National Survey on the Natural Environment of Japan

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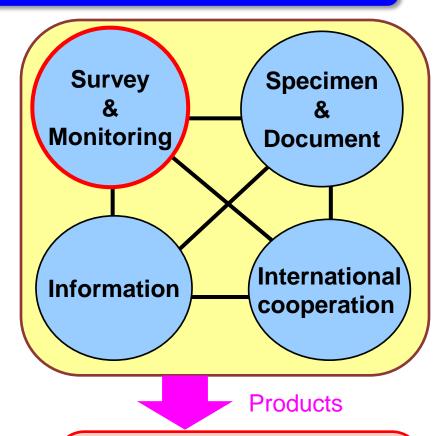
- Establishment: 1998
- Purpose: to encourage the conservation of biodiversity in Japan and also to contribute to international efforts toward conserving biodiversity.
- Staff: 20 people





Functions of Biodiversity Center

- Survey & Monitoring
 - Vegetation Survey
 - Monitoring Sites 1000
 - IkimonoLog, etc.
- Specimen & Document Collection and storage of biological specimens and documents
- Information Collection, management, and public service of information concerning biodiversity
- International cooperation
 Development of biodiversity information
 system and observation network



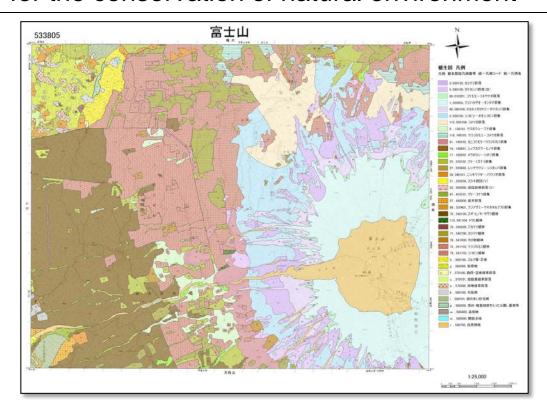
Conservation of Biodiversity

- Policy-making
- Environmental impact assessment
- academic research, etc.

Vegetation survey

Purpose: to get information on the present state of natural vegetation and to create actual vegetation maps* nationwide.

* Vegetation map: provide the most basic and essential data for the conservation of natural environment



Vegetation map of the Mt. Fuji area

History of vegetation survey

1973

Actual vegetation map (scale 1:200,000) with 53 sheets

1978 - 1987

Actual vegetation map (scale 1:50,000) with 1,293 sheets

1988 - 1998

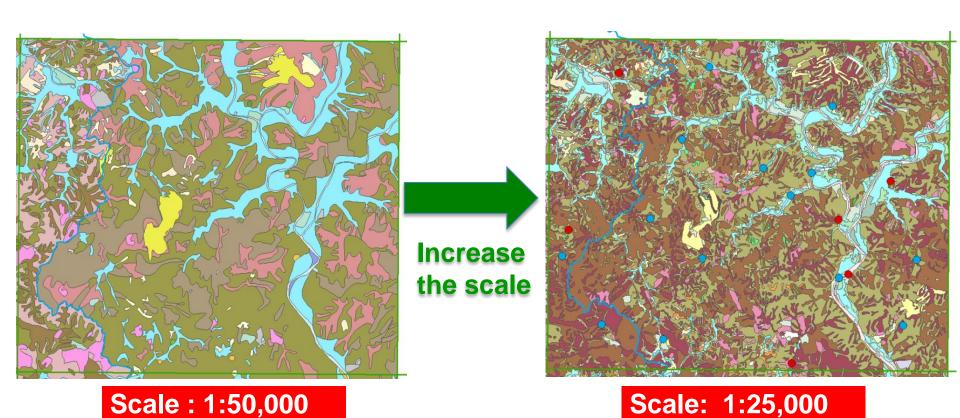
Identify the areas where the vegetation changed from the previous survey by using satellite images, and modified maps

1999 - present

Actual vegetation map (scale: 1:25,000) with app. 4,700 sheets (77% is completed)

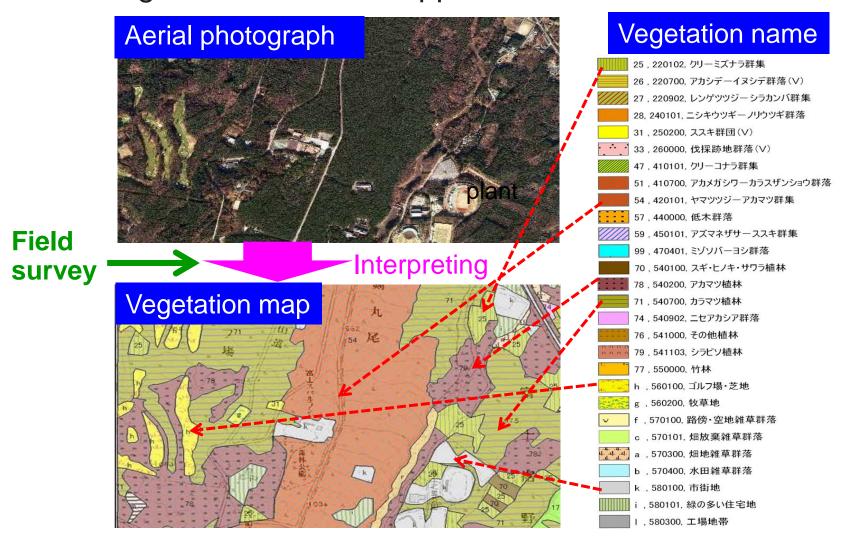
Scale of vegetation map

The map scale has been increased from 1:200,000 to 1:50,000, then 1:25,000, in order to describe more accurately the distribution of small vegetation.

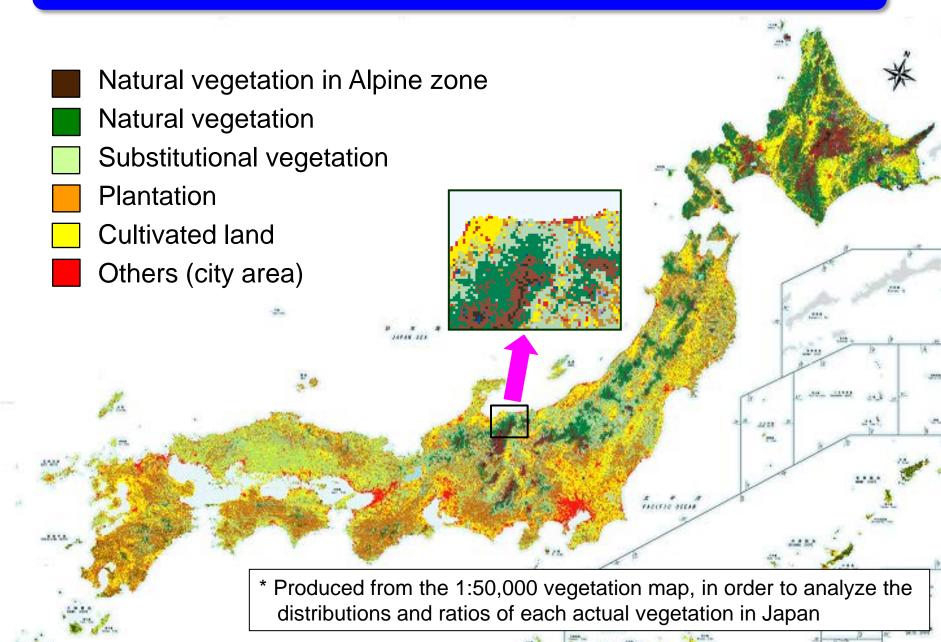


Produce of vegetation map

Vegetation (composition of plant species) of Japan is classified into vegetation names of app. 900



Overlook of National vegetation in Japan*



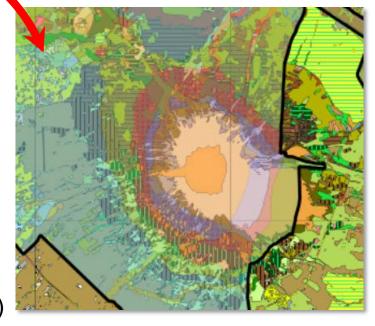
GIS data of vegetation map

GIS data of vegetation map are created, and available for free download on our Web-GIS system



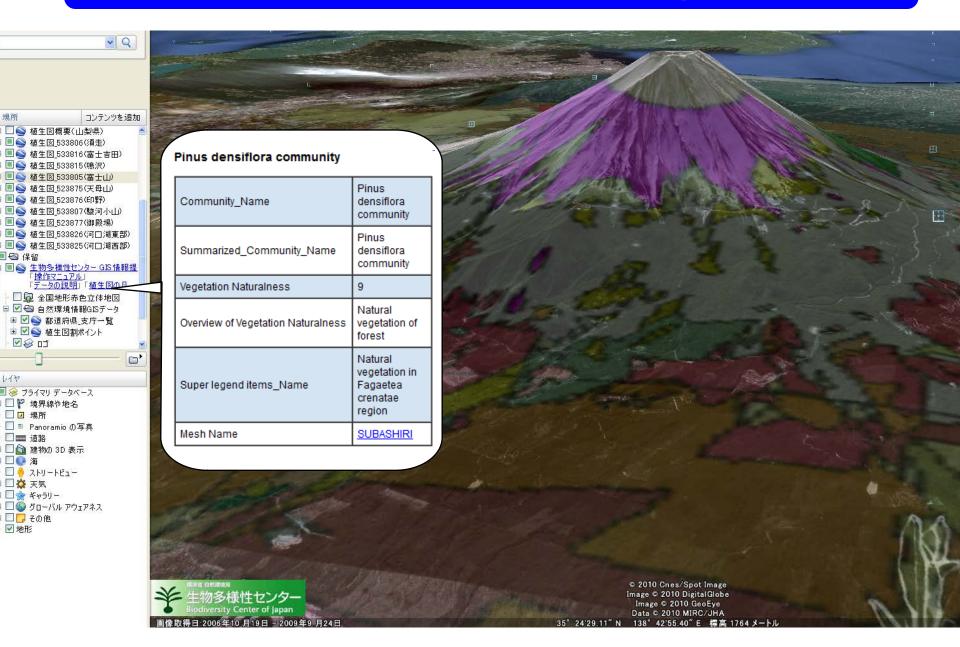
Multi-layered map:

- Vegetation
- Animal distribution
- Protected area
- Geography etc.



http://gis.biodic.go.jp/webgis/ (only in Japanese)

GIS data displayed on Google Earth





Monitoring Sites 1000







Purpose:

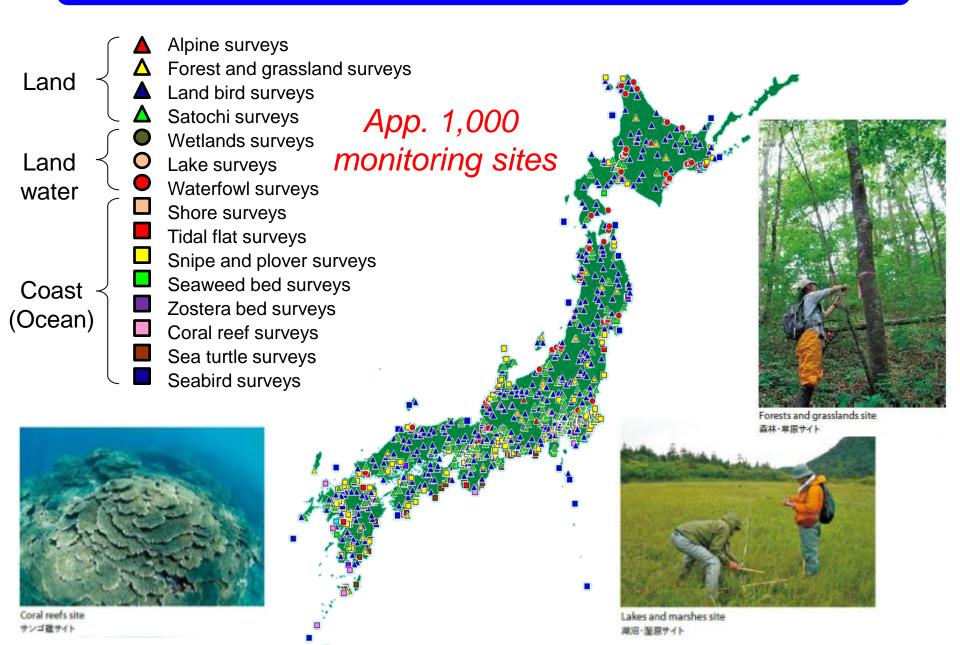
- To detect signs of ecosystem change (e.g. species composition and population) by I o n g - t e r m monitoring survey, accumulating and analyzing quantitative data on various types of ecosystem of Japan
- And, to publish the results in order to assist academic research and develop appropriate nature conservation measures

Monitoring period:

The project was launched in 2003, and it will be continued for 100 years or more



Location of Monitoring Sites 1000





Collaborative monitoring network

- Monitoring is operated in cooperation with local experts, NGO/NPOs and voluntary citizens (app. 5,000 people)
- In order to ensure the accuracy of monitoring, Survey Manual were established, and then Training Workshop is organized to improve the abilities of voluntary citizens



Survey Manual





Publications on Monitoring Sites 1000*

Annually:

- Annual report
 Survey results, basic analysis, expert opinions
- Data file
- Survey bulletin announce on the survey progress and important items
- **Every five years:**
 - Summary report
 Detailed analysis and examination based on the data during the five years



*All of these items are available on the website



IkimonoLog

Purpose: to collect the information of biological observation nationwide by using the internet, and to provide open access to these information.



Main functions:



Search



Report



Apply the system for other surveys

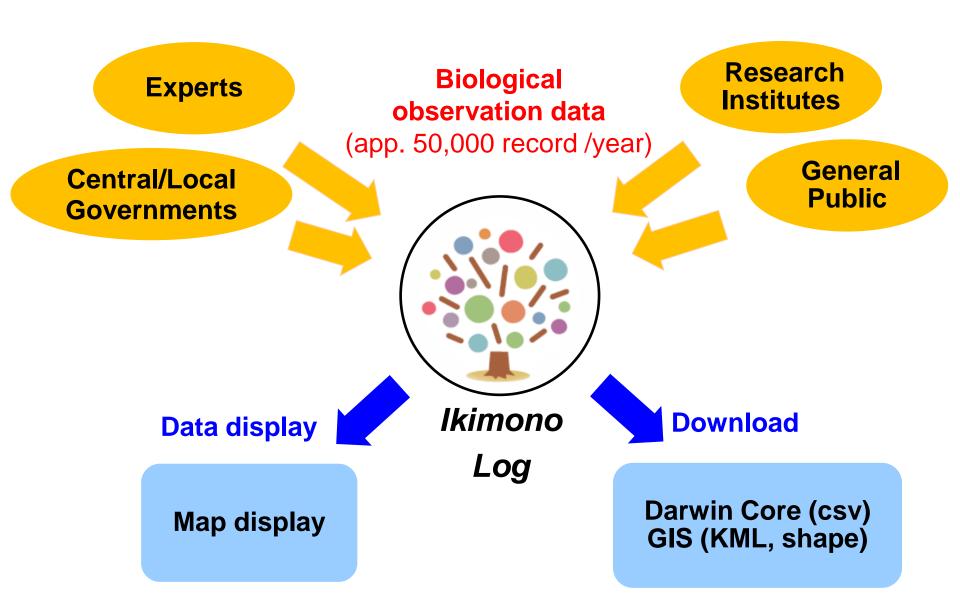
Annual access:

More than 15,000,000

http://ikilog.biodic.go.jp/ (only in Japanese)



Data flow of IkimonoLog

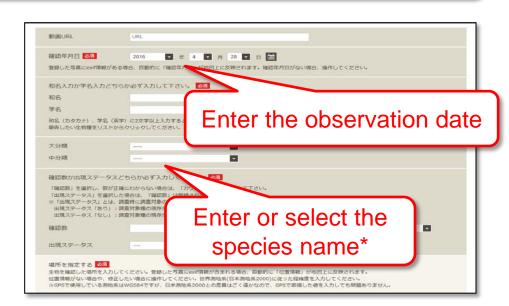




Online report format of IkimonoLog

- Basic input:
- Species name
- Observation date
- Observation site
- Detailed input:
- Photograph
- Darwin Core data

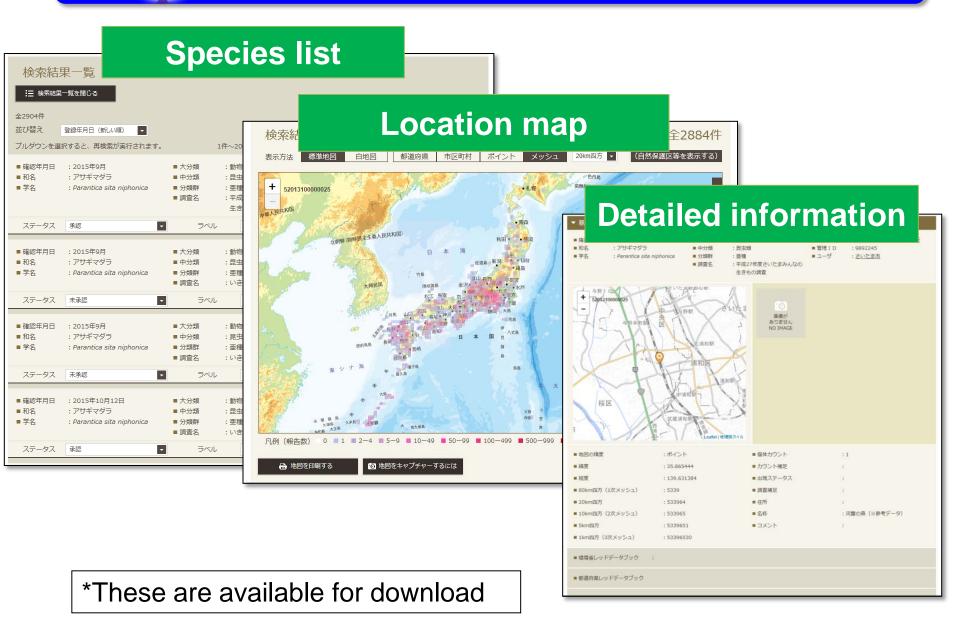
* The format is equipped with "Biological Name Database" that automatically identify the standard name of the reported species







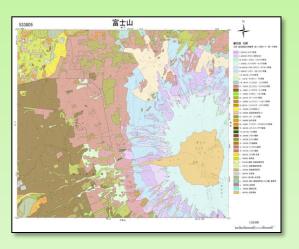
Search results* of IkimonoLog



Data sharing of Biodiversity Center

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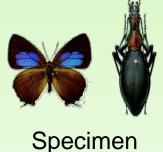
Various basic information on biodiversity is open to the public





Survey & Monitoring





Access and search

On the web



Access and search

International databases

- GBIF
- OBIS
- BISMaL
- · JaLTER, etc.

Global data sharing

(more than 800,000 records so far)

Live Images of Nature

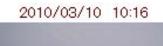
- Live images on nature scenery of 70 stations every hour
- Annual access: more than 40,000,000
- English page is available



http://www.sizenken.biodic.go.jp/index.php

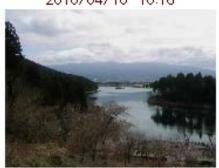
Archive of live images (Mt. Fuji area)

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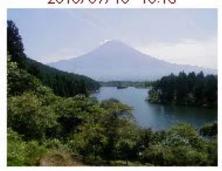
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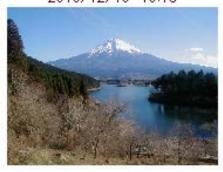
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