

EPS4 Part 13. Miyako-Jima to Samoa

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EPS4 Part 14. Ishigaki-Jima, warm region

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Southern most Islands in Japan. EPS training in Ishigaki-Jima, Okinawa.

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Iriomote-Jima island Ishigaki-Jima island

EPS4 Part 15. DO is key. Smart Technology.

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EPS is Wise Application of Natural Ecosystem. Key is Dissolved Oxygen.

Almost no change in dissolved oxygen. Gentle condition for small organisms.

<https://www.cwsc.or.jp/files/pdf/EPStext-NC-2019.pdf>

Ecological Purification System for Safe Drinking Water - Application of Natural Process - Recently technology to make artificial natural water (WATERCITY Technology, Dr. Saito) Prof. Emeritus of Hiroshima University, Japan

Super Clean Water

Presence of Oxygen is the key for delicious water.

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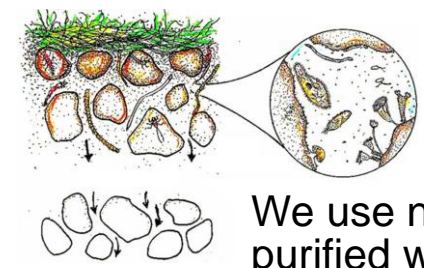
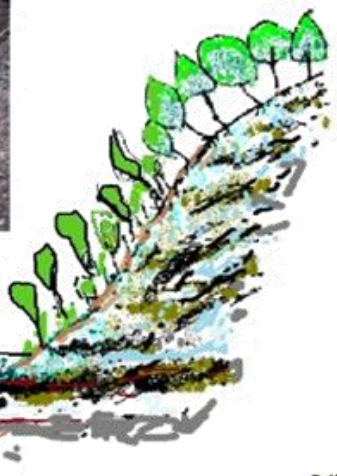
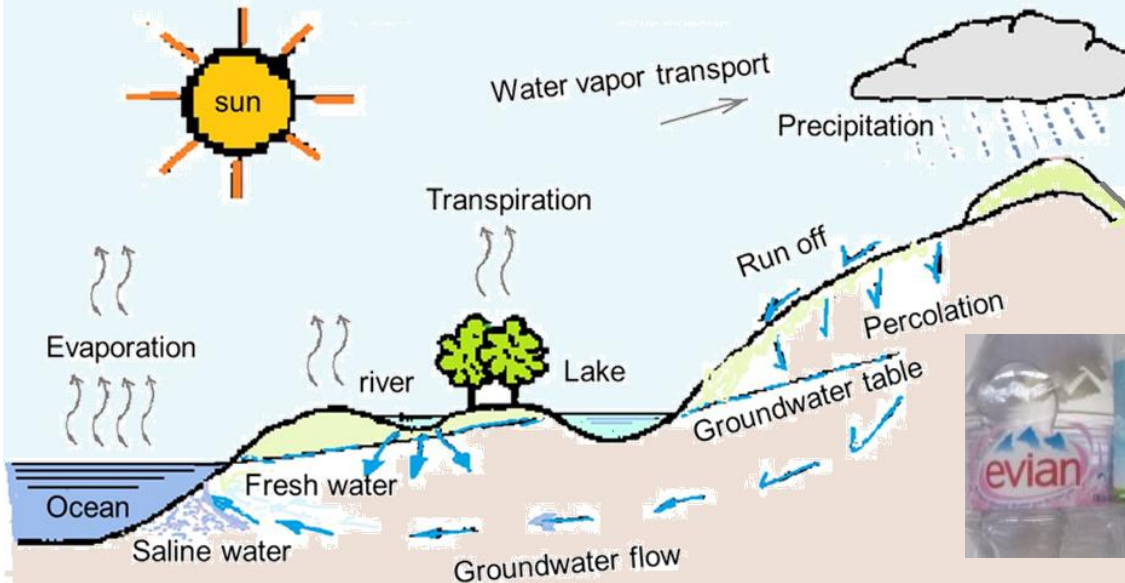
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Super Clean Water



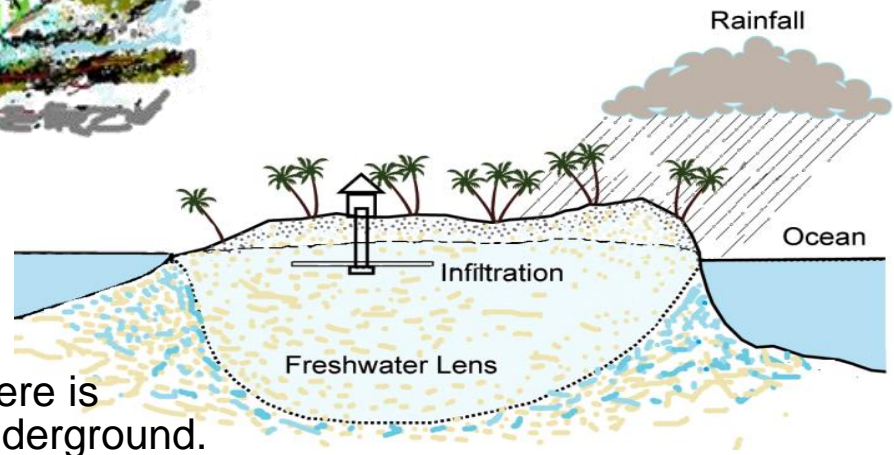


We use natural purified water.

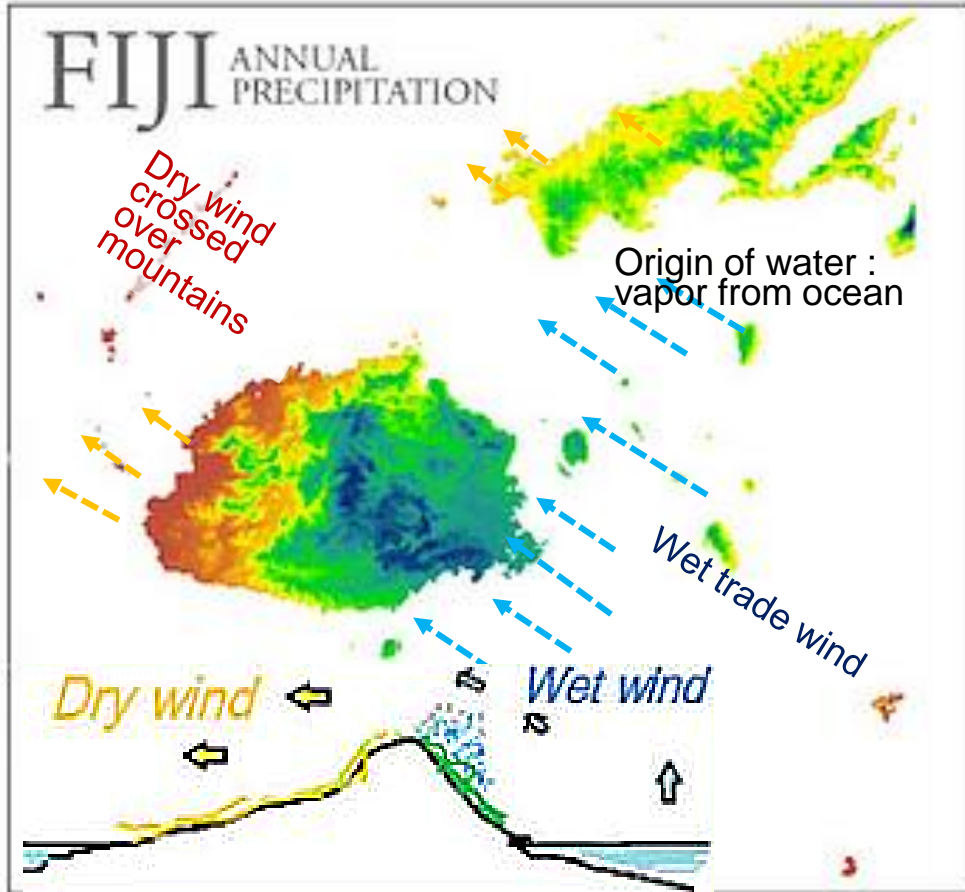
In case of mountain area, we can find a good quality of spring water.

We store the natural spring water and use for water supply system.

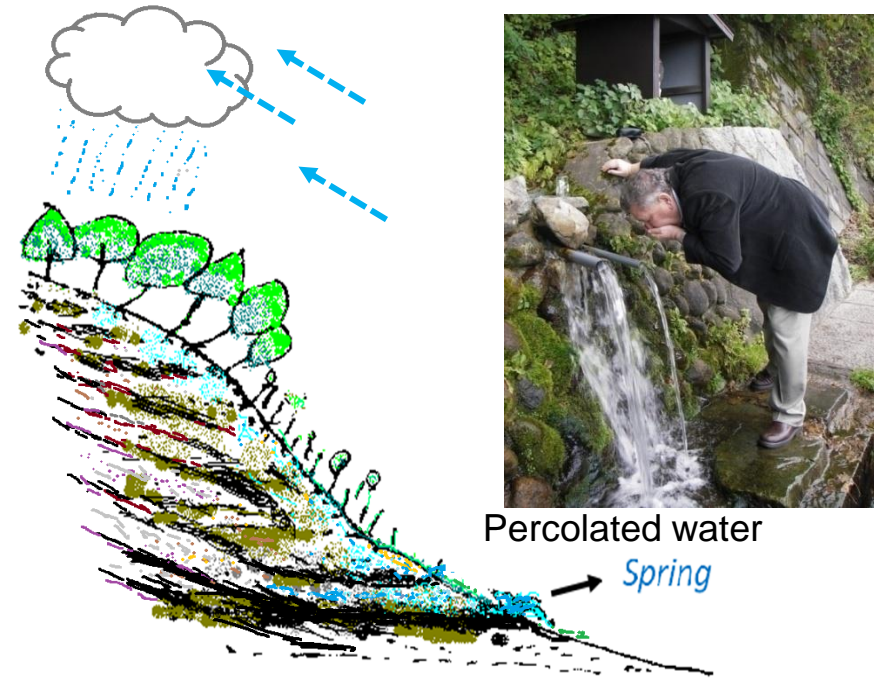
In case of island, there is freshwater in the underground. We can use this water.



Where can we find Clean and Safe Water in Nature?



Vapor:
distilled water





In mountainous country, many houses are scattered on the slope. They use natural spring on the slope.

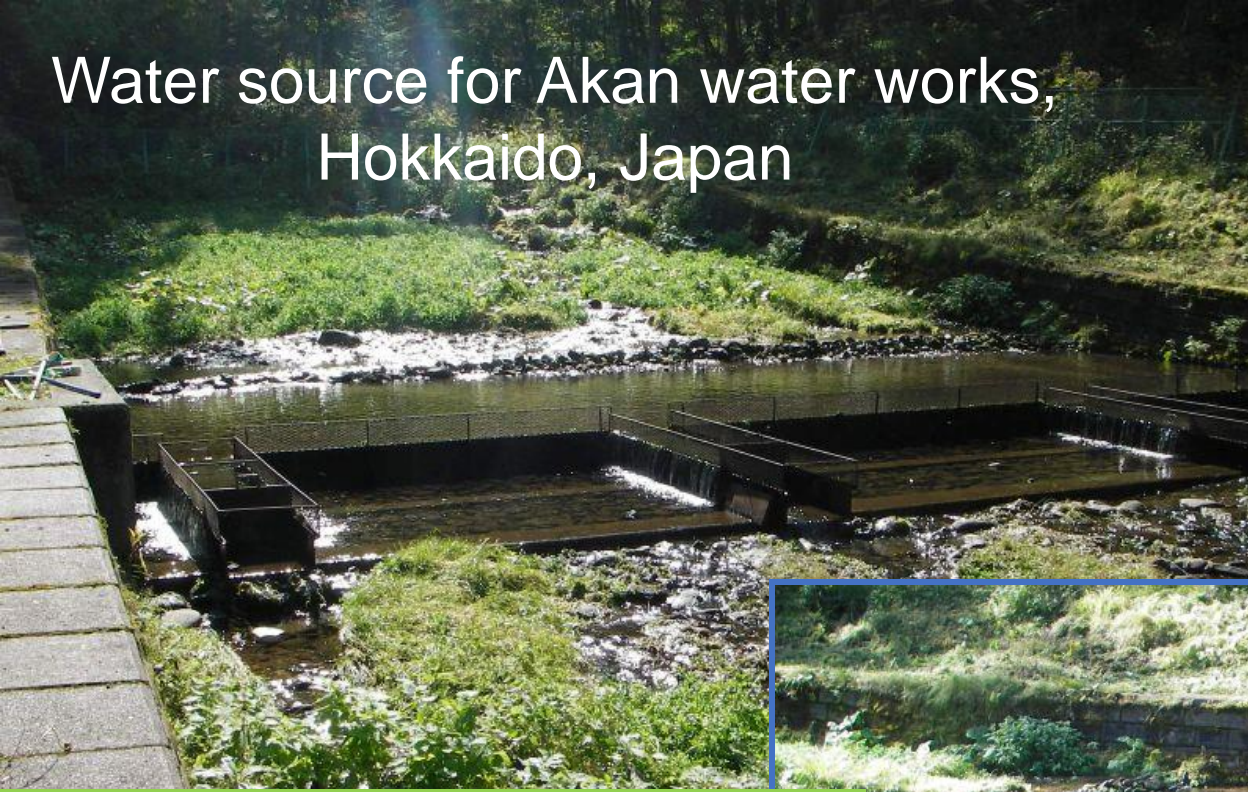
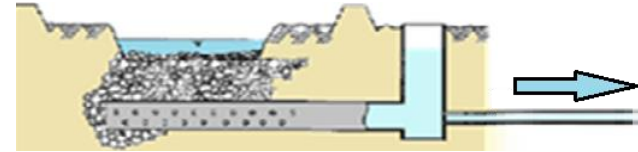


These waters by natural purified process are always clear and safe to use.



Water source for Akan water works, Hokkaido, Japan

Porous pipes were placed under the gravel bed in a river. Almost suspended free water is taken for a slow sand filter plant. This is an intake of an artificial subsurface water.

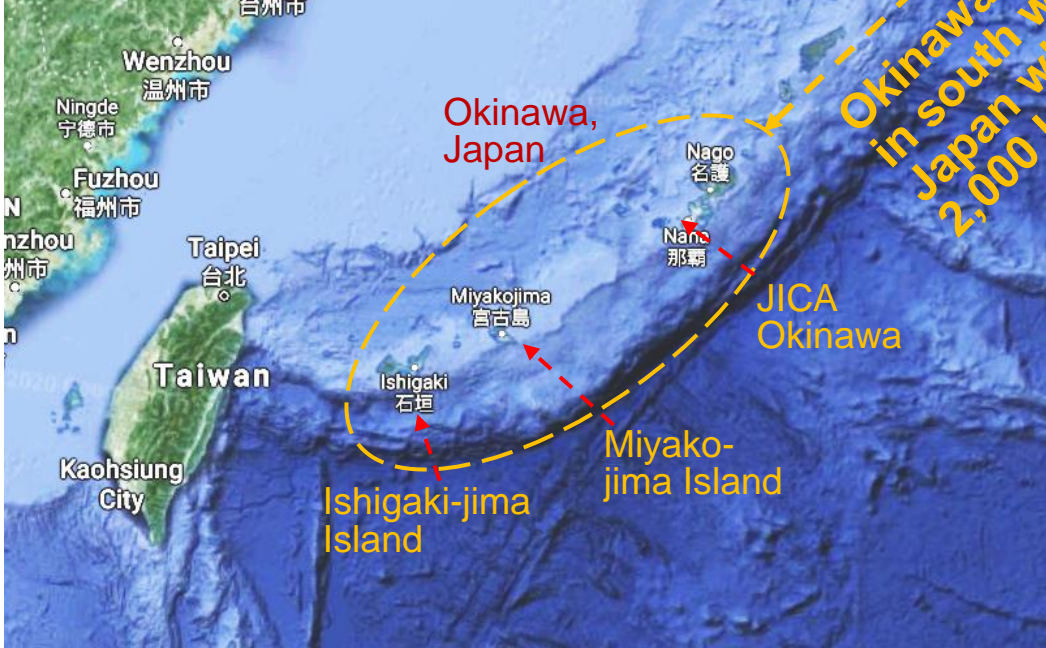
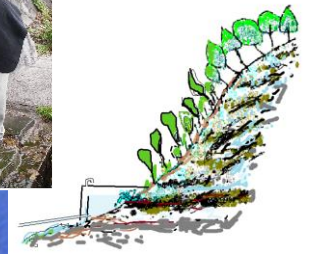


Japan is an island country **surrounded by the sea** and has many **mountains**. It rains on the mountains. There are many forests and many **springs**. Its water is always flowing into the river from the mountain.

Ueda city is about 200 km far from Tokyo and in mountain area.

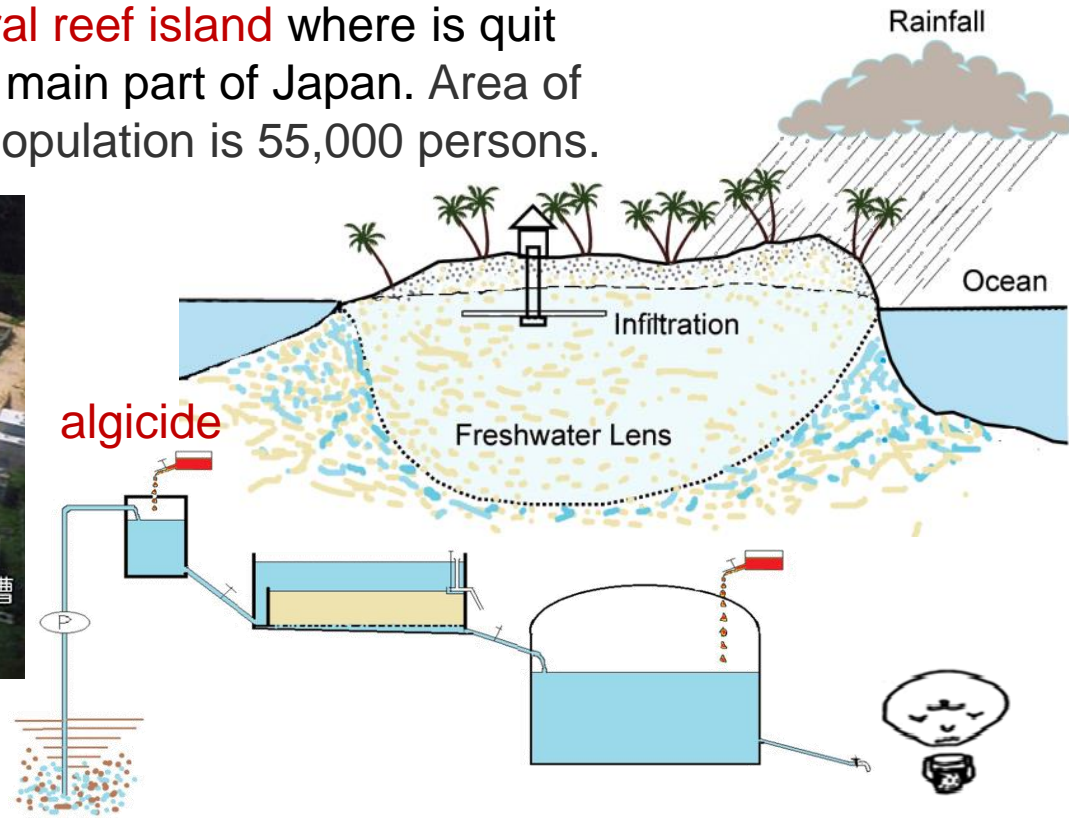


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Okinawa countries are surrounded by **coral reefs** and warm currents. The climate is similar to tropical islands. In Okinawa, there are no large rivers, and most of the **groundwater** was **hard water**, so it is difficult to obtain good quality water that is soft water. Until several decades ago, it also used rain harvest water.

Miyako-Jima island is an **uplifted coral reef island** where is quit different environment compared with main part of Japan. Area of islands of Miyako-Jima is 204 km², population is 55,000 persons.



Before 1997, **pre-chlorination** as **algicide** to receiving well was a popular to **kill the algae** and to **stop the algal growth** in **all over Japan**. This is **popular for Rapid Sand Filter**.

Mr. Mitsutoshi Tomari, managing director of Sodeyama WTP, Miyako-Jima, visited to Nakamoto, Shinshu Univ. in July 8, **1997**. Nakamoto explained about the ecological purification system of slow sand filter.



He **stopped to injection of algicide** into receiving well. As soon as the **injection stop**, the taste of tap water **became delicious**.



Sode-yama Purification plant

Miyako-Jima, Okinawa

17.25m x 27.6m(x2.6m) x7 filter ponds (17.25m x 27.6m=476.1m²)
 23.7m x 20.0m(x2.6m) x 1 filter pond (23.7m x 20.0m=474m²)
 Designed capacity (7 filters, 1 filter is spare : 8(new)+1(old)=9 filters)
 475m² x 7m/d= 3,325 m³/d x 7 filters= 23,275 m³/d
 Water demand 400 liter per day per person
 = 58,000 persons



1997

Receiving well



Hardness reduction plant

1999 to 2021



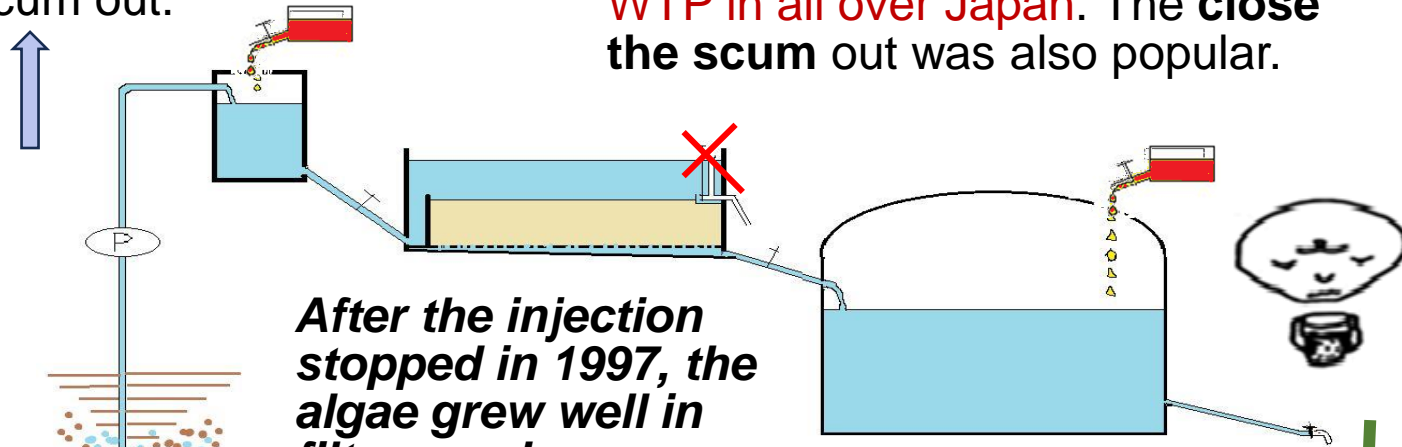
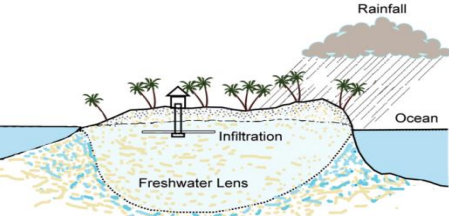
2021-2025 (4 yrs)
 Refresh Hardness plant

And an additional one filter was built.

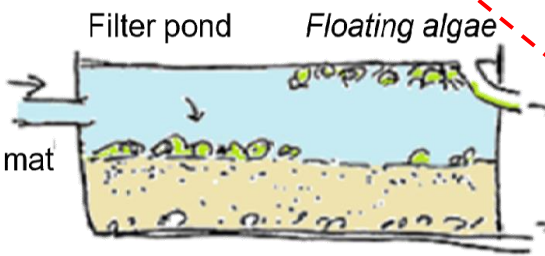
In the filter pond, algal bloom was so severe. They could not flow out from the scum out.

The **pre-chlorination** was a popular treatment to **stop the algal growth for WTP in all over Japan**. The **close the scum out** was also popular.

They pumped up the underground water as water source.

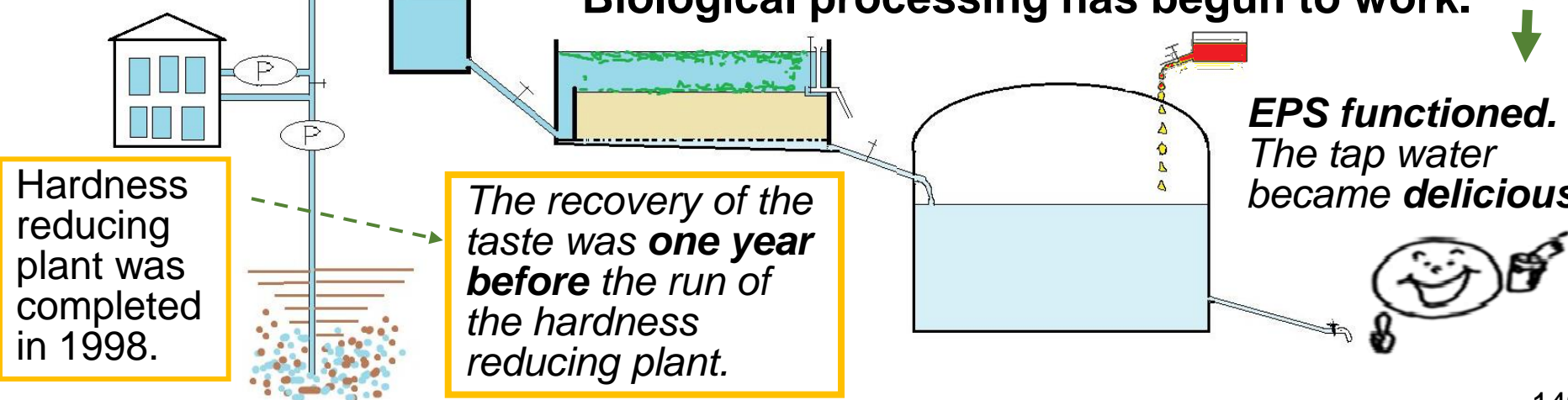


After the injection stopped in 1997, the algae grew well in filter ponds.



New hard work raised to remove floating algae.

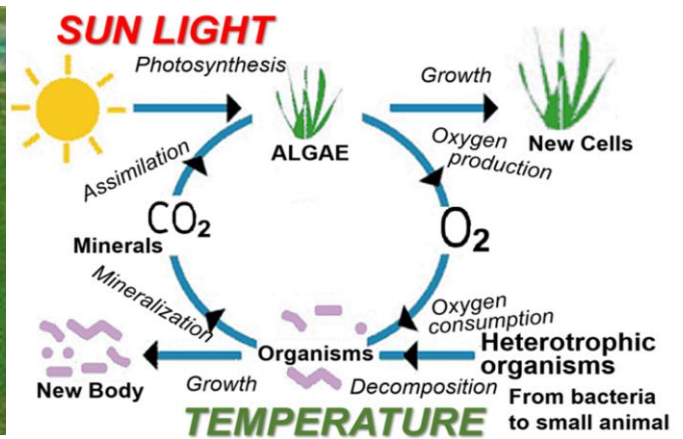
Biological processing has begun to work.



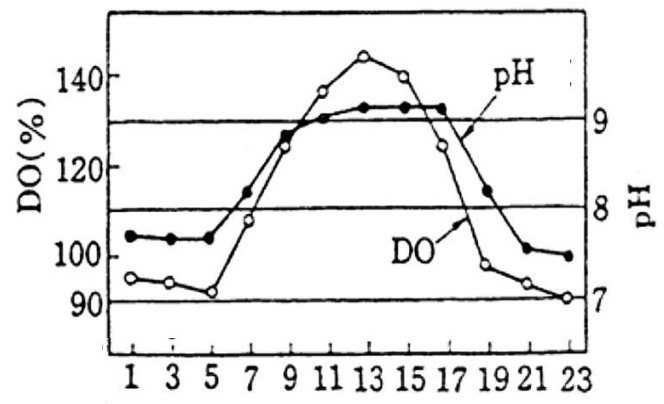
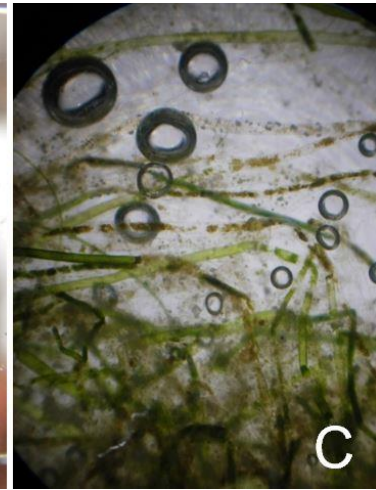
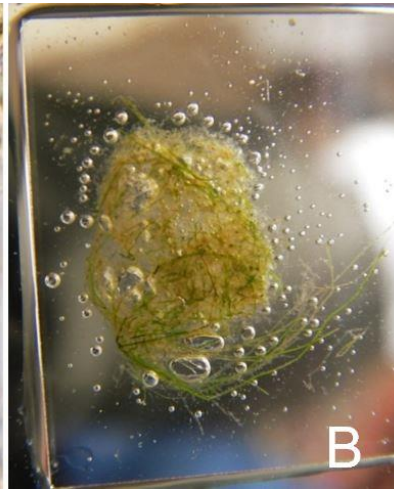
Hardness reducing plant was completed in 1998.

The recovery of the taste was one year before the run of the hardness reducing plant.

EPS functioned. The tap water became delicious.

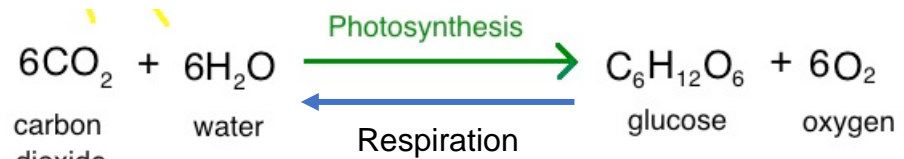
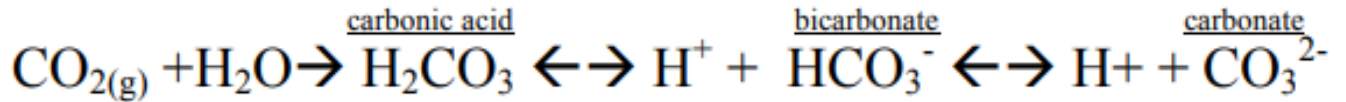


Due to active photosynthesis, water shifted to high pH.

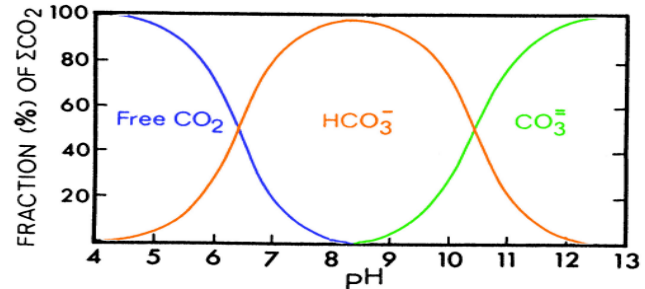


合山幹二、水環境指標(1979)

limestone: CaCO_3



Biological softening happened in active slow sand filter.



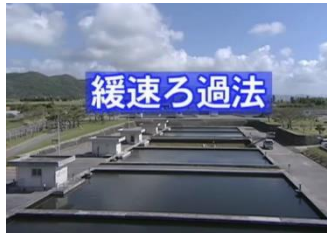
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Nakamoto published a manual in Japanese with English summary in 2005.



JICA also made YouTube file.



26min. 2019

3min. 2020



JICA training in Okinawa expanded to Ishigaki Island from 2009.

Running model

Lecture



Sand is clear. Algal mat is just laid on the sand surface.



Sand surface was taken. ↘

Thread-like algae were observed on and between the sand. The size of algae is much smaller than the size of sand.

Fine sand. But this size is too large to separate the small organisms from the sand.



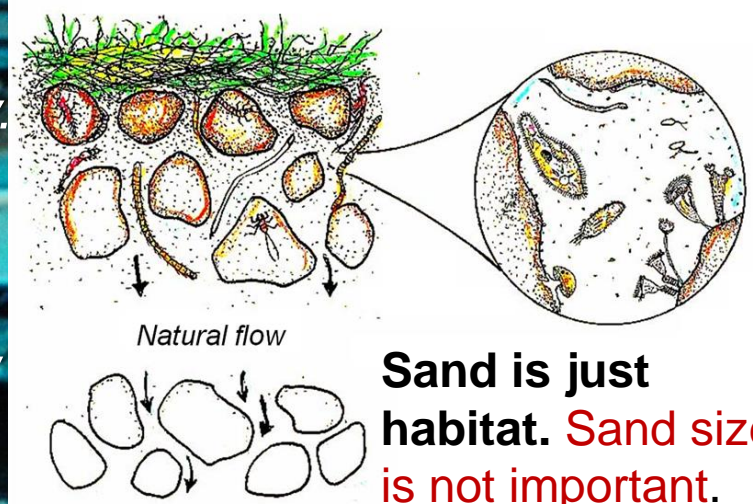
1mm

*Sand size and
microscopic
organisms*

Aerobic condition for small animals is the key.

Sand is just habitat.

Small sand and uniformity of sand size is not important. Large size of sand and higher flow rate are better for organisms.



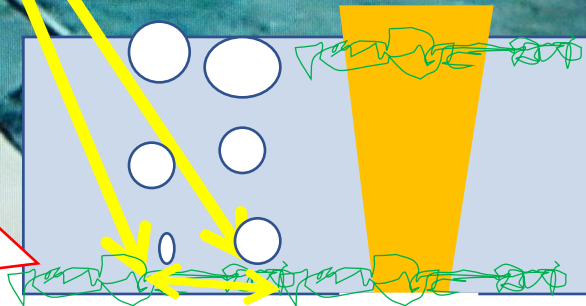
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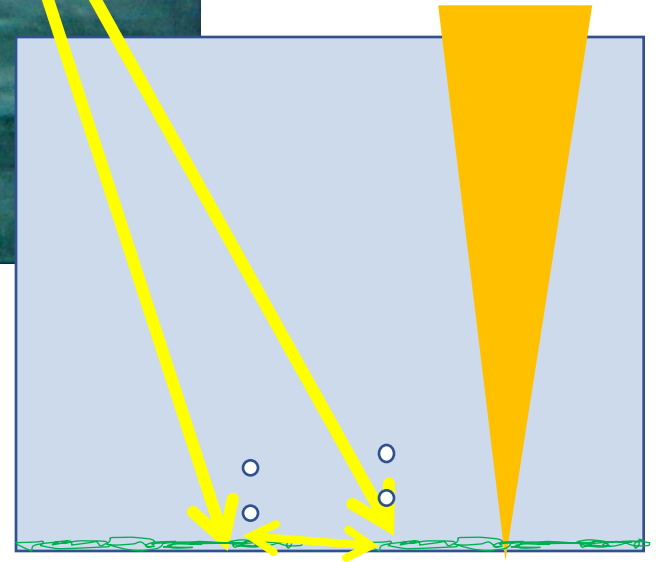
Shallow depth is better.

Touch the bottom by stick.

Super saturated dissolved oxygen at the bottom.



Shallow depth



Deep depth

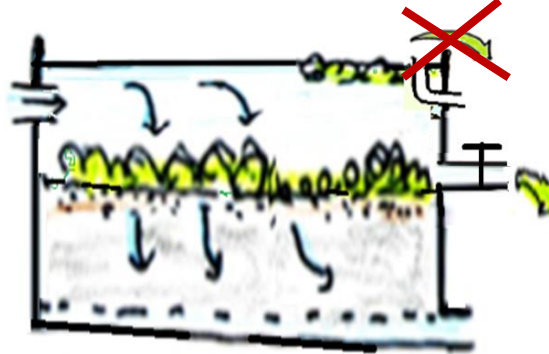
Active photosynthesis by algae and aerobic condition for small animals are the key.



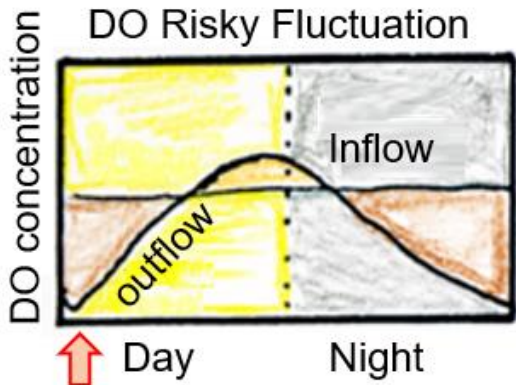
Aerobic condition
in the sand layer



No scum out



Heavy algal growth



Slow flow rate

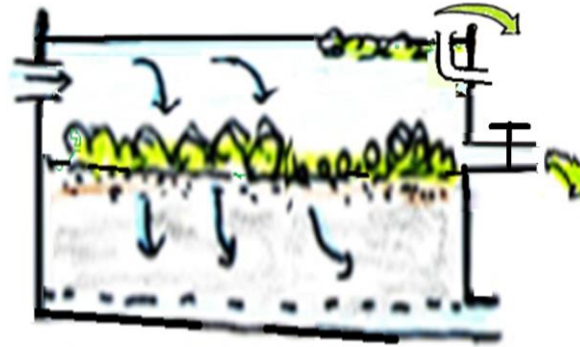
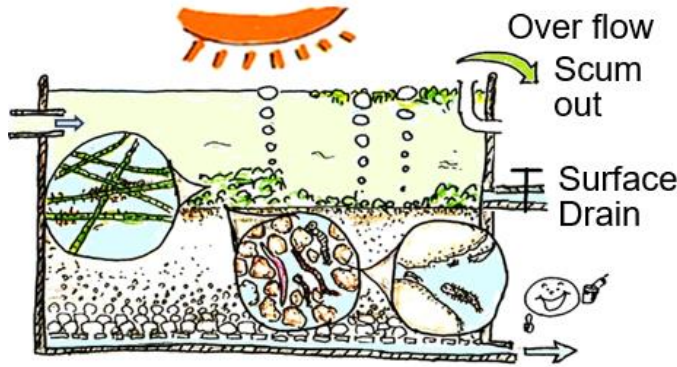


Consume up DO

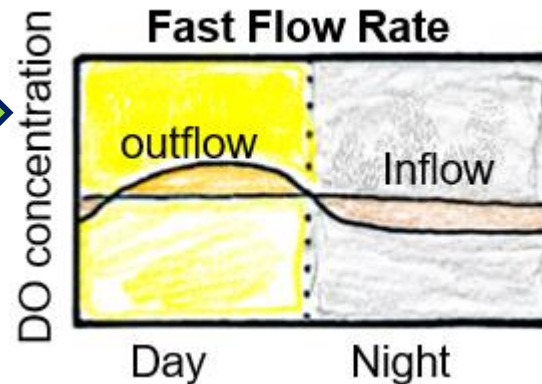
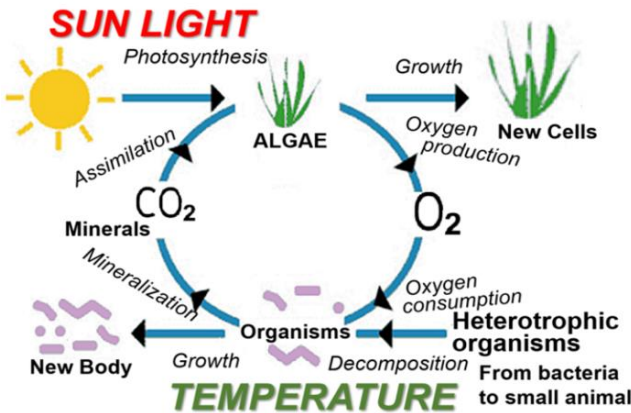
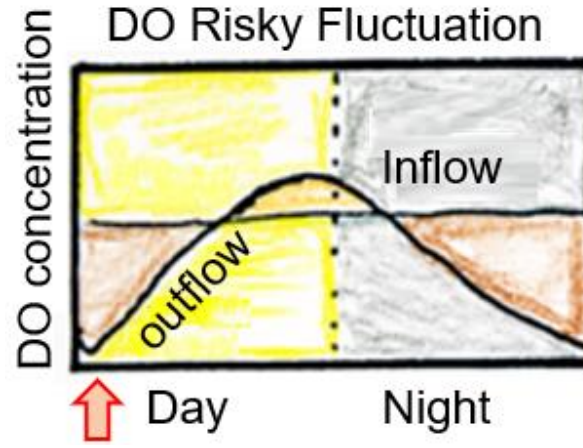
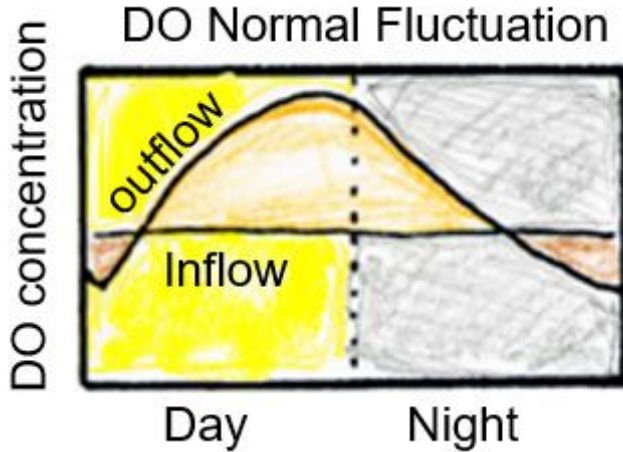
Anaerobic condition → Bad smell



Aerobic condition is essential for biological activity.



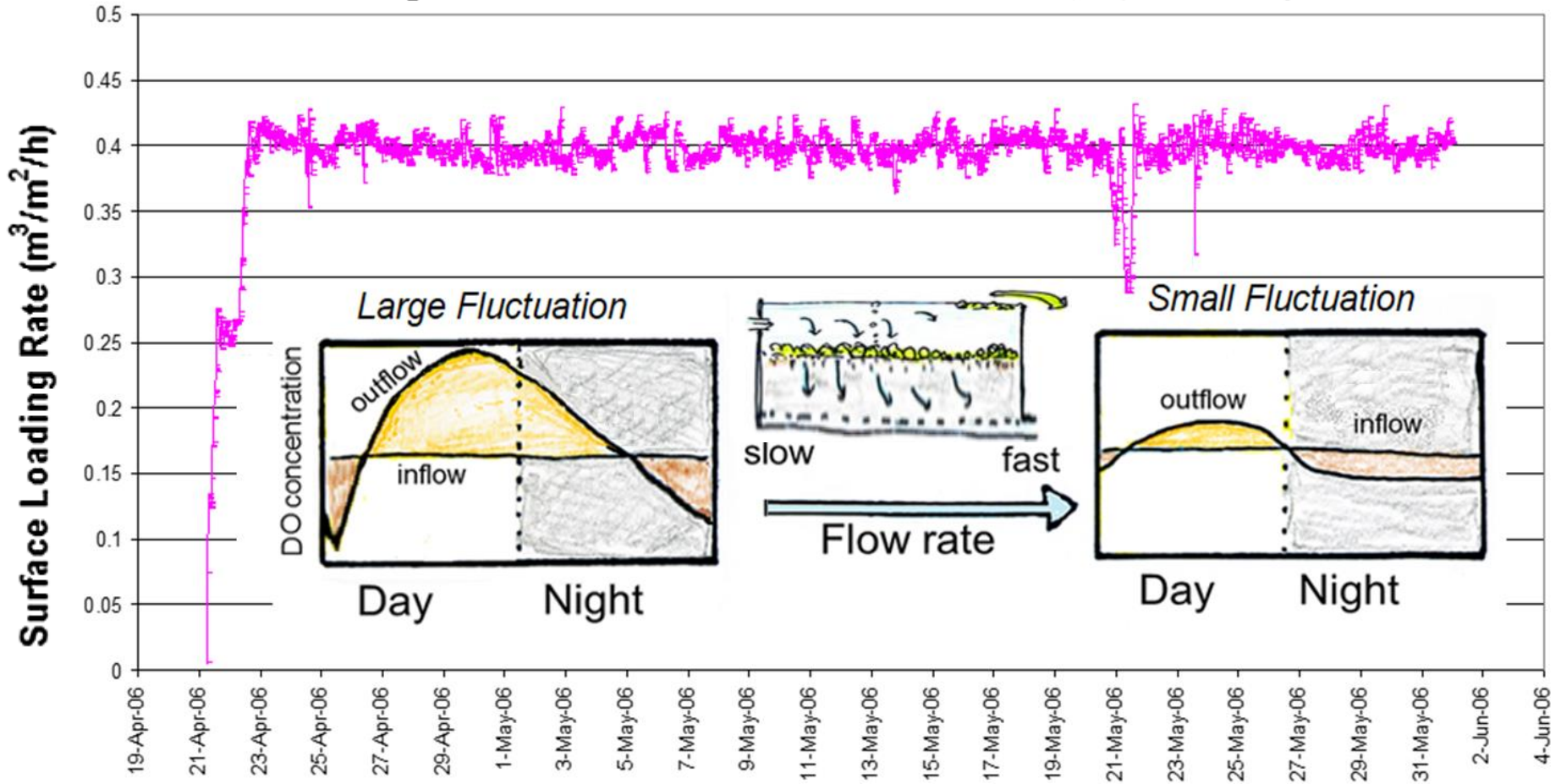
Surface Drain before scrape the surface.



Over flow: scum out
Fast flow

Delicious filtrate

Surface Loading Rates for a SSF at Ashford Common during April and May 2006



Aerobic condition is essential for hetero-tropic organisms in the sand layer.

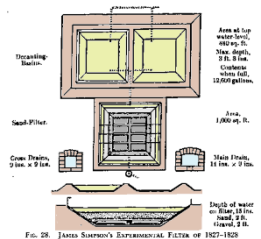


FIG. 28. James Smeaton's Environmental Factor of 1820-1825

The filter rate was 2-3 m/d (10cm/h). → 4.8 m/d (20 cm/h) World wide English Standard Filter rate →

38cm water depth

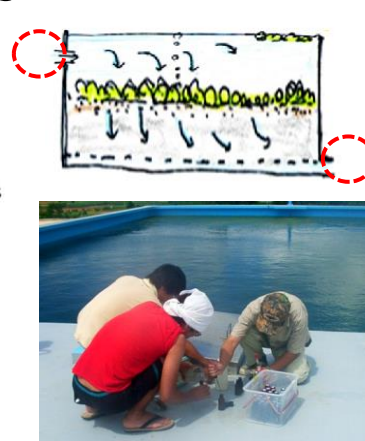
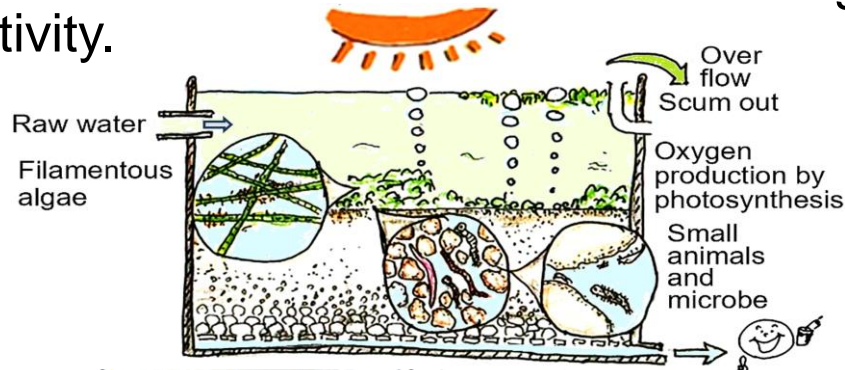
200yrs ago

→ The filter rate of 0.4 m/h (9.6 m/d) is adopted in Thames filter plants in London to escape oxygen drop in filtrate during the night time.

Faster flow rate is better for small organisms in the filter.

Aerobic condition is essential for biological activity.

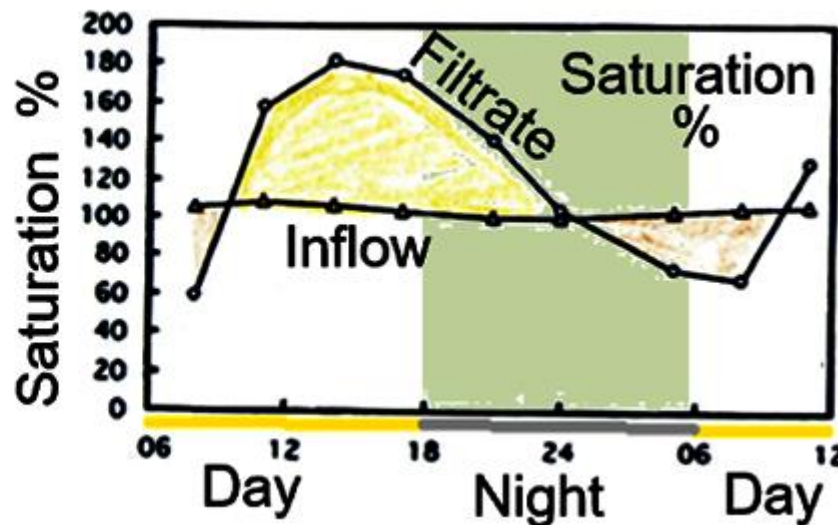
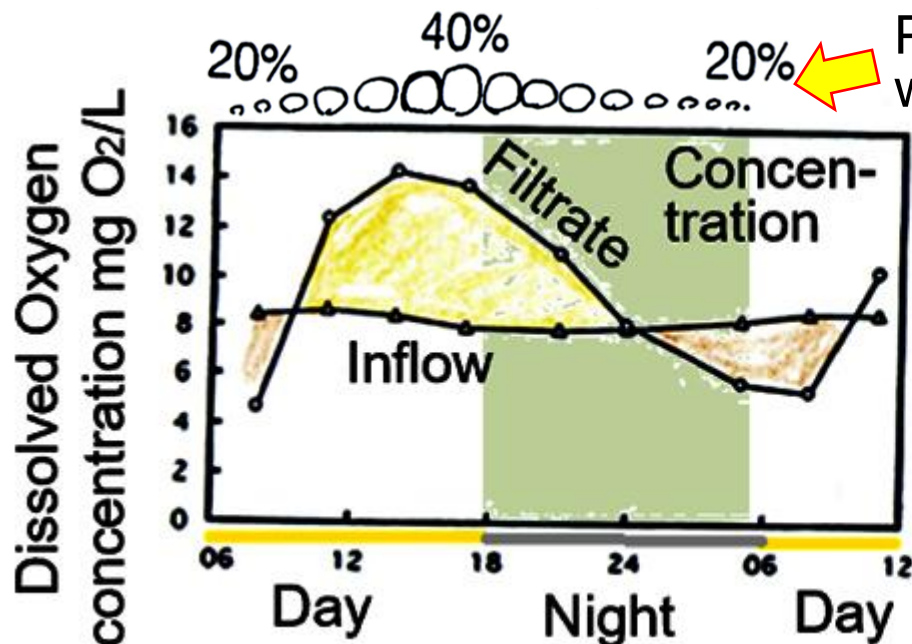
There is down ward current.



Diurnal change of dissolved oxygen (DO) was measured.



Partial pressure of oxygen in bubbles was also measured.



Soon after sun rise, DO in filtrate was rapidly increased.

Even after sunset, DO in filtrate was super saturated condition.

Algal photosynthesis accelerates purification process.

Sedimentation tank, inflow regulation system



*Sedimentation tank,
up-flow roughing
filter,
and slow sand filter*



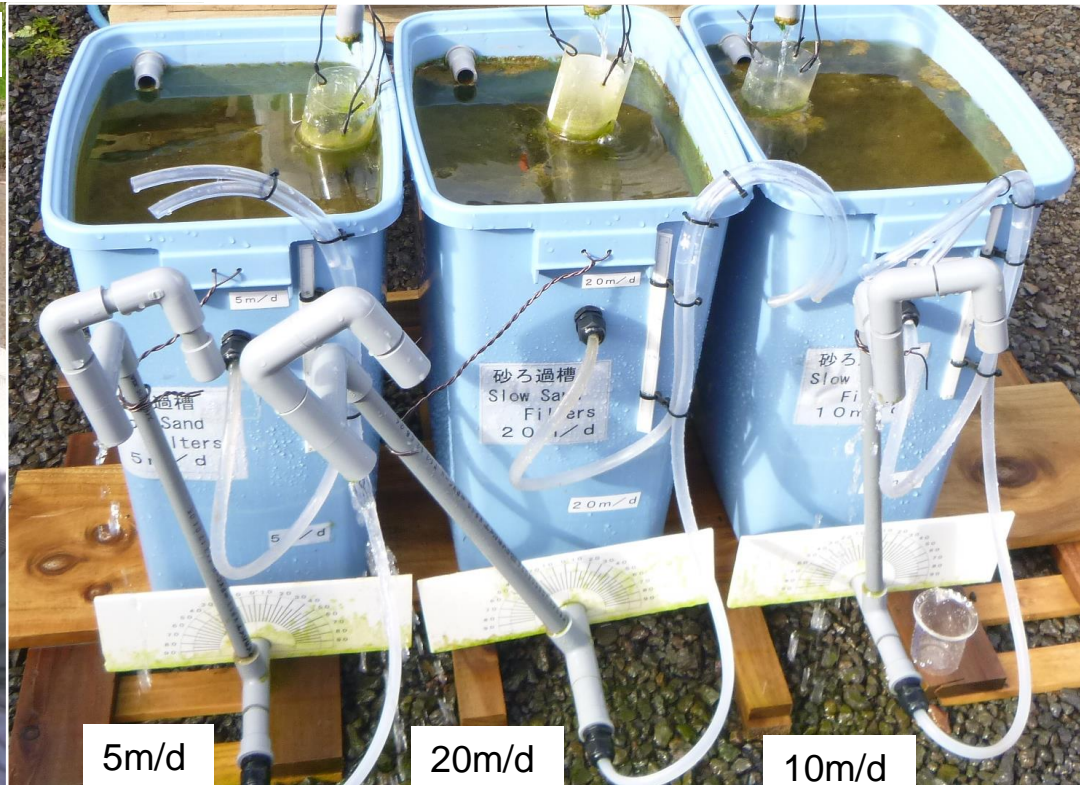
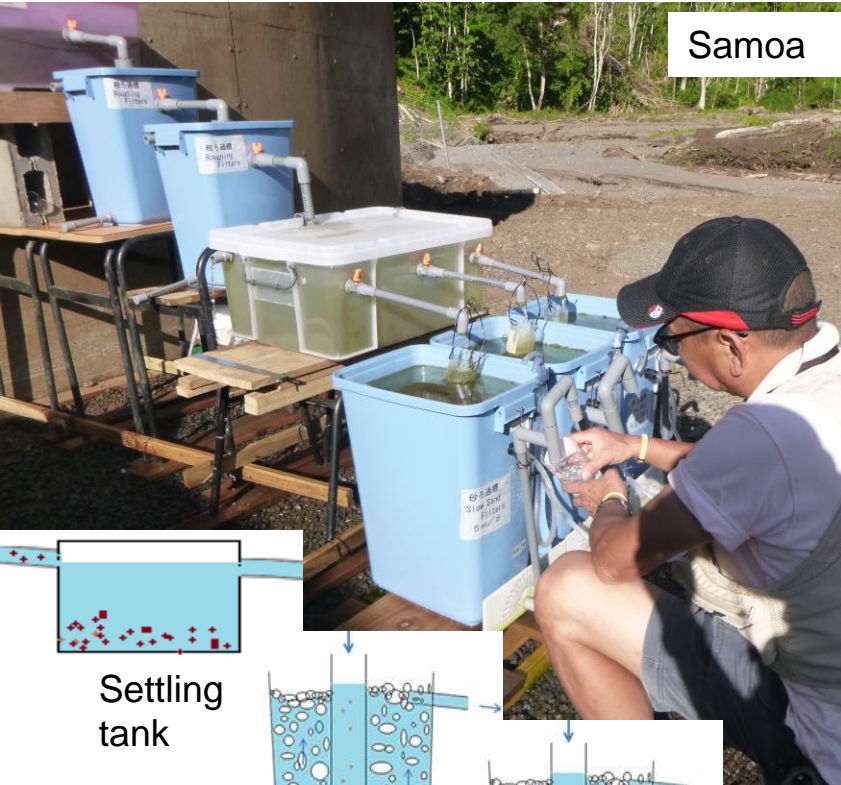
*Simple model of
Ecological
Purification System.*

Slow sand filter

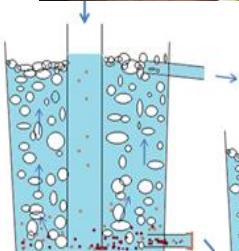


Up-flow roughing filter

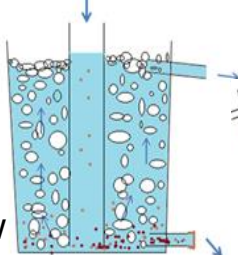
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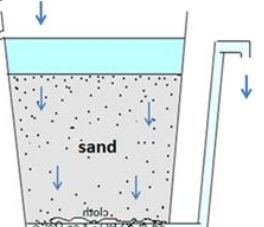
Settling tank



Up-flow Roughing Filter (gravel tank)



Up-flow Roughing Filter (gravel tank)



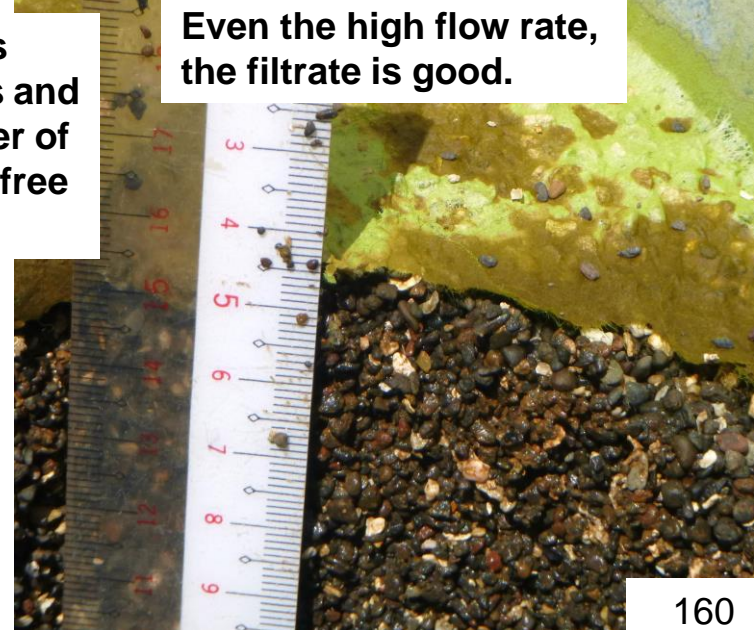
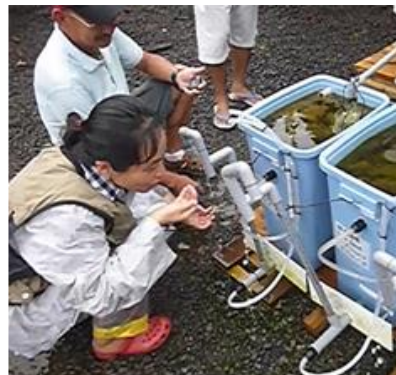
Slow Sand Filter

Filtrate is delicious and safe water of Bacteria free water.

Even the high flow rate, the filtrate is good.



Washing beach sand using mosquito net



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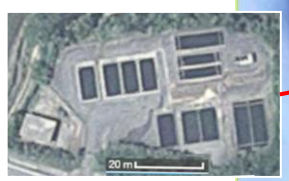
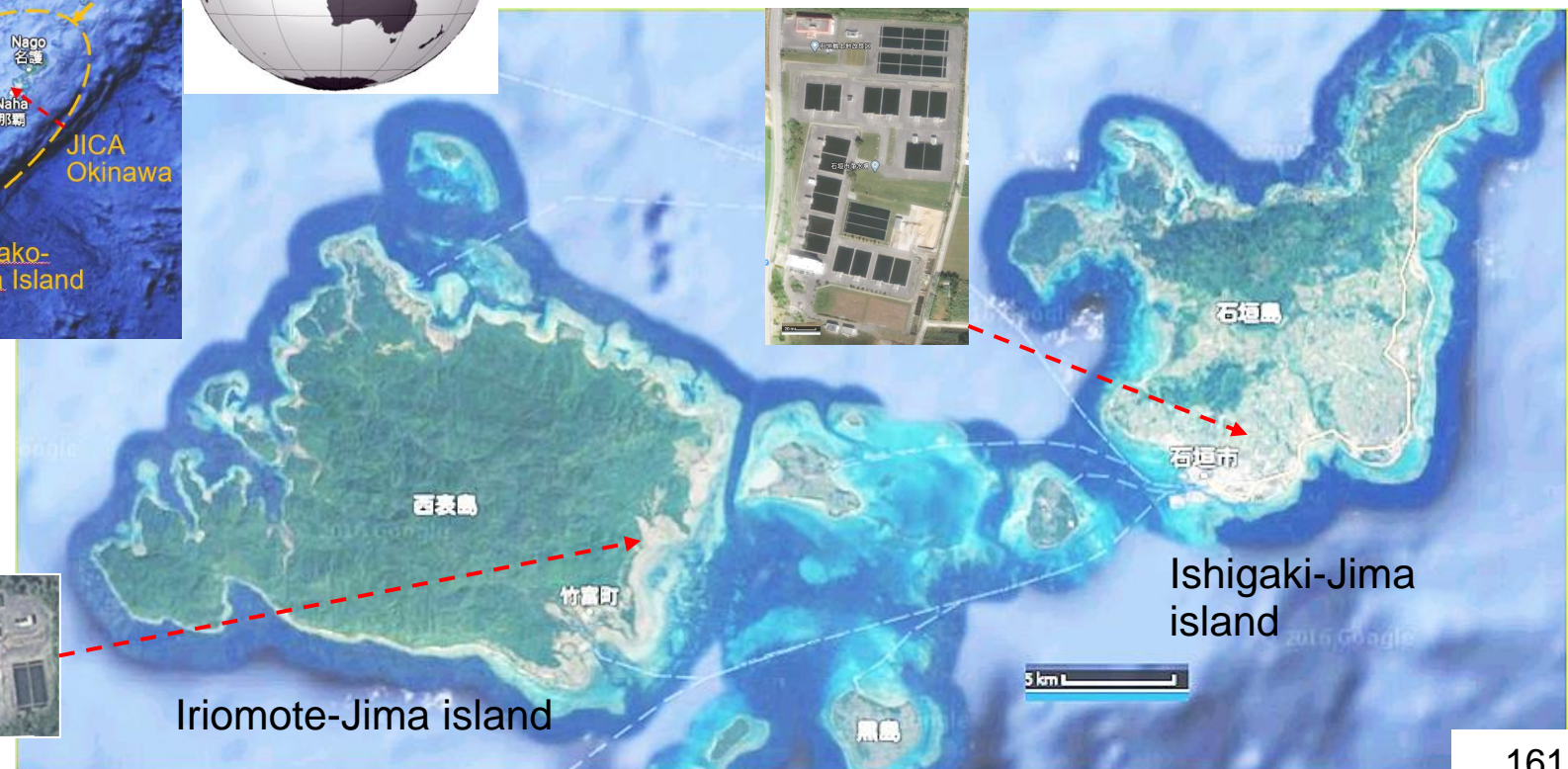
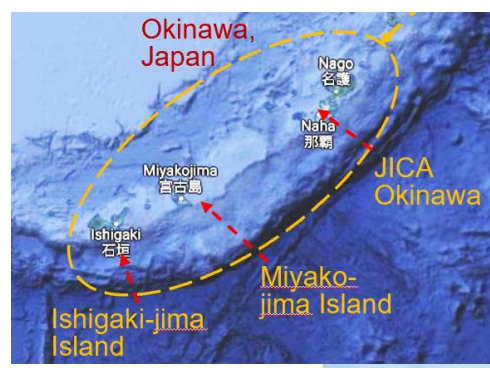
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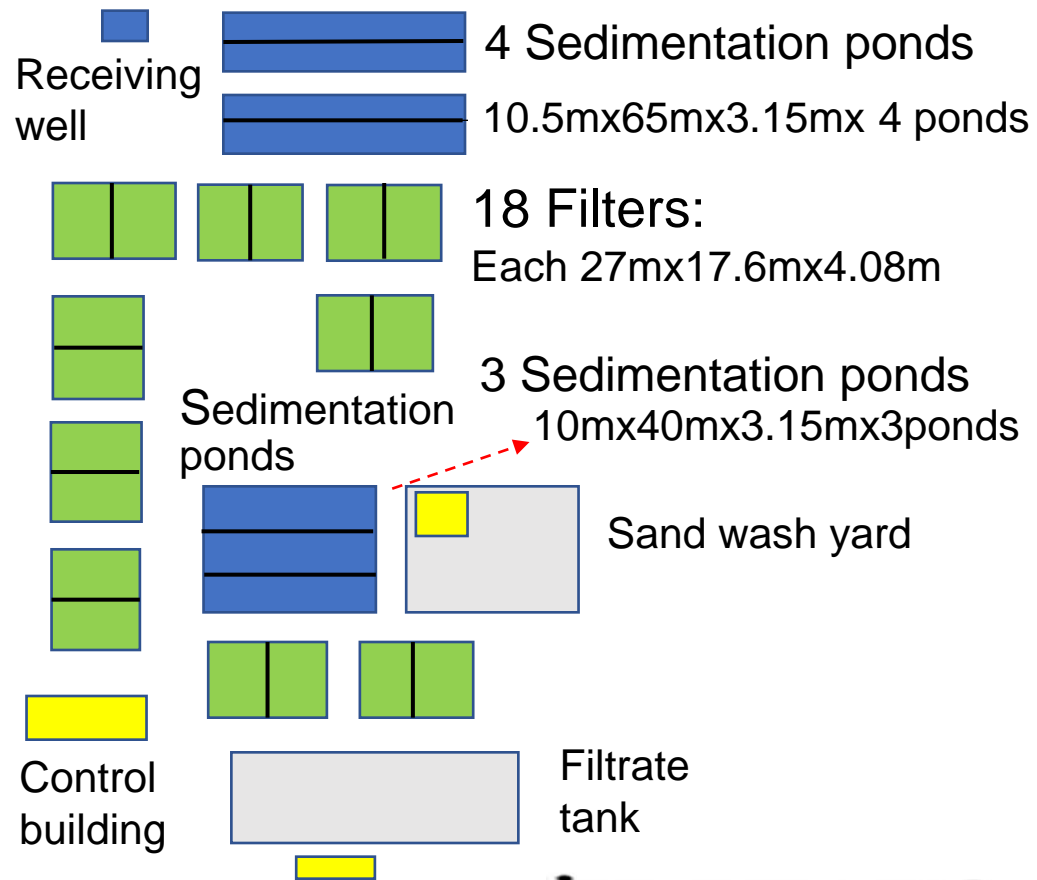


Ishigaki WTP

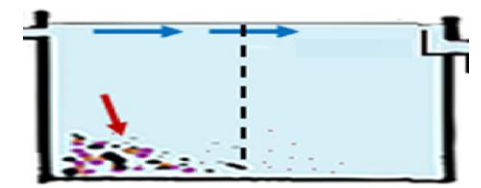
土地改良区

石垣市浄水場

20 m



Residence time of sedimentation ponds: 0.4 day = 10 hrs. in manual.



Heavy suspended matters sink down to the bottom. But fine particles do not sink. And surface water drifts near the surface and passes the sediment pond. This means residence time of near surface water is shorter time than the manual.



Ishigaki plant capacity: Design capacity: 30,160m³/d

Slow sand filter:

4m/d : Design filter rate in manual.

Each filter: 27m x 17.6m = 475.2m²

475.2m² x **4m/d** = 1,901m³/d

1,901m³/d x 16filters = 30,413m³/d

2 filters are spare use.

in manual.



Water supply per person

0.3m³/person/d ⇒ 100,000persons.

0.5m³/person/d ⇒ 60,000persons.

Big capacity



Shallow depth is the key for algal growth.

I explain importance of depth and flow.



How to reduce the suspended matter without chemicals.

Ma'e sato reservoir



Mountain stream.
Shiramizu intake



Omoto intake



Pump station for
underground water

Yoshihara plant

Designed capacity 1,040m³/d
(2 filters and 1 spare)

Sedimentation pond:
3.2m x 18.2m x 3.0m x 2 ponds

Slow sand filter
9.4m x 14.1m (x 4.0m) x 3 filter (2+1)
9.4 x 14.1 = 132.54m² (1 filter)
132.54m² x 4m/d = 530.2m³/d

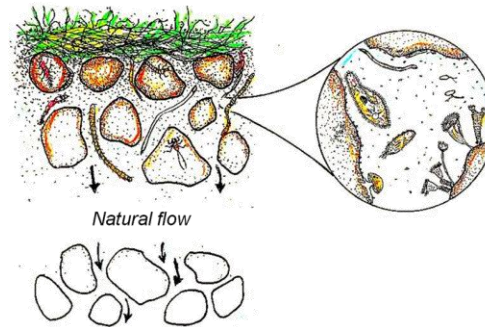


Nosoko plant

Designed capacity 1,066m³/d
(3 filters and 1 spare)

Sedimentation pond:
3.0 x 11.2 x 3.0 x 4 ponds

Slow sand filter
11.0 x 13.5 (x 2.4) x 4 filter (3+1)
11.0 x 13.5 = 148.5m² (1 filter)
148.5m² x 4m/d = 594m³/d



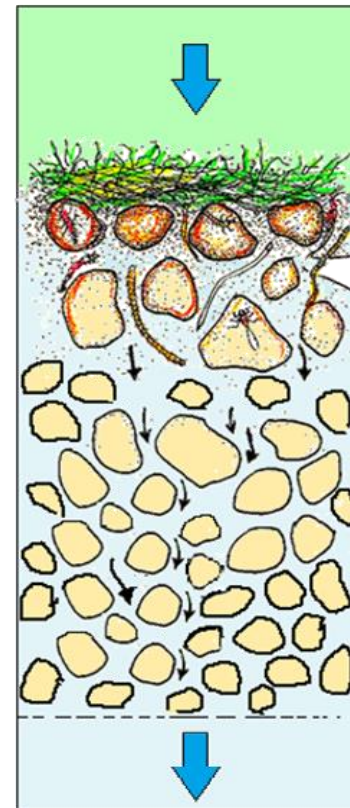
I explained
role of small
organisms.



Scraping the surface at Ishigaki plant.



In case of surface water intake, muddy materials are easily accumulated at the surface of sand filter. *Sand is clear. We need not remove all of the biological active layer.*



Biological activity is high in warm region.

Muddy materials are trapped at the surface. **Sand is always clear.** Biological community works near the surface. There is food for them near the surface.



Drain off filter for scraping. Many fishes and mollusks are remarkable.

This is just natural ecosystem.

Inflow mud does not enter the sand layer. Sand is clear.



Grazing Activity is high in warm region.

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Almost no change in dissolved oxygen.
Gentle condition for small organisms.

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Ecological Purification System
for Safe Drinking Water

- Application of Natural Process -

Eco-friendly technique to make artificial spring water

NAKAMOTO Nobutada, Dr. Science
Prof. Emeritus of Shinshu University, Japan



Brown water is not dangerous for fish.



Super Clean Water

Just filtered by Ecological Purification



Fig.0. Fijian EPS using rain harvest tanks in a village.

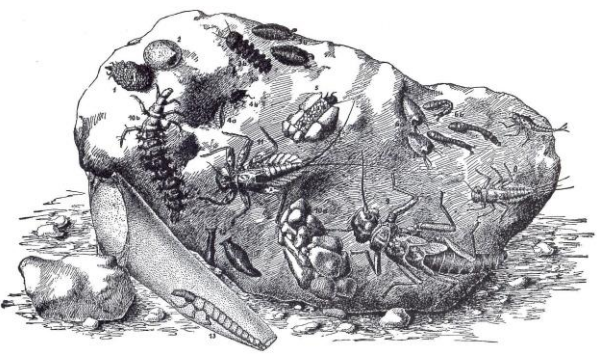
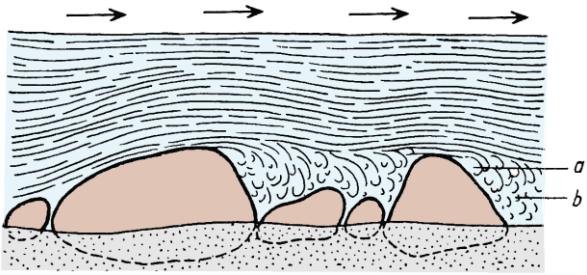
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Presence of Oxygen
is the key for
delicious water.



Running water, but unexpected flush out by storm event

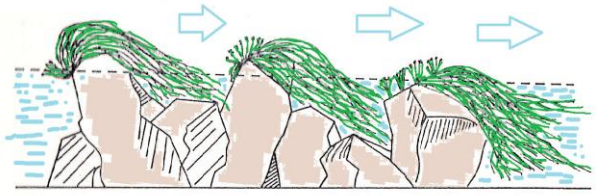
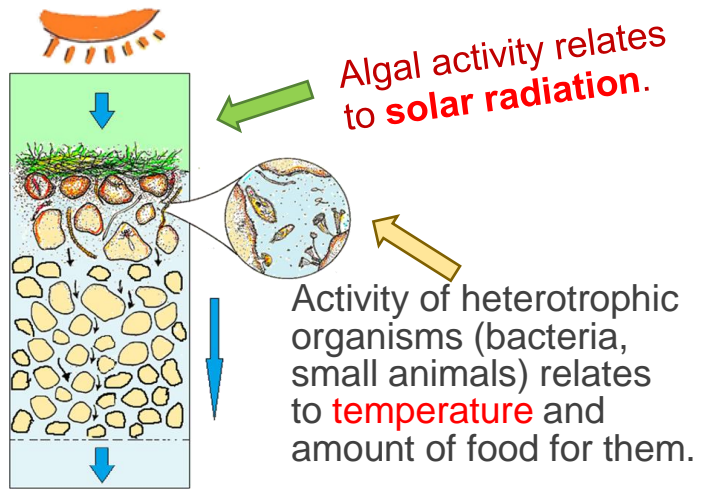
When plants and animals do not flush out, water is always clear.



“slow” means “gentle for organisms”



Vertical current is gentle for small animals on the surface of sand and soil particle.



Small animals on the surface of rocks collect turbid matters.

Sand, stone and rocks **don't** role and **move** in a small creek among dense forest.



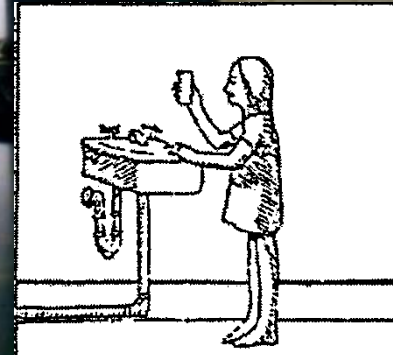
People prefer to drink natural spring water.



People does not like chlorinated tap water.



This water is not guaranteed by the authority. However, people trusts this water.



Is this water is safe? Harris 1974



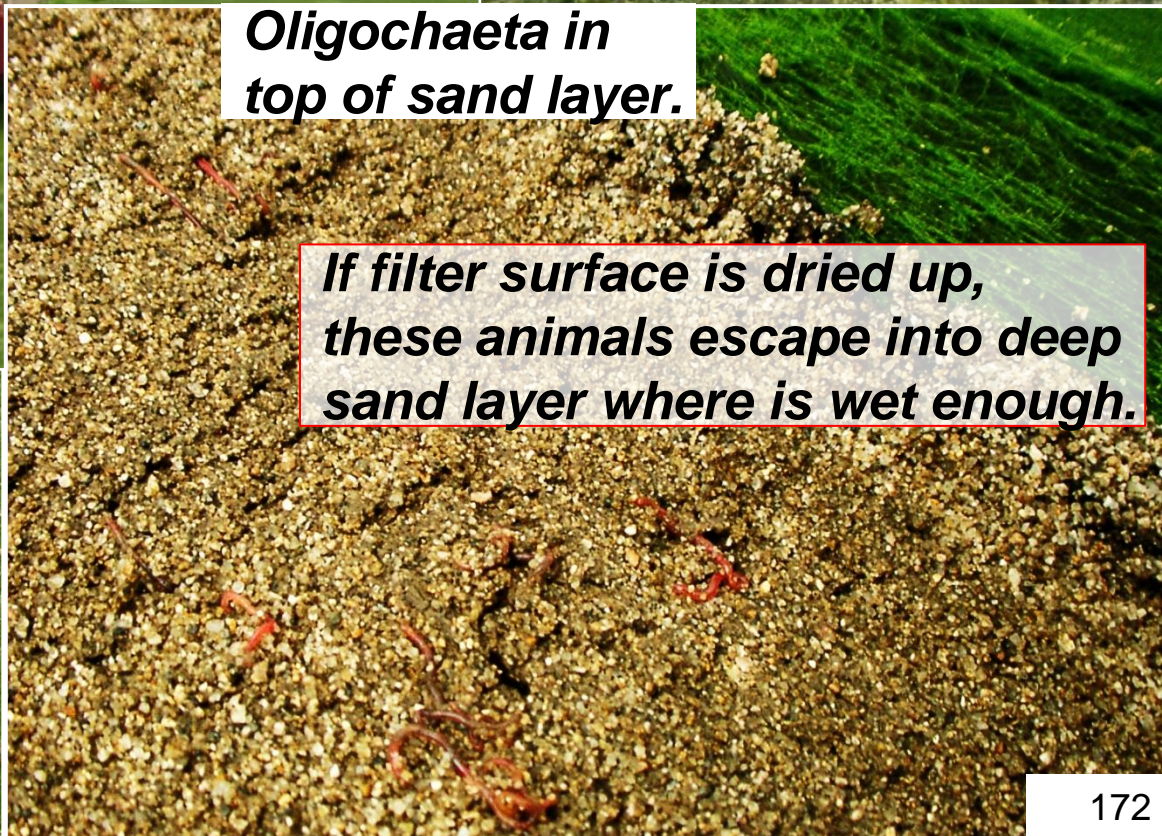
It is better to scrape during wet condition and short time.



Mollusk is grazing animal of green algae. Long filter run.

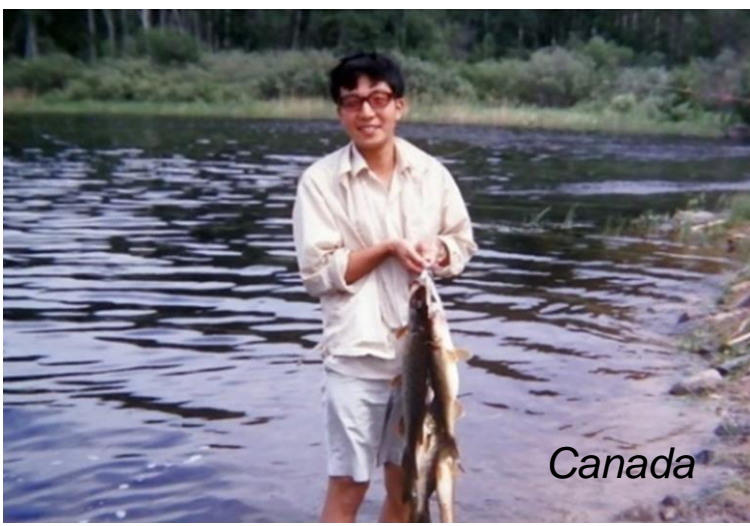


Clean sand means that dirty matter does not enter in deep.



Oligochaeta in top of sand layer.

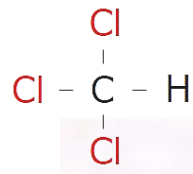
If filter surface is dried up, these animals escape into deep sand layer where is wet enough.



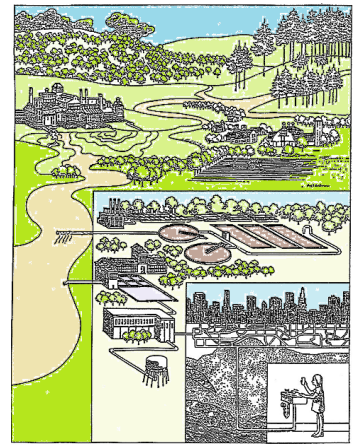
Canada



IS THE WATER SAFE TO DRINK?



Harris Report 1974



Robert H. Harris and others 1974 pointed out the risk of formation of tri-halo-methane by chemical addition of chlorine.

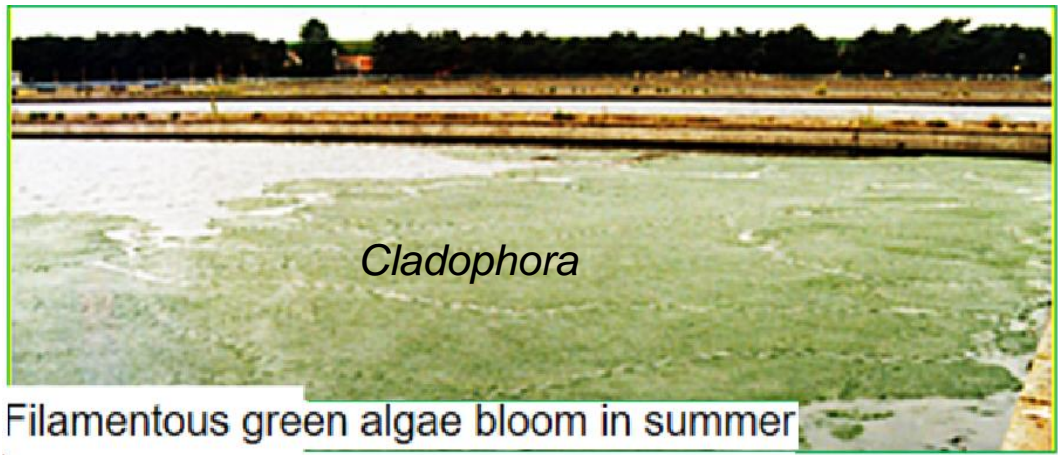
Water color is brown in the filter pond in Edinburgh in Scotland. Raw water comes from peat land.



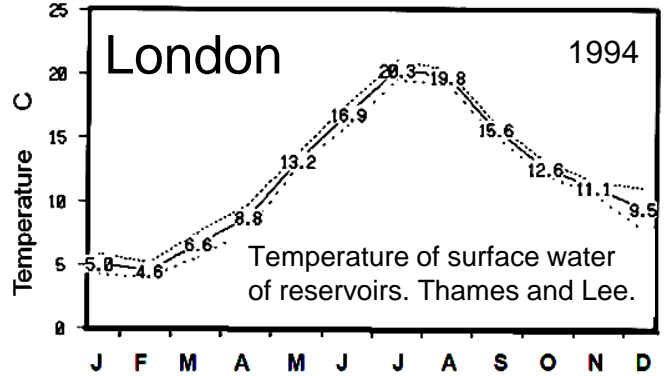
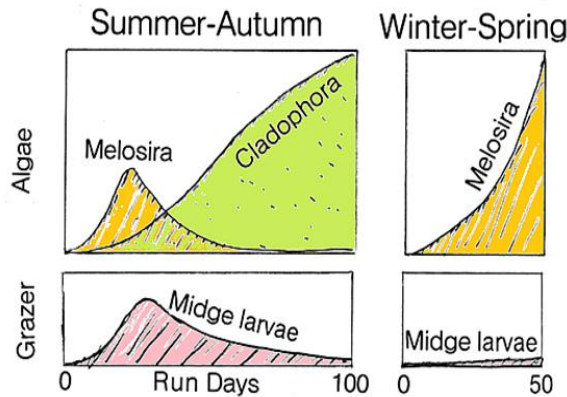
Vartry Waterworks, Dublin, Ireland. I could see brown water in open clear water tank (filtrate water tank). They have served from 1860s.

Brown water is not good. This idea came from chemical treatment. Rapid Sand Filter produces Cancer Risk by chlorine addition.

I investigated the seasonal change of algae in Thames filters in London from 1994 to 1996, more than 30 years ago.



Filamentous diatom in winter



Diatom to Green algae in summer is due to grazing activity.



Water temperature is low in Ueda, Nagano, Japan and short filter run.

Diatom



In summer, green alga was observed.

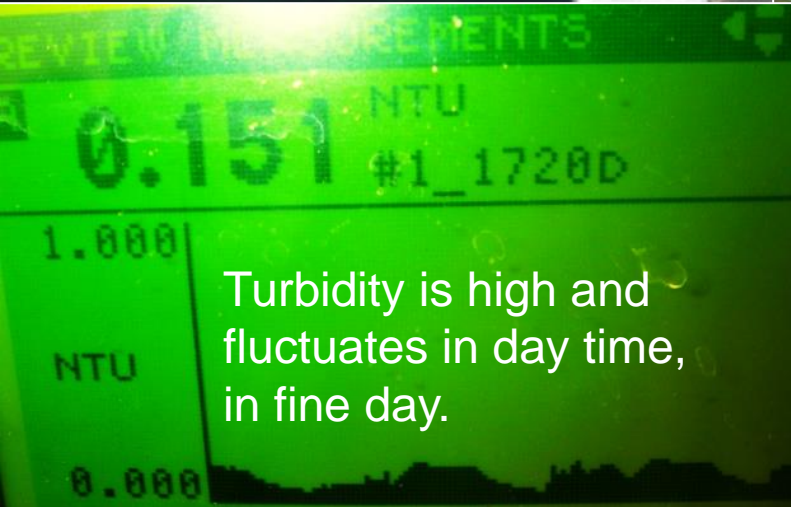
I noticed that this change from diatom to green algae is due to grazing activity. I confirmed also this change in Ueda.



SS free sub-surface water is taken.



Long filter run
Good filter condition



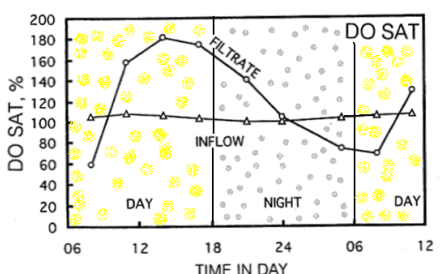
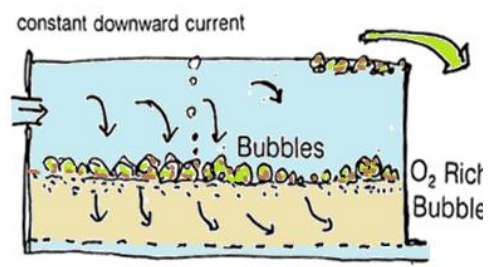
Turbidity is high and fluctuates in day time, in fine day.



Sampling pump



Micro bubbles are observed.

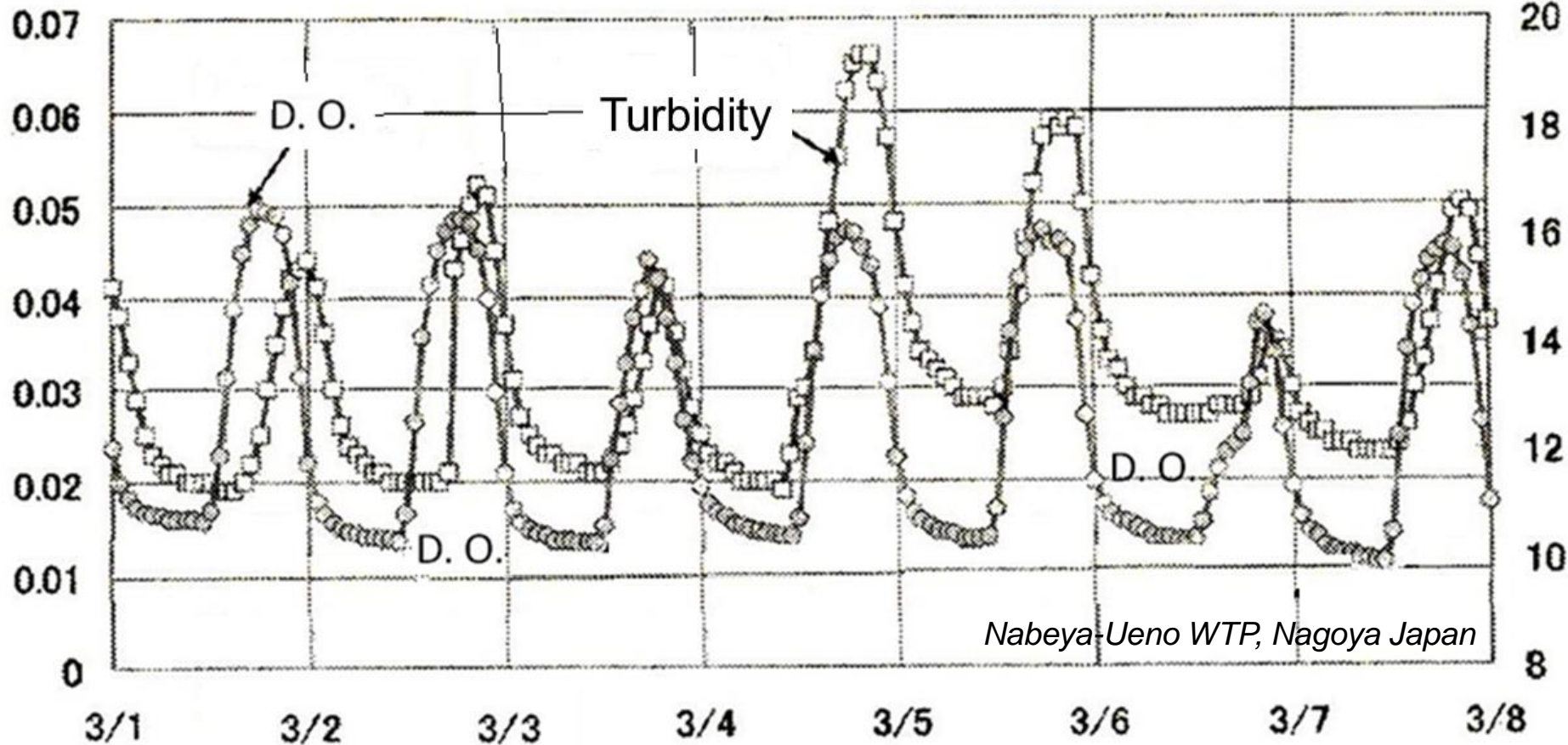


Photosynthetic activity is high in day time. DO concentration becomes super-saturation. After the sampling pump, oxygen bubbles form in water. Turbidity is due to bubbles.

Diurnal Changes in Turbidity Meter Value and Dissolved Oxygen concentration in Filtrate

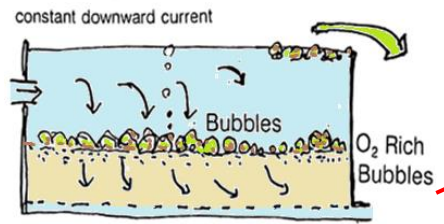
Turbidity

DO (mg/L)



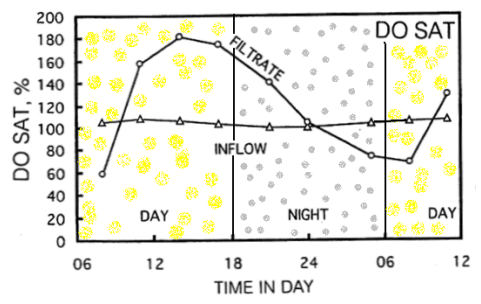
Nabeya-Ueno WTP, Nagoya Japan

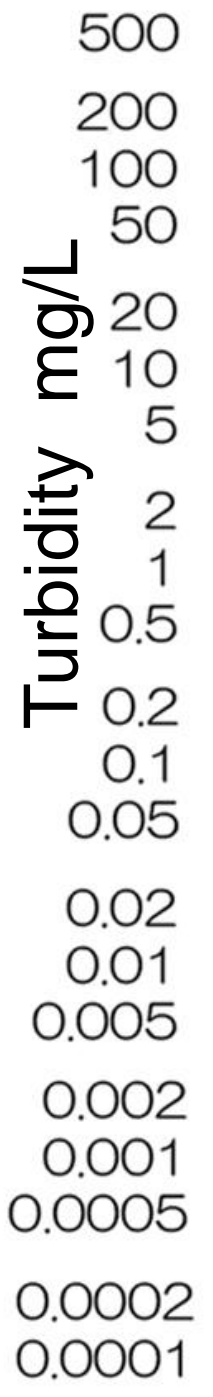
Bubbles are not formed in filtrate under the high pressure and gentle condition.



Meter
Pump
Bubbles are easily formed under super-saturate condition.

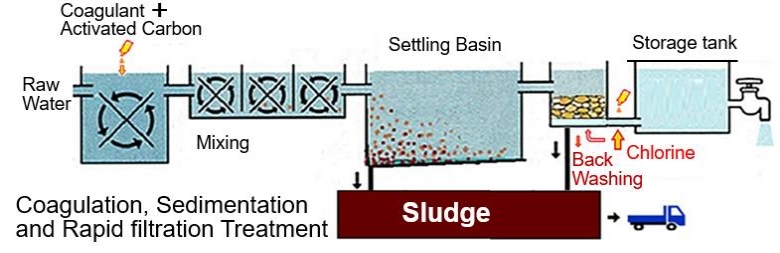
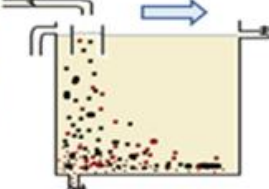
Turbidity meter value is not equal to real suspended matter. This particulate by the meter is micro-bubble.





Storm event

Major turbid matter in mountain stream is easily set within several hours.



Coagulant + Chlorine
Rapid Sand Filter

SS passes by
backwash.

2 degrees
Jap. standard

After Crypto
outbreak.

Recommended
to 0.1 degrees



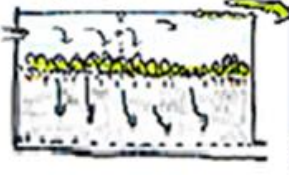
Chlorination
is essential.



Purified by small
organisms



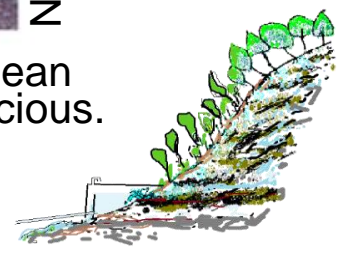
Natural spring
is essential.



Super clean
and delicious.



Artificial Natural spring water





1. Shallow depth

2. Active Photosynthesis

3. Bubble

4. Lift up

5. Microbe to animal

6. Collect, graze and decompose

7. Food chain is the key for purification.

8. Sand is habitat.

9. Large Sand

10. Activity depend on Temp & Radiation.

11. Pass time is 1 or 2 minutes.

砂ろ過槽
Slow Sand
Filter
2.0m

This is Smart Treatment System to make Artificial Spring Water by Eco-friendly Technique of Ecological Purification System.

EPS for safe drinking water in arsenate contaminated Bangladesh in 2004.

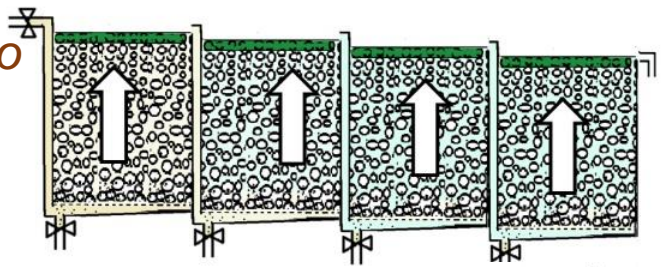
Surface water is polluted by herbicides and insecticides.



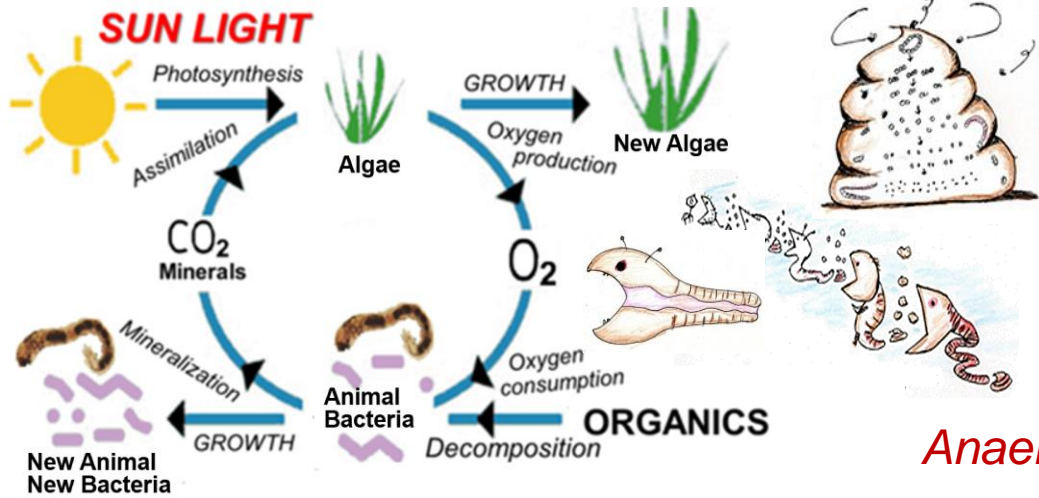
Algal growth



Repeat URF to decompose herbicide and pesticide.



Mr. Kawahara asked me to teach him a method to decompose herbicides and insecticides that are difficult to decompose in nature. Therefore, I taught a method of repeating decomposition through fermentation in the lack of oxygen inside the fecal pellets of the biological community. I thought that one time was not enough, so I recommended repeating it four times.



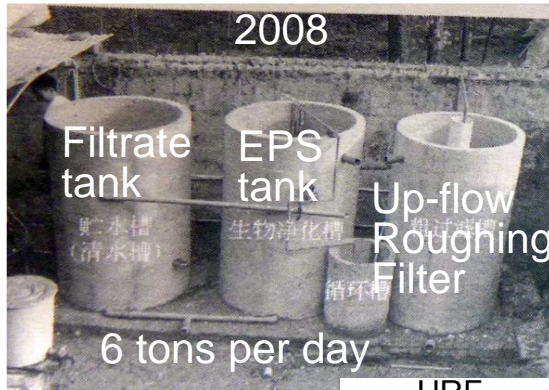
Complete decomposition (mineralization) in the faecal pellet.

Anaerobic condition in fecal pellet.

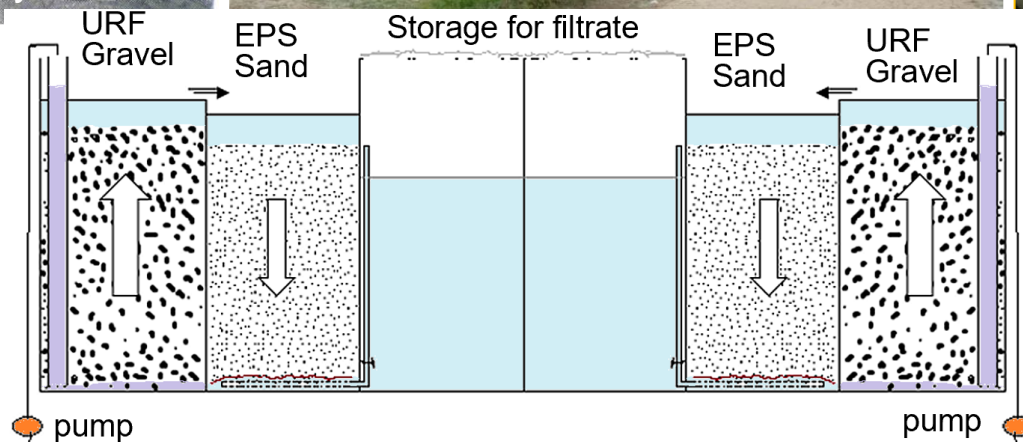
In 2008, Mr. Huo Dai Shan, Shenqiu county, Henan province, made safe drinking water from contaminated groundwater under the guidance of Jin Shengzhe. Since then, water purification systems have been constructed in over 40 locations.



They used EPS to produce drinkable water from groundwater contaminated with industrial wastewater.



Covered EPS was constructed at a school for students and villagers in August, 2014.



EPS-Use of Natural Process-**Chemical Free** : **Gentle for small organisms**



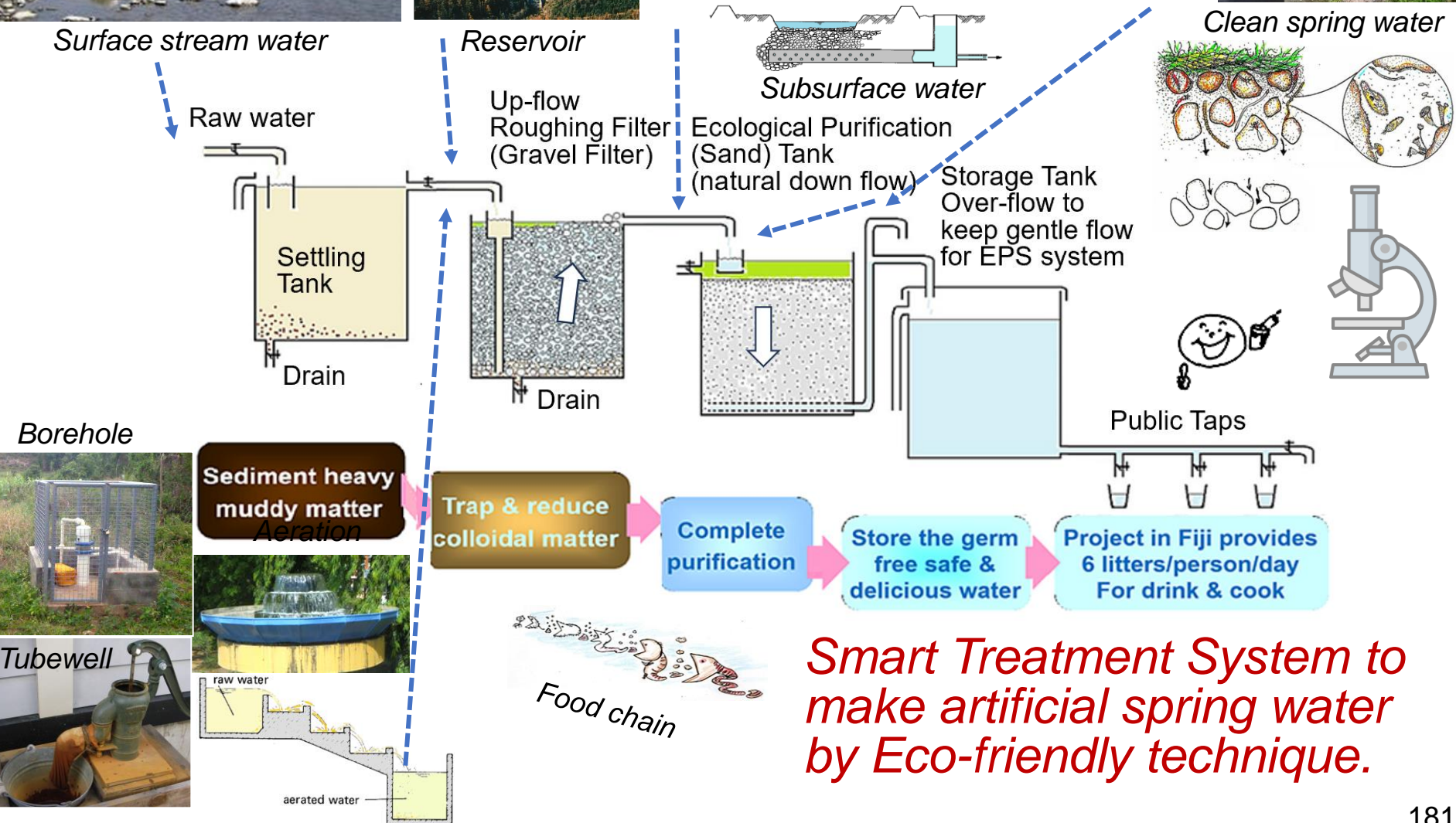
Surface stream water



Reservoir



Clean spring water

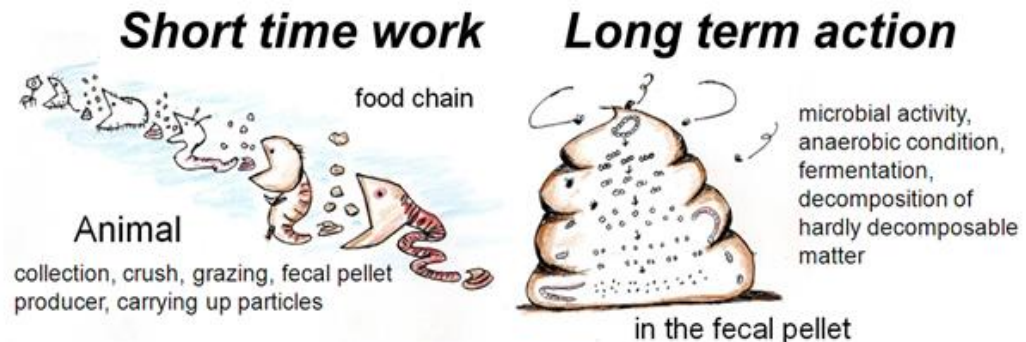
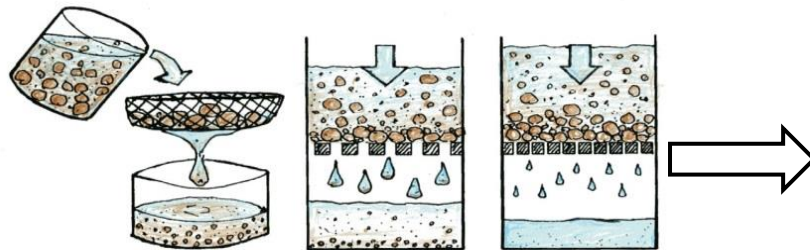


Smart Treatment System to make artificial spring water by Eco-friendly technique.

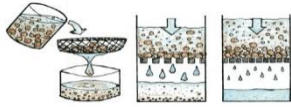
THIS is FOOD CHAIN

- ① The present **vertical type of slow sand filter** was devised by James Simpson in **1829** after his 2,000 miles inspection trip all over the Britain.
- ② This filter provided safe drinking water, **free of pathogens to residents** in London. This vertical type of filter spread round the world and was known as the “English Filter”.
- ③ Slow sand filter has been believed that it was a **mechanical filter** with **fine sand** under **slow** current.
- ④ However, the **major contribution** of the purification of the impurities is the **food chain** in this system.
- ⑤ The word of “**slow**” was “**gentle for organisms**”.
- ⑥ Recently, the English filter of “**Slow Sand Filter**” has been recognized as “**Ecological Purification System**” in Japan.

Slow Sand Filter → *Biological Filter* → **Ecological Purification System**
English Filter : Mechanical filter *New Concept and New Name*



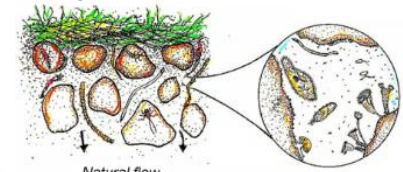
Slow Sand Filter



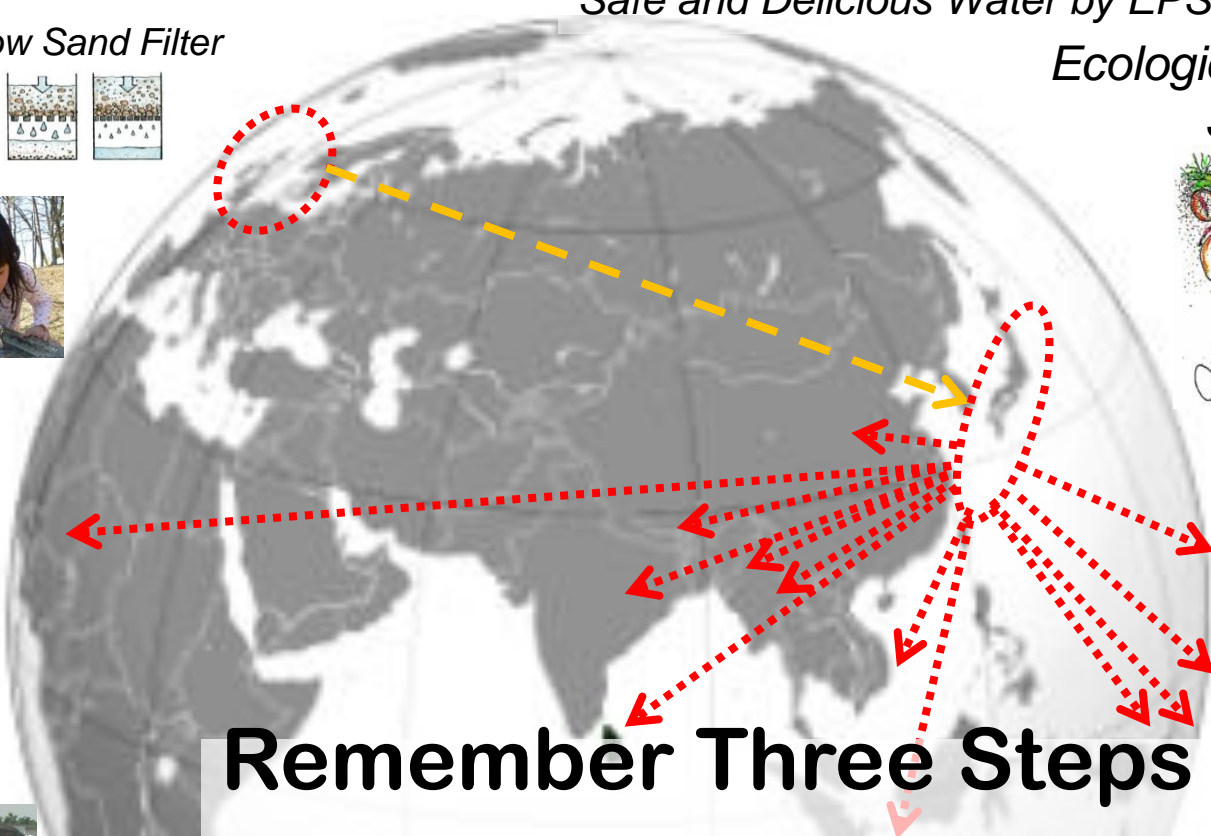
Trust Our Sense !
Super clean delicious water



Ecological Purification System



Natural flow
Food chain
Gentle for small organisms



Remember Three Steps

1. Knowing is NOT enough, we must APPLY it to something useful.
2. Willingness is NOT enough, we must PUT it into the PLAN and ACTION.
3. Putting the PLAN into action is NOT enough, we must ACCOMPLISH the goals.