Ise Bay Eco-Compatible River Basin Research Project:

# Management and Its Biodiversity of Ecosystem in River Basin Complex with Terrestrial and Coastal Marine Areas Connected

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### **Introduction of Research Project:**

"Research and Development in Assessment and Restoration for Eco-Compatible Management of River Basin Complex around Ise Bay"

the special coordination fund for promoting science and technology for sustainable national land management (2006-2010)

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Issues for Application Submission "Sustainable River Basin Management Technology"

River Basin Complex around Ise Bay 10 rivers of class A pouring into Ise Bay Japan Alps higher than 2000m Monsoon Asia Nagoya metropolis Active agriculture and fishery



### **Organization:**

Nagoya University [Core]

NILM (National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management)

**PWRI (Public Works Research Institute)** 

**NIES (National Institute for Environmental Studies)** 

NIRE (National Institute for Rural Engineering)

NRIFE (National Research Institute of Fisheries Engineering)

NRIA (National Research Institute of Aquaculture)

### Terrestrial – River – Bay - Ocean

### Scientific aspects:

Hydrology and Hydraulics River engineering Water resources engineering Environmental Engineeiing Limnology Ecology and Biology Governmental aspects:

National land and infrastructure management Agriculture activities

Fishery activities

**Environmental conservation** 

### **River Basin**

# Natural flux network River Basin Landscape "Ecosystem" Ecosystem Service Artificial infrastructure Functions Artificial flux network Coast Coastal Zone

## Hydrological Cycle Global Circulation

Rainfall Evapo-transpiration (Precipitation)

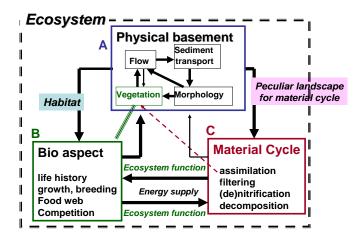
Run-off

### **Network fluxes**

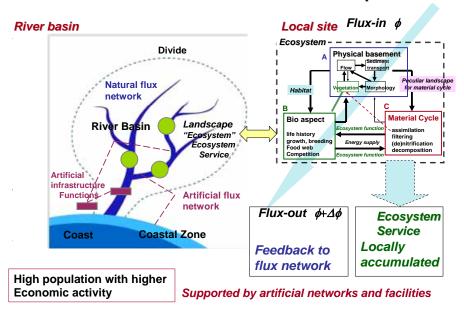
Water
hydraulic condition
Sediment
fluvial process
Materials
(Biophilic elements)
material cycle
(inorganic, organic)
Biological aspects

### **Distributed Landscape = Local Ecosystem**

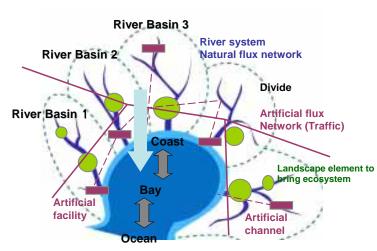
as an interrelating system of (A) Physical basement, (B) biological aspect and © Material cycle

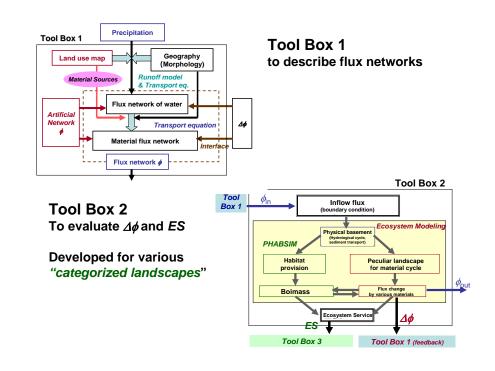


### **Roles of Flux Networks and Distributed Landscapes**

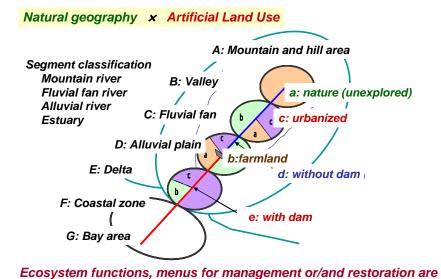


### River basin complex around a bay





### "Categorized landscapes"



### **Examples of Categorized landscape:**

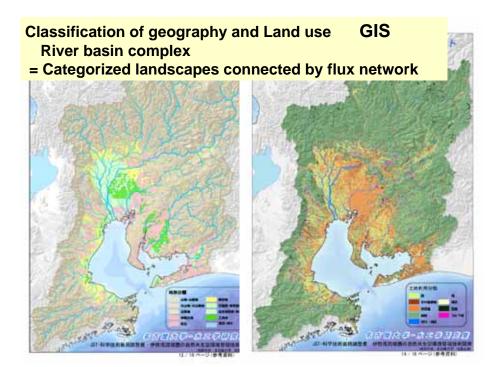
Sandy river with alternate bars and its flood plain with human activity

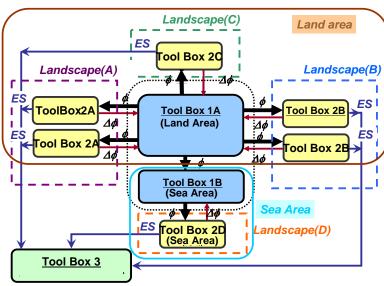
(1) Suppressed instream flow for irrigation

characterized by categorization of landscapes.

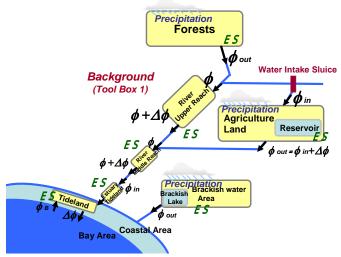
- (2) River morphology (alternate bars, vegetation, degradation)
- (3) Land use changes: flood plain, rice pad, farmland (tea), and residential area
- (4) Ground flow flux with nitrogen (nitrate ion and denitrification)







Tool Box 3 to standardize and integrate ES of various landscapes



Various policy menus change  $\Delta\phi$  and ES at different sites. The change of  $\Delta\phi$  are fed back and propagated basin-wide by using TB-2, while ES at various sites are standardized and integrated by using TB-3.

Assessment of management policy

# Various ecosystem services recognized in local sites (in management or restoration program)

Food provision
Water purification
Suppression of green-house gas
Recreation, culture, ...etc.

(construction and operation)
- eco-compatible menu
Accounted by "fossil fuels)

Equivalent artificial facilities

Standardized integrated evaluation

### functional species

Habitat for functional species
endangered species
species with intimate relation with functional species
(food web)
key stone species to support the above

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"bio-diversity" index

Diversity of physical condition concept of "categorized landscape"

### Ecosystem service

Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MEA). 2005.

### Provisioning services

- · food, crops, wild foods, and spices
- water
- pharmaseuticals, biochemicals, and industrial products
- energy (hydro power, biomass fuels)

### Regulating services

- carbon sequestration and climate regulation
- waste decomposition and detoxification
- purification of water
- crop pollination
- · pest and disease control

### Supporting services

- nutrient dispersal and cycling
- seed dispersal
- primary production

### **Cultural services**

- cultural, intellectual and spiritual inspiration
- recreation, experiences (including ecotourism)
- scientific discovery

### Summary

River basin is a representative scale for both primary human activities and ecosystem, and it is a proper scale for management.

It has been expanded to "river basin complex" by artificial connection of flux network and having common fate with a bay.

For sustainable river basin management, "eco-compatible management scenario" is advantageous for accepting more "ecosystem service" to avoid exhaustion of fossil fuels and conserving "bio-diversity".

In order to draw a road map to "eco-compatible management of river basin complex", assessment techniques should be developed.

Three tool boxes are developed by our research group:

TB-1 to describe flux network connectable with local change of flux by eco-compatible management, TB-2 to evaluate eco-system service and flux change by ecological function for various categorized landscapes, and TB-3 to standardize and integrate various ecosystem services accumulated locally.