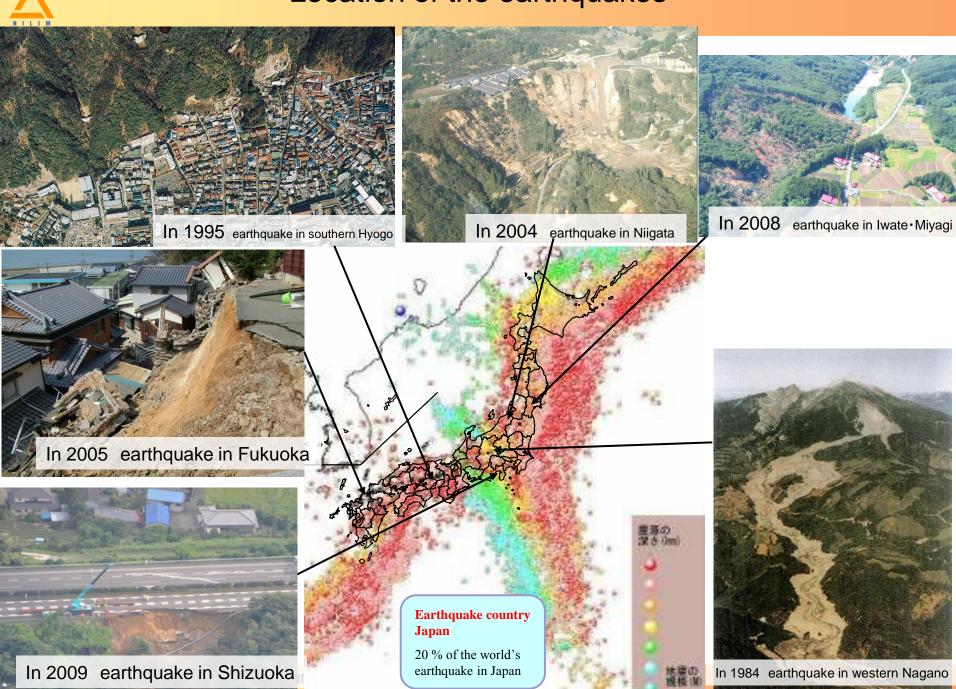
Japan lies at the nexus of the Philippine, Eurasian, and Pacific plates.

In an area that makes up only 0.25% of the world, more than 20% of the world's earthquakes of magnitude of 6 or above occur in Japan.





#### Location of the earthquakes





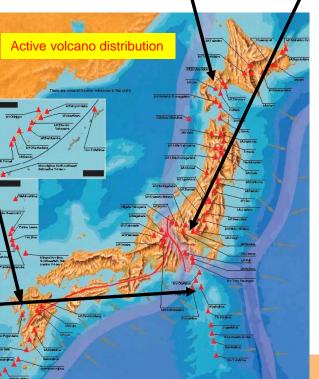
#### **Volcanic Activity**



in 1990 **Mount Unzen-Fugen** Great number of mud flood/flow occur Dead and missing rise to 43.



Mount Usu in March 2000 No casualties due to quick evacuation.





Mid-scale eruption after an absence of 21 years.



Mount Kirishima (Shinmoedake)In January 2011 Mid-scale eruption after an absence of 54 years.





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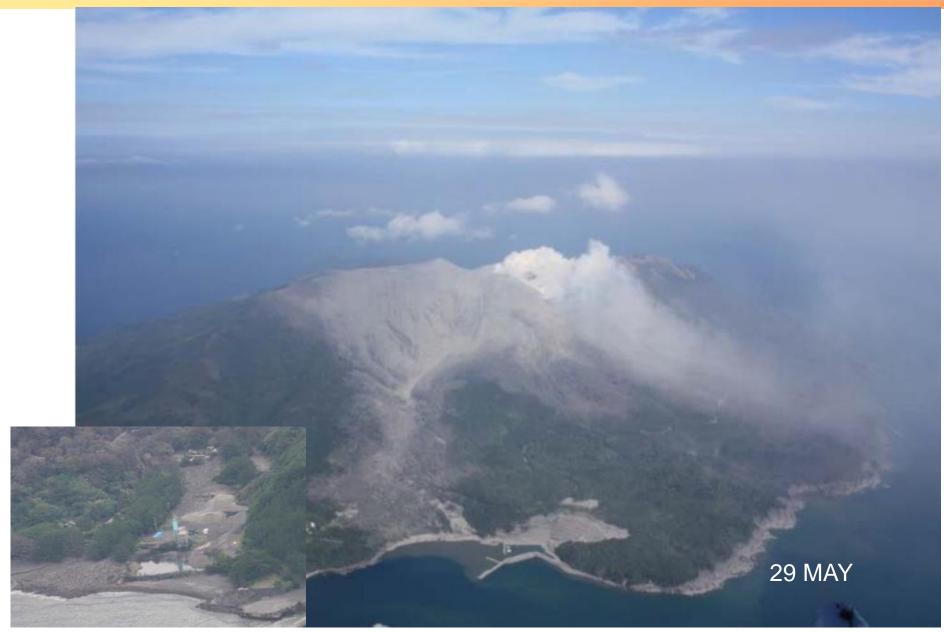


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#### Volcano Kuchinoerabu Island





#### Ash fall by Volcano Aso eruption on 14 SEP 2015





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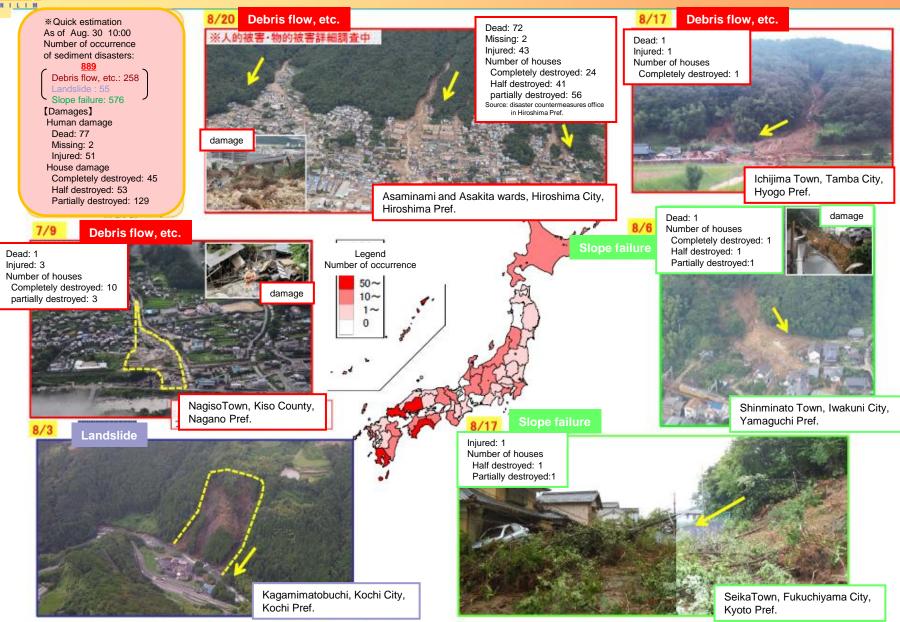


#### Sediment Disaster in Japan in 2015



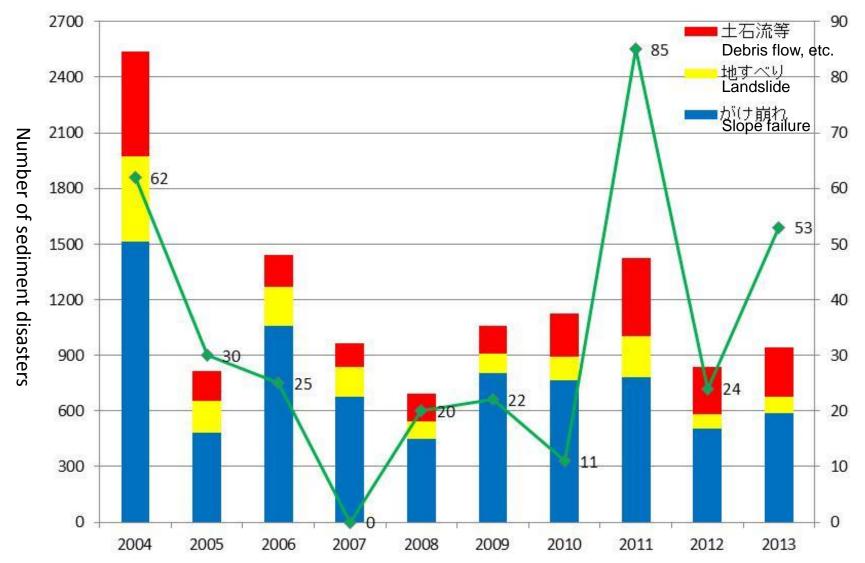
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#### Sediment Disaster in Japan in 2014





#### 2004~2013 Number of sediment disasters, deaths or missing persons



Number of deaths or missing persons

Note: (1) The graph above was created based on the press release "Number of Sediment Disasters in Japan from 2004 to 2013," Sabo Department, MLIT.

(2) The figures for 2013 are as of December 31.

## Types of sediment disasters

BXILEDWINS

山脈から土物が遅れ出す



Jul. 10, 1997 Debris flow in Harihara, Izumi City, Kagoshima Pref.

#### Slope failure

**Debris flow** 

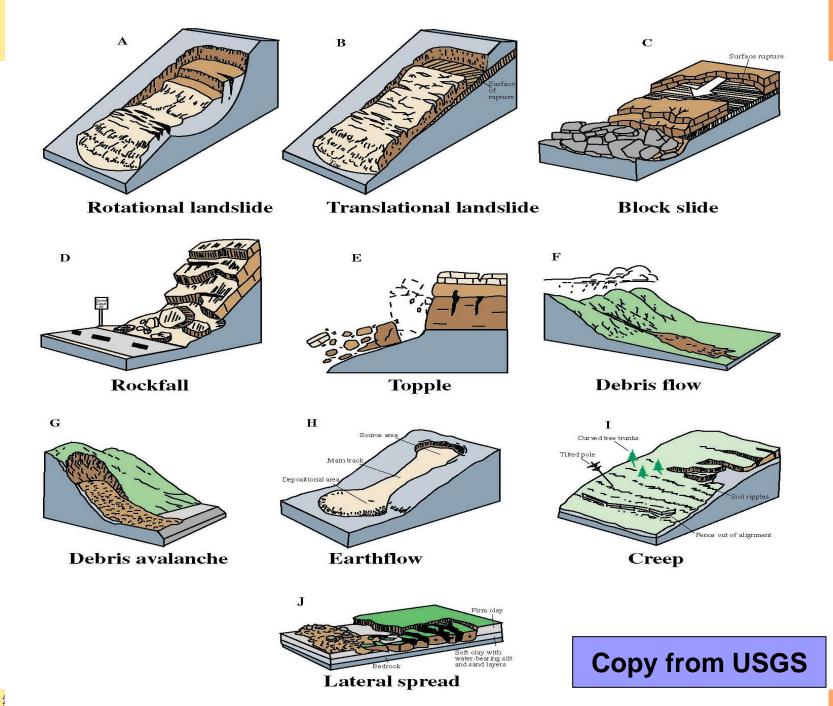


Jul. 26, 1985

Slope failure in Aira town, Kagoshima Pref. Slope failure in Aira town, Kagoshima Pref. Nagano Pref. Landslide around Nagano City, Nagano Pref.

Landslide







## 2014年07月09日 17時34分93秒

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#### Debris flow in Yomikaki area (Nashizawa), Nagiso town, Nagiso county, Nagano Pref. in 2014



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Occurred in Jul. 9, 2014
ODamages:

Dead: 1

Slightly injured: 3

Completely destroyed house: 10 Partially destroyed house: 3

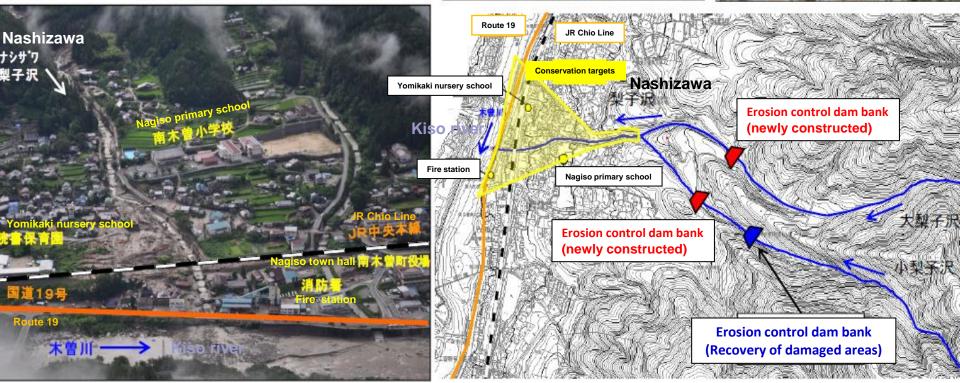
**OConservation targets** 

Houses: 1

Route 19, JR Chuo Line, etc.

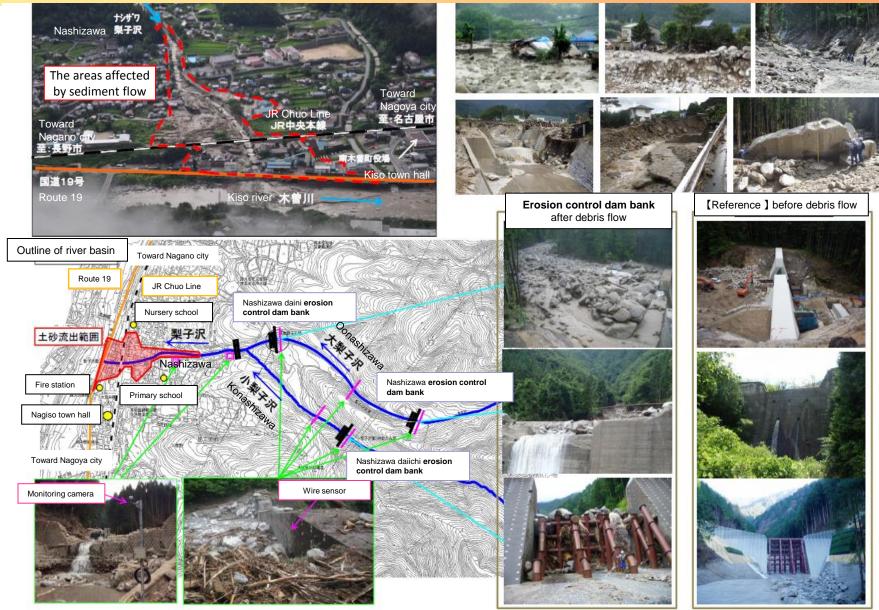








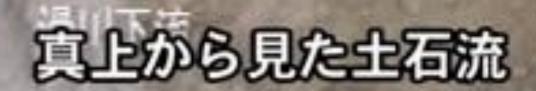
#### Damages by debris flow



土石流 長野県・焼岳上々堀沢 1999. 7. 3

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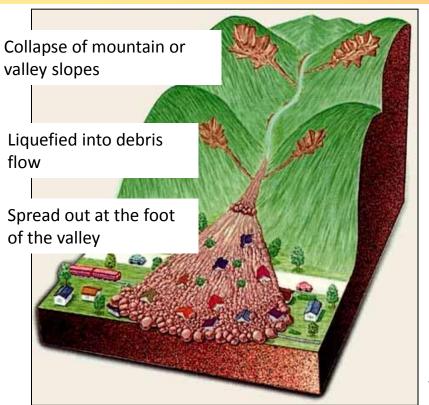




Flash flood



#### Debris flow



Debris flow disaster in Harihara River
Occurred at 0:45AM on Jul. 10, 1997
Dead: 21, injured: 13, Number of
houses completely destroyed:29
Continuous rainfall 400.5 mm

JR Kagoshima Line
(current Line: Satsuma Orange Line)

←Source: Website of the Sabo Department, MLIT ↑

A debris flow is a phenomenon of massive flow of liquefied debris of a mountain or valley collapsed due to heavy rain.

In some cases, a debris flow can be caused by earthquakes, snowmelt, or volcanic ash.

A debris flow can dash down the slope as fast as 60km per hour, destroying people, houses and fields in an instant.

A characteristic of a debris flow is that it travels along a river for several kilometers.

Source: Website of Sediment Disaster Pretension Publicity Center



Movie of slope failure



#### Slope failures





Yaotsu town, Gifu Pref. on Jul. 15, 2010 (source: Website of Chunichi newspaper ↑) ( ←source: Pasco)



↑ Makinohara city, Shizuoka Pref. on Aug. 10, 2009 Tomei Expressway shoulder fall (source: Pasco)



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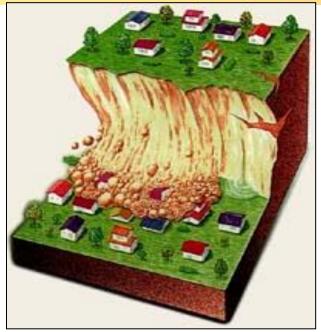
Mimasaka City, Okayama Pref. on Aug. 9, 2009 (←source: Pasco)

(↓Website of Sanyo newspaper)





#### Slope failures



A slope failure is a phenomenon of a collapse of a slope caused by rainwater that seeps into the soil, an earthquake, or a change in temperature.

The scale of a slope failure is usually small compared to debris flow or a landslide, but is characterized by a sudden occurrence.

Since more people live near the foot of mountains due to residential development in hilly areas and urbanization, a slope failure occurs near the houses and the damage is increasingly evident.

Source: Website of the Sabo Department (http://www.mlit.go.jp/river/sabo/index.html)



What is a "slope"?

Definition: Land with an inclined ground surface of 30 degrees or more from a horizontal surface excluding hard bedrock (except for extremely weathered bedrock).

Source: "Technical Standards for Slope/Retaining Wall"

#### August 2, 1993

A slope failure occurred along the new residential area in Aira-cho, Kagoshima Prefecture.

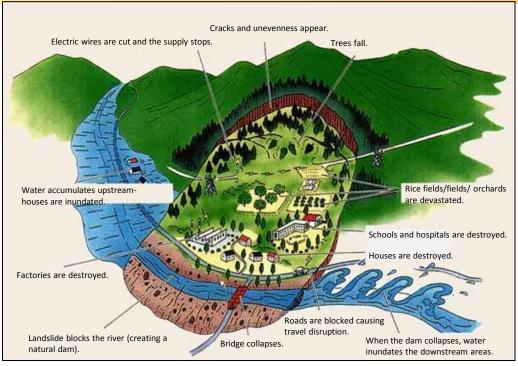
(The collapsed slope has been converted to an erosion control park.)



Movie of landslides



#### Landslides



A landslide is a phenomenon of a downward sliding of an inclined plane within a specific range.

Besides heavy rainfall, a landslide is caused by raised ground water level by snowmelt.

A landslide may also occur when an imbalance is caused by slope improvement work.

Source: Website of the Sabo Department (http://www.mlit.go.jp/river/sabo/index.html)



Landslide Hiesawa, Nikaho City, Akita Pref. source: Asia Air Survey CO., LTD.



#### Landslides

#### **Mechanism of Landslides**

(1) Water pools between impermeable strata (bedrock, etc.) and permeable strata due to rainfall or snowmelt.





(2) The sliding force becomes greater than the friction force due to the pooled water, causing a landslide.

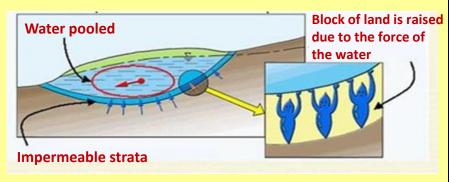


Figure: Excerpt from the "Expedition Team of Hometown Safety," Sediment Disaster Pretension Publicity Center

#### **Category of landslides**

#### (1) Tertiary Landslide

A large number of tertiary landslides occurs in the Tohoku region and Niigata/northern part of Nagano prefecture. When mixed with water, shale rocks and tuff become clay-like.

#### (2) Shear Zone Landslide

A shear zone is a belt zone created by mangled rocks affected by faulting of strata and is partially clay-like. It is commonly found in the areas along large faults, such as the Median Tectonic Line.

#### (3) Hot-spring Landside

It occurs where the strata becomes clay-like soil affected by hot-spring heat or gas. It is observed in volcanic and hot-spring areas.

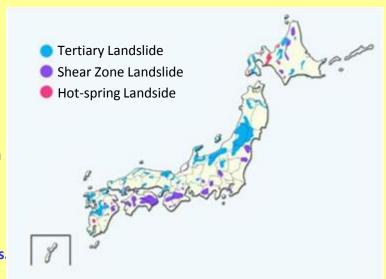


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# **Deep-seated Landslides**

Part of the slope of the mountains or hill indicates that a collapsing phenomenon may occur at the base as well as the topsoil layer (deeply weathered rock layers). Deep-seated landslides are characterized by a sudden and transient movement of soil and rocks at a high speed. Violent disturbance and deformation of the mountain or hill usually occurs during the event. Deep-seated landslides occur more often in areas of particular geology or geological structure, and are particular common in accretionary wedges\* found in parts of Japan such as the Shimanto belt. Tree root systems cannot be expected to prevent landslides because the position of the slip surface is deep.

Sediment volume compared to shallow landslides is large, and the range of sediment volume is extremely large. The larger the amount of sediment, the smaller the equivalent friction coefficient becomes and the range has an increasing trend. Also, the larger the amount of sediment, the frequency of occurrence is smaller. Causes that trigger a deep-seated landslide include rainfall, earthquakes, melting snow, and volcanic eruption; however, most occurrences are due to rainfall and earthquakes.

\* Accretionary wedges: Most of the material in the accretionary wedge consists of marine sediments accreted onto a subducting overriding plate.

Review Committee report and recommendations related to the basics of deep-seated landslides March 2012, Japan Society of Erosion Control Engineering

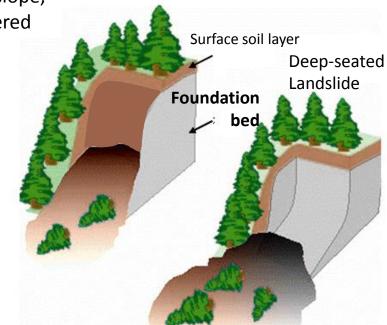


## Deep-seated Landslide

➤ It is a phenomenon of collapse of a part of mountain or hill slope, entailing a collapse of not only the surface soil layer (weathered layer), but also its foundation bed underneath.

It is caused by heavy rainfall, earthquake, snowmelt, etc.

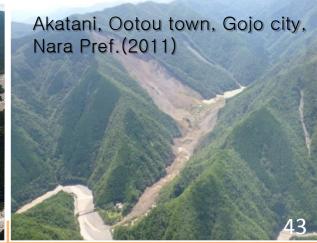
- Characteristics of deep-seated Landslide
   The movement of soil and rock mass is sudden.
- Soil and rock mass move quickly.
- Soil and rock mass are smashed into pieces, losing their original form.
- The volume of sediment is larger and it travels further than in the case of surface slope failure.



Surface slope failure









#### Example of deep-seated landslide caused by heavy rain

There are cases where the soil moved by a deep-seated landslide slides down the slope as debris flow or forms a landslide dam.





Mimikawa, Miyazaki Pref. (2005)

deep-seated

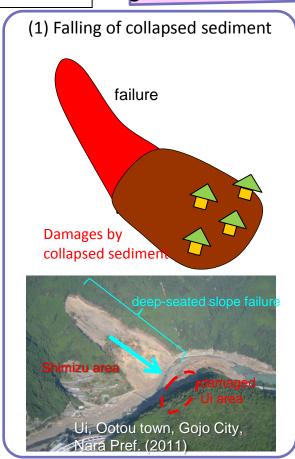
Wanizukayama, Miyazaki Pref. (2005)

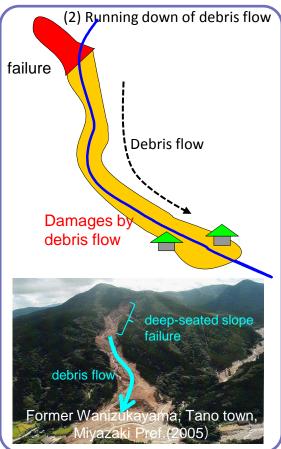
# Sediment disasters caused by deep-seated Landslide

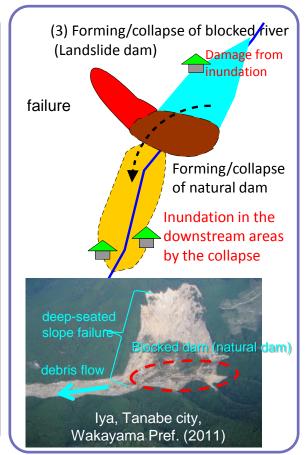
- The frequency of occurrence of deep-seated landslide <u>is very low,</u> at 31 cases in the 10 years from 2001 to 2010, among the sediment disasters which occur about 1000 times every year.
- > Compared to the surface slope failure, it may cause huge damage when occurring because of a large volume of moving sediment.
- > Types of disasters caused by the deep-seated landslide are described below.

Affected area small

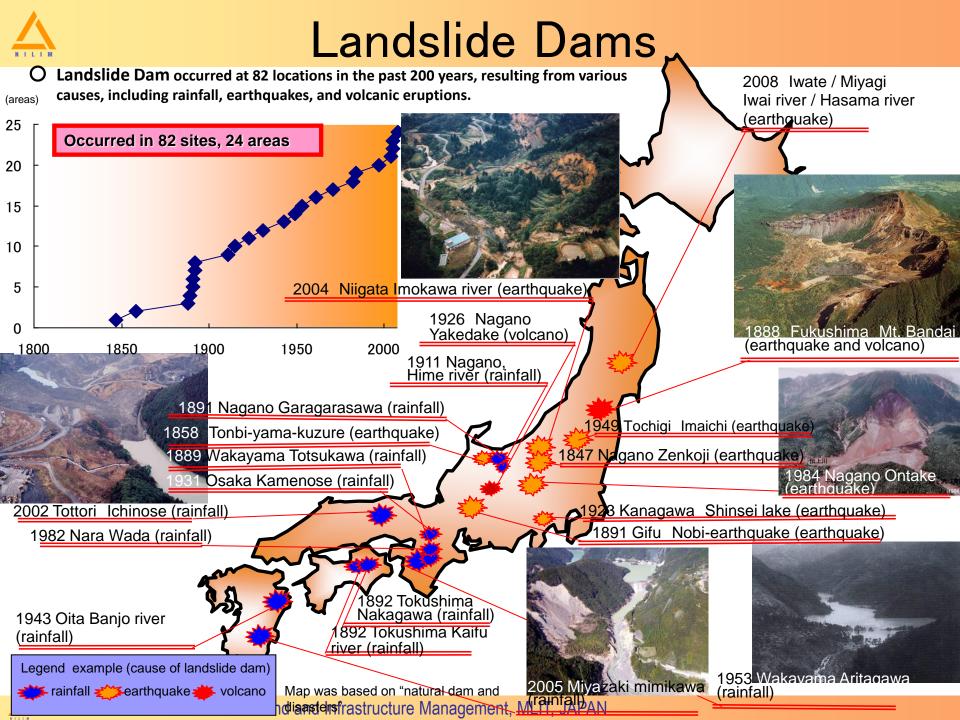
Moving velocity large small





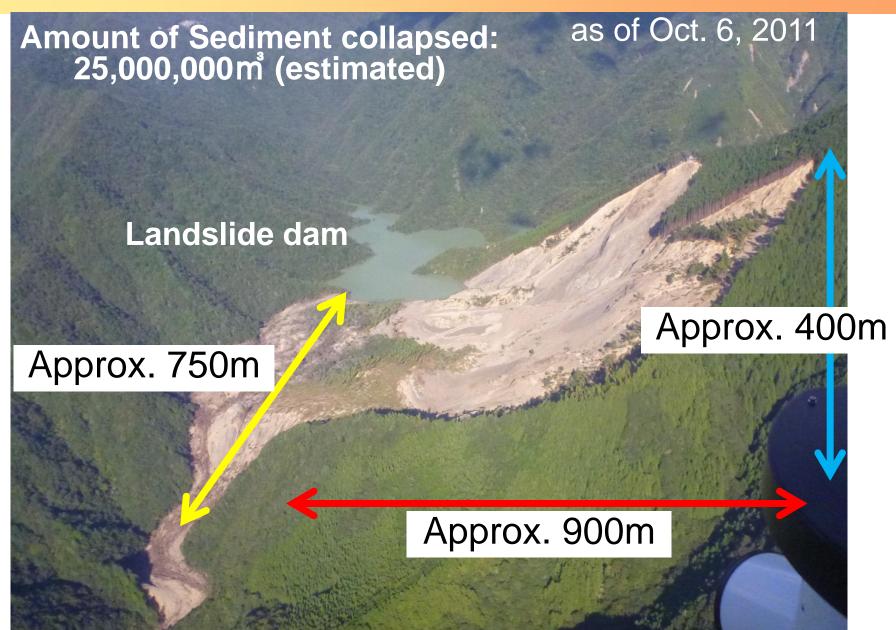


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# Kuridaira, Kii peninsula in September, 2011





## Collapse of Landslide dam in Indonesia in July 2013

- July 12, 2012: River blockage caused by a large-scale collapse in the Way Ela River basin, Ambon Island, Maluku Province
- Natural dam with a height of 120m and the amount of submerged water of approximately 1.6 million m³ (estimation at the time of collapse)
- Overflow occurred at around 10:00 on July 25, 2013, and the bank broke at around 12:30.
   Most of the natural dam disappeared, leaving a small lake.
- Left three people dead or missing, almost all of the 470 houses of 5227 residents were swept away (60% of the village).



Jul. 25 around 11:30

Jul. 12, 2012





Jul. 25, 2013



After breach of natural dam



Inundation of downstream



# Cases of landslide dam breaches











#### Sediment Disasters That Cause Losses in Human Lives

Sediment disasters account for a large proportion of casualties caused by natural disasters. About 60 percent of the dead or missing in sediment disasters were people who need assistance during a disaster.

■ number of deaths/missing persons by natural disasters

1967 ~ 2012

(except for deaths/missing by Hanshin-Awaji earthquake and Great East Japan earthquake)

Other natural disasters 3,458 persons (40%) 5,082 persons (60%)

Sediment disasters

X Source: White Paper on Disaster Management 2012 for the number of casualties (dead or missing) per year. Figures for sediment disasters are based on the study of the Sabo Department, MLIT.



Hanokidaira, Shirakawa city, Fukushima Pref. Occurred on 11 Mar. 2011 by Great East Japan earthquake 13 persons died

Proportion of people requiring assistance during a disaster among the casualties in sediment disasters

2009 ~ 2013

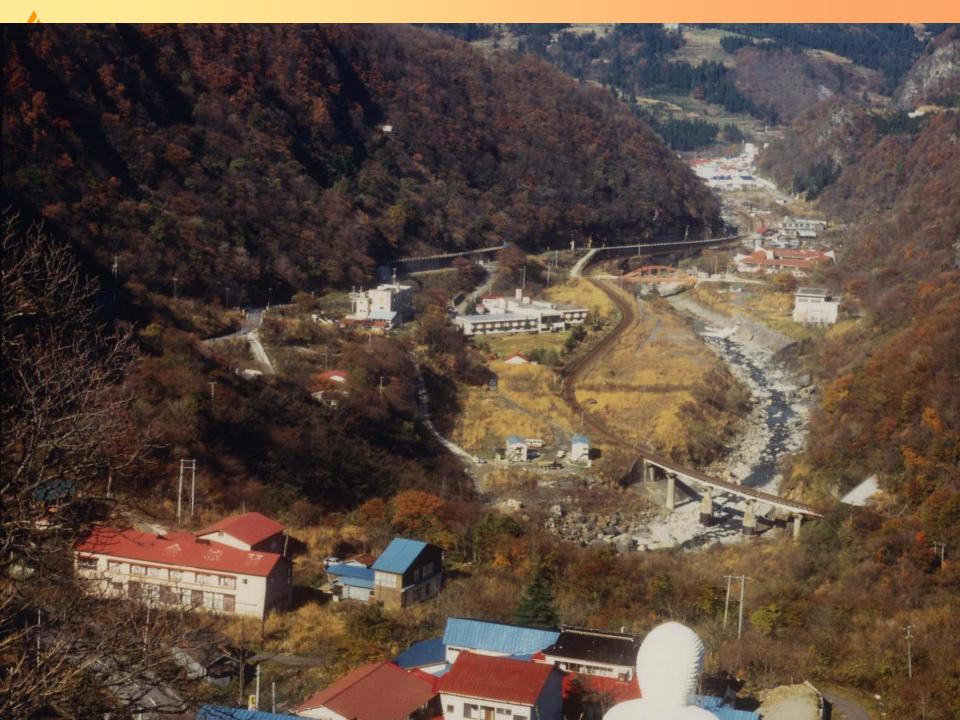




Hofu city, Yamaguchi Pref. Occurred in July 2009 7 persons died (who need assistance during a disaster)









#### **Characteristics of Sediment Disaster**

#### **OSudden**

→Earthquake: directly leading to disaster. Debris flow, etc. without rainfall or premonition

## OHigh rate of deaths or missing persons

→Devastating phenomenon

# OVarious causes/factors

→ Rainfall, increase in ground water, earthquake, geographic and geological features, etc.

## OChange in the geographical features

→Landslide dam, sudden rise of riverbed, volcanic activity, etc.



# Intensifying damage from sediment disasters caused by localized torrential downpour/large earthquake/volcanic eruption, etc.

- Heavy rain: Debris flow disaster in Izu-Oshima island occurred by Typhoon No.26 in 2013, Northern Kyushu heavy rainfall disaster in Jul. 2012, Kii peninsula flood in Sep. 2011, etc.
- Earthquake: Great East Japan earthquake, Iwate-Miyagi interior earthquake, etc.
- Volcano : Mt. Kirishima (Shin-moe-dake) in 2011, Sakura-jima island, etc.



Eruption of Shin-moe-dake, Mt. Kirishima in Miyazaki and Kagoshima Prefectures in Jan. 2011



Sediment disaster in Aso district, Kumamoto Pref. in Jul. 2012



Landslide in Hanokidaira, Fukushima Pref. by Great East japan earthquake in Mar. 2011



Debris flow in Senboku city, Akita Pref. in Aug. 2013



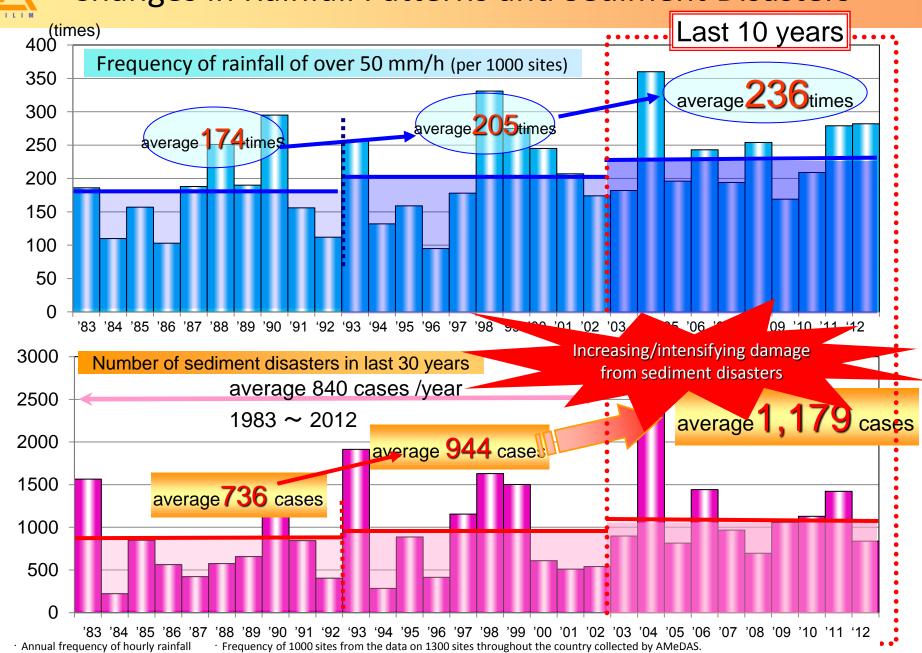
River blockage in Iya, Wakayama Pref. in Sep. 2011



Sediment disaster in Izu-Oshima island, Tokyo Pref. in Oct. 2013



Changes in Rainfall Patterns and Sediment Disasters











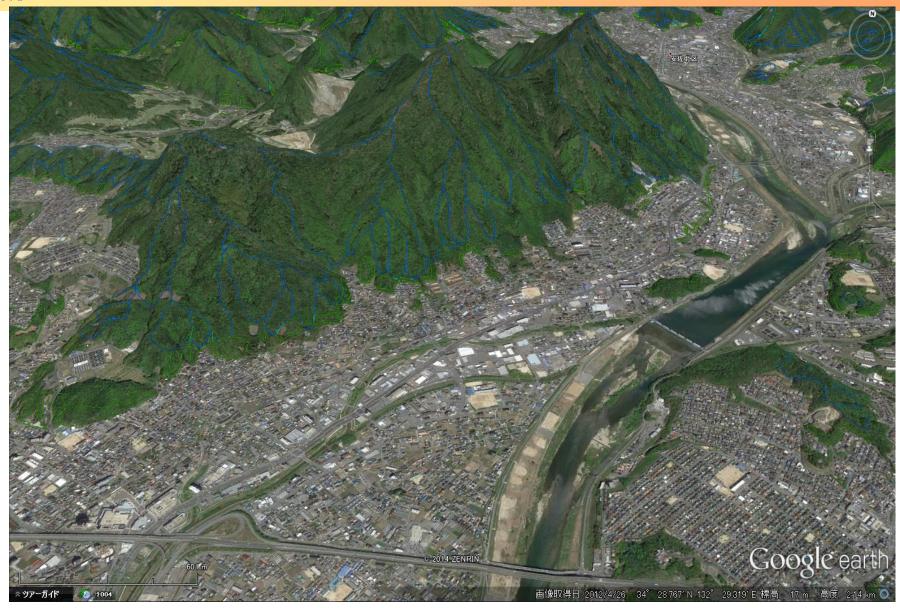












Google Earth + Debris Flow hazard area 国総研 National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management, MLIT, JAPAN

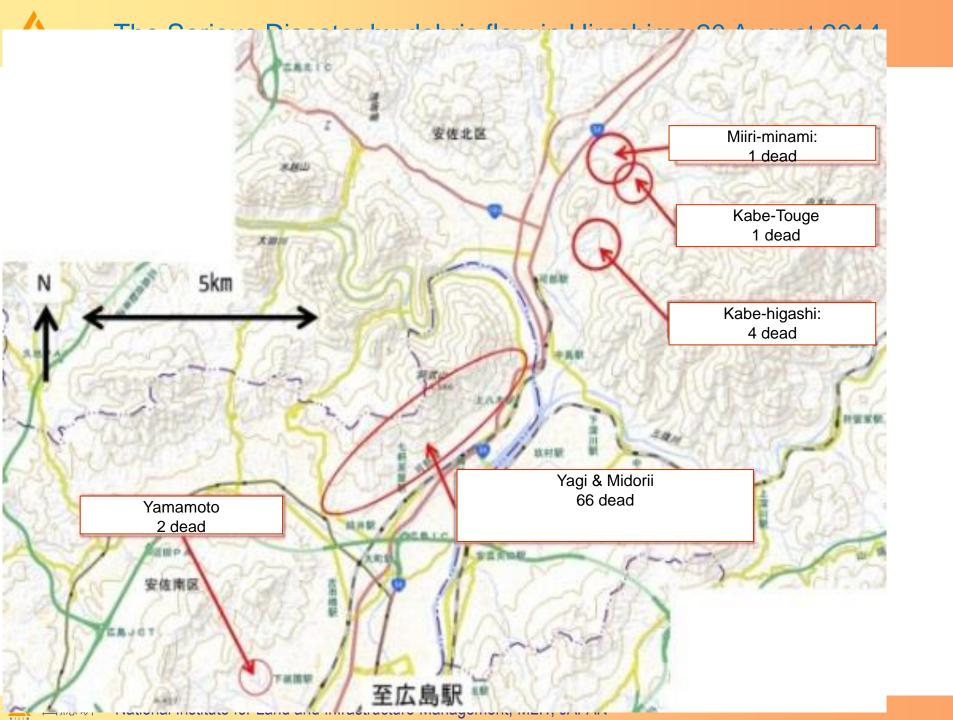




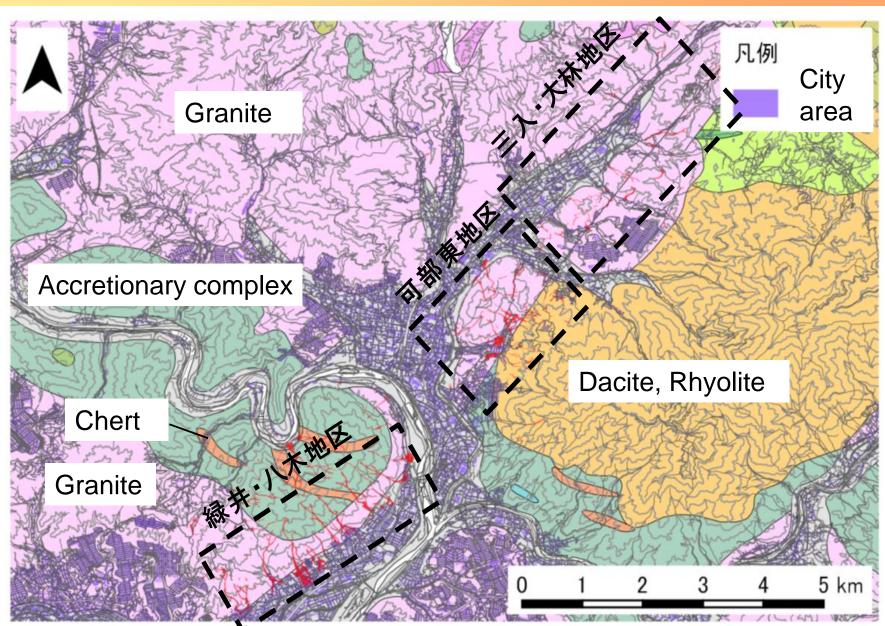


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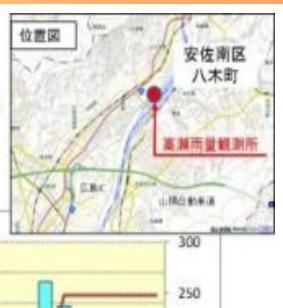


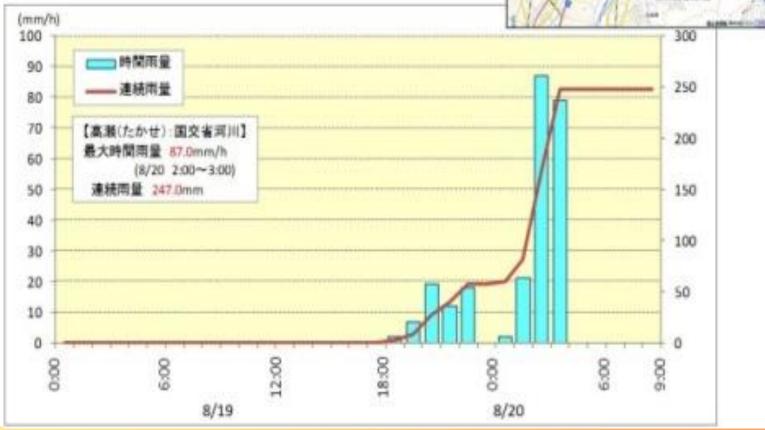


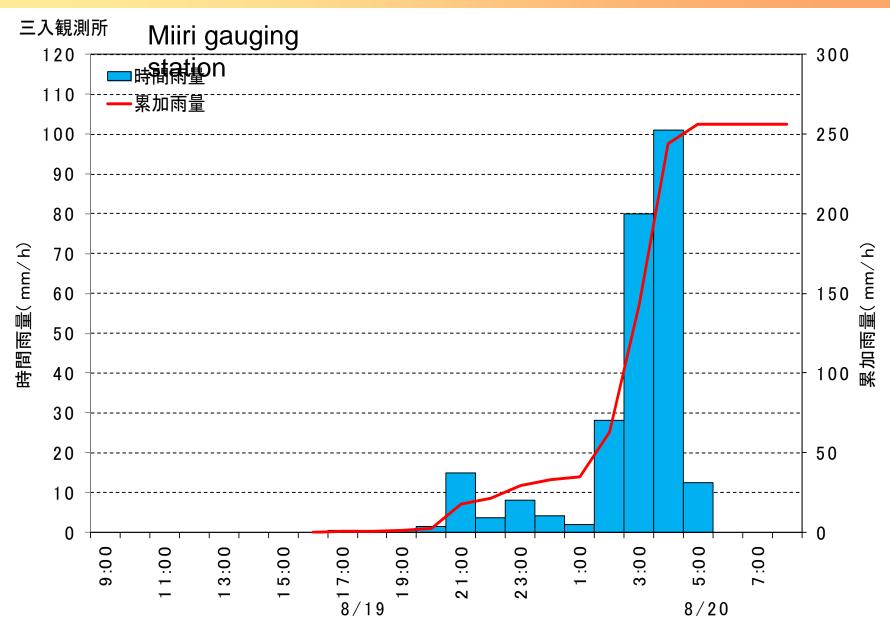


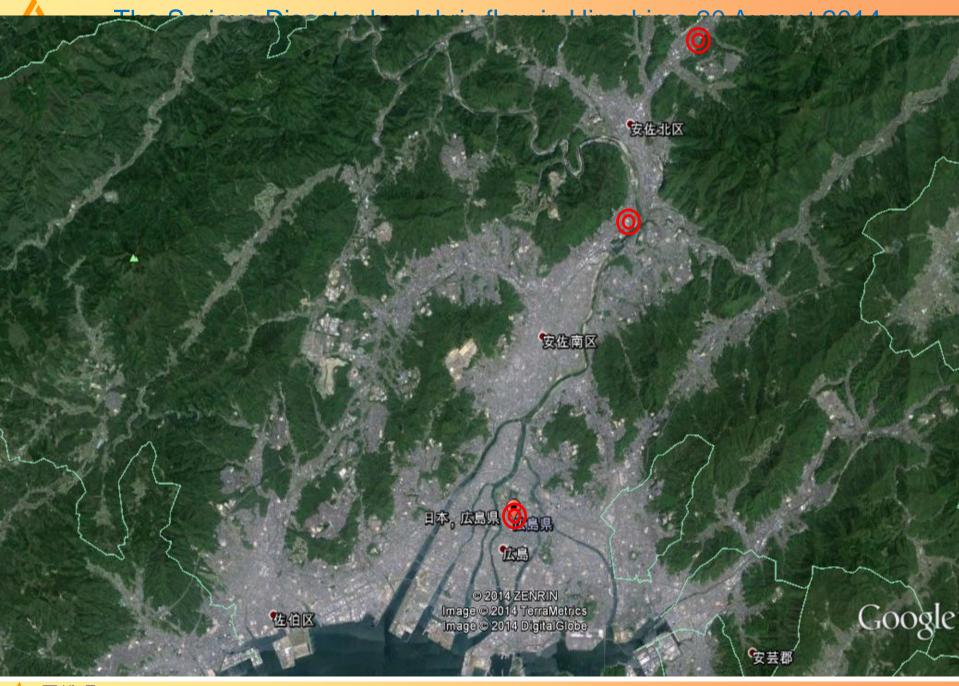


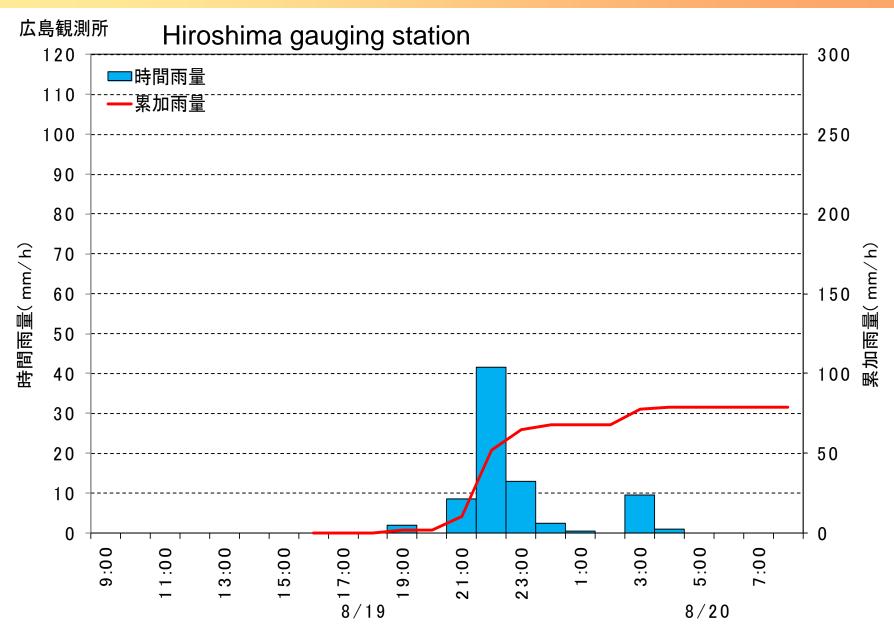
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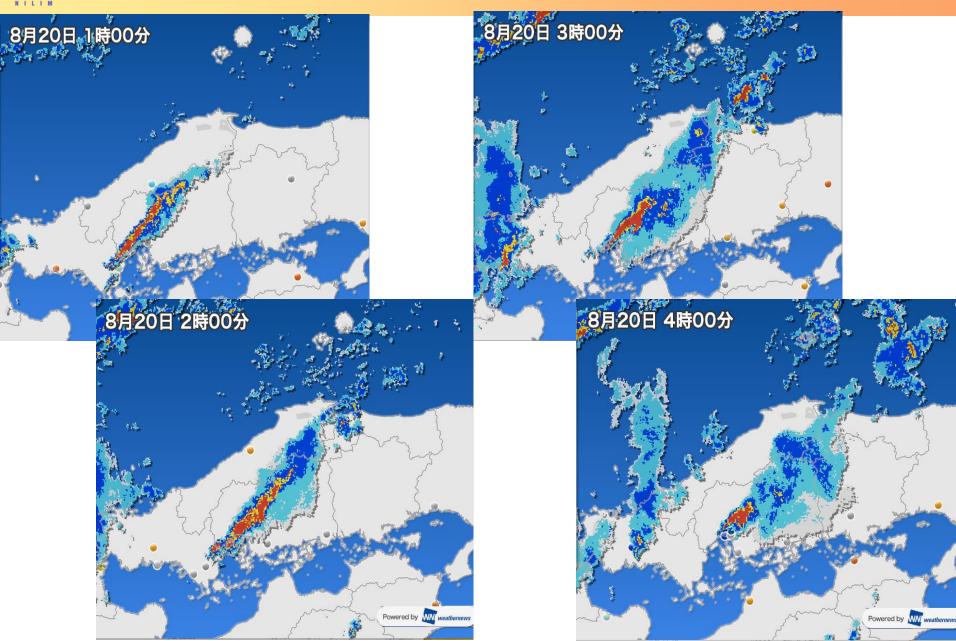






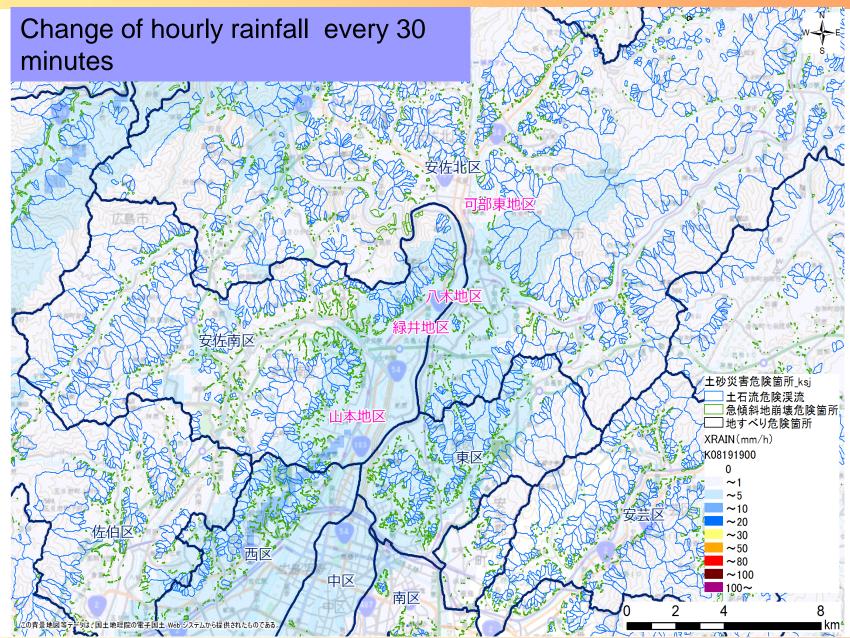




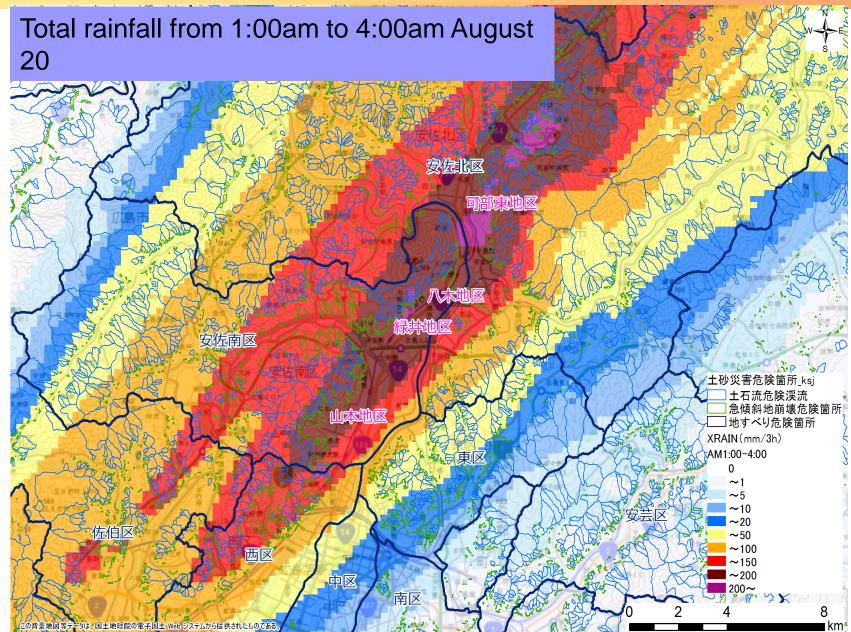


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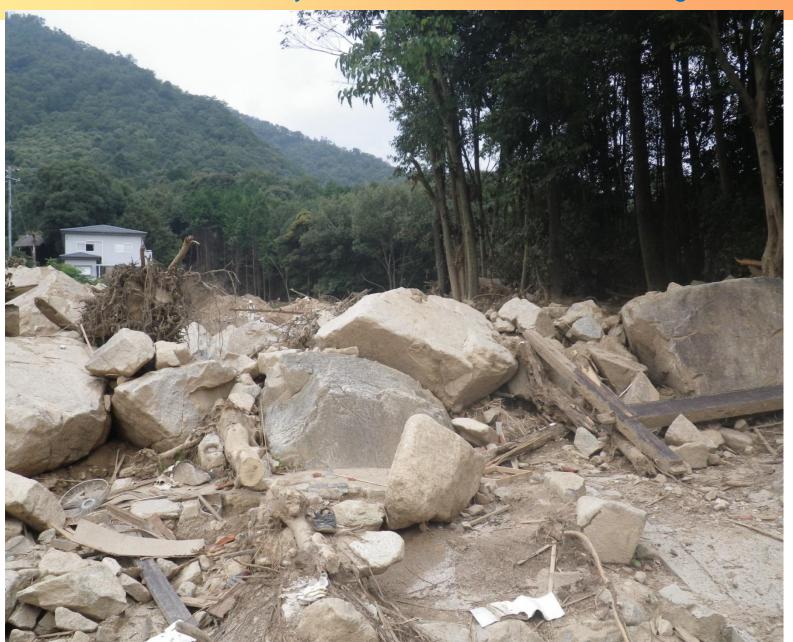






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# Today's Points

- Sabo is a global technical term
- Features of Japan
- Vulnerable to damages
- 3 types of sediment movement phenomenon



#### **Climate Change and Sediment Disasters**

Expected increase in the annual rainfall and frequency of heavy rainfalls in Japan

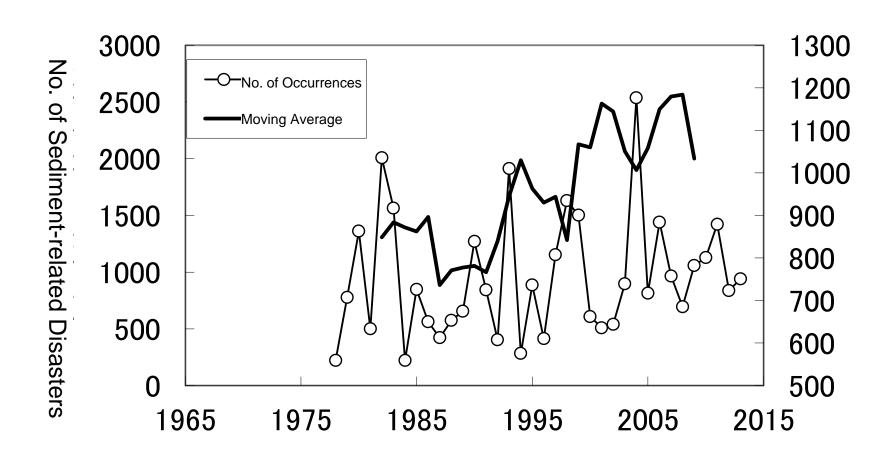


- Increase in continuous rainfall
- →Raises underground water levels and increases risk of deep-seated landslide occurrence
  - Localized torrential rainfall
    - →Occurrence of large amount of turbid water flow and subsequent flows
  - Concerning warnings and evacuations (1)
- →Response to the announced sediment disaster warning in addition to record levels of torrential rain
  - Concerning warnings and evacuations (2)
- →Large rainfall differences in short distances. Local and sudden burst of torrential rain for short periods of time
- The strengthening of national land monitoring and maintenance in response to climate change is a major area of consideration
  - \* Demonstrate robustness of facility functions against large-scale disasters
  - \* Promote in-depth protective controls by combining soft measures
  - \* Prolong the service life of equipment such as erosion control facilities
  - \* Enhance national land monitoring for large-scale disasters



## Sediment-related Disaster Incidents

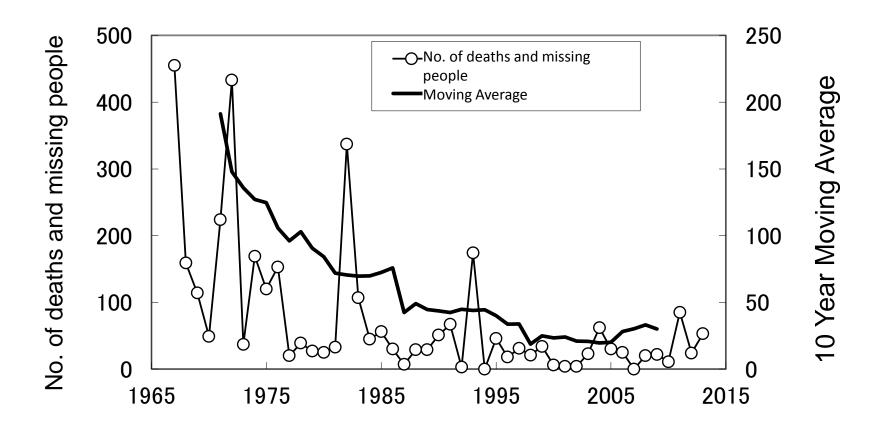
#### Increasing long-term trend of sediment-related disaster cases





#### Number of Deaths and Missing People from Sediment-related Disasters

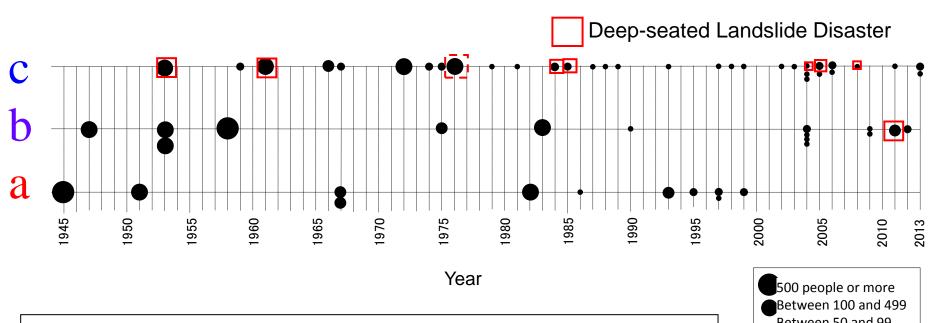
- Long-term decreasing trend for the number of deaths and missing people from sedimentrelated disasters
- However, the trend has been flat since the late 1990s





#### Number of Deaths and Missing People from Major Disasters

- An overall decreasing frequency major damage caused by large-scale sediment-related disasters (for disasters with the number of deaths and missing people exceeding 50)
- From 2000s and later, a large-scale sediment-related disaster in an urban areas has not occurred
- Still large-scale sediment-related disasters are frequent in hilly and mountainous areas
- Deep-seated landslide disasters are usually the cause of large-scale damage.



c: Intermediate agricultural areas, mountainous agricultural areas

b: Urban-plain agricultural areas and intermediate-mountainous agricultural areas

a: Urban areas, plain agricultural areas

Between 50 and 99

Between 20 and 49

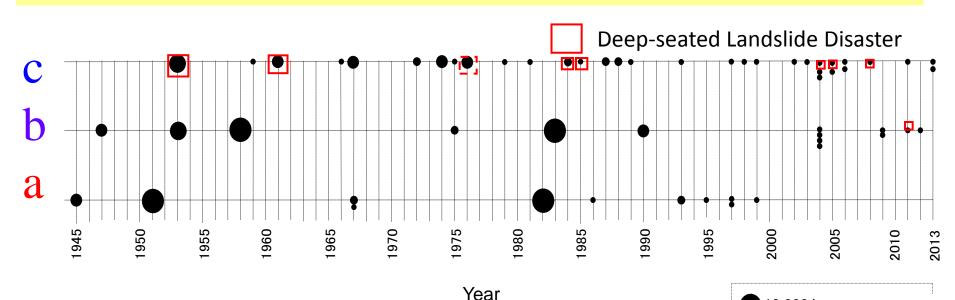
• 19 people or less





#### Number of Damaged Houses from Major Disasters

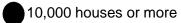
- •Since 1990, a large-scale sediment-related disaster has not resulted in the damage of 1000 or more houses.
- From 2000s and later, a large-scale sediment-related disaster in an urban areas has not occurred.



c: Intermediate agricultural areas, mountainous agricultural areas

b. Urban-plain agricultural areas and intermediate mountainous agricultural areas

a: Urban area, plain agricultural areas



Between 4,000 to 9,999

Between 1,000 to 3,999

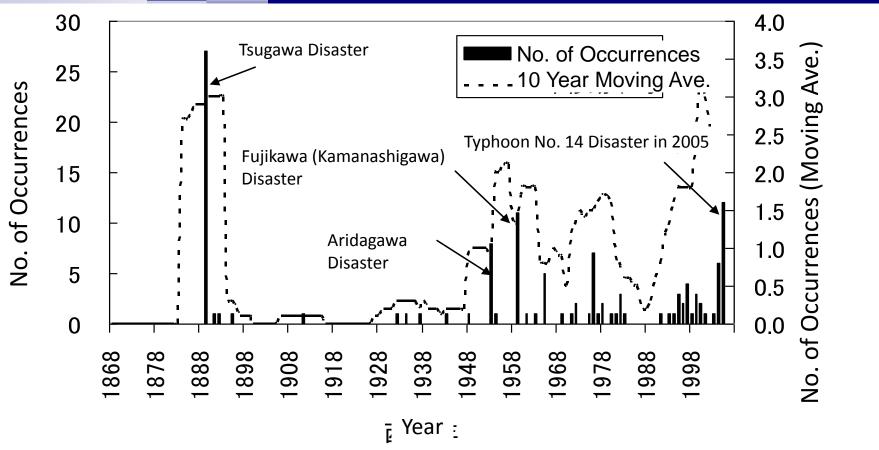
Between 400 to 999

399 houses or less



### Changes in Long-term Deep-seated Landslide Incidents

- Increasing trend of deep-seated landslide incidents from 1990
- Frequent occurrences in the 1890s and 1950s
- Prolonged periods of deep-seated landslides, less cycle period time.



Changing trend in the number of deep-seated landslides with sediment volume of 100,000 m3 or more (from Uchida et al. 2007)



#### Initiation Mechanism of Debris Flow

