

# Horikawa Sen-nin Chosatai 2010 (HSC) Summary meeting for the 30th stage

Place : Will Aichi



The secretariat of Horikawa Sen-nin Chosatai 2010  
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# 1. Horikawa Sen-nin Chosatai 2010

## ~Transmission of Raw Water from Kiso River (TRWKR)~

The formation of HSC (April.22<sup>nd</sup>.2007)  
With a viewpoint and a sence of citizens, the survey of the clarification effect of TRWKR started

### 1.Purpose

To verify the clarification effects of TRWKR with citizens

- (1) Develop to new clarifying measures
- (2) Asses the influence on an ecosystem
- (3) Sustain and enhance citizens' activities
- (4) Develop citizens' awareness in the entire Horikawa River basin



■ The survey from a viewpoint and a sence of citizens'  
\*Clearness \*Transparency \*Color \*Bubble \*Smell  
\*Garbage \*Living things, etc

### 2.Water source and Volume of transmission of raw water

- (1) Water Source : Kiso River
- (2) Volume of transmission of raw water : Maximum 0.4 m3/s

### 3.Pilot project period

- (1) Evaluation and Survey term : About 5 years  
(from Apr.2007 to Mar.2012)  
(Including the term of follow-up survey and evaluation after the stop of TRWKR)
- (2) TRWKR period : about 3 years  
(from Apr.22<sup>nd</sup>.2007 to Mar.22<sup>nd</sup>.2010)



The first Nagoya City  
Environmental Practice Prize,  
Feb.2012  
Branch of contribution for  
Regional Environment  
Development Award  
for Excellence

### ■Increase of Transmisson Volume from the Shonai River (additional pilot project)

#### 1.Water source and Volume of transmission of raw water

- (1) Water Source : Shonai River
- (2) Transmission Usual 0.4m3/sec (maxium 0.7m3/sec)

#### 2.Period of Increase

- (1) Experiment Period : Oct.1<sup>st</sup> - Dec.31<sup>st</sup>.2010
- (2) Period of Increased Transmisson Volume : Oct.5<sup>th</sup> - Nov.2<sup>nd</sup>.2010



Water Resource Contributor  
Awards  
Minister of Land,  
infrastructure and  
Transportation) Aug.2016

# Transmission of Raw Water from Kiso River (TRWKR)

3 years from April.22<sup>nd</sup>.2007(Stopped on March.22<sup>nd</sup>.2010)



Surveys during TRWKR period : 3 years

April.2007 ~ March.2010

Surveys after the stop of TRWKR period : 2 years

April.2010 ~ March.2012

Horikawa Sen-nin Chosatai

April.2007 ~ March.2012

- Fixed Point Observation Groups  
Surveying effects of TRWKR
- Free Survey Groups Researching  
Horikawa River by free themes
- Horikawa Support Groups Supporting  
clarification of Horikawa



The survey from  
a viewpoint and  
sense of citizens

Results of pilot project (Clarification effects of TRWKR)

- It was confirmed that the water quality tended to improve during TRWKR between Sanage Bridge and Matsushige Bridge.
- Network of citizens who wish for clarification and restoration of Horikawa River expanded.
- Citizens' awareness of cleaning of the river was developed.

■ Role of Horikawa Sen-nin Chosatai  
(Conclusions of Summary Meeting for the 10th Stage)

① More surveys should be implemented.

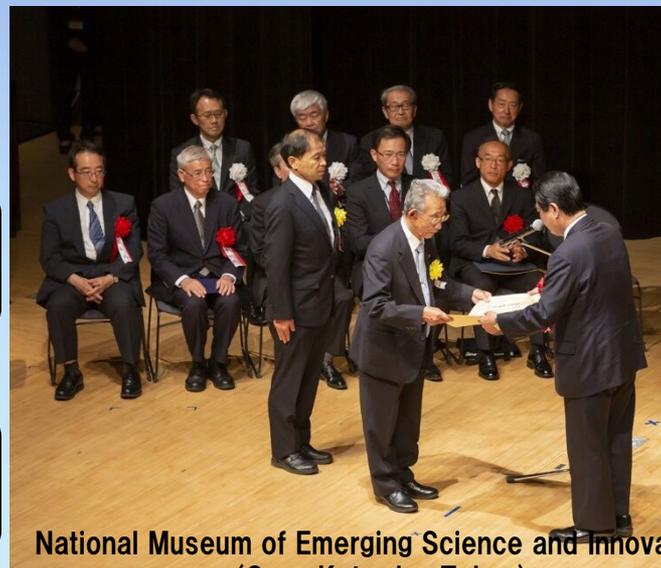
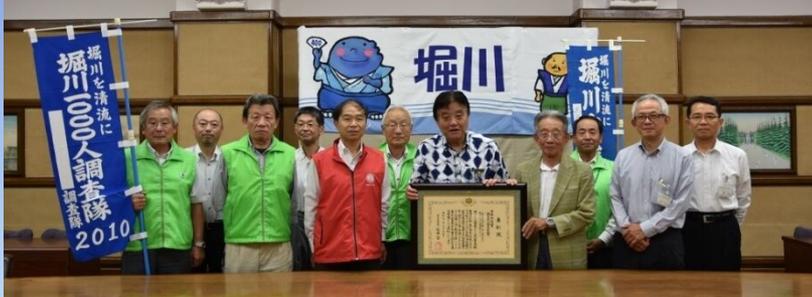
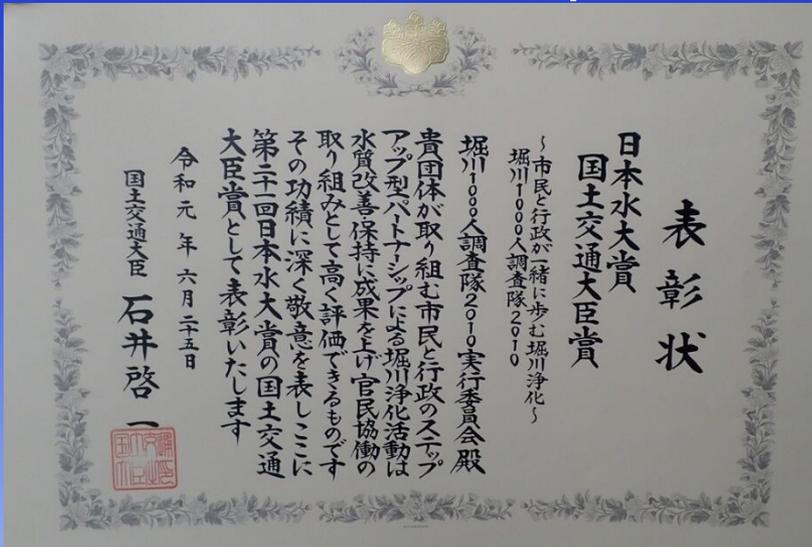
- Continuity of investigation, clarification of the situation of the river, identification of cause of pollution in the river, are needed.
- We improve our plan and take action against the pollution.
- After that, citizens and public administration do what is possible to clean the river.

②There are many things that citizens can do.

- We expand our partners who love Horikawa River and hope TRWKR again.
- We deepen exchanges with people living in the basin of Kiso, Nagara, and Ibi River.
- We check the effects of pollution removal from domestic wastewater and implement it in each residence.

# Won the 21st Japan Water Award Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport Award June 2019

Public-private academic collaboration step-up partnership



National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Ome, Koto-ku, Tokyo)



Horikawa Sen-nin Chosatai Executive Committee visited Mayor Kawamura to report getting a prize on the Japan Water Award and Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism award.

On June 25, 2019, the award ceremony for the 21st Japan Water Awards was held in the presence of Crown Prince Akishino. Horikawa Sen-nin Chosatai Executive Committee received the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award.

# Water Environment of Horikawa River

*Horikawa-River*  
 Area of basin : 52.85km<sup>2</sup>  
 Length : 16.20km

*Shin-Horikawa-River*  
 Area of basin : 22.77km<sup>2</sup>  
 Length : 5.95km

Change in temperature, precipitation and hours of sunshine

Kiso River is our water source.

Cause of breeding of phytoplankton, nitrogen and Phosphorus are included in wastewater from houses, factories and stores.

The primary cause of water pollution is wastewater from houses, factories, and stores.

Wastewater is discharged after treatment in wastewater treatment plant.

After heavy rain, wastewater is discharged without treatment.

**Shonai River**

Privisional raw water transmission: 0.3m<sup>3</sup>/s

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Sanage Bridge

Motoiri Sluiceway

Tide Gate

▼ **High Tide** Horikawa River

▼ **Ebb Tide** Difference of water level is more than 2m between high tide and ebb tide.

Water level, direction of current and velocity are changed, by tide.

It has looked like red tide or blue tide. In Nagoya Port and downstream of Horikawa, it is said that phytoplankton does over breeding and extinction, so water basin is polluted



Shimizu wakuwaku-sui

Groundwater, etc

Nagoya Port  
Ise Bay

Rising

Sludge rises and floats.



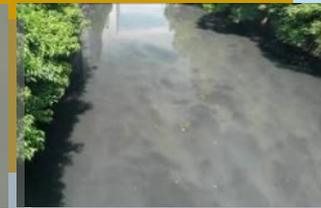
Red Tide



Blue Tide



Floating Sludge



Raised Sludge

# 2. Number of Participants of Horikawa Sen-nin Chosatai

(Horikawa Sen-nin Chosatai started accepting participation on 26th Mar.2007)

Network of citizens who wish for clarification and restoration of Horikawa River is growing.



## More than 50 thousand citizens' network

Horikawa, the Mother River of Nagoya, was polluted in rapid economic growth. The citizens have risen to get the past back.



	Start		Now
	22nd Apr.2007		19th Mar. 2022
Fixed Point Observation Groups	55 groups 497 persons	➔	108 groups 1,045persons
Free Survey Groups	22 groups 234 persons	➔	40 groups 650 persons
Horikawa Support Groups	88 groups 1,531 persons	➔	2,605 groups 52,022persons
<b>Total</b>	<b>165 groups 2,262 persons</b>	➔	<b>2,753 groups 53,717persons</b>

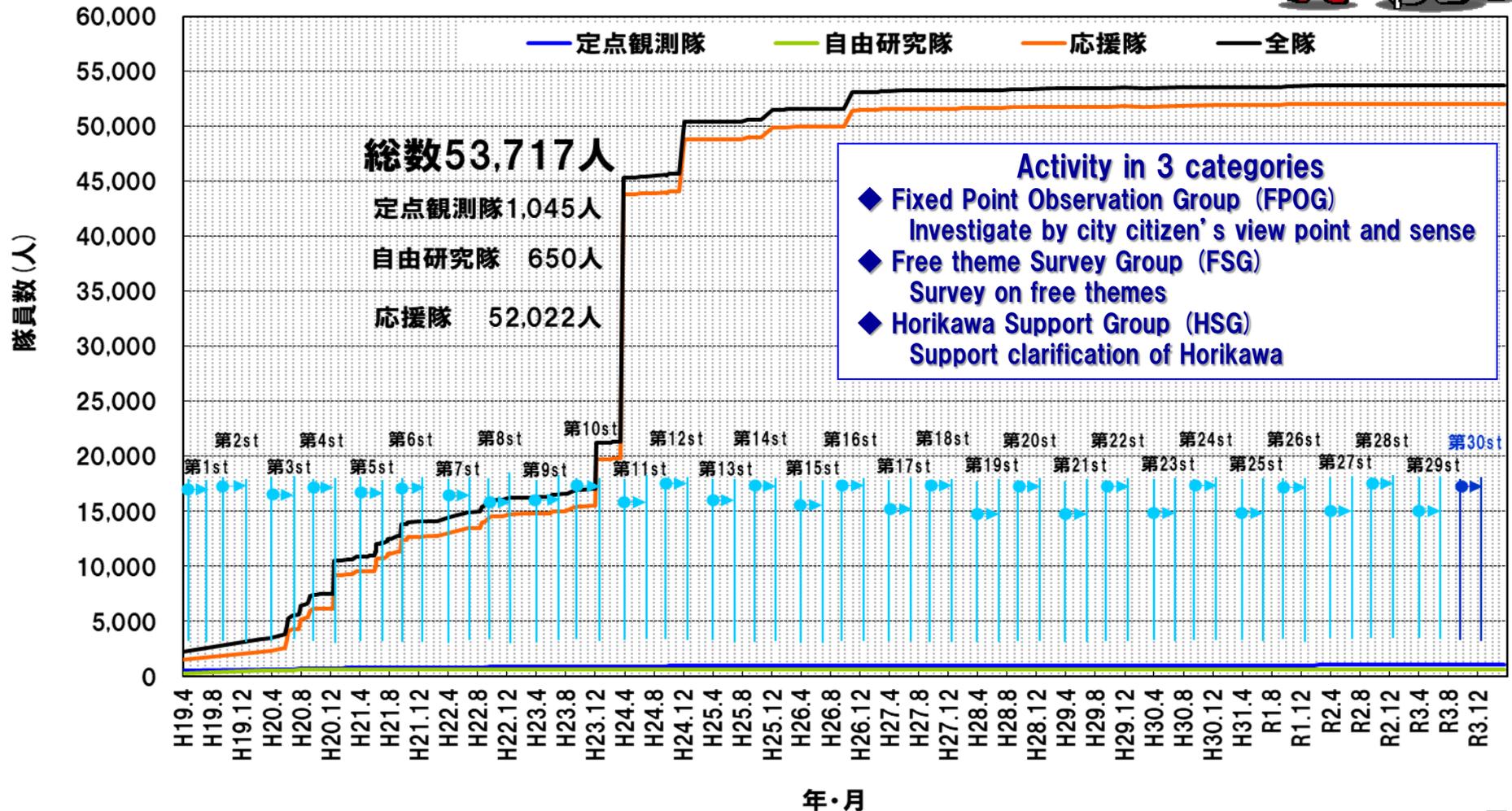
# Number of Participants



*Horikawa Sen-nin Chosatai* was established to clean *Horikawa River* and to check effective of experiment for it by city citizen's viewpoint. This activities are not only to surveys, but also spread to the clarification, cleanup, enlightenment activities and exchanges between regions.



登録隊員数の推移(定点観測隊・自由研究隊・応援隊)



# 3. Survey Periods and Number of Reports



内容	年度	期間			報告数		
					堀川	新堀川	
木曾川からの導水 0.4 m <sup>3</sup> /s 堀川浄化の社会実験	平成19年 2007年	第1ステージ 春～初夏	4月22日～6月30日	258	258	-	
		中間	7月1日～9月7日	134	134	-	
		第2ステージ 秋～初冬	9月8日～12月16日	383	383	-	
		中間	12月17日～3月31日	103	103	-	
	平成20年 2008年	第3ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	245	245	-	
		中間	7月1日～9月27日	64	64	-	
		第4ステージ 秋～初冬	9月28日～12月16日	152	152	-	
		中間	12月17日～3月31日	100	100	-	
	平成21年 2009年	第5ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	145	145	-	
		中間	7月1日～9月26日	54	54	-	
		第6ステージ 秋～初冬	9月27日～12月16日	120	120	-	
		中間	12月17日～3月31日	81	81	-	
	平成22年 2010年	第7ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	111	111	-	
		中間	7月1日～9月11日	44	44	-	
		第8ステージ 秋～初冬	9月12日～12月17日	104	104	-	
		中間	12月18日～3月31日	72	72	-	
	平成23年 2011年	第9ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	112	112	-	
		中間	7月1日～9月10日	42	42	-	
第10ステージ 秋～初冬		9月11日～12月16日	133	133	-		
中間		12月17日～3月31日	77	77	-		
官民学協働の ステップアップ型 パートナーシップ	平成24年 2012年	第11ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	148	148	-	
		中間	7月1日～9月21日	60	59	1	
		第12ステージ 秋～初冬	9月22日～12月16日	139	135	4	
	平成25年 2013年	中間	12月17日～3月31日	92	78	14	
		第13ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	145	129	16	
		中間	7月1日～9月28日	70	55	15	
	平成26年 2014年	第14ステージ 秋～初冬	9月29日～12月17日	113	99	14	
		中間	12月18日～3月31日	79	68	11	
		第15ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	133	117	16	
	平成27年 2015年	中間	7月1日～9月28日	91	78	13	
		第16ステージ 秋～初冬	9月29日～12月16日	99	90	9	
		中間	12月17日～3月31日	107	89	18	
	平成28年 2016年	第17ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	113	100	13	
		中間	7月1日～9月19日	81	69	12	
		第18ステージ 秋～初冬	9月20日～12月16日	126	109	17	
	平成29年 2017年	中間	12月17日～3月31日	91	79	12	
		第19ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	127	116	11	
		中間	7月1日～9月19日	62	54	8	
第20ステージ 秋～初冬		9月20日～12月16日	130	107	23		
令和2年 2020年	中間	12月17日～3月31日	104	84	20		
	第21ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	129	100	29		
	中間	7月1日～9月18日	58	48	10		
	第22ステージ 秋～初冬	9月19日～12月20日	121	93	28		
平成30年 2018年	中間	12月21日～3月31日	80	67	13		
	第23ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	180	107	73		
	中間	7月1日～9月19日	76	44	32		
	第24ステージ 秋～初冬	9月20日～12月16日	184	106	78		
平成31年、 令和元年 2019年	中間	12月17日～3月31日	108	67	41		
	第25ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	193	127	66		
	中間	7月1日～9月19日	101	43	58		
	第26ステージ 秋～初冬	9月20日～12月16日	214	105	109		
令和3年 2021年	中間	12月17日～3月31日	123	67	56		
	第27ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	333	168	165		
	中間	7月1日～9月19日	32	23	9		
	第28ステージ 秋～初冬	9月20日～12月16日	232	161	71		
計	中間	12月17日～3月31日	131	101	30		
	第29ステージ 春～初夏	4月1日～6月30日	343	190	153		
	中間	7月1日～9月19日	35	22	13		
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中間							
計					8,224	6,852	1,372



## Background about COVID-19

- 2020
- 1/16 The infected person was confirmed in Japan.
  - 2/27 Prime Minister requested temporary closure of school.
  - 4/7 The state of emergency in 7 prefectures.
  - 4/10 The state of emergency in Aichi.
  - 4/16 The state of emergency in Japan.
  - 5/31 The state of emergency was lifted.
  - 8/6~24 Prefectural emergency in Aichi.
  - 2021...about Aichi
  - 1/14~2/28: The state of emergency
  - 5/12~6/20: **The state of emergency**
  - 6/20~7/11: Pre-emergency measures
  - 8/8~8/26: Pre-emergency measures
  - 8/27~9/30: The state of emergency
  - 2022
  - 1/21~3/21: Pre-emergency measures

To date, **8,224 reports** have been reported. **The number of reports for Shin-Horikawa River was 1,372.**

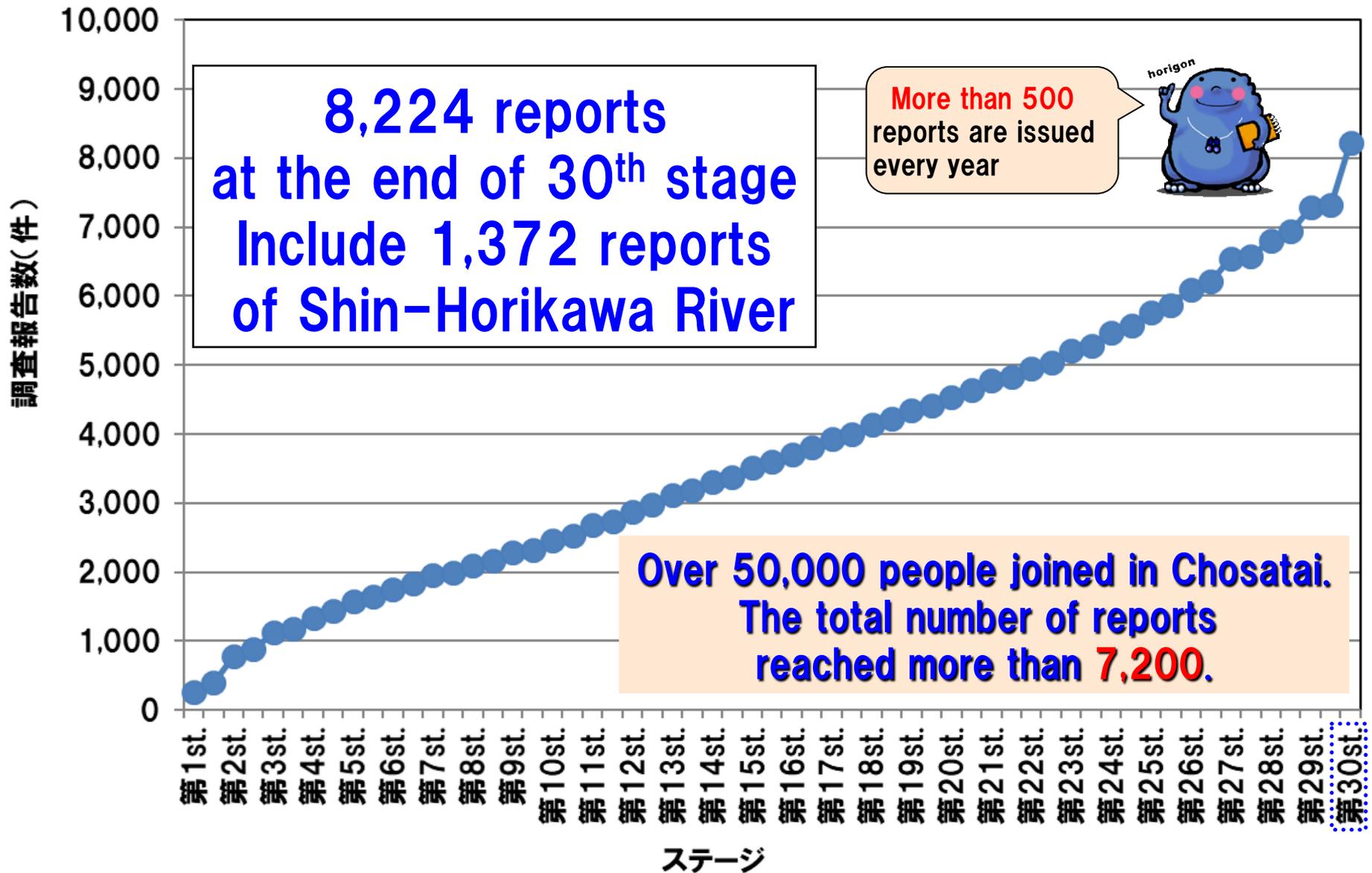
In the 30th stage, there were **907 reports**. **816 were reported for Horikawa River and 91 were reported for Shin-Horikawa River.** On average, **more than 500 surveys** are conducted **every year.**

**Many citizens are continuously examining the actual water environment of Horikawa River and Shin-Horikawa River on a daily basis from the perspective and sense of the citizens.**

In the 30th stage, infection spread of COVID-19 made survey groups activity avoid "3Cs" (※).

※"3Cs": Close space, Crowded places, Close-contact

# Total Number of Reports



# 4. Weather conditions

## Weather Overview for 2021

The average temperature in Nagoya (Nagoya Regional Meteorological Observatory/Omitted below) was 16.8°C, slightly higher than normal (16.2°C). Precipitation was 1998.5 mm, which was higher than normal.

In 2021, the flowering of Somei Yoshino was early, there was a lot of rain from the middle of May before the start of the rainy season, the price of vegetables soared due to the unseasonable weather (low temperature, heavy rain, lack of sunshine) from August to September, and the cold wave at the end of the year was memorable.

### 30st. Weather conditions September ~December 2021

**Features : There is little rain, and the temperature and sunshine hours are normal**

- The average temperature was 16.1°C, which was generally normal
- Precipitation was low at 112 mm/month
- Sunshine hours was generally normal at 173 hours/month

#### Temperature

The average temperature was 16.1°C, which was generally around the same level as normal (the average temperature in September~December was 15.7°C). There were many hot days in the first half of October, but the rest of the day was normal.

#### Precipitation

Precipitation was 112 mm/month, which was less than normal (The average for S September~December was 133 mm/month). In October, there was a noticeably low rainfall of about 100 mm less than normal. Throughout the period, days of less than 5 mm accounted for about 80%. And there was not a day that rained more than 50 mm. For this reason, the average monthly temperature was 112 mm, and it became to little rain stage.

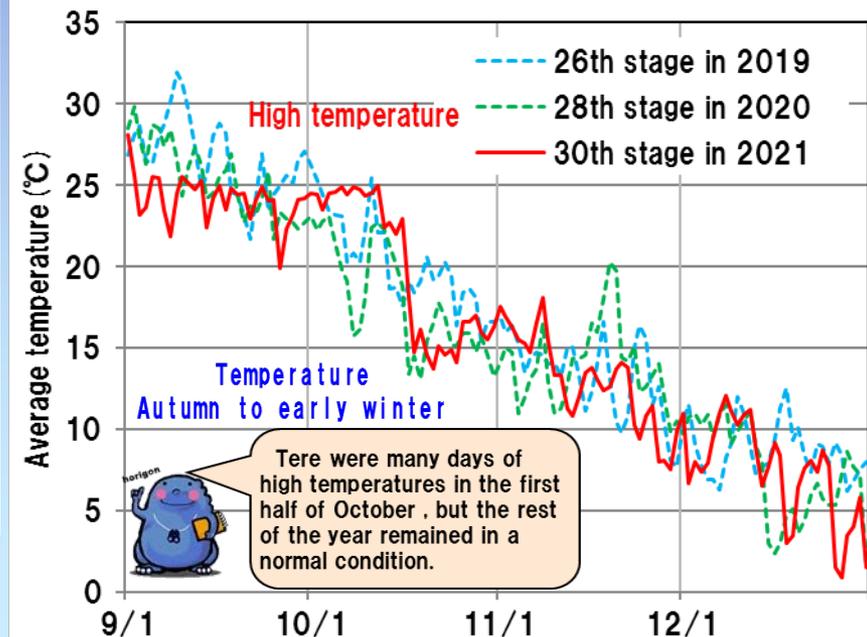
#### Daylight hours

The number of hours of sunshine was 173 hours per month, which was generally about the same as the normal (The average for September~December was 166.5 hours/month). September was few, and many sunny days in October and November was high, especially in November it exceeded 200 hours.

## 1991-2020 Normal

Nagoya Local Meteorological Observatory Normal value (Monthly)

Category	Precipitation (mm) total	Temperature (°C)			Daylight (hour) Total
		Ave.	Highest/day	Lowest/day	
Record period	1991 ~2020	1991 ~2020	1991 ~2020	1991 ~2020	1991 ~2020
Record year	30	30	30	30	30
Year	1535.3	15.8	20.7	11.9	2091.6
Apr.	127.5	14.6	20.1	9.7	200.2
May	150.3	19.4	24.6	14.9	205.5
Jun	186.5	23.0	27.6	19.4	151.8
Ave.	154.8	19.0	24.1	14.7	185.8
Sep.	231.6	24.5	29.1	21.0	159.6
Oct.	164.7	18.6	23.3	14.8	168.9
Nov.	79.1	12.6	17.3	8.6	167.1
Dec.	56.6	7.2	11.7	3.4	170.3
Ave.	133.0	15.7	20.4	12.0	166.5



# 5. Main Water Quality Improvement Measures

Measures	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	1st.	2st.	3st.	4st.	5st.	6st.	7st.	8st.	9st.	10st.	11st.	12st.	13st.	14st.	15st.	16st.
	TRWKR (0.4m <sup>3</sup> /s)	[Timeline bar from 1st to 6st]														
Making shallow and deep (Improvement of self-purification function and water environment)	[Timeline bar from 7st to 16st]															
Increase of Raw Water transmission from Shounai River (+0.4m <sup>3</sup> /s)	*provisional raw water transmission from Shonai River 2001.Jul~ Max0.3m <sup>3</sup> /s															
New water resource (from shallow ground water) (0.0825m <sup>3</sup> /s)	upstream Tsujie Bridge 0.01m <sup>3</sup> /s (2004) upstream Kizune Bridge 0.01m <sup>3</sup> /s (2005) Shimizu wakuwaku water 0.0005m <sup>3</sup> /s (2008) upstream Seko Bridge 0.01m <sup>3</sup> /s upstream Sarage Bridge 0.01m <sup>3</sup> /s															
Experiment of sand covering for water purification Habashita Bridge~Sakura Bridge (water's edge along both banks)	Gojo Bridge~Naka Bridge															
Remove bad smell at Shin-Horikawa River (dredging,sand cover)																
Reclaimed wastewater at the Moriyama Waste Water Treatment Center (0.046m <sup>3</sup> /s)	[Timeline bar from 11st to 13st]															
Advanced waste water treatment at the Meijo Waste Water Treatment Center	[Timeline bar from 10st to 16st]															
Rain-water Reservoir for pollution control	Horikawa Ugan															
Advanced primary treatment facility																

Measures (after 2015)	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	17st.	18st.	19st.	20st.	21st.	22st.	23st.	24st.	25st.	26st.	27st.	28st.	29st.	30st.
	TRWKR (0.4m <sup>3</sup> /s)	[Timeline bar from 17st to 30st]												
Making shallow and deep (Improvement of self-purification function and water environment)	downstream Rurikoi Bridge downstream Meoto Bridge upstream Shinbori Bridge upstream Kizurie Bridge downstream Shinbori Bridge													
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Advanced primary treatment facility	Horidome Waste Water Treatment Center													

※Advanced waste water treatment at the Tsuyuhashi Waste Water Treatment Center (Oct. 2017)



# Water quality improvement measures (After water conduction stop from Kiso River)

# Pollution reduction measures

Source of pollution  
house·factory etc

Effluent of sewerage treatment  
Drainage in rainy weather from  
combined sewerage

**Water pollution**  
Mainly organic matter

Improved natural purification  
function

■ **Sebuchi formation**  
(From 2010 year 8 points)

(Improvement of effluent of sewerage treatment)

- Advanced processing in Meijo treatment center (2010 year)
  - Advancement of primary treatment in Horidome sewerage treatment center (2018 year)
  - Advancement of primary treatment in Mejo sewerage treatment center (2019 year)
- (Contamination load reduction from combined sewerage)
- Horikawa right bank stormwater pond (2010 year)
  - Horikawa left bank stormwater pond (2019 year)

Perspective of citizen's  
impression·bubble·smell·color

Implement of new water  
quality improvement  
measures

Confirm improvement



No color smell

cloudy

dark gray

putrid

sludge

bubble  
methane

bubble  
hydrogen  
sulfide

Wind up

**Sludge**

Riverbed rotting mud

brown

Ditch  
smell

**color**

Mainly cloudy  
dark gray,  
brown

**Smell**

Mainly ditch,  
Sludge, putrid  
etc

Floating Suspension  
subsidence  
(including organic matter)

Oxygen consumption

## New water source secure

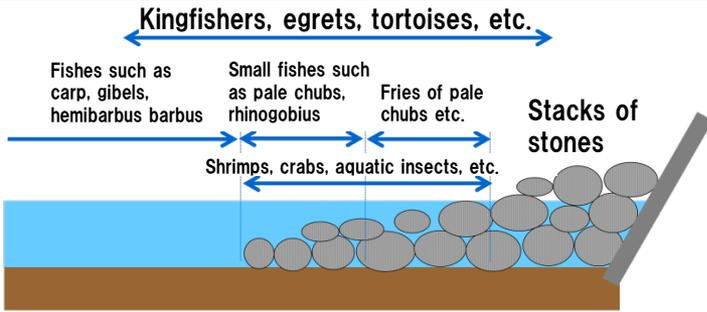
■ Conjugation of reclaimed water in Moriyama treatment center (2011 year)

■ Conjugation of shallow groundwater  
(From 2013 year 6 points)

Reduction measures smell· white turbid from  
river bed

- Sand cover
  - Horikawa: Habashita.brg~Sakura .Brg vicinity (2017 yaer)
- Pedro removal·sand cover
  - Shin Horikawa: downstream (2017·2018 year)
- Pedro removal
  - Shin Horikawa: Tateishi brg.~ Upstream (2018 yaer)
  - Horikawa: Pedro removal after revetment work

# Shaping of Rapids and Pool



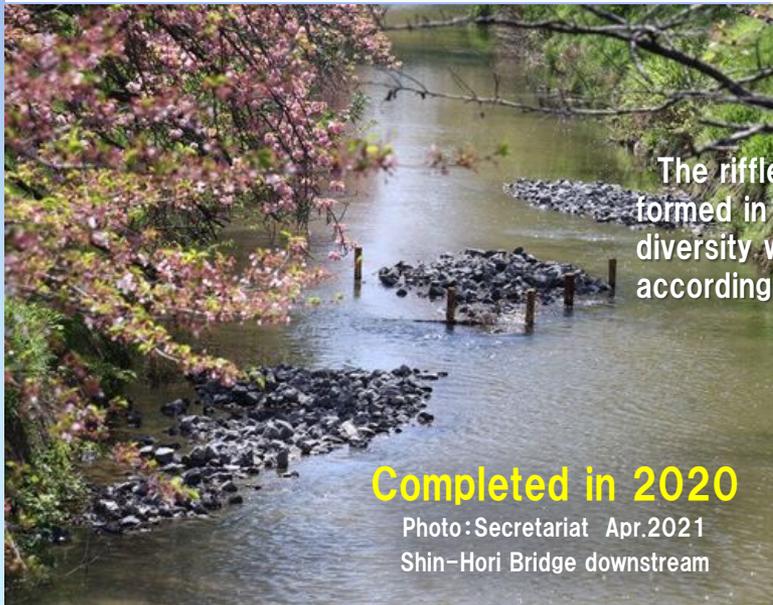
## Rise of self-purification by food chain

Dirt of water (organic substance, nitrogen, phosphorus)

Algae and microbes stick on stones with the dirt as nutrition.

Small fishes, shrimps, aquatic insects feed the algae and the microbes.

Big fishes and birds prey the small fishes and aquatic insects.



**Completed in 2020**

Photo: Secretariat Apr.2021  
Shin-Hori Bridge downstream

It was identified that various organisms breed and grow when rapids and pools were shaped. This place has been a habitat of organisms that like cobble stones. In winter, there are some ducks waiting for spring here. Let's also pay attention to the difference in the stones used (round stones, angular stones) and observe them.



Prawns and Japanese mitten crabs are organisms that migrate between rivers and the sea.

The components of dirt in water are taken up by living things in the food chain and consumed for growth and reproduction. As the riffles and pools is formed and a diverse and affluent ecosystem is built, more dirt components are consumed in a chain and removed from the water, cleaning the water. The purifying effect of the river will increase.(=Increased self-cleaning effect)

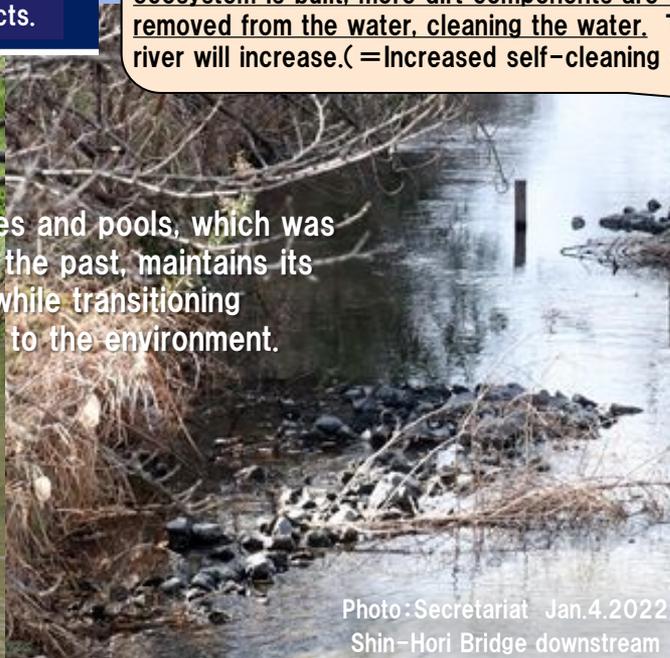


Photo: Secretariat Jan.4.2022  
Shin-Hori Bridge downstream

## Waterside

Kingfishers, egrets, etc.

Water

Mauremys reevesii, trachemys scripta\*

Carp, hemibarbus barbus, catfishes, black basses\*, bluegills\*, northern snakeheads\*

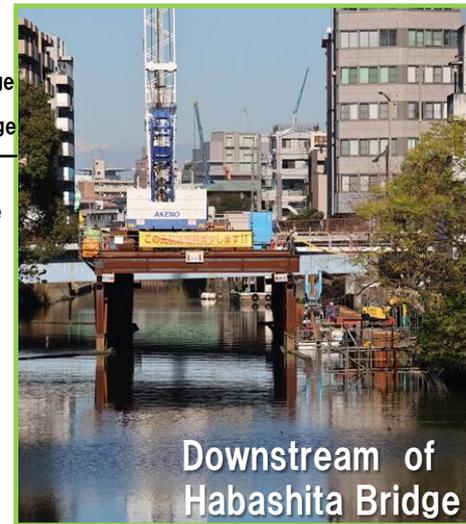
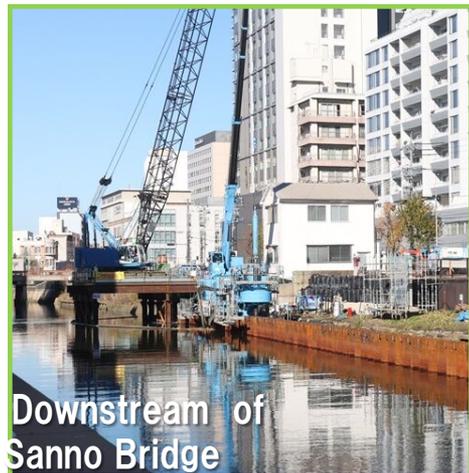
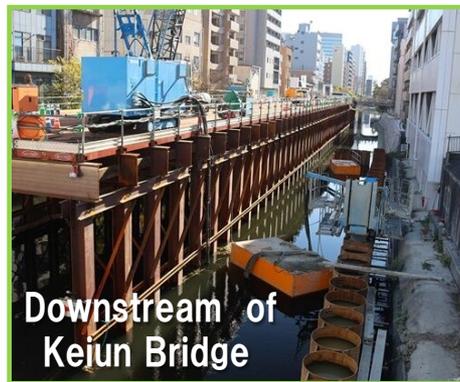
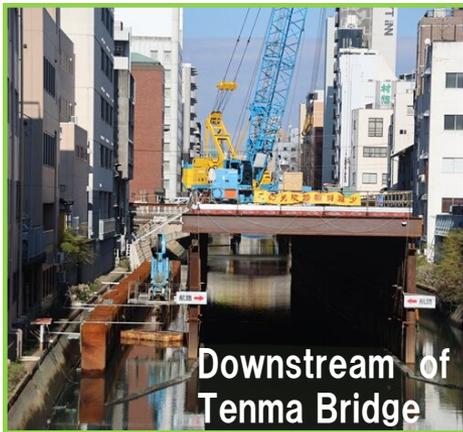
Gibels, pale chubs, goby minnows, rhinogobius, mosquitofishes\*, etc.

Palaemon paucidens, prawns, Japanese mitten crabs, aquatic insects, etc.



Spot-billed duck

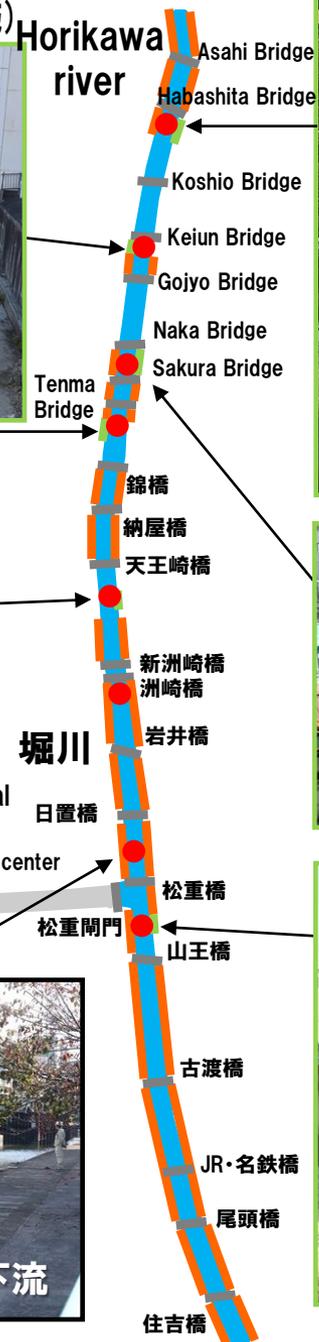
# ■護岸工事が進む中流部の様子 (ヘドロ除去を実施)



When the revetment work is over, the seabed is dug and the sludge is removed.



sludge removal



- Progress of revetment works
- The secretariat
- On site confirmation
- Legends
- Revetment work section

撮影:事務局 2021年(令和3年) 11月~12月

■ Measure against foul odors in the Shin-Horikawa river (Dredging·Sludge dredged)  
Section : Btwn Upstream of Tateishi Brdg. and Upstream end.

The removed sludge was in this situation.



Period: Sep. 2018—Feb. 2019

Upstream of Memorial Brdg. 5<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 2018

Securing a new water source.

■ Utilization of Reclaimed wastewater (Except winter)

Conducting reclaimed wastewater treated by Membrane filtration at the Moriyama Water Treatment Center (up to 4000m<sup>3</sup>/day) is discharged. Start to conduct in Aug. 2011

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Moriyama Water Treatment Center

Conducting point into Horikawa River. の放流箇所

Shonai Irrigation

Horikawa River

Reclaimed wastewater is conducted during irrigation season (Apr - Oct) (Excluding the period Nov. - Mar. when water is passed through the Shonai irrigation canal.)



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Newly launched facilities after the stop of TRWKR

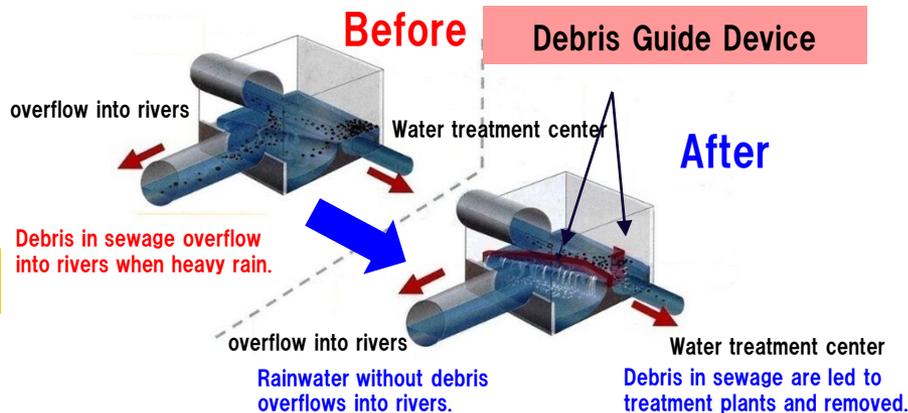
■ Improvement of Treatedwater Quality

Meijo Water Treatment Plant installed filtration devices and improved quality of treated water.



Meijo Water Treatment Plant  
 • Processing method : Conventional activated sludge process + Rapid filtration  
 • Operated since : May 2010

■ Preventing the outflow of debris into rivers



■ Installation of Narrower Slit Screens

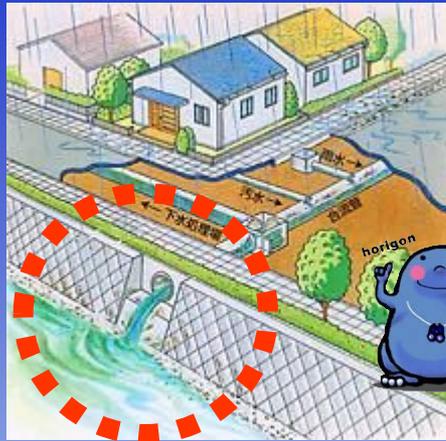
- Shiratoribashi Pump Station
- Nakajima Pump Station
- Chitose Water Treatment Plant

◆ Interval of Slits 40mm → 25mm





Combined Sewer System in rainy day



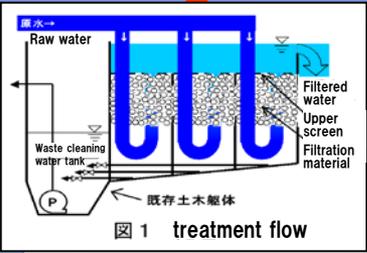
Less than certain amount of rainwater is treated with wastewater in water treatment center, but more amount is directly discharged into the river.

Rain-water Reservoir for pollution control is the facility temporarily storing the initial rainwater (=“first flush” which is particularly dirty). Accumulated rainwater in the reservoir is delivered to the water treatment center for treatment after rain stops.

- Summarize information of groundwater capable to use for Shin-Horikawa
- Review model cases of using ground water for river clarification

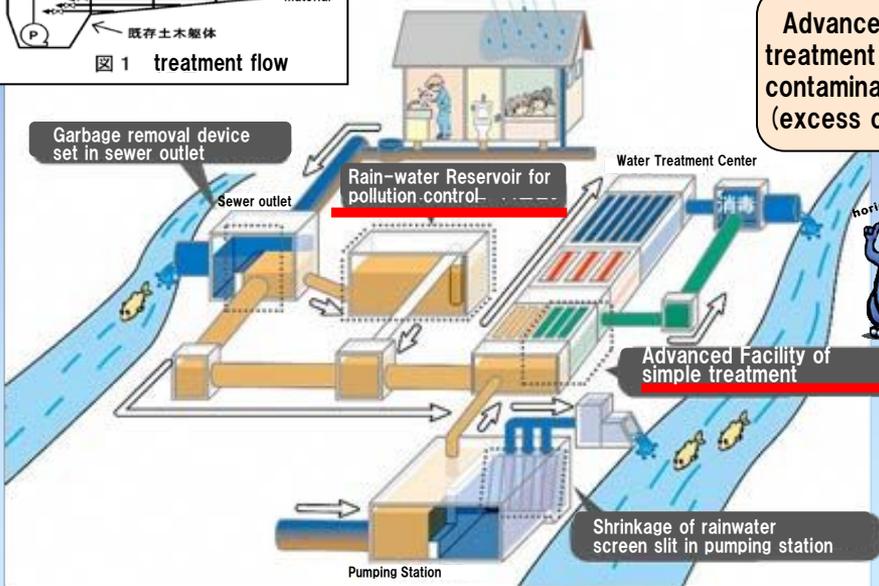
(reference) Well Water of Tsuruma Library

There are many water springs in basement floor of Tsuruma Library. One of springs is abundant (more than 100 liters/min. (fluctuated) ) and water quality is good.



Source:  
 25<sup>th</sup> HSC Conference  
 (Report by Nagoya City)

Advanced Facility of simple treatment \* can remove more contaminants from rainwater (excess of normal treatment).



\*By replacing sedimentation tank to filtration facility, water quality improves substantially compared with conventional simple treatment.

(Source) Website of Nagoya City Waterworks and Sewerage Bureau  
<https://www.water.city.nagoya.jp/category/mizukankyokoujou/2096.html>

(Source) Website of Nagoya City Environment Bureau  
<http://www.city.nagoya.jp/kankyo/page/0000089008.html>

# 5. 28th stage survey report

## ~Column~ For the clean-up and regeneration of Horikawa River

*Horikawa Sen-nin Chosatai* (HSC) was established on April 22nd, 2007 for clean-up and regeneration of Horikawa River, as a place for citizens' activities (Fixed Point Observation Group, Free Survey Group and Support group).

Fixed Point Observation Group examines Horikawa River to confirm the clean-up effect by the water quality improvement measure and to make clear the condition of water quality and cause of pollution, from a viewpoint and a sense of citizen.

Free Survey Group studies Horikawa River from various view points.

Support Group supports clean-up and regeneration of Horikawa River in various-free ways. These three groups wish for clean-up and regeneration of Horikawa River, and work together in a large network.

Currently (as of Mar.19.2022), there are 2,605 groups and 53,717 people in HSC.

(108 groups in Fixed Point Observation Groups, 40 groups in Free Survey Group and 2,605 groups in Support Group) At the time of launch of HSC, there were 165 groups and 2,262 people.

We can see that the network of citizens who wish to purify and regenerate Horikawa-River has expanded significantly.

(Reference. Survey group registration status p.7~8)

We will explain the status of activities of Fixed Point Observation Groups. The Fixed Point Observation Groups carried out 6,808 observations. It has become clear from the surveys so far that the state of the water area changes from moment to moment due to the ebb and flow of the tide at the downstream section (tidal section) from the Sanage Bridge in Horikawa River. Since Fixed Point Observation Groups made many observations from the perspective and sense of the citizens (Observation in various places, tide conditions, and time zones), we are able to grasp the average condition of the water quality of the Horikawa, and trends in that change become clear. (Reference: 3. Survey period / number of reports of survey results\_p.9-10)

-Pilot project of Horikawa River clean-up "from Apr. 2007 to Mar. 2012 confirmed the effect of TRWKR"-

In 5 years pilot project of Horikawa River clean-up, it was confirmed that the range of improved water quality due to TRWKR "0.4m<sup>3</sup>/sec" was about between Sanage Bridge and Matsushige Bridge. And in this period, it was confirmed that the amount of waste "artificial waste : plastic waste" was reduced. This is probably because the public awareness has changed due to increased cleaning activities.

【Summary of 5 years pilot project】

- Confirmed the effect of clean-up between Sanage Bridge and Matsushige Bridge due to TRWKR
- The network of citizens who wish to clean and revives the Horikawa River has been expanded
- Citizens' awareness of clean-up improved as cleaning activities became active



The weather of the 30th Stage (Autumn to early winter : September 20~December 16) included the period during “Emergency declaration” about COVID-19 had been issued. The activities of the HSC team were forced to stopped, or carried out with prevention of confined space, dense state, close contact. So its activities were limited.

In addition, as in previous stages of COVID-19 pandemic, we think that evaluation of survey is not enough at this time, for example such as study of impact for decline in social and economic activities due to COVID-19. We think that it is necessary to reorganize, according to further investigations.

## (1) State of the weather etc (reference : 4.state of the weather)

The average temperature of the 30th stage (September ~ December) was 16.1°C, which was generally around the same as normal (September ~ December average 15.7°C). And, precipitation was 112mm/month, which was generally less than normal (September ~ December average 133.0mm/month).

(Feature of the 30th stage weather etc) •Average temperature was normal

•Precipitation was low

## (2) Implementation of new water quality improvement measures

After the TRWKR was stopped “Mar. 2010”, new measures were implemented to improve the water quality.

In FY2019, a ninth well was drilled in the Horikawa River to utilize shallow ground water upstream of the Kurokawa No.1 Bridge, and water conduction to the Horikawa River began. In addition to improve the combined sewer system, a rainwater detention storage pond on the left bank of the Horikawa River and a simplified advanced treatment facility at the Mejiyo Water Treatment Center were put into service. In the Shin-Horikawa River, dredging and covering of the river channel was conducted in FY2017 near the confluence as an odor control measure.

Similarly, in FY2018, dredging of the river channel was conducted in the upstream section to combat odor.

In addition, the Horidome Water Treatment Center on the Shin-Horikawa River put a simplified treatment and upgrading facility into service in March 2019.

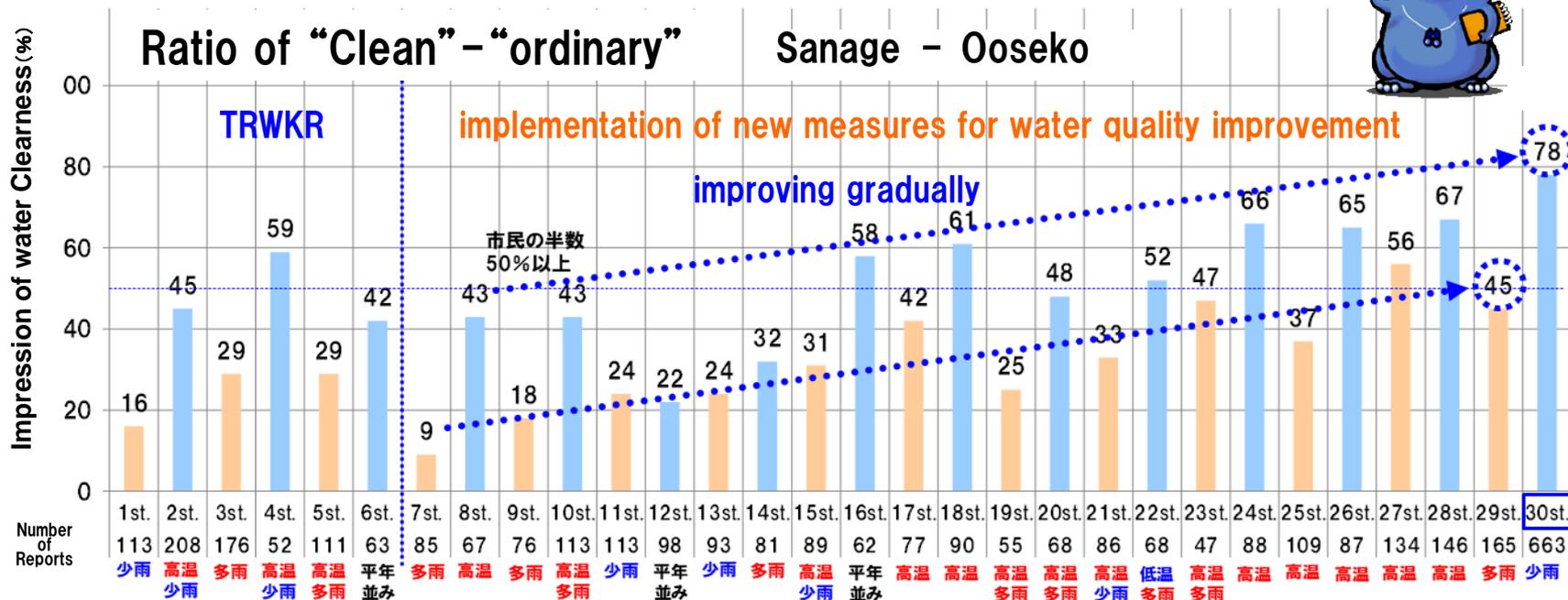
And in FY2020, a new rapids was formed downstream of the Shinhori Bridge on the Horikawa River.

In FY2021, a tenth well is being dug upstream of the Asahi Bridge on the Horikawa River.

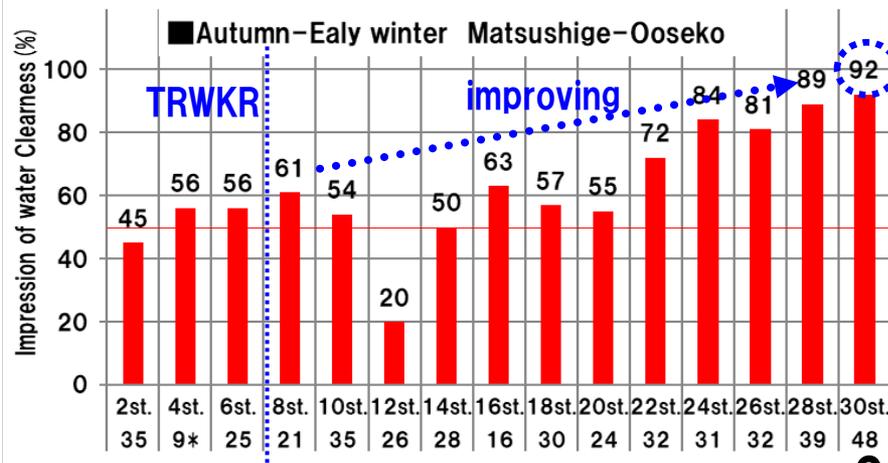
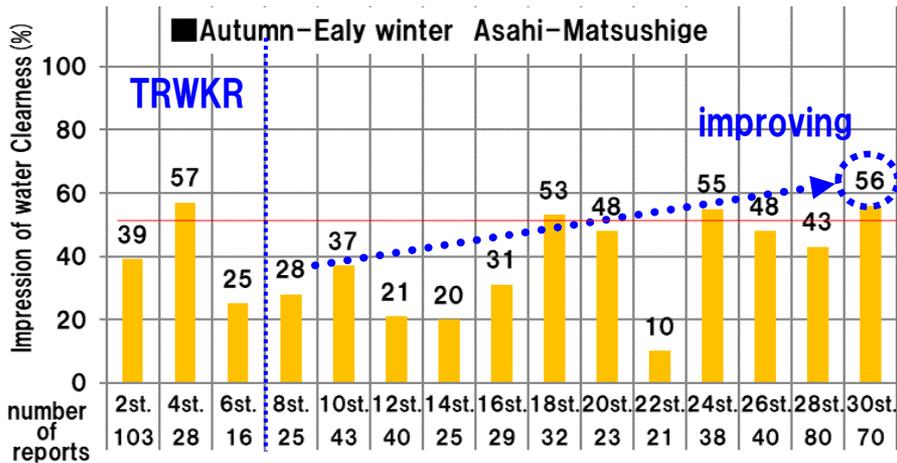
## (3) Change in water quality of Horikawa River

Although water quality of Horikawa River **got worse after TRWKR** there has been a general tendency for improvement. There were improvements mainly in “impression of water clearness” and “Odor” in the 30th stage. “impression of water clearness” improved between Asahi Brdg – Ooseko Brdg. Especially the ratio of “clean”-“ordinary” reached 92% between Matsushige Brdg – Ooseko Brdg. The ratio of “terrible smell”-“smell” decreased between Sanage Brdg – Ooseko Brdg and that of “no smell” increased to 95%.

# Impression of Water Clearness

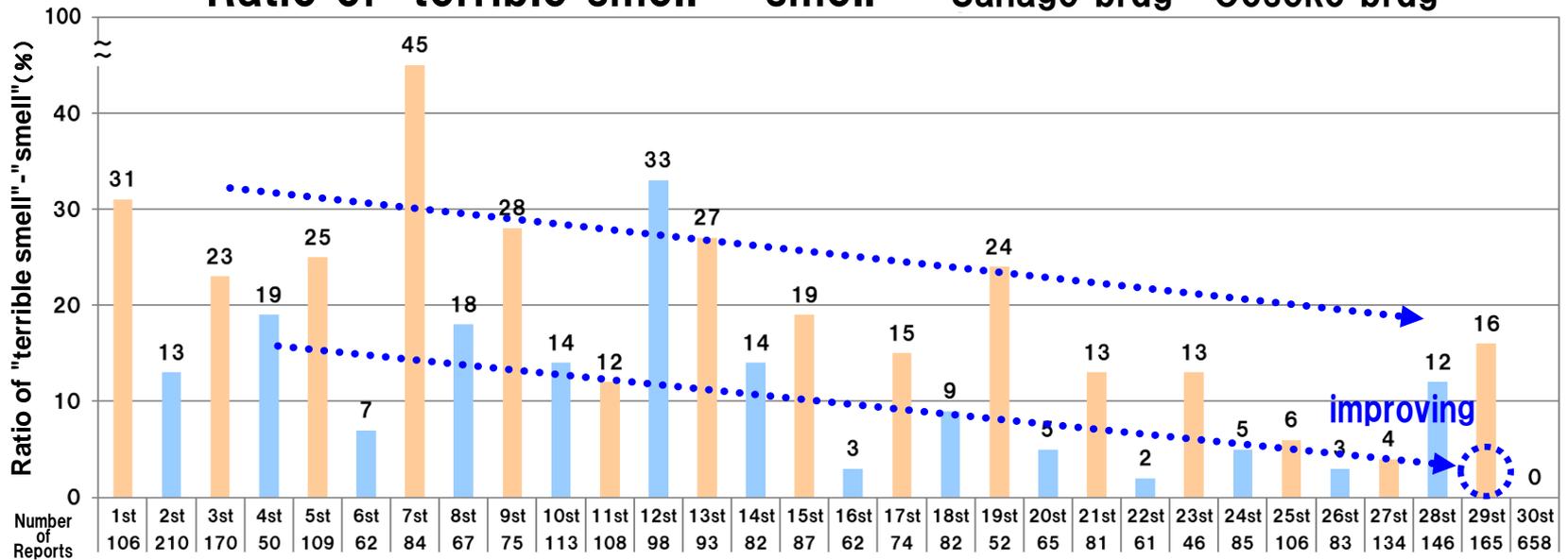


## Ratio of "Clean" – "ordinary"



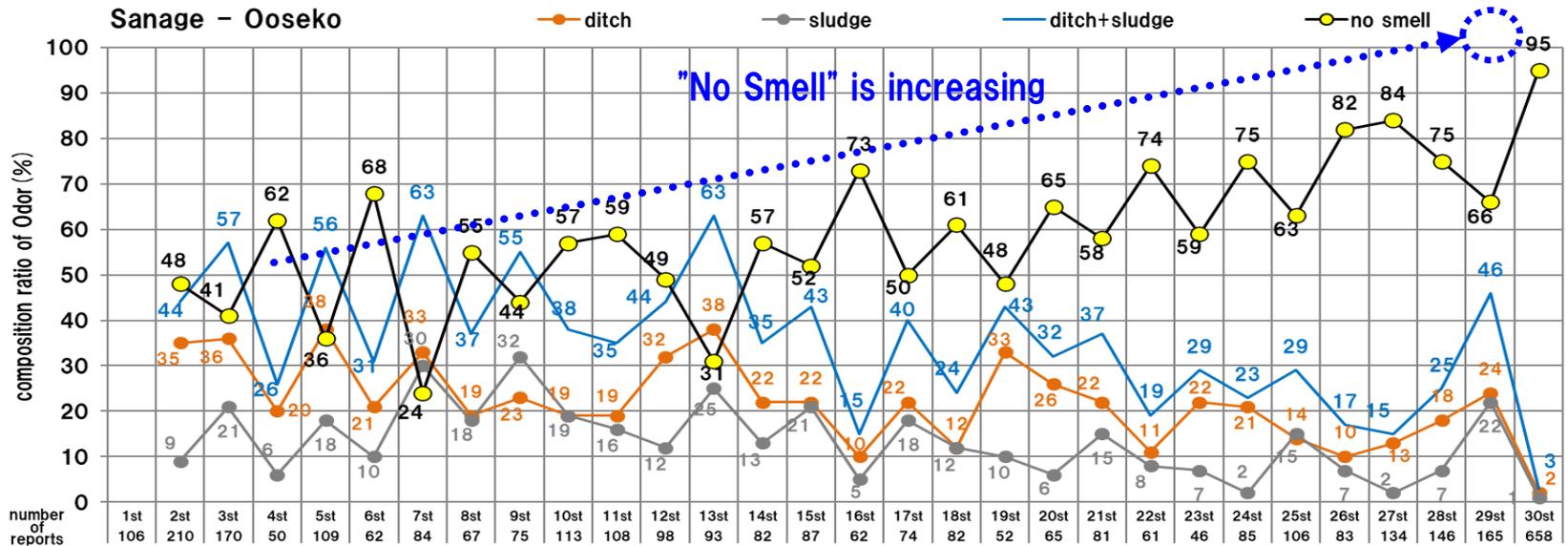
# Odor

## Ratio of "terrible smell" – "smell" Sanage brdg- Ooseko brdg



## Change in the composition ratio on Odor

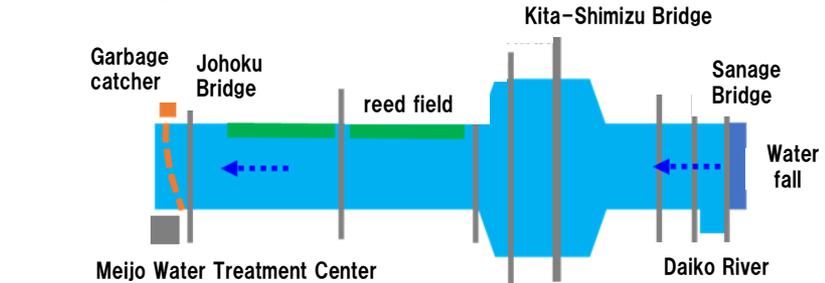
Sanage - Ooseko



## (4) "Floating garbage" and "bubbles" between Johoku Bridge and Sanage Bridge

"Our Requests" to the City of Nagoya about "floating garbage" and "bubbles" between Johoku Bridge and Sanage Bridge are summarized forcing on the following four points obtained by field work.

- 1) Floating matters near Kita-Shimizu Bridge
- 2) Floating matters near Johoku Bridge
- 3) Bubbles and smell at water fall of Sanage Bridge
- 4) Mechanism of gathering bubbles at water fall of Sanage Bridge



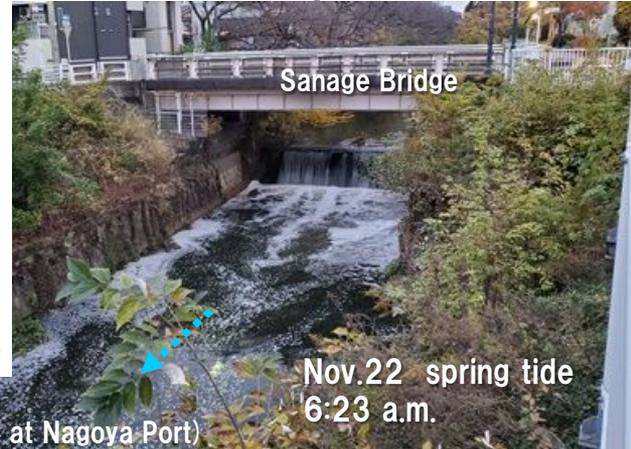
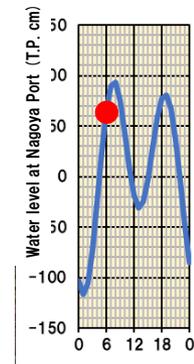
### 『Our Requests』

◆ **Garbage** (①~③ were already requested at 28th stage meeting)

- ① Establishment of municipal ordinance which prohibit throwing away, leaving, and scattering garbage in Horikawa River, Shin-Horikawa River and the surrounding area, and impose fine on a person who violates
- ② Installation of sign boards etc., to announce the ordinance at important places
- ③ Some measure to prevent garbage felled into the river
- ④ **Some effective measure to collect floating garbage**

◆ **Bubbles near Sanage Bridge**

- ① **Some measure to reduce bubbles and smell**
- ② **Confirmation of water safety (water quality・smell)**



## (5) 15<sup>th</sup> Simultaneous Survey on Horikawa River

Comparison with total lunar eclipse (2021 in May)

■ About changes of water color, smell, and bubbles in Horikawa river

It was reported that the water color was white gray, dark gray like sludge, and red tide color, and the bubbles occurred from the riverbed, but it was not reported about the rising of sludge from the riverbed.

■ About Other changes in Horikawa River

It was not reported about living things such as fish and floating things accumulated at the boundary of the tide.



We believe that conducting continuous surveys and accumulating and organizing data will enable further elucidation of the water pollution mechanism and more effective measures against water pollution with an emphasis on the senses of citizens.



## (6) A change in 3 years after dredging sludge (autumn~early winter)

Sludge was dredged in the upper from Tateishi Brdg. to headwaters (Horidome) against bad smell.

period:September in 2018~February in 2019

It was found that impression of clearness and smell was improved around Kinen Brdg. and Mukaida Brdg., an ecology was changed in all along the river.

■ Impression of clearness and smell was improved around Kinen and Mukaida Brdg.

- ① "Middle" ~ "Clean" increased. (Kinen Brdg. 40%, Mukaida Brdg. 50%)
- ② "A little smell" ~ "No smell" increased. (Kinen Brdg. 90%, Mukaida Brdg. 100%)
- ③ "No smell" increased. (Kinen Brdg. 70%, Mukaida Brdg. 100%)
- ④ At Mukaida Brdg. "Bubble from bottom", "Smell of rotten eggs" was 0%.

■ An ecology was changed in all along the river.

① Ducks of winter birds were found in all along the river.

② Young dotted gizzard shads (?) were found.

③ Young kingfishers were found. (They might bred.)

➡ An ecology rallied

(=We expect a rally of self-purification.)



Group of young dotted gizzard shads (?)



Young bird

## (7) Where can we see many waterfowl in Horikawa and Shin-horikawa?

Based on the results of the citizen survey between September and December (the period when winter birds come), we tried to study where many waterfowl were seen flying in the Horikawa and Shin Horikawa. The characteristics of waterfowl companions can be broadly divided into species that mainly feed near the surface of the water (hereinafter referred to as "water surface collected species") and species that mainly dive into the water and collect food (hereinafter referred to as "diving collected species"). This time, we divided the main waterfowl around Horikawa and Shin-horikawa into these two groups and organized them.

(Hypothesis) Where can we see many waterfowl in Horikawa and Shin-horikawa?

(1) Food is available + (2) Good condition for take off + (3) Rest and sleep are available

### ① Food is available

■ Water surface collected species

- Places where there is food near the surface of the water
- A place where animals and plants can inhabit, grow and breed at the water's edge, seawalls and riverbeds, and prey on them near the surface of the water.

■ Diving collected species

- Places where food is near the surface of the water and underwater
- A place where animals and plants inhabit, grow, and breed at the water's edge, seawalls, and riverbeds, and can prey on them near the surface of the water or in the water.



### ② Good condition for take off

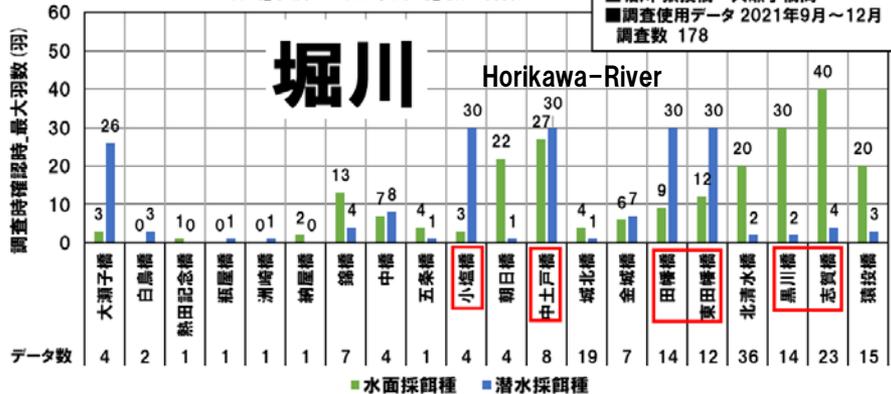
Place with enough space for take off



### ③ Rest and sleep are available

Place with safe and secure water surface, waterside, flat ground, etc.

堀川\_水鳥の調査確認時\_最大羽数



新堀川\_水鳥の調査時確認時\_最大羽数



According to the results of research, we found that “places which many wild ducks (winter bird) are available around Horikawa-River and Shin Horikawa-River” relate to places which “food flowing”, “food is available at water edge”, “water surface is open” and “good condition for rest”.

Furthermore, [if we observe, record, and organize the environment of places which many waterfowl confirmed, the appearance of the urban area waterside that waterfowl flying into will be clarified. And it is useful for future direction of waterside development.](#)

## (8) Easy slope at the edge of the water

Thanks to the easy slope at the edge of the water constructed by shore protection maintenance work, there are many group of small fishes who like shallow water place such as mosquitofish. And we can observe water transparency.

As a result of shore protection maintenance work for the heavy rain measurement, [easy slope at the edge of the water restored and created part of ecosystem of the water.](#)

From now on it will look a little dirty because of algae, but we will accept it as the working of nature and continue observing the growth and reproduction of living things.



## **from secretariat**

### **■ Every data you offer to us is valuable**

Information about subtle change you find when you survey Horikawa river can be valuable data to understand the present situation of the river. We're looking forward to your data from now on.

### **■ Let us introduce your activity**

Your activity, such as survey, think and cheer up Horikawa, is the motivation to increase the number of those who love Horikawa, Nagoya City and the Earth.

### **■ Let's hand down the past appearance of Horikawa as record**

To know about the past Horikawa is very important to design the future Horikawa. We refer Horikawa's photos taken in Taisho and Showa era to know forgotten past Horikawa. Do you keep photos which Horikawa was photographed in in your album? For example, photo of your family with Horikawa in the background of the picture is Okay.

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Please send comments and pictures (with date and place) from mobile phone or PC.

\*We think image quality of picture taken by mobile phone camera is enough.