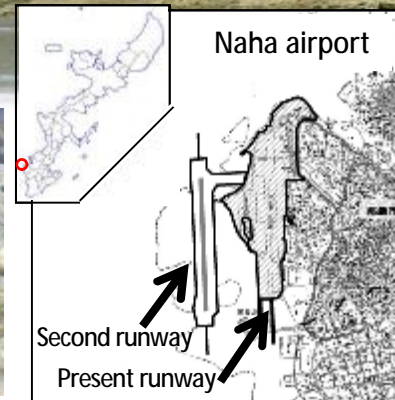
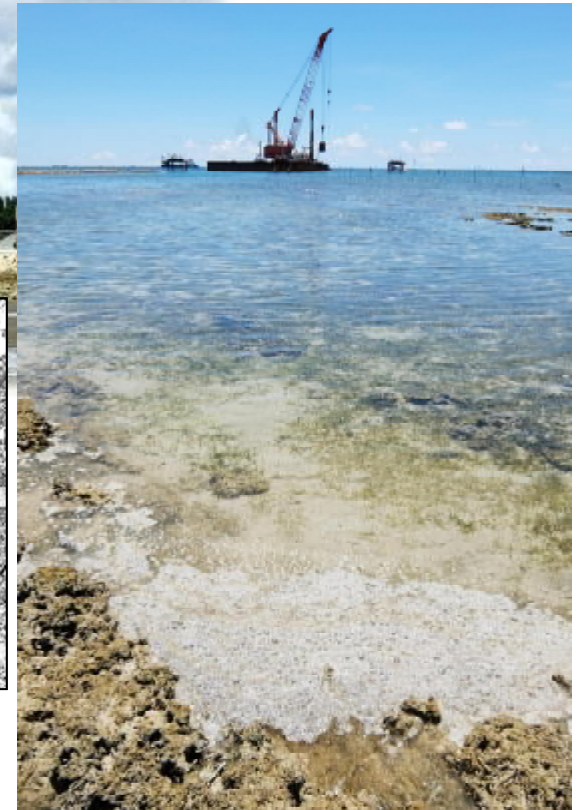
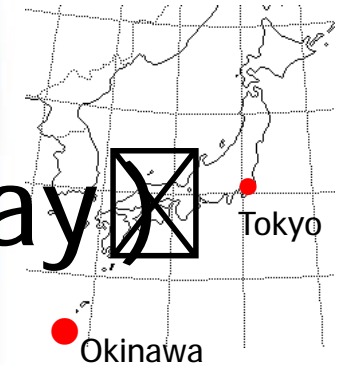


Omine coast

(Naha airport additional runway)



Seagrass beds support numerous precious creatures such as walking goby (*Scartelaos histophorus*), sea cucumbers, many kinds of shellfish.

New species and endangered species are recorded. Some of them are planned to be transplanted, but transplant techniques are not established. Therefore, in high possibility they are going to disappear.

Water quality of this area is apparently affected

The second runway construction project of Naha Airport is taking place. The purpose for the construction is to attract more tourists, however considering sustainability and carrying capacity of the island, this second runway is unnecessary.

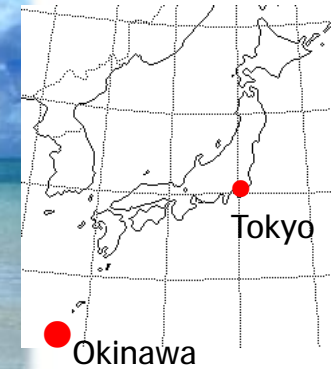


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Photo by T.Arimitsu

Awase tidal flat



Mictyris brevidactylus stimpson;
popular creature on Awase tidal flat.
Recently discovered species,
endemic to Okinawa.



Symbiosis of branching corals with seagrass.
Of the 14 seagrass species distributed over
Okinawa Islands, 13 are found in Awase
tidal flat and adjacent shallows.



It have the richest diversity of
molluskan species in Japan with
approx. 360 species.



Awase tidal flat lies in the eastern part of Okinawa City, the 2nd most populated municipality in the middle of the main island of Okinawa. This project originally started in early 2000s, for the needs of disposal of dredged sand. Dredging and reclamation are still going on in scope for building hotels and sport facilities.

Awase tidal flat and adjacent shallow environments are biodiversity-rich and local people's treasures. We call on our friends and nature lovers all over the world to work together to protect Awase tidal flat and adjacent shallows.

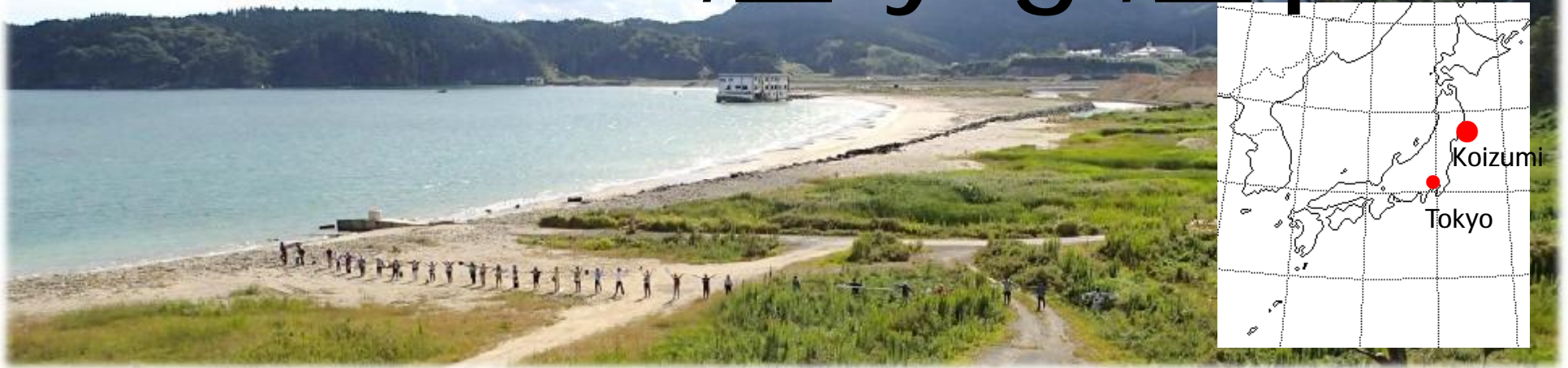


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Great Wall in Koizumi Beach, Kesennuma, Miyagi, Japan



Seawall image in Koizumi beach with Computer graphics



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This predicts the future of Koizumi.

Tsunami-proof Great Wall of Japan divides villagers, biodiversity, ecological gradients from forests to oceans. Government wants to build 440 walls along coastline in Tohoku area, Japan. Among those, Miyagi Prefecture is proceeding plan to build big seawall with 14.7m high and 20m width in Koizumi Beach. The Nature Conservation Society of Japan's survey revealed that Koizumi Beach is really biodiversity rich and interesting in both scientifically and geologically, especially abundance of shellfish species are noticeable.



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