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Preface

We had very sad experience in March 11, 2011 by the attack of the huge earthquake on the Tohoku Region. Japanese society has been damaged not only by the earthquake and tsunami but also by the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Accident. Earthquake is a natural disaster and the nuclear accident supposed to be caused by mostly human errors such as mistake of the site location, ill design of the facility, and mismanagement in its operation.

By the tragedy, we learnt again that human beings have to be more cautious against disasters especially in the age of science and technology. For precaution of impacts of human actions, Impact Assessment (IA) has a quite important role, sometimes it is critical. IA researchers and practitioners from UK and Japan collected in Tokyo area had intensive discussions on policy integration between disaster management and IA based on rich information crossing over wide scope of the field. In this event, participants had not only presentations and discussions but also had a visit on an attacked area by the earthquake, Onagawa Town in Miyagi Prefecture, and could see efforts for recovering.

Though the seminar was a few days event, the participants from UK and Japan could have a fruitful opportunity to consider how IA would be contributable to disaster management. The result of the project should be sent to the world. This is the first report from us.

The project was coordinated by Prof Sachihiko Harashina and Prof. Thomas Fischer with colleagues from the two countries. And many of them are members of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA), the leading society of IA experts in the world. The activity was financially supported by the Japan Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) and the Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) in UK. We could also have supports from Chiba University of Commerce, the University of Liverpool, and the Town of Onagawa. We heartily appreciate all of them.

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まえがき

2012年3月11日に東北地方を襲った大地震により、我々は大変悲しい経験をした。日本社 会はこの大地震と津波だけでなく、福島第一原子力発電所の事故によっても大きく傷つけら れている。地震は自然災害だが、原発事故は不適切な立地選定や施設設計、運用時のミスな ど、主として人為的な失敗によるものだと思われる。

この悲劇から、特にこの科学技術の時代においては、人類は災害に対してより用心深くなけ ればならないことを我々は学んだ。人間行為の及ぼす影響に対する予防措置のためには、イ ンパクト・アセスメント(IA)が大変に重要な役割を果たし、時にはそれが決定的なものに なる。IAの研究者と実践者が日本と英国から東京地区に集まり、災害管理と環境アセスメン トの政策統合について、多様な領域にわたる幅広いスコープでの情報をもとに、集中的な議 論を行った。この共同ワークショップでは、参加者は発表と議論をするだけでなく、被災地 のひとつ宮城県女川町を訪ね、現地の復興について視察することもできた。

このセミナー自体は数日間のものだったが、日英の参加者は IA がいかに災害管理に貢献す るかを考える充実した機会を持つことができた。このプロジェクトの成果は世界に情報発信 されなければならない。この会議成果報告は我々からの最初の報告である。

このプロジェクトは、千葉商科大学教授の原科幸彦とリバプール大学教授のThomas Fischer が主宰し、両国の当該分野の専門家の協力により行われた。そして、彼らの多くは、世界の IA 分野をリードする専門家団体である、国際影響評価学会(IAIA)のメンバーでもある。本活 動は日本学術振興会(JSPS)と英国の経済社会研究カウンシル(ESRC)からの資金助成を 受け、また、千葉商科大学、リバプール大学、女川町からの支援も得られた。これら諸機関 に対し、心から感謝の意を表したい。

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1. Background, aim, and objectives

Disasters are caused by nature or human errors. For instance, Fukushima nuclear power plant accident is considered as one of the biggest disasters cause by human errors, and we can consider how to reduce the probability of the occurrence of the disaster by controlling human actions in a precautionary way. On the other hand, such natural events as earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, storms etc. are caused not by human actions. As these are activities of the natural system, human beings cannot control them, even though we might be slightly influential on them. But we can consider how to mitigate the damage on human-side through appropriate land use and good planning of human actions on the certain site.

But, if the quality of the environment is not so healthy situation, it would be very difficult to mitigate the impact. In this meaning, environmental degradation often has a part to play in the occurrence and severity of damaging or disaster events. For instance, deforestation can increase the risk of flash flooding or landslides and wetland depletion can increase the risk posed by storm surges and tsunamis to coastal communities. The recognition of the relationship between environmental degradation and disaster events has meant that environmental management is now seen as a key means of reducing disaster risk.

As a result, one instrument that has gained much attention in this context has been environmental assessment (EA) or impact assessment (IA) in much wider concept, which encompasses not only environmental impacts but also social and economic impacts. Both EA and IA are tools for pursuing sustainable development, and EA is focusing mostly on environmental impacts, which attracts many stakeholders of each society as environmental degradation is the major concerns of their daily life and also future of them. EA is an environmental management tool that acts to promote the consideration of environmental issues in human development actions. It is often divided into EA of *projects*, generally referred to as environmental impact assessment (SEA), which is a generic term. EA can help reduce the negative impacts of development action on the environment and in doing so can help prevent the underlying causes of disaster risk. However, it is recognised that the role of EA in this regard can be potentially further strengthened. In this context, three main points have been made:

- EA has the potential to be a means through which disaster risk considerations can be embedded into development activity by expanding the tools methodologically to incorporate explicit disaster risk considerations. For instance, expanding the EIA process to explicitly consider how deforestation associated with a proposed development project could reconfigure the landslide or flood risk in a locality. And this approach should become more precautious if an SEA is applied to the land use planning of much wider area.
- 2. EAs should be fully integrated into activities in the post-disaster period in order to help prevent disaster recurrence and promote sustainability in two stages. The one is in emergent situation of

just after the event happened. This is often a time when EA considerations are sidelined officially or unofficially in order to hasten disaster response or recovery interventions. We need to have another type of EIA, that is quick or fast EIA.

3. And in the next stage of making a policy, plan, and program to really prevent disaster recurrence and promote sustainability, SEA should be applied to these.

However to date, the concept of using EA to reduce disaster risk is not something that has been widely researched, or indeed, been widely implemented in practice, despite its potential as a cost-effective means of reducing disaster risk with boosting to build consensus among the stakeholders. Accordingly, the proposed seminar aims to bring together Japan and UK based researchers and practitioners in the environmental assessment and disaster management fields to raise awareness of the potential role that environmental assessment can play in disaster risk reduction, promote dialogue, and, drawing on diverse experiences of the participants based on the two countries, develop new insights that can help advance the agenda in research and in practice in the UK, Japan and potentially further afield.

The **aim** of this seminar is to bring together Japan and UK based researchers and practitioners in the environmental assessment and disaster management fields to promote dialogue on the potential role that environmental assessment can play in meeting disaster risk reduction objectives and identify ways to progress the agenda in research and practice in the two countries and potentially further afield.

Accordingly, the seminar has the following **objectives**:

- 1. To raise the awareness of a range of Japan and UK based stakeholders of the relationship between environmental degradation and disaster events and the concept of using environmental assessment to reduce the risk of disasters;
- 2. To explore experiences of the two countries in environmental assessment, disaster management and any areas of overlap;
- 3. To disseminate the findings of available research on the role of environmental assessment in disaster risk reduction;
- 4. To develop new insights and highlight opportunities to progress the agenda in both research and in practice in the two countries and internationally;
- 5. To develop a sustainable platform for future collaboration.

2. Overview of the seminar

- Date: 30 Nov. ~ 3 Dec. 2012 (4 days)
- Place: Chiba University of Commerce, 1-3-1 Konodai, Ichikawa-shi, Chiba, 272-8512, Japan
- Participants list:

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Shigeo Nishikizawa	Associate professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology		
Takuya Sugimoto**	Lecturer, Chiba University of Commerce		
Yuki Shibata	Assistant professor, University of Shiga Prefecture		
Ryo Tajima**	Research associate, National Institute for Environmental Studies		
Keita Azechi	PhD student, Tokyo Institute of Technology		
Kenichi Tanaka	Senior advisor (EIA), Japan International Cooperation Agency		
Kayoko Yamamoto	Associate professor, University of Electro-Communications Tokyo		
Tai-young Yi	Researcher, National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention		
Tomohiro Tasaki	Senior researcher, National Institute for Environmental Studies		
Atsuko Masano	Freelance journalist		
Seiichi Suzuki	Masters student, Tokyo Institute of Technology		
Kenichi Nakagami	Professor, Ritsumeikan University		

United Kingdom			
Thomas B. Fischer*	Professor, University of Liverpool		
Ross Marshall	Head, Environment Agency		
Steve Swain	Evidence advisor, Environment Agency		
Alan Bond	Senior Lecturer, University of East Anglia		
Bridget Durning	Senior Research Fellow, Oxford Brookes University		
Tom Gore**	Research Associate, University of Liverpool		
Nebil Achour	Research Associate, Loughborough University		
Samuel Hayes	PhD Student, Manchester University		
Andrew Buchanan	Chairman, IChemE Environment Special Interest Group		

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➢ Program:

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Day 1 (Fri, 30 Nov.)

9:00 ~ 9:30	Registration		
9:30 ~ 10:00	Opening plenary, Photograph		
10:00 ~ 10:40	Keynote Speech		
10:40 ~ 11:00	Short Break		
11:00 ~ 12:00	Session 1: Disaster Management for sustainability in the UK/Japan (1),		
	Chaired by Takehiko Murayama		
12:00 ~ 13:30	Lunch Break		
13:30 ~ 14:30	Session 2: Disaster Management for sustainability in the UK/Japan (2),		
	Chaired by Ross Marshall		
14:30 ~ 14:50	Short Break		
14:50 ~ 16:30	Session 3: Youth Session, Chaired by Alan Bond and Shigeo Nishikizawa		
16:30 ~ 17:00	Wrap up meeting		
18:00 ~	Reception (Sky Tree View Restaurant & Bar "REN")		
Day 2 (Sat, 1 Dec.)			
9:00 ~ 10:30	Session 4: Disaster Management and Environmental Assessment tools (1),		
	Chaired by Thomas B. Fischer		
10:30 ~ 10:50	Short Break		
10:50 ~ 12:30	Session 5: Disaster Management and Environmental Assessment tools (2) [*] ,		

Chaired by Sachihiko Harashina and Kenichi Nakagami

*Joint session with the Association for Policy Informatics

12:30 ~ 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 ~ 17:00	Workshop: The potential role of EA in Disaster Management,
	Chaired by Ryo Tajima and Tom Gore
17:00 ~ 17:15	Closing Plenary

Day 3 &4 (Sun, 2 Dec. ~ Mon, 3 Dec.)

Site visit - stricken area in Onagawa town, Miyagi

¹ The original title of this event was 'Japan-UK joint <u>workshop</u> on \sim '. However, for the sake of clarity, in this proceedings the term 'seminar' is used to indicate the whole event, whereas 'workshop' refers to the workshop session held on the second day afternoon.



Photo 1 Group photo of participants (30 Nov. 2012)



Photo 2 Seminar room



Photo3 Presentation session



Photo 4 Reception



Photo 5 Closing remarks from the leaders

3. Academic outputs of the seminar 1

Two keynote speeches and 20 presentations (12 from Japan, 8 from the UK) were made through the seminar. In this chapter, the abstracts, extended abstracts / short papers (if any), and the presentations slides are compiled for each of the keynote speeches and presentations. The abstracts are accompanied with Japanese translation.

注:

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ANNOTATION

Please note that the presentations or papers in this proceedings are draft versions, therefore, some of those might be published in scientific journals or books in the future.

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3.1 Keynote speech

Environmental Assessment is Manners in a Sustainable Society - Lessons on Environmental Assessment from Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant Accident

Sachihiko Harashina

Professor, Chiba University of Commerce Professor Emeritus, Tokyo Institute of Technology

Abstract

Fukushima nuclear power accident gave us tremendous lessons to impact assessment (IA). Though, it was impossible to apply EIA to the plant as it had been built in 1960s, after operation, there had been many opportunities of taking measures against great earthquakes and tsunami on the occasions of repairs or periodical tests. If Japanese IA system includes a concise IA system, it could be done. Japanese EIA Law was amended in 2011, but no concise IA system was introduced, which should be manners in a sustainable society. The Annual number of environmental assessment on national level in Japan is only about 20, which is quite small compared to 30,000 to 50,000 under NEPA in the US. This is because Japanese systems have no concise IA like EA under NEPA. By the amendment of the Japanese EIA Law, there are some improvements, but the basic concept of environmental assessment was not changed. Why this was happened? There is a long history of struggles between pro development and pro environment in Japan. But we have to learn from the tragedy of Fukushima.

Just after the accident, as it is in an extraordinary situation, the type of IA is different from an ordinal situation. EIA, which usually takes one or two years, is not appropriate, and concise IA should be applied firstly in the emergency instead of EIA. Then if it was found that more examination would be necessary, EIA should be conducted. We must know how the concise IA is necessary.

Then the next stage is to make a recovering plan of the region. The nuclear accident is the additional cause of the disaster to the huge earthquake and tsunami. Another major lesson concerning IA is for future planning. To recover from the disaster, we have to conduct a good risk management. This means that it poses a challenge to the conventional Japanese energy policy, which has been biasing heavily to nuclear energy. And we have to apply Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) effectively for making sustainable energy policy and plan with social consensus. SEA has to be applied to the policy, plan and program making stages, and the consecutive application of SEA on such various decision making stages could build consensus on each stage. It is quite effective for consensus building to use the Hybrid Model for the meeting based SEA. Under the Hybrid Model, member structure of the planning meetings is a hybrid of experts for rationality and stakeholders for fairness. On this setting, and by a transparent process through "discussion in public space" with sufficient information with thorough information disclosure and collecting public opinions, the real dialogue with "meaningful reply" would be conducted, and could build consensus in the society.

(和文)

環境アセスメントは持続可能な社会の作法 - 福島原発事故からの環境アセスメントへの教訓 -

原科幸彦

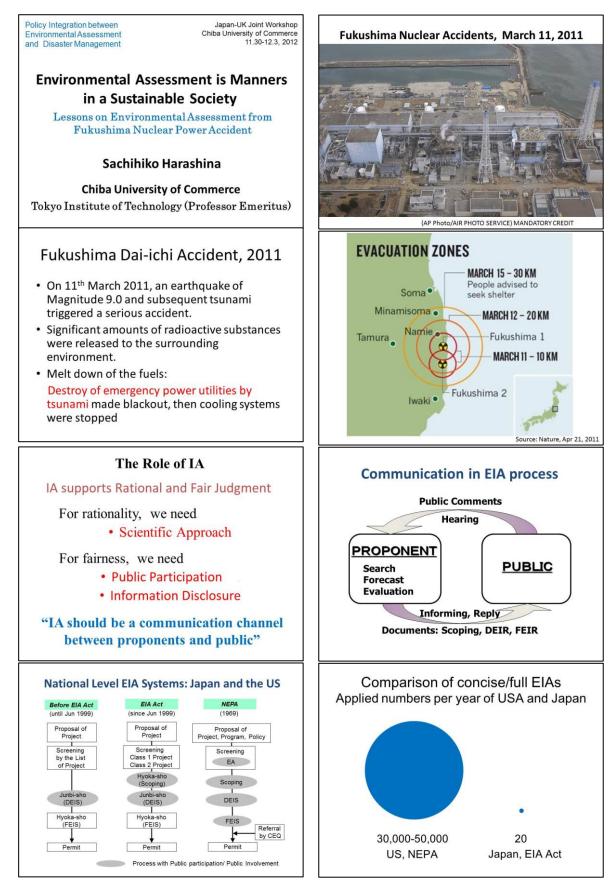
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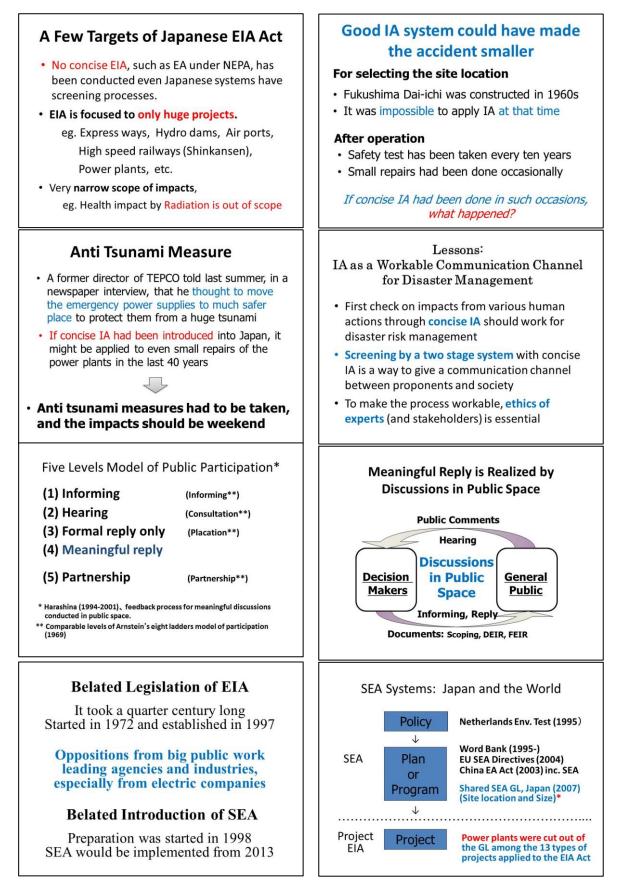
福島原発事故は、アセスメントに関して多大な教訓を我々に与えた。この原子力発電所は 1960 年代に 建造されたため、EIA の適用は不可能であったが、その稼働後、修理あるいは定期検査の際に、大規 模な地震と津波に対する措置を講じる機会が多く存在した。日本のアセスメント制度が簡易なアセス 制度を含むものであれば、それは可能であったであろう。日本の環境影響評価法は 2011 年に改正され たが、持続可能な社会の作法であるはずの簡易アセス制度は全く導入されなかった。日本における国 レベルの環境アセスメントの年間実施件数は、わずか 20 件余りであり、米国での NEPA に基づく 3 万 ~5 万件と比較すると、極端に少ない。日本の制度には NEPA の下での EA のような簡便なアセスがな いことが、その理由である。日本の環境影響評価法の改正により、一定の改善がみられるが、環境ア セスメントの基本概念は変わらなかった。なぜ、これが起こったのか?日本では、長い間、開発推進 派と環境推進派が争ってきた。しかし、我々は福島の悲劇から学ばなければならない。

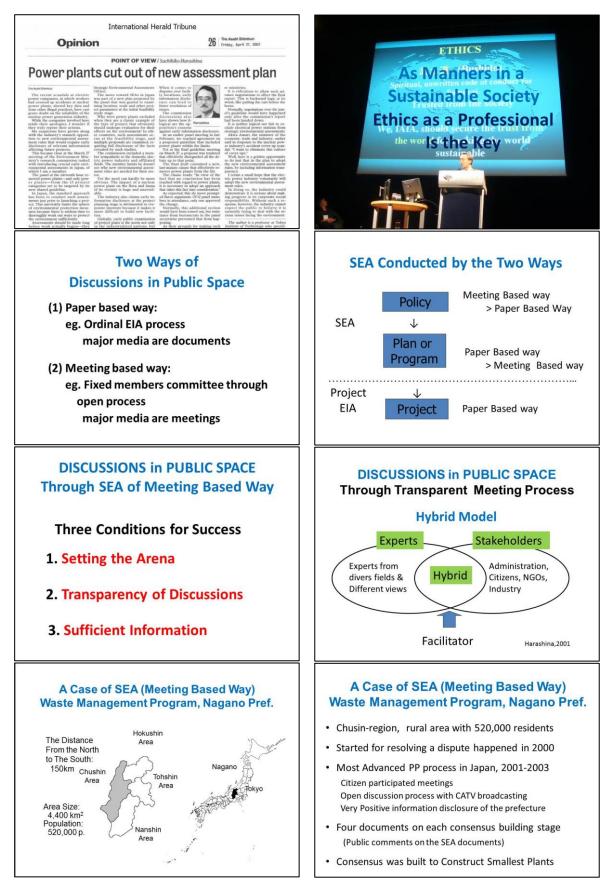
事故直後は非常事態なので、適用される IA の種類は平常時とは違う。1-2 年はかかる通常のアセス は不適当で、その代り、緊急時においては簡易アセスが、まず適用されるべきである。その結果、も し、さらなる検討が必要となれば、通常のアセスを行う。簡易アセスがいかに有効かを、我々は知る べきである。

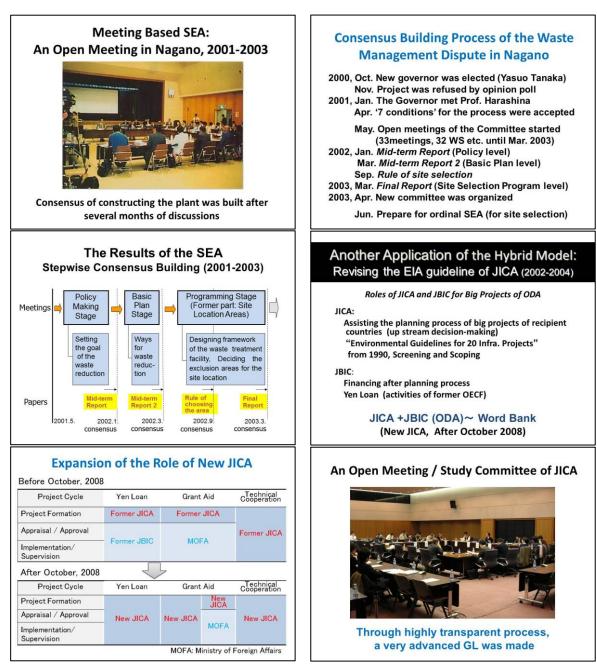
そして、次の段階は地域の復興計画作りである。福島原発事故は大地震と津波に加えて、この災害の 重大な原因である。アセスメントに関するもう一つの重要な教訓は、将来の計画に対するものである。 この災害から復興するためには、十全のリスク管理をしなければならない。これは、原子力に過度に 偏重してきた従来の日本のエネルギー政策に対する課題を提示する。我々は持続可能なエネルギー— 政策とエネルギー計画を、社会の合意を得て作成するために、戦略的環境アセスメント(SEA)を効 果的に適用しなければならない。SEA は政策、計画、プログラムの各段階で適用されねばならず、多 様な意思決定段階における、連続的な SEA 適用が各段階における合意形成を可能とすることになる。 会議ベースの SEA にハイブリッドモデルを適用することは合意形成に対して非常に有効である。ハイ ブリッドモデルでは、計画検討会議のメンバー構成は、合理性のために専門家と公正性のために多様 なステークホルダーの混成となる。このもとで、徹底した情報公開と公衆意見の収集により十分な情 報を与え、誰もがアクセスできる「公共空間での議論」を行う透明なプロセスを持つことで、「意味あ る応答」がなされる真の対話が実現され、社会の合意形成が可能となろう。

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On the ability of environmental assessment to support better planning and management

Thomas B Fischer

Professor, University of Liverpool

Abstract

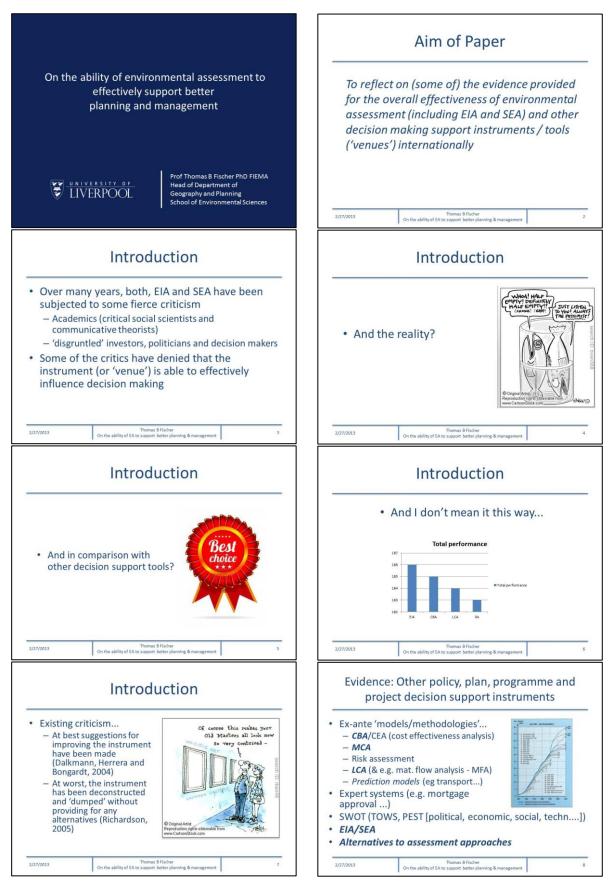
Environmental assessment (EA, including both, SEA and EIA) has been attacked by some particularly vocal critics for having no more than a negligible impact on policy, plan, programme and project making processes and for being largely ineffective. In this context, reference is frequently made to some particular poor case studies. In this paper, and based on the empirical evidence provided by various studies, I will argue that overall these claims are spurious and that in many countries and systems EA is able to contribute significantly to thousands of sustainable and better decisions. In fact, when compared with other decision support tools, including for example cost-benefit analysis, the instrument is proving to be remarkably robust.

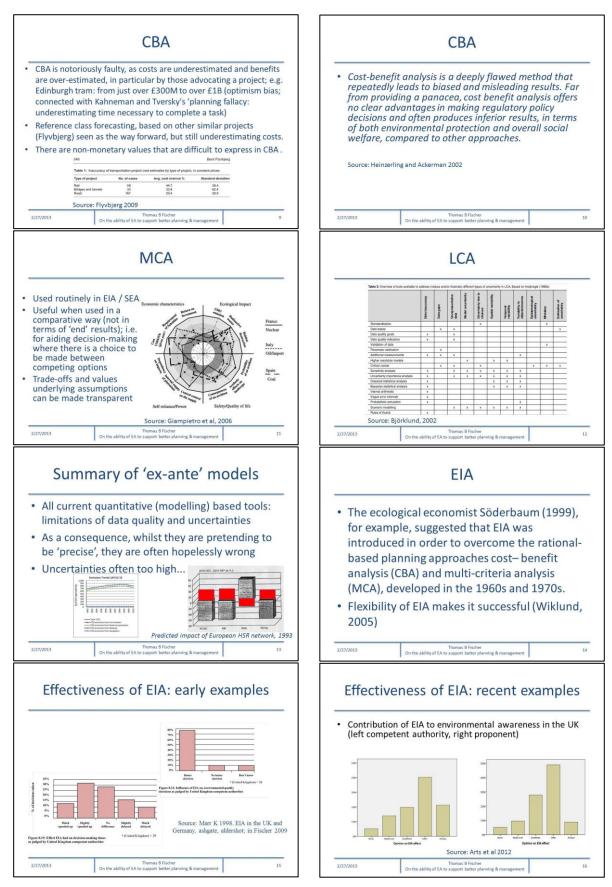
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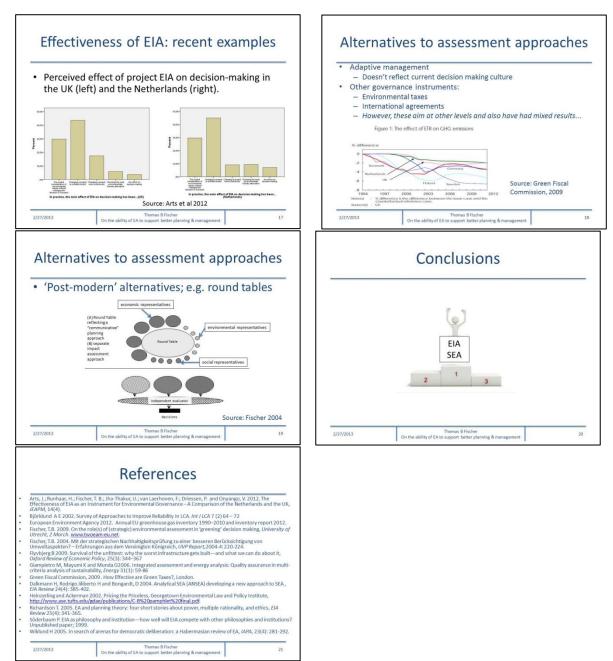
よりよい計画づくりとマネジメントを支える環境アセスメントの効果について

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環境アセスメント (SEA および EIA を含む EA)は、ポリシー、プラン、プログラムそしてプロジェク ト策定プロセスにわずかな影響を及ぼしているに過ぎず概して効果がないものであるとして、一部の 批評家の声高な攻撃にさらされてきた。これに関連して、いくつかの特定の粗末な事例研究が、しば しば、引き合いに出されている。本論文では、様々な研究により与えられている経験的証拠に基づき、 私は、これらの主張が概して誤っており、多くの国々と制度に於いて EA は、非常に多くの持続可能 でより良い意思決定に大きく貢献することが出来ているということを、主張する。事実、費用対効果 分析などの他の意思決定支援ツールと比較すると、これが著しくロバストな手段であることが証明さ れつつあるのである。







3.2 Disaster Management for sustainability in the UK/Japan

Current status and future challenges of disaster waste management in Great East Japan Earthquake

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Abstract

Firstly, the main issues and countermeasures regarding the disaster waste management in Great East Japan Earthquake including the radioactively contaminated waste management will be presented, which will be followed by the discussion of the remaining future challenges. Finally the prepared conditions necessary for robust waste management system in the emergency of the disaster will be proposed.

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東日本大震災における災害廃棄物管理のこれまでと今後の課題

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本発表では、東日本大震災の災害廃棄物処理を事例にして、災害発生以降、どのような問題が生起し、 それをどのように解決してきたかの事実を振り返り、紹介する。また今後に向けてどのような課題が 残っているかを抽出する。最後に、以上のこれまでと今後の課題を総括し、災害の非常時にも頑強な 対応力をもつために、平時から備えておくべき災害廃棄物管理システムの条件について提案する。

Current status and future challenges of disaster waste management in Great East Japan Earthquake

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1 Introduction

The impact of the Great East Japan Earthquake was so huge. In addition to the damage caused by the shake itself (magnitude 9.0), tsunami waves destroyed wide area of human settlements near the pacific coastline, some reaching over 10m high. The total flooded area was 561 km². More than twenty thousand people were killed or missing, and massive disaster waste was left behind (Photo 1).



Photo1 Scenes of tsunami disaster stricken places

After this earthquake the National Institute for Environmental Studies has been conducting researches to provide scientific basis of the disaster waste management (DWM, hereinafter) scheme of the Ministry of Environment as well as to establish technical guidelines and manuals for DWM. This paper will provide information about current status of DWM in the Great East Japan Earthquake from the viewpoints of technological and administrative management.

2 Theory of DWM

2.1 Time-course scheme for DWM

According to the JSMCWM (2011), post-disaster management of disaster waste could be divided into 4 phases². In the first *emergency phase*, it is urgently required to save lives, to alleviate suffering as well as to facilitate rescue operations. Identifying waste issues, characterizing, mapping, and assessing wastes are also taken as prioritized actions. Second, in the *early recovery phase*, the recovery of lifelines (i.e. systems

 $^{^2}$ The first three phases are the same as the disaster phases described in OCHA (2011). The fourth phase, "contingency planning", emphasizes the importance of in advance planning, which is not included in the scope of this paper.

and facilities that provide services vital to the function of an industrialized society, including electricity, gas, water, transportation, etc.) is an important task. As for disaster waste, the main part of DWM program must be prepared. At the same time, wastes should be transferred to temporary storage sites. As social stock starts to recover and DWM progresses according to the program in the *recovery phase*, disaster wastes could be treated or recycled at a full scale. *Reconstruction phase* starts after the main part of DWM is completed.

Phases			Actions	
Emergency Phase	Required to save lives, alleviate suffering, and Facilitate human rescue	10^{2} hr (ca. 3 days=72 hr)	Initial actions (identify waste issues), Characterize, map, and assess wastes Prioritize actions	
Early Recovery (relief) Phase	Recovery of lifelines	10^3 hr (ca. 1 month)	Groundwork for a disaster waste management program to be implemented. Transfer of wastes to the temporary site	
Recovery Phase	Recovery of social stocks (infrastructures)	10 ⁴ hr (ca. 1 year)	Full-scale treatment or recycle of wastes	
Reconstruction Phase	Recovery of industries	10 ⁵ hr (ca. 10 years)		

Table1 Time-course scheme for waste manage	gement
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Source: JSMCWM, 2011,p.30

2.2 Treatment flow of DWM

Figure 1 indicates the flow of separation and treatment for disaster wastes suggested by JSMCWM (2011). First, wastes generated from the disaster area are transported to temporary storage sites, or directly to the primary storage site designed for mid-term storage and intermediate treatment of wastes. Thereafter they are separated and intermediately treated prior to appropriate final disposal and recycling. Source separation and the separation at the temporary storage site are very important for safe, quick and cost-effective DWM.

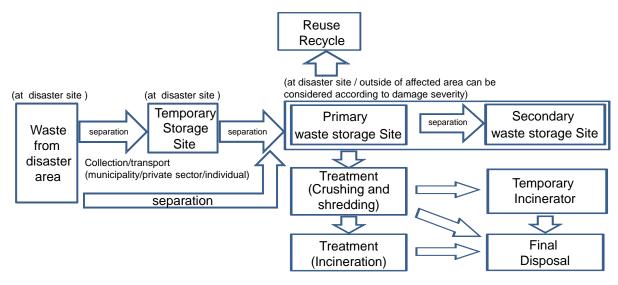


Figure1 Flow of separation and treatment of disaster wastes (source: Japan Society of Material Cycles and Waste Management, 2011, p.52)

^{2.3} Key elements for effective DWM system

In Japan, each municipal government is responsible for the management of disaster waste generated in their area because disaster waste is categorized as "municipal solid waste" under the Waste Disposal and Public Cleansing Law³. In order to effectively/efficiently manage disaster waste by implementing the treatment flow shown in Figure 1, key elements composing the management system of the municipality must be administered appropriately. These are human resource (organization), finance (subsidy), and facility / technology (Figure 2).

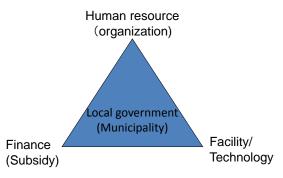


Figure2 Key elements of management system

3 DWM in the Great East Japan Earthquake

3.1 Amount and nature of the disaster wastes

In the most heavily damaged three prefectures (Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima), around 20 million tons of disaster waste as well as 10 million tons of Tsunami sediment were generated. The total was around 30 million ton. Considering the total amount of municipal waste generated annually in the whole country, which was around 45 million ton in 2010, the mass is huge.

	Total (million ton) (c=a+b)	Disaster waste (million ton) (a)	Tsunami sediment (million ton) (b)
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Table2 Amount of disaster wastes

c.f. Annual amount of municipal waste is around 45 million ton in 2010

Photo2 shows the initial situation of the disaster waste. As seen in this photo, the tsunami power mixed different kinds of wastes, including building materials, white goods, shrubs, sediments, and so on. This mixed waste is called "Minced waste". Minced wastes are hard to separate, contain highly concentrated salt, and adhere sediment. Other characteristics of the minced waste that makes its management difficult include; contains rotten materials (from Fischery etc.) and dangerous objects (gas cylinders, etc.), has a

³ Under the Law, only two types of waste are defined; industrial waste (ashes, sludge, waste oil, waste acid, waste alkali, waste plastics and others specified by a Cabinet Order among all the wastes left as a result of business activity, and imported wastes with some exclusion), and municipal solid waste (=waste other than industrial waste)

risk of fire, and has a potential to emit odor. In addition to the above, some of the wastes were somewhat contaminated with radioactive substances discharged from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.



Photo2 "Minced wastes" at a temporary storage site in Noda, Iwate Photographed on May 6, 2011

3.2 Technical and administrative barriers

Many barriers existed in the DWM of this disaster, both from the technical and administrative point of view. On one hand, it was challenging to identify the proper technology to dispose of and recycle the minced waste containing salt, tsunami sediments, and radioactive substances, as there was no experience of treating such waste of this volume at the same time. On the other hand, from the administrative management point of view, the large geographical scale of the disaster-stricken area made it difficult for neighboring municipalities to mutually cooperate in an effective and efficient manner. Most of the stricken municipalities are small in population. So the human resource for the administrative management is very short. In addition, the administrative body itself in the small municipality was stricken by the disaster.

3.3 Roles and functions of each actor

The devastated municipality faced a lot of challenges in their DWM. One obvious challenge is the volume of the waste generated by the disaster. For example, Ishinomaki City, one of the most heavily damaged cities, would need 108 years to manage all the generated waste if they were to do it on their own, by their capacity in normal times. Therefore, a cooperative management scheme jointed by various relevant actors was required to progress the DWM. Figure 3 indicates roles and functions of each actor in the DWM of the Great East Japan Earthquake.

The Ministry of Environment has set the overall policy/framework of the DWM in a master plan published in May 2011, and has also eased some of their regulations which had been recognized as barriers to smooth progress of DWM. They also provide fiscal and technical assistance for the devastated municipality. The prefectural government has the role of overall coordination, and has set up inter-governmental committees, and prepared a prefectural DWM plan. Additionally, in this case, they took over the duty to manage disaster waste from some of the municipalities (upon request), considering their overwhelming burden. Supporting municipalities have provided human resource and machinery/materials necessary for the devastated municipality, and accepted some of the disaster waste generated outside of their administrative boundary. The private business contributed greatly to the devastated municipality by conducting the actual removal, collection, transportation, sorting, processing, recycling, reduction, combustion, and landfilling, subcontracted from them.

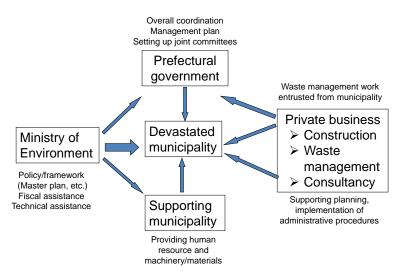


Figure 3 Roles and functions of each actor in the cooperative management scheme

3.4 Flow of separation and treatment of disaster wastes

Devastated municipalities basically followed the treatment flow shown in Figure 1, with some variations in details. The following will describe the actual treatment flow observed in general⁴.

Firstly, the road was cleared at the emergency phase for life saving (mainly by the Japan Self-Defense Forces), followed by collection and transportation to the temporary sites. At this phase, minimum separation was conducted at site (e.g. combustibles and non-combustibles) in most of the municipalities. Here, construction industry was actively involved. Temporary storage site reached its capacity very quickly, so the municipalities had to quickly set up primary storage sites. As primary storage sites became ready, disaster wastes were directly transported to the primary storage site from the stricken areas, and were roughly separated (ca. 7~10 categories). Dangerous and hazardous objects were separated wherever possible. The main part of the disaster waste was removed from residential area by August, 2011. Some of the recyclables (e.g. concrete) were treated and reused at this phase.

As more and more wastes were piled at storage sites, there was increased risk of fire. Due to accumulated heat generated through biological and chemical reaction, fire broke out in many storage sites (see Photo3). This was seen as a risk to human health, since these fires have high possibility to bring air pollution and soil contamination. However, it was not easy to manage fire due to technical and managerial reasons, including shortage of land available for storage sites and pressure to push forward the DWM.

As soon as the existing / temporary incineration facilities were ready, full scale treatment, i.e. separation and incineration, started at secondary storage sites. Various advanced technologies have been actually applied here (see Photo4).

The present stage in the progress of the DWM is shown as Figure 4. The disposal ratio of the disaster waste is 20 to 30 % (in July, 2012). The government target to finish the disposal is March, 2014.

⁴ This does not apply to DWM in the municipalities in Fukushima prefecture, as the disaster wastes in Fukushima is managed directly by the national government, in order to safely dispose of the wastes (relatively) highly contaminated by radioactive substances.



Photo3 Fire accident at a temporary storage site



Photo 4 Various disaster waste management technologies being applied at Ishinomaki block, Miyagi prefecture

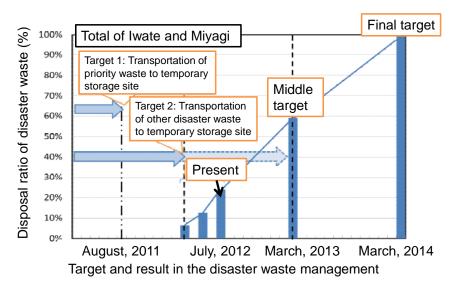


Figure4 Progress of disaster waste management

4 Discussion and concluding remarks

Here, we will discuss the characteristics of DWM in the Great East Japan Earthquake that has implication on the integration of DWM with EA, and will conclude with suggestion towards future DWM.

Firstly, the balance between rapid management of waste and consideration of environmental (and social) impact depends on the emergency phase and other contextual factors. On one hand, the pressure for early operation was/is very high in DWM, as this ran concurrently with lifesaving and search for missing at emergency ~ early response phase, and will be the basis of long term restoration. It would become impossible to achieve the national target of completing DWM within three years if every single temporary waste disposal facilities required full scale EIA (which normally takes 2 or more years in Japan). In addition, delay in DWM could cause secondary health impact from poor sanitary conditions, and piles of waste give people feelings of discomfort and uneasiness in the stricken area. Therefore, undertaking full scale EAs (which could take a couple of years) post-disaster will be especially problematic in the early phases, regardless of its environmental impact, and will remain challenging in latter phases.

On the other hand, if DWM is to be conducted without any consideration to environmental impacts, it might result in serious and long term environmental risks that could risk lives of the future generation. This could also impact the speed of DWM. In the case of the Earthquake, one major factor that is hindering the DWM process is the communication process of the health/environmental risks of incinerating/disposing wastes contaminated with radioactive substances. This implies that for projects necessary for DWM in the recovery phase, including alteration and construction of disposal facilities, some kind of EA (or an alternative way to fulfill accountability in a scientific manner) should be conducted if significant environmental effect is anticipated. In terms of EA methodology, this leads to the need to develop (1) a screening framework that enables quick decision of whether a project requires full scale EA, rapid EA, or does not require EA (e.g. a legal framework that automatically triggers full, rapid, or no EA, according to prescribed disaster categories), and (2) a scoping framework for efficient and focused rapid type EA.

Whether post disaster EA for temporary storage site is necessary or not requires further debate. Considering the potential environmental impacts of temporary storage sites (see 3.4), some EA should be undertaken, but the public pressure towards quick recovery is still very high at early recovery phase.

Secondly, pre-disaster planning for DWM is not always useful. Some small scale municipalities have

commented that the details of their Disaster Waste Management Plans, including separation categories and disposal options, were not fully utilized after the Earthquake. The location of temporary storage sites identified in-advance was considered useful, but they also needed to set up additional ones post-disaster, as the land availability changed, and the volume of disaster waste was way beyond their expectation. This clearly shows the limitation of in-detail preparedness planning under a single scenario, when there is high uncertainty. Pre-disaster EA for preparedness planning would face the same challenge.

However, pre-disaster EA still seems tempting, as more time and resource is available in normal times. Additionally, if scoping is the key for efficient post-disaster EA, in advance consideration of the potential environmental impacts through preparedness planning would help streamlining the post-disaster EA process for waste disposal facilities (by tiering the results). In any case, a method to deal with uncertainty in planning and EA, possibly scenario analysis, needs to be further developed and understood in the EA community.

Finally, as a concluding remark, we would like to propose a framework for designing future DWM system through lessons learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake (Figure 5). On one side, there is explicit knowledge, which means generalized lessons articulated as new rules or manuals. This could potentially include new rules on EAs for DWM. On the other side, as we know that there is no exact same disaster, tacit knowledge, or lessons learned from experiences which is accumulated at individual levels, is essential. A system to effectively inherit this type of knowledge should be established. A comprehensive and flexible management system should be based on *Practical knowledge*, which is an integration of the explicit and tacit knowledge, so that disaster wastes could be managed comprehensively and flexibly. It is extremely important to provide scientific knowledge that helps develop both explicit and tacit knowledge, by monitoring and evaluating (ex-ante) the impact of this Earthquake and DWM, to be better prepared for future disasters.

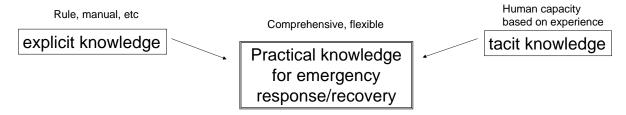


Figure5 A framework for designing future DWM system

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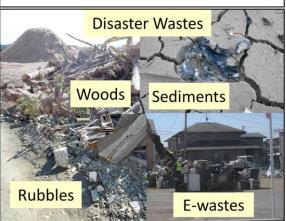


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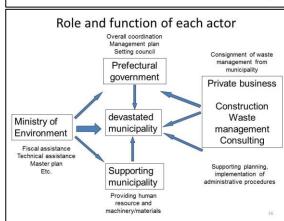
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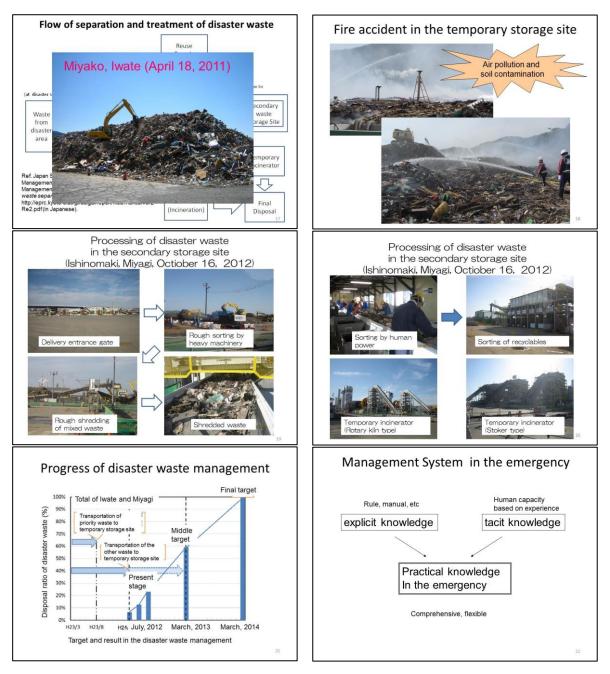
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Difficulties in the waste management

- Mixed waste
- · Salt come from sea water
- · Adhered tsunami sediment
- Partly radioactive contamination
- Stricken wide area
- Stricken small municipality
- Stricken administrative body





COMAH Safety Report – Environmental assessment tool aimed at preventing major accidents to the environment

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Abstract

The Seveso Directive is the main piece of EU legislation that deals specifically with the control of on-shore major accident hazards involving dangerous substances. It is implemented in Great Britain through the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations.

This paper will describe the requirements of a COMAH Safety Report specifically focussing on the guidance and methodology that should be applied when identifying potential impacts to the environment, identifying appropriate prevention/mitigation measures and developing appropriate emergency response procedures including assessing the capacity and infrastructure that is required to apply the procedures identified. The paper will summarise examples of submitted COMAH Safety Reports and discuss the UK's Competent Authority's (The Health and Safety Executive) response to these submissions.

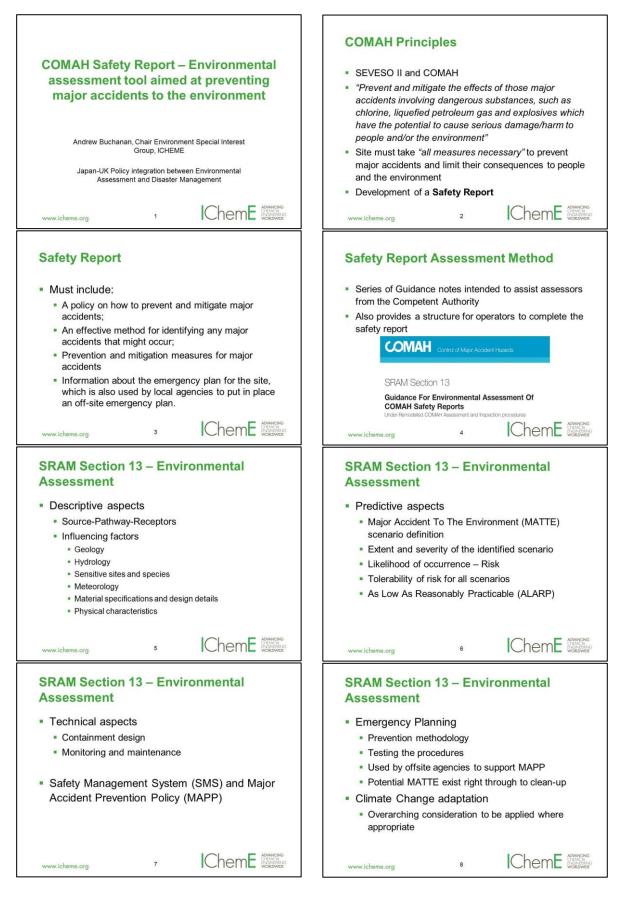
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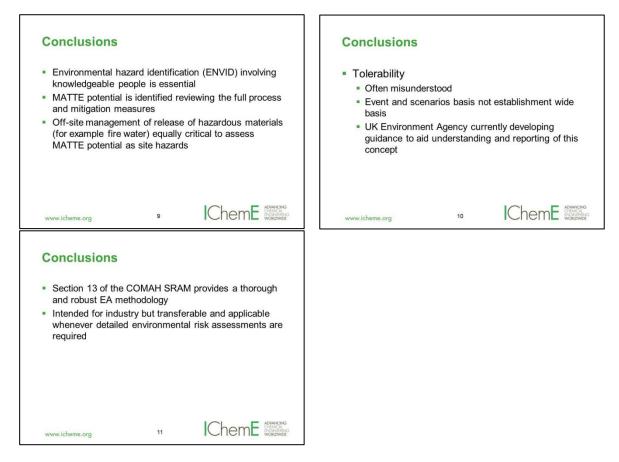
COMAH 安全報告書—環境悪化を招く重大事故を防ぐための環境影響評価ツール

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セベソ指令は、主として、危険物質による陸上重大事故の危険性の管理に関する主な EU 法である。本 指令は、英国では、大事故災害管理(COMAH)規制を通じて、施行されている。

本論文は、特に、潜在的環境影響の特定、適切な予防/緩和措置の識別、そして確認された措置の適 用に必要とされる能力と基盤の評価を含む適切な緊急時対応措置の策定において適用されるべきガイ ダンスと方法論を主眼に置いて、COMAH 安全性報告書の要件を説明する。また、提出された COMAH 安 全性報告書の例を要約し、これらの提出物に対する英国の所轄官庁(安全衛生庁)の反応を検討する。





Post-earthquake town reconstruction applying 'e-Community Platform'

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Abstract

In the stricken area of the Great East Japan Earthquake, the post-earthquake town reconstruction is carried out with promotion of the reconstruction work based on the reconstruction plan for livelihood rehabilitation and region reconstruction. For the sustainable post-earthquake town, in addition to an existing situation, it is necessary to take into consideration local inhabitant's value standard to long-term changes of social conditions. This study introduces the example which local inhabitants utilized "e-Community Platform", and suggests the reconstruction in consideration of the trade-off relation between the value standard and the receptiveness of risk.

復興まちづくりにおける e コミュニティ・ラットフォームの活用

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東日本大震災の被災地では、生活再建と地域復興に向けた再建計画に基づく再建活動の推進により、 地震後の町再建が図られている。地震後の持続可能な町の建設には、現状に加え、社会的条件の長期 的変化に対する地元住民の価値標準を考慮することが必要である。本論文は、地元住民が e コミュニ ティ・プラットフォーム」を活用した例を紹介し、価値標準とリスク受容の間のトレードオフ関係を 考慮した再建を提案する。

Post-Disaster Reconstruction using the e-Community Platform

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1. INSTRUCTION

NIED is developing e-Community Platform as the tool that local inhabitants can be active in disaster-related information, which is Japan's national research institute for disaster prevention. This study will presents how the e-Community Platform has been used for post-disaster reconstruction of disaster-afflicted areas, to the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami. First, I would like to begin with a brief discussion of the damage caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami, focusing on one of the areas affected by the disaster. Then I will discuss how the e-Community Platform has been used in that disaster-afflicted area, using actual examples. After that, I will present about ways to help residents rebuild their lives. These will include the preparation of scenarios to help residents rebuild their lives, taking into account future long-term changes in living patterns, and the use of these scenarios to enable the study of future living conditions.

2. SUBJECT AREA; OFUNATO CITY

The Great East Japan Earthquake occurred on March 11, 2011. The epicenter was approximately 130km east of the Sanriku Coast of Tohoku, in the northern part of the island of Honshu. The earthquake intensity was recorded at magnitude 9.0. The shaking caused by the earthquake was measured at level 7 on the Japanese seven-point scale. It was felt throughout the Japanese archipelago, from Hokkaido in the north to Kyushu in the south. This was the most powerful earthquake to hit Japan in recorded history. The earthquake triggered a major tsunami. The maximum height of the tsunami tide was recorded at 9.3meters. And the maximum height of the flooded district was recorded at 15.3 meters. The damage caused by the tsunami extended over an extremely wide area and was even greater than the damage caused by the earthquake itself.

This study will focus on the city of Ofunato, one of the areas affected by the tsunami, which is located north of Sendai. Most parts of the city sustained damage in the tsunami. Figure1 is the e-community map as a result of the tsunami. The red areas on the map are the areas that were inundated, and the blue areas are the areas in which houses were damaged. This tsunami inundation map was created by the Association of

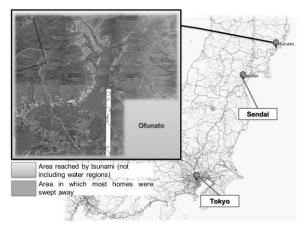


Figure1. Subject Area; Ofunato

Japanese Geographers, It constitutes one type of disaster-related information. This and other types of disaster-related information are overlaid and displayed using the e-Community Platform.

Ofunato has a population of around 40 thousand. And thirty percent of the population consists of senior citizens aged 65 or over. The population has aged significantly in this area. The population is also decreasing yearly. As a result of the tsunami, 340 people were killed or are missing. In addition, some 3,000 buildings collapsed completely, and in all approximately 5,500 households sustained damage. If this calculates based on the fact that there were approximately 15,000 households in the city, this means that 30% of all households in the city sustained damage. Many residents of Ofunato left the city in the wake of the disaster.

USE OF DISASTER INFORMATION COLLECTED USING THE E-COMMUNITY PLATFORM Post-Disaster Reconstruction of Ofunato

In the areas affected by the tsunami, the cities coordinate the type of reconstruction projects that they conduct with the national and prefectural governments, and they prepare disaster reconstruction plans to help individual disaster victims rebuild their lives and to rebuild the community at large. At the same time that these reconstruction plans are prepared, the policies for land use and reconstruction projects that will be needed for post-disaster reconstruction are determined. In addition, the city holds briefings for local residents to explain the plans that have been prepared and the content and progress of projects and land use

policies. However, as a result of coordination with the national and prefectural governments, the progress of the reconstruction projects in the city changes. For this reason, based only on the information through these briefings, it is difficult for the residents to determine where they should live and how they should go about rebuilding their lives, the e-Community Platform is designed to offer tools and techniques that will enable local residents to study how to rebuild their lives, using various types of disaster-related information.

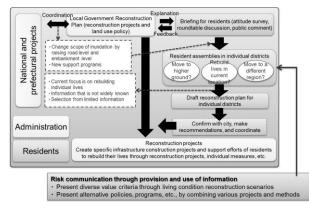


Figure 2. Post-Disaster Reconstruction of Ofunato

Picture1 is shows photographs of resident briefings. About 200 residents gathered in individual districts in Ofunato, and the city's Reconstruction Bureau gave oral presentations to the residents using small paper maps and reference materials. For example, the small map that you see here is a land use policy diagram

that shows the entire central area of Ofunato. It is an A3 size map. You can see how it would be difficult for residents to determine what will happen to their own homes by viewing only this policy diagram. Also, the map shows almost no location information regarding where residents should rebuild.



Picture1. Post-Disaster Reconstruction Briefing

In general, the city said that residents should find rebuilding locations by themselves. However, the explanations of reconstruction projects provided by the city in the briefings are difficult to understand. Examples include the "Disaster Mitigation Group Relocation Project," in which residents will move to higher ground; and the "Disaster Public Housing Project," in which residents will go to live in apartment buildings constructed by the city, and the "Downtown Construction Project," in which residents will rebuild their residences in the existing disaster-afflicted area. This kind of difficult-to-understand explanation makes it very difficult for the residents to even decide on a location, much less to determine what methods they should use or what type of project they should choose to help them rebuild their lives.

3-2. Structure of The e-Community Platform and Establishment of Reconstruction Map Center

As figure3, NIED constructed the e-Community Platform as a cloud-based SaaS, which is "software as a service". The e-Community Platform has two functions. One is a blog function uses a CMS(content management system). Using this function, disaster victims can send us questions on how to rebuild their lives. In answering these questions, NIED can make use of the NIED network of disaster mitigation

specialists to provide specific information to help residents rebuild their lives. In particular, the e-Community Platform has a web-based GIS function called e-Community Map. NIED use the e-Community Map function to provide various map data released by the prefectural and city administrations in disaster-afflicted areas, as well as information on reconstruction released by universities and research institutions.

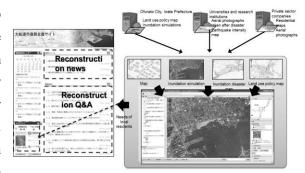


Figure3. Structure of e-Community Platform

Any of the maps provided by various institutions in WMS, WFS, KML or other international standard formats can be used with the e-Community Map function for overlay and display. Users can use an aerial photograph as a base and overlay on top of that various hazard maps provided by the government or research institutions, in order to assess disaster risks for an area at any scale. In this way, the e-Community Platform can be used as a tool for utilizing disaster information networks. Furthermore, in addition to disaster information from other sources, users can also record their own detailed disaster information for the area. Naturally, as NIED is a national research institution, the e-Community Platform is open source software and provided at no charge.

Soon after the tsunami, NIED used this tool to release a variety of maps aerial photographs taken prior to the disaster and aerial photographs taken by the Geographical Survey Institute in May following the disaster, a map showing the routes traveled by vehicles equipped with vehicle navigation systems made by automobile manufacturers Honda and Toyota, a tsunami damage map prepared by the Association of Japanese Geographers and so on and used these maps for reconstruction and recovery efforts in the area.

However, the population in this area has aged considerably, and it is difficult for some senior citizens to

use this system. For this reason, NIED is working with local information systems companies to set up and operate temporary information centers called Reconstruction Map Center in Ofunato, as picture2. The Center provides information obtained from local residents on post-disaster reconstruction. Residents can also view the type of map data. Residents can also print out various types of maps on a printer or plotter. This makes it possible to use printed maps when Picture2. Reconstruction Map Center residents gather to discuss rebuilding their lives.



4. METHODS FOR REBUILDING THE LIVES OF DISASTER VICTIMS

Ofunato holds briefings for local residents based on information about the current state of reconstruction efforts and information on future reconstruction projects. Residents affected by the disaster

commonly use this information when considering their current situation and how to rebuild their lives for example, to decide whether to move to a safe location on higher ground, or to wait until the city's reconstruction projects have been completed and rebuild on their former location, or to move to some other safe area. However, to achieve sustainable post-disaster reconstruction, I would like to propose

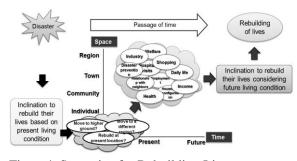


Figure 4. Scenarios for Rebuilding Lives

the idea that these judgments should be made by considering not only the inclination of disaster victims to rebuild their lives based on their current situation but also long-term changes in living patterns such as future employment, income, health, and family structure, as figure4. Furthermore, I propose that post-disaster reconstruction should be pursued by taking into consideration not only changes in future living conditions but also the future special situation and changes in the local community, from the perspective of the individual, the district, and the region as a whole.

Table1 shows three typical household Table1. Lifestyle Patterns for Residents patterns in Ofunato derived from an analysis of the living patterns of disaster victims in terms of employment, age, household configuration, and type of residence prior(praier) to the disaster. Then let's take a look at Person B. Before the earthquake and tsunami disaster. Person В was a

Lifestyle	Pattern											
Lifestyle	А	В	С									
Occupation	Businessman	Self-employed	Unemployed									
Age	30s - 40s	40s - 50s	70s - 80s									
Household	parents an	Parents only										
Residence	Single-family dwelling in downtown area											

self-employed person in his 50s. He lived with his wife and two children. They lived in a 2-story house. There was a shop on the first floor, and the family used the second floor as a residence. Person B wants to rebuild his shop as soon as possible and rebuild the family's home in a safe location at the earliest possible opportunity. The options for Person B and his family are to either resume operations at a leased shop in front of the train station, and to rebuild their single-family residence as part of the Disaster Mitigation Group Relocation Project, or to wait for the Land Readjustment Project to be completed and then rebuild a combined shop and residence.

However, let's look at the future scenario for Person B in 20 years. The possible future scenario is as follows: I am now a senior citizen, but I'm still healthy. So I'd like to have my oldest son and his wife take

over the shop. I'd like our two generations to continue living under the same roof, maintaining our relationship with the other households in the shopping arcade. In considering such future scenarios, first of all disaster safety must be a criterion. In addition, various value criteria should be used as guidelines when considering the method that residents should choose to reconstruct their lives based on a consideration of lifestyle risks. These criteria include the mode of two generations living together and operating a shop, the income

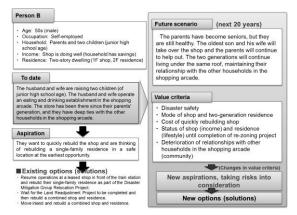


Figure 5. Example of Scenarios

obtained from quickly re-establishing the shop, the family's income and living condition in the time until the Land Readjustment Project is completed, the relationships with the others in the shopping arcade (community) and so on. In this way, in order for them to consider ways to rebuild their lives, disaster victims must be provided with scenarios for rebuilding their lives, the necessary reconstruction-related information based on those scenarios, and map information that will make it possible for them to study locations for rebuilding.



Picture3. Roundtable Discussions

For this reason, as picture3, I propose that the e-Community Platform be used to provide reconstruction-related information to disaster victims, in addition to map data that they can use in discussions with one another. The photographs you see here are of actual roundtable discussions for residents held in Ofunato. As many of the individuals affected by the disaster are elderly, their future life expectancy will be a factor in some cases. Depending on the situation, scenarios may be drafted based on the inclination of their children's generation to rebuild, or maps may be viewed in order to study specific locations for rebuilding, or a location at which residents can move in a group may be sought.

5. SUMMARY

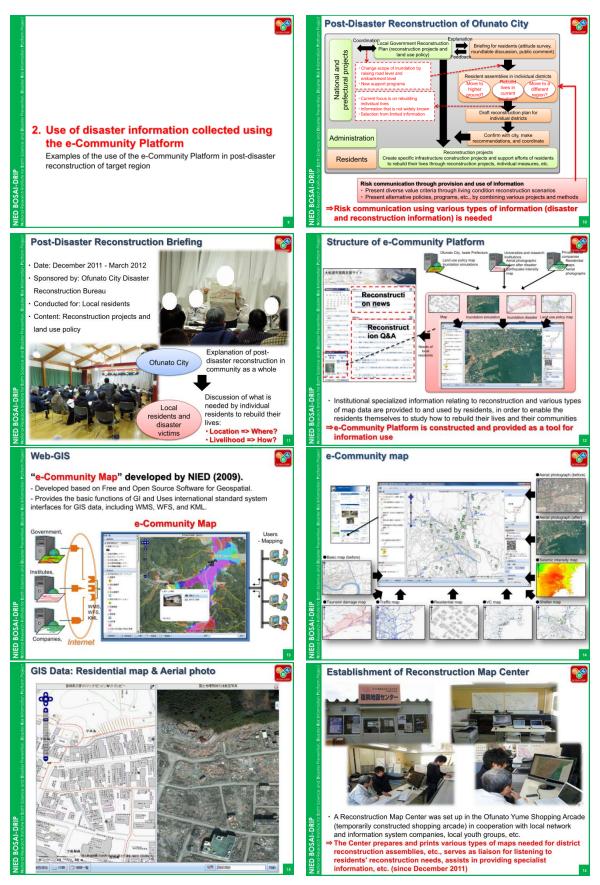
NIED is working to assist post-disaster reconstruction efforts in several ways. NIED have created the e-Community Platform as a tool for this purpose, and have set up Reconstruction Map Centers, and are providing specialist knowledge and map information. And I am preparing scenarios for living condition reconstruction for use in this effort. In order to help the post-disaster reconstruction effort, this tool and these various types of information should be used for discussion and study based on risk acceptability and tradeoffs in various value criteria. The decision should be made through risk communication that takes into consideration long-term changes in the situation of both individuals and the local community.

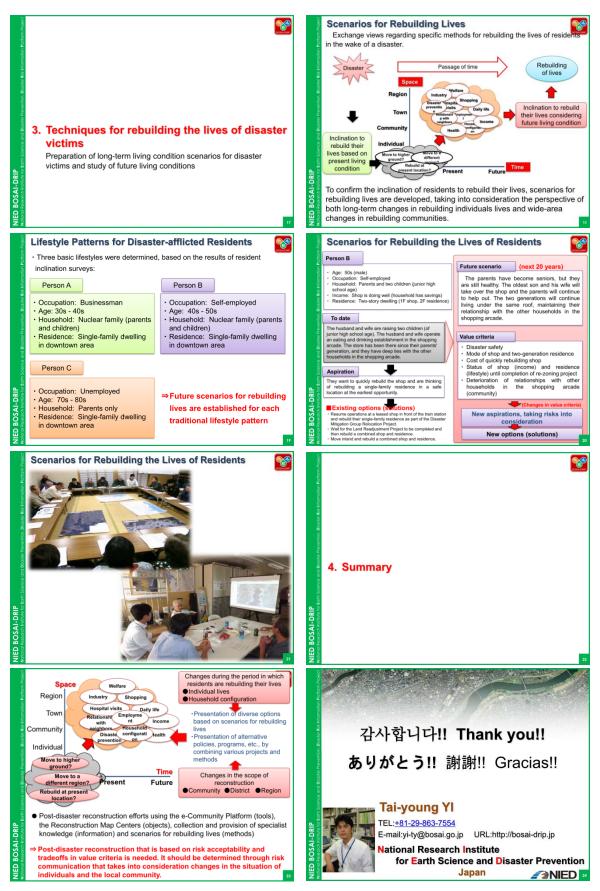
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Abstract

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東日本大震災の復旧・復興のための情報インフラストラクチャ

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本論文は、東日本大震災がもたらした被害の規模を検討し、被災地の復旧復興について提案を行い、 また、情報基盤としての GIS を活用して将来発生し得る自然災害の影響を緩和することを提案する。 災害直後の数日間、ICT を活用したソーシャルメディアが有効であったことから、災害影響を緩和す るために ICT を活用する情報基盤の提供を検討することが必要であると言える。

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Abstract: This study considers the regional characteristics of the Tohoku region and the extent of the damage caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake and makes proposals for recovery and reconstruction of the areas affected by this disaster as well as for a reduction of the impact of natural disasters that may occur in the future with GIS (Geographic Information Systems), which focus on handling unique information such as geographical information including longitude and latitude, as a social infrastructure positioned at the heart of the information infrastructure. Due to the fact that social media that used ICT (Information and Communication Technology) was useful in the days directly after the disaster, it can be said that it is necessary to investigate the provision of an information infrastructure that uses ICT to prevent or reduce the impact of disasters. Therefore, this study proposes the construction of a geographical information database using GIS and the provision and sharing of information using social media GIS after discussion of the relationship between GIS and the development of the computerization of Japan as a valid example of using information systems for recovery and reconstruction after the Great East Japan Earthquake.

Keywords: Information Infrastructure, GIS (Geographic Information Systems), ICT (Information and Communication Technology), Recovery and Reconstruction, Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

1. INTRODUCTION

On the 11th March, 2011, a great earthquake of magnitude 9.0 occurred in the Tohoku region of Japan. There was widespread damage not only due to the earthquake but also to a giant tsunami and many lives were lost. In addition, the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station was also damaged and people all over the world became concerned about the effects of radioactive contamination. In this way, Japan was struck by the triple disaster of a great earthquake, a giant tsunami and an accident at a nuclear power plant all at the same time. Since the Great Hanshin Earthquake (January, 1995), there has been remarkable development in the computerization of Japan but although ICT (Information and Communication Technology) played an important role in the days directly after the Tohoku earthquake, it had diverse as well as major effects such as the spread of financial damage caused by misinformation both inside and outside the disaster zone.

Consequently, due to the fact that social media that used ICT was useful in the days directly after the disaster, it can be said that it is necessary to investigate the provision of an information infrastructure that uses ICT to prevent or reduce the impact of disasters as well as for the revitalization of the whole area struck by the disaster. I conducted a field survey from May to December, 2011 and visited the Pacific coast of Japan which is designated as a disaster zone from Aomori Prefecture to Ibaragi and Chiba Prefectures to see the extent of the damage for myself. Taking this kind of experience, the regional characteristics of the Tohoku region and the extent of the damage caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake into consideration, this study aims to make proposals for the recovery and reconstruction of the areas affected by this disaster as well as for a reduction of the impact of natural disasters that may occur in the future with GIS (Geographic Information Systems), which focus on handling unique information such as geographical

information including longitude and latitude, as a social infrastructure positioned at the heart of the information infrastructure.

2. THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTERIZATION AND GIS

2.1 The Development of Computerization in Japan

In Japan, the Basic Law on the Formation of an Advanced Information and Telecommunications Network Society (Basic IT Law) was put into effect in the year 2000 and the e-Japan Strategy which began in the same year proposed ideas, strategies and policies with the aim of implementing a Japanese-style IT society. The aim of the 2006 u-Japan policy was to implement a society in which anyone could link up any device to a network anywhere at any time by 2010. In 2010, i-Japan Strategy 2015, which proclaimed the implementation of a digitally safe and dynamic society, was proposed. Further, there is a current transition from the ubiquitous network society that was aimed for in u-Japan policy to a cloud computing society that makes it possible to access the internet with diverse information tools. The result should be the manifestation of a society in which anyone can access the internet if they are in possession of any kind of device as long as there is an environment in which it is possible to access the internet at any time in any place.

The above information shows the remarkable development of computerization since the Great Hanshin Earthquake and the information environment that surrounds us is changing radically. At the time when the Great Hanshin Earthquake occurred, the use of the internet via PC and the popularity of mobile phones among the general public were just beginning. Conversely, the current information environment is complex and as it is possible to access the internet with PCs as well as mobile phones (including smart phones), it has become possible for anyone to transmit information easily. Further, through social media such as Blogs, Twitter, You Tube and Facebook, it is possible to transmit information not only with words but with complex formats combining still and moving images.

This series of social media is used on an everyday basis mostly by the younger generation in recent years in Japan and such media are in the process of permeating into the everyday lives of the general public. However, in advanced information-oriented societies such as Japan, at the same time as playing a very useful role, social media has an unknown side and may have had both large-scale positive and negative effects on the Great East Japan Earthquake (I will expand on this later on).

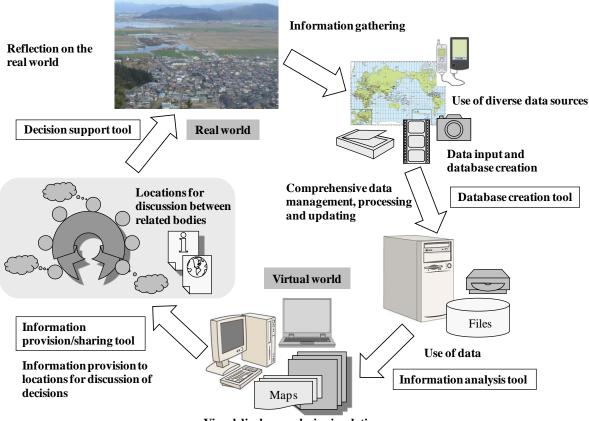
2.2 The Function and Roles of GIS

As shown in Figure 1, GIS has 4 major functions: a database creation function, an information analysis function, an information sharing/provision function and a decision making support function. These functions are used to link the real world to the virtual world and it can be said that GIS is an information system that has a close relationship with people and society. GIS that has such superior and unique functions may become, even in diverse information systems, the basis for an information infrastructure that plays an important role in recovery and reconstruction and disaster prevention and reduction measures in future disaster zones. In the following sections I make 2 proposals for disaster prevention and reduction measures and recovery and reconstruction that will be possible with the use of an ad hoc combination of the 4 GIS functions mentioned above.

3. LOCAL INFORMATION DATABASE CONSTRUCTION WITH GIS

3.1 The Necessity of constructing Databases with GIS

There are areas within the disaster zone where depopulation and ageing is advancing more rapidly than the national average and as there are also areas that have had a remarkable outward flow of population since the great earthquake, it is necessary to fully consider population structure and distribution as well as industry structure in reconstruction plans. For this purpose, it is essential to first construct GIS databases with basic local



Visual display, analysis, simulation

Figure 1 The relationship between society and the various GIS functions Note) References from Yamamoto (2009)

information about natural conditions such as the extent of damage, degree of danger for communities, geographical features and both new and old uses of land, and about the local economy and society such as industry and population. In addition to the above, by making special and experiential knowledge about the community held by specialists in diverse fields, the administration and the general public into visible information using digital maps, it would be beneficial to construct GIS databases of local knowledge that can be shared as explicit rather than tacit knowledge. Further, these may be essential to conduct recovery and reconstruction for the disaster zones in the Great East Japan Earthquake and to reduce damage in disasters that may occur in the future in combination with a GIS database of basic local information, positioning local information databases at the centre of the information infrastructure.

The disaster zone has a history of damage from a number of tsunamis in the past and local knowledge of natural disasters has been communicated to the present day as explicit knowledge in the format of historical records, tradition and folklore as well as stone monuments. Particular examples of these are shown in photograph 1 with the monument of the expected height of future tsunamis from the Empo Earthquake (1677) that was built on the coast in Choshi City in Chiba Prefecture, photograph 2 with the Namiwake Shrine in Wakabayashi Ward in Sendai City and photograph 3 with the stone monument stating 'do not build houses below this point' in Miyako City in Iwate Prefecture.

In particular, the name of Namiwake Shrine in photograph 2 comes from the fact that the tsunami caused by the Jogan Earthquake (869) split into two at the point where the shrine stands and, despite that fact that it is

located approximately 5.5km as the crow flies from the coast, it appears that the giant tsunami of the Great East Japan Earthquake also reached this point. Consequently, this shrine was built in order to pass on the story of the damage caused by the great earthquake and giant tsunami to future generations and, in the end, it has been proven to be an appropriate message by the Great East Japan Earthquake.

In addition, the text that is carved into the stone monument in photograph 3 tells us that the settlement was wiped out in this place when a giant tsunami hit at the times of the Meiji Sanriku Earthquake (1896) and the Showa Sanriku Earthquake (1933), and it is famous as a warning message from the past generations to their future descendants. Further, this kind of stone monument has been built in many locations on the Sanriku coast as a reminder of the tragedy and damage caused by giant tsunamis in this area up to the present day. How to use this kind of local knowledge as explicit knowledge in response to disasters that may occur in the future is not only an important issue for people who are currently alive but also for future generations.

Consequently, first of all, a database containing basic local information such as natural conditions, local economy and society needs to be constructed. Combining local knowledge that exists as tacit knowledge in information that citizens possess, records of past tsunami and the damage caused and databases of local knowledge that has been accumulated by past generations may be required to reduce damage in disasters that are expected to happen in the future through widely sharing information as a local information database. The Great East Japan Earthquake disaster zone is not only spread over a wide area but as there are also large regional differences in extent of damage, it is important to construct a detailed local information database using GIS and to decide on a regional revitalization plan based on this and execute this



Photograph 1 The expected height of future tsunamis from the Empo Earthquake, Choshi City in Chiba Prefecture (June, 2011)



Photograph 2 Namiwake Shrine in Wakabayashi Ward in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture (October, 2011)



Photograph 3 Stone monument stating 'do not build houses below this point' in Miyako City, Iwate Prefecture (September, 2011)

with the participation of diverse bodies connected to the area. Further, I would like to propose that local information databases as mentioned above should be constructed not only for disaster zones but for all areas nationwide. This kind of database is composed with a base of disaster prevention and reduction measures and can play the role of the foundations of information in the recovery and reconstruction stages after a disaster. It can also be expected to be used for diverse purposes in normal times, too.

3.2 Using Local Information Databases

The disaster zone comprises small scale farming, mountain and fishing villages that are widely distributed in addition to large cities such as Sendai City and this region already had many inherent local economic and social issues before the earthquake struck such as the decline of many different industries and medical care issues in addition to depopulation and ageing. For that reason, along with local revitalization in areas with large regional differences, it is necessary to also simultaneously respond to pre-existing local economic and social issues. Moreover, land subsidence occurred mostly in areas near the coast and in settlements that sustained catastrophic damage in the giant tsunami, it has become essential to review relocation in terms of settlements, families and individuals to high ground or other areas. With the local information database proposed above as a base, it may be possible to propose land and space usage plans with the purpose of creating areas that are strong in resistance to disasters. Moreover, especially in the interim reconstruction areas, it is possible to provide effective information to construct temporary urban areas comprised in various kinds of temporary buildings including houses, stores, offices and factories.

At the same time, it may be possible to review the introduction of new ways of thinking such as compact or low carbon cities into local revitalization plans in order to simultaneously create areas that co-exist well with the environment. Further, it can be said that the greatest attraction of the Sanriku coast is the beautiful scenery that is dotted with agricultural and fishing settlements in every nook and cranny of the deeply indented coastline. For that reason, in the general concept of the environment, the landscape is adopted as an indicator showing the idiosyncrasies of the area and, while preserving the beautiful scenery, it can be said that it is essential to conduct land and space use in a manner that co-exists with the environment and that has strong resistance to disasters.

In addition, the general public in areas outside of the Tohoku region is also double-checking hazard maps that are published by the administration. Further, there was not only liquefaction in reclaimed land in coastal areas but also inland and it seems that this liquefaction occurred in reclaimed land in water areas such as rivers and marshlands. For this reason, ancient maps were consulted and the former use of the land was investigated. Through such spontaneous initiatives, local vulnerabilities are discovered and conditions that can be expected at the time of a disaster are understood along with a thorough everyday knowledge of evacuation shelters and routes, conducting evacuation simulations individually or as families can be considered to be important as measures to reduce the impact of disasters. Therefore, not only hazard maps but also old maps are required in local information databases, and through suitable reference to this kind of local information database by the general public, the recognition of disaster risks that can affect one personally will become the basis to conduct risk communication between diverse bodies within the community.

In addition to the above, in the areas where natural disasters frequently happened under the present land use, it is essential to conduct strict land use controls and risk assessment to draw up development plans. It is also necessary to conduct disaster influence assessment by all means to carry out development plans (Kaji, Izum and Yamamoto, 2012). In other words, I insist on the necessity of strategic environmental assessment (SEA). In this manner, it is possible to assume the effects of natural disasters, and examine the prior reconstruction leading to

city planning and community design to minimize damages.

4. INFORMATION PROVISION AND SHARING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA GIS

4.1 Proposal for Social Media GIS

Secondly, as an information infrastructure that can be used as a communications tool, I can propose Web-GIS, a social media GIS structure born of the use of digital maps and social media. In Japan in recent years, the development of computerization has been remarkable and directly after the occurrence of the Great East Japan Earthquake, in addition to ICT which was used conventionally, through the wide use of methods to transmit and gather information with social media, their validity in times of disaster was recognized. The mayor of Minami Soma City in Fukushima Prefecture, Katsunobu Sakurai, used YouTube to ask the world for support, subtitling his video in English and at the same time as shocking the world with the extent of the serious situation in the disaster zone and the influence of social media and the widespread diffusion of information was recognized.

Further, ESRI Japan¹⁾ published social media maps for the disaster zone immediately after the major earthquake in New Zealand and the Great East Japan Earthquake and it can be said that these were used as collective intelligence information that it is possible to update in real time based on digital maps. From the above, social media maps using these kinds of Web-GIS in areas outside of disaster zones can be created. Furthermore, it is necessary to maintain these so that they can be used in normal times for general hobbies and pleasure as well as for transmitting and gathering diverse information during disasters such as checking people's safety, disaster information and evacuation information.

For this reason, it is indispensable to consider the future development of computerization as well as to develop information systems that can be used by the general public in emergencies such as during the occurrence of natural disasters. One test of this is social media GIS as a base for a local knowledge GIS database as proposed in the previous section. For example, hazard maps have been created and made public by many local authorities, but by creating social media GIS/hazard maps that concentrate collective intelligence with respect to hazards that include local information from the general public in addition to information that is made public by the administration or specialists, it may be possible to greatly enhance disaster prevention and reduce impact on communities. Through such initiatives as these, I can expect to conduct effective risk communication between diverse bodies in the community through systems that make tangible the visibility of the characteristics of the area with digital maps.

In these kinds of situations, it is possible to investigate open source GIS for those with restricted budgets. The open source desktop tool GIS Grass that was originally designed at the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratories and Mapserver that was developed at Minnesota University in the U.S. are well known. These open source GIS are generally known as FOSS4G (Free Open Source Software for Geospatial) and the international non-profit foundation OSGeo supports the user community. This organization also has a branch in Japan and it conducts support for the Great East Japan Earthquake²).

My laboratory participated in the "Denshi Kokudo" Web System Project conducted by the Geographical Survey Institute at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism to develop an outdoor education program in school education and a website for it. With the cooperation of elementary and junior high schools in Musashino City, Tokyo, I and my staff have actual experience of running this program³). At that time, considering the possibility of actually introducing this program into elementary and junior high school curricula,



Figure 2 Kashmir 3D version digital map Note) References from Hosoya and Yamamoto (2011a)



Figure 3 Map using the "Denshi Kokudo" Web System Note) References from Hosoya and Yamamoto (2011a)

we used the Japanese-developed open source GIS Kashmir 3D⁴⁾ and MANDARA⁵⁾. Figure 2 shows a route for outdoor activities in Iiyama City, Nagano which is made by Kashmir 3D. Figure 2 shows all routes including the same route as shown in Figure 1 which is prepared with the "Denshi Kokudo" Web System. Experiments considering this kind of cost performance first of all may be important in order to enhance the possible introduction and implementation of GIS in communities.

In disaster zone support for the Great East Japan Earthquake, essential relief supplies and human resources such as medical personnel, volunteers, NPOs and diverse technical experts did not reach the areas that required them in an organised manner and there were some cases in which the demands of the victims and those who were there to support them were not met by supply. In such cases, information exchange inside and outside the affected areas would be more smooth with social media GIS that can link the affected areas with communities outside those areas and the sending of relief supplies and dispatch of human resources would have been carried out more appropriately. A concrete example of this is the sinsai.info⁶⁾ website created and operated by a volunteer staff which uses Ushahidi, an open source software. Diverse information such as damaged areas, evacuation shelters, shops, facilities and employment sent by the general public through Twitter or e-mail is arranged on this website and is displayed in an easy-to-understand manner. It can be said that this method of using GIS as a communications tool will be important in the future in various fields.

4.2 Operation of Social Media GIS

It is preferable that social media GIS as proposed above are operated voluntarily by the local community and that active users are local people. It is essential to customize these sites taking usability into account so that system management can be performed even by those who are not system specialists and it is possible that community business opportunities could be born out of this. In addition, people who are familiar with information transmission and reception using some kind of information tool in normal times may be able to use them appropriately at the time of a disaster. By linking people within the community with each other as well as those on the outside with these kinds of information tools in times of disaster may reduce feelings of isolation and make it possible to feel safe even when feelings of tension continue. It has been said that, at the time of the Great Hanshin Earthquake, there were more than a few deaths from isolation in temporary housing, mostly among the elderly. Of course, face-to-face relationships between people are preferable but relationships between people who have met through the internet in this way can be considered to be, even in some small way, a substitution for the role of face-to-face relationships.

In the days directly after a disaster, the disaster zone and its vicinity is divided by traffic networks such as rail and road and it may be very difficult to check the safety of people in person. For that reason, checking people's safety through the medium of the internet may give people a great sense of relief. Further, as the phases of the aftermath of an earthquake progress, it is essential to share, manage and update diverse supply and demand information in bundles so that it is possible to send the necessary supplies and personnel to the area that requires them.

As the disaster zone in the Tohoku region is so wide, it has been difficult to obtain information about the extent of damage and to have an overall grasp of what kind of relief supplies and human resources are required where. Further, as western and southern Japan are far away from the disaster zone, it is perhaps a reality that NPOs and volunteers cannot easily participate in recovery and reconstruction support activities. It has been pointed out that many NPOs and volunteers rushed to the scene from all over the country to conduct recovery and reconstruction activities and support at the time of the Great Hanshin Earthquake. The importance of the spontaneous activities of such people and their social necessity was widely recognized and there were also results such as the enforcement of the Law concerning the Promotion of Specific Non-profit Organization Activities (the NPO Law) in 1998. Further, as there was little damage in the surrounding large cities such as Osaka and Kyoto, it has been said that it was possible to conduct support activities with these cities as a base. Taking heed of the above, digital maps of a number of areas based on information sharing and exchange concerning objects and people may be beneficial.

4.3 Information Ethics and Literacy

There are already many different types and formats of social media and as propagation power is higher in comparison with traditional mass media such as TV, radio and newspapers, their influence in society is increasing more and more. In this way, the online public sphere was formed and all kinds of people became able to freely transmit their diverse opinions and, along with accepting the advantages of being able to come into contact with a great variety of opinions, there is now a need to cultivate the ability to be able to scrutinize information. As a darker side of social media, I can point out that, due to financial damage caused by misinformation which is mainly caused by false rumours and chain mail that spreads with speed and on a scale that exceeds expectations through ICT, there was a huge negative impact on all kinds of industries in Japan, not only on agriculture and the fishing industry. In particular, in the disaster zone and the surrounding area, there is real and great damage that is not a direct effect of the triple disaster of the great earthquake, the giant tsunami and the accident at the nuclear power station.

For this reason, along with consistency and respect of information ethics by those who transmit information, as information transmission using social media becomes information transmitted with detailed location information such as longitude and latitude through using digital maps on social media GIS, it is necessary to make sure to transmit it with care. Further, it may be fairly difficult for people who receive information at times of emergency in disasters, but they have to acquire the information literacy that makes it possible to calmly scrutinize information. In computerization education in schools, these points can also be expected not only to use information tools but also to consistently incorporate information ethics and literacy.

The dark side of information such as groundless rumours about disasters could be spread in good faith or with malice, through mischief, misunderstanding or prejudice or because of a simple mistake, but it is difficult to appropriately distinguish authenticity in a great variety of information. In the immediate aftermath of a disaster, it is the situation that many people both in the disaster zone and outside it are shocked and even the most stout-hearted person may not have the capacity to be able to think calmly and make judgments about the validity and authenticity of information. In particular, as the number of characters on Twitter is limited, there are cases in which there is a lack of explanation or words and even in normal times, misunderstandings between recipients of information occur easily. Precisely because there are these kinds of problems, it is essential for those who transmit information to respect information ethics and to pay close attention to what is transmitted. As it is possible to send and receive information using an information device with just a touch of the send button, there has been focus on netiquette at the time of transmitting information since the beginning of use of e-mail. These basic guidelines for using the internet need to be recognized anew in modern societies such as Japan where the online public sphere is taking form.

Further, in addition to people with disabilities or elderly people, as non-Japanese people who do not have a good command of the Japanese language are more likely to be vulnerable in a disaster, well-considered and suitable information transmission should be conducted and it is expected that evacuation action support will be conducted.

5. CONCLUSIONS

This study had the aim of making proposals for a reduction in the impact of disasters that may occur in the future and for recovery and reconstruction in the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster zone with GIS as social infrastructure positioned at the centre of an information infrastructure. Specifically, after discussion of the relationship between GIS and the development of the computerization of Japan, this study proposed the construction of local information databases using GIS and information provision and sharing with social media GIS as a valid example of using information systems for recovery and reconstruction after the Great East Japan Earthquake.

In addition, I referred to literature related to various international cases such as Finland which is a country with an advanced computerization policy while compiling this study. In Miettinen (2010) and Ilkka (2008), Finnish scientists introduce social innovation including the computerization of their own country and analyze in detail the causes of success and failure. The reasons behind Finland becoming an advanced ICT state include the NIS (National Innovation System) which is an initiative based on state level concepts and the decisive action of a number of social innovations that was taken.

Reconstruction in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake is also an opportunity for Japan to implement social innovation as an opening in fields in which future development can be expected such as information systems, not only in the disaster zone but on a national scale. Since the Great East Japan Earthquake, the values of the Japanese people have been changing gradually and we are in a situation where it is possible to investigate changes in lifestyle in order to reduce energy consumption levels. I believe that this is a good chance to progress with social innovation.

Notes:

 In addition, in the same way ESRI Japan supports map making activities as a member of the Tohoku Region Pacific Offshore Earthquake EMT (Emergency Mapping Team) formed by research institutions and private businesses in order to support emergency response and reconstruction support activities. This is the Great East Japan Earthquake social media map website:

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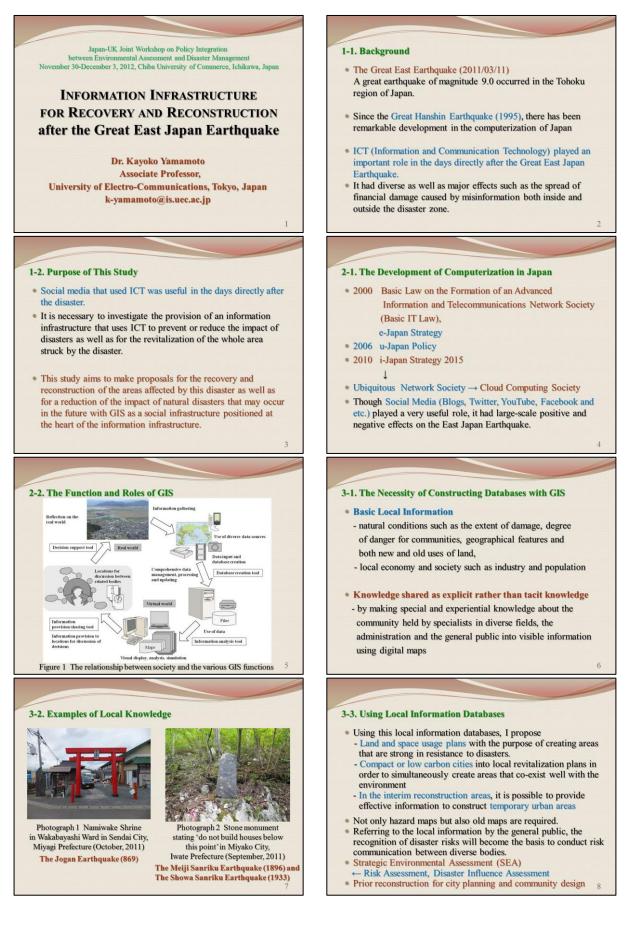
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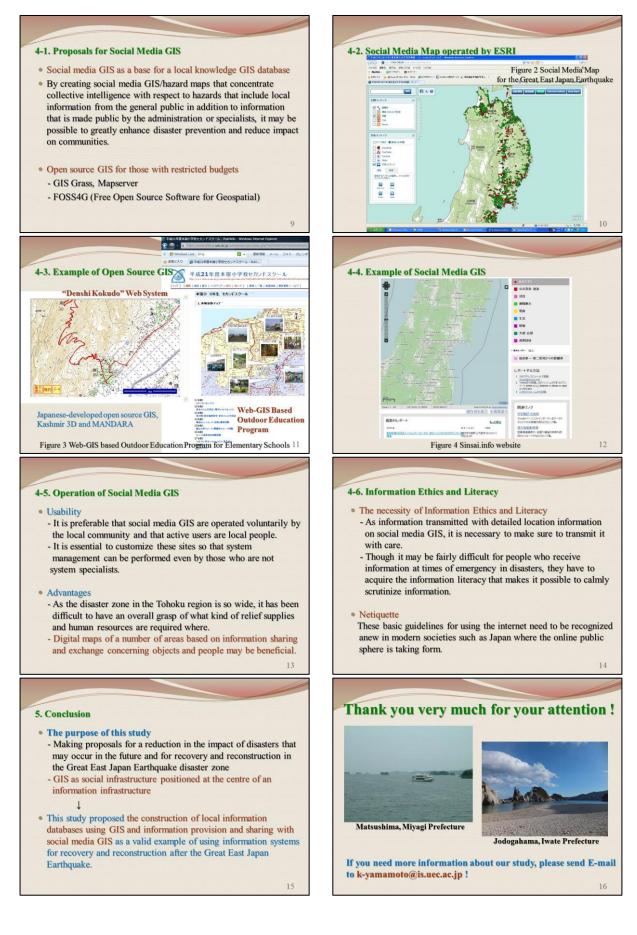
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最近の研究成果は、地球温暖化の影響により、自然災害が、環境的なものも地球物理学的なものも、 増加することを示唆している。研究者は、環境劣化を軽減し自然災害に対する物理的レジリエンスを 改善するために、様々なアプローチを研究してきた。しかし、これらのアプローチの大半は断片的で あり、文化的障壁と組み合わせると、しばしば、効率の良くないアセスメントツールに終わる。本研 究の目的は、影響とレジリエンスを効率的に評価できる、より統合的なアプローチを策定するために、 環境影響・レジリエンスアセスメントツールを探求することである。

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Keywords: disasters, resilience, environment, appraisal tool, built environment, infrastructure

1. Background

During the last few years there have been several highly disruptive natural events that demonstrate the complexity and diversity of impact associated with natural hazards. Disasters "are not always singular or isolated events...they can occur in complex combinations and, or rapid succession" (EEA, 2003). as demonstrated by the experience of many countries such as Japan in 2004 and 2011, and China in 2008. Recent research outcomes suggest that the number of natural hazards, both environmental and geo-physical, will increase due to the effect of global warming (Sauber and Ruppert, 2008, Hetzel and Hampel, 2006). Although, the connection between geo-physical hazards and global warming is still debatable, there is an urgent need to design more resilient and sustainable buildings and infrastructures able to cope with both natural hazards and sustainable enough to mitigate contribution to global warming and climate change. Researchers such as Mileti (1999) and Achour and Price (2010) linked disasters risk reduction and sustainability stating that a "community that wants to become more sustainable will: maintain and, if possible, enhance, its residents' quality of life; enhance local economic vitality; ensure social and intergenerational equity; maintain and, if possible, enhance, environmental quality; incorporate disaster resilience and mitigation; and use a consensusbuilding, participatory process when making decisions" (Mileti, 1999) due to "the close interrelationship between disaster reduction and sustainable development, which was already recognized at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and taken into account in Agenda 21" (UN General Assembly, 1994). However, in practice individuals tend to treat these two important aspects separately which ends with compromising environmental preservation, or resilience. The aim of this study is to explore environmental impact approaches with the view to develop more comprehensive approach able to preserve the environment at ease and disaster times.

2. Environmental preservation and resilience: unbalanced attention

The historical records of the United Kingdom (UK) suggest that the country is hardly a disaster prone area, such as Japan. Consequently the country priorities were dedicated to environment preservation more than resilience. Substantial amount of resources and attention have been dedicated to environmental preservation activities including financial, legislative and even political resources: the previous Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, established a new department within the governmental in October 2008. Since this date, the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has been responsible for leading the Country to save, deliver and manage energy more efficiently with emphasis to follow a low carbon energy route. Major refurbishment work has been conducted to improve the sustainability of public and private, commercial and residential buildings stock. Refurbishment activities involved mostly insulation, day lighting, heating and natural ventilation in order to meet with the targets set by the Climate Change Act 2008, "to cut emissions by 80% of their 1990 levels by 2050 with a mid-term target of 34% cuts by 2020" (McGrath, 2009). Although these targets are still debatable, it shows the devotion to protect the environment. On the other hand, during the 2000s a series of extreme weather events took place and affected hundreds of thousands of people across the country and raised concern for resilience up to higher priority levels. However, the level of attention to resilience is still not as expected as "large parts of the UK's infrastructure including energy and transport networks are vulnerable to bad weather" (BBC, 2009) and that "infrastructure investment was not considered a priority in the competition for government resources. Between 2000 and 2007, the UK was the lowest investor in infrastructure of all the OECD countries - with an estimated infrastructure deficit of £500bn over the next decade" (Weather Online, 2012). Most of the UK infrastructure is old, some of it is dated back to the Victorian era, and highly vulnerable, such as the Dungeness power plant which is built few meters above sea level on an "unstable geological formation" (Paskal, 2009), which could be a source of an 'environmental disaster'. Government plans are to update and upgrade these critical infrastructures. Risks such as earthquake damage and heavily populated sites "would be dismissed as possibilities" but flood risks "will not stop" the plans (BBC, 2008). Therefore, despite the efforts to improve resilience in the UK, there is risk that the unbalanced attention between environmental preservation and resilience to disasters could lead to a major environmental disaster.

There are many drivers for integrating disaster resilience in the environmental impact approaches. However, there is delay in doing so due to the lack of awareness among people and decision makers, the lack of technical and financial resources, and of legislations to ensure that the minimum requirements are guaranteed. There is significant amount of information and datasets available worldwide that can be used for the integration, which level and boundaries between choices of action should be left to the stakeholders and private parties to define as needed. The conceptual model proposed in this paper suggests that the integration of resilience in the environmental impact approaches needs to move from the development of the theory where the major guidelines are defined up to the development of a framework to identify strategies to reduce vulnerability and enhance environment preservation. The latter needs a clear engagement of the different parties: social, technical and political to ensure that tools are developed and enforced. The model showed in Figure 1 illustrates the four steps of integration and shall support to move from '*no integration*' to a '*full integration*' state.

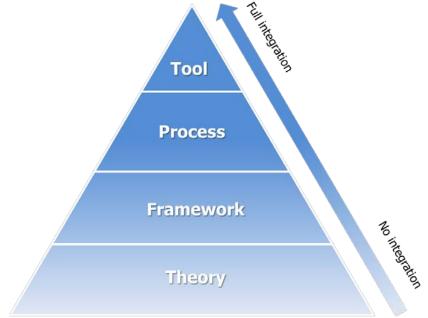


Figure 1- Conceptual model for integration

3. Integration model for resilience and environment preservation

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is about assessing of the potential impact, positive or negative, a project or an activity could have on the wide sense of environment, often covering environmental, social and economic issues. Consequently, a project or an activity is considered 'sound' only when it meets these 3 major aspects, see Figure 2. This model has been first developed in the United States of America (USA) in 1969 and later adopted in many countries (IIED, 2009) such as the UK, where a number of strategies and targets have been set and enhanced with guidance, legislations and tools and clarifies some of the reasons for which there is an 'unbalanced' attention between resilience and environmental preservation. Disasters are now firmly on the agendas of many countries specifically after the recent experiences of 2010 oil spill USA and the Japanese mega-earthquake of March 2011, in addition to the speed climate is changing, the potential risks and the high vulnerability of critical infrastructure and built environment in many countries.

Environmental Impact Assessment is carried out, leaving often aside social and economic impacts, which are separately taking into consideration, as they are already recognised as driving factors. Resilience impacts, on the other hand, does not come into account if not after a disaster has reported an evident impact on the environment. Despite a significant effort dedicated to resilience and environmental preservation, most of it is yet to be integrated in order to ensure that environment is preserved pre, during and post disasters. As this already supports the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005-2015, time has come to investigate opportunities to put in action an integrated applicable tool for the combination of EIA and resilience assessment. Environmental impact assessment aspects need to be extended further to include resilience, so that a project or an activity is considered sound only when it meets with social, environmental, economic and resilience criteria as shown in Figure 3. This will challenge the planning more than previously, but will potentially reduce impact due to disasters.

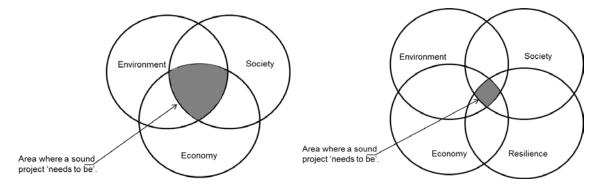


Figure 2- Aspects of Environmental Impact Assessment

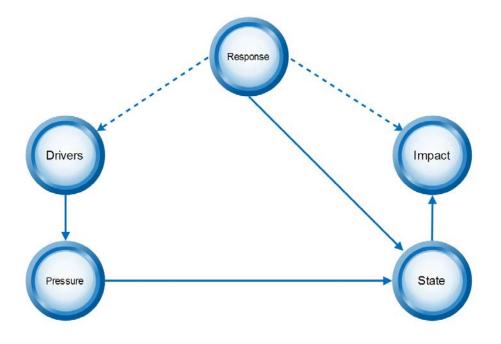
Figure 3- Improved Aspects of Environmental Impact Assessment

4. Adapted DPSIR framework

The European Environment Agency (EEA, 1999) developed a Drivers-Pressures-State-Impact-Response (DPSIR) framework that suggests ways of reasoning about "the interplay between the environment and the socio-economic activities" emphasising that the environmental preservation is driven mostly by social risk perception and response. The framework strength is in its logical approach and clear steps; however, it might be challenging when is implemented to disaster resilience and environmental preservation due to the connection of the component 'Response' with the other components. Table 1 illustrates the analogy of each of the framework components, which are adopted for the Adapted DPSIR framework. The component 'Response' remains playing a major role in the framework, but in its new role it is expected to adopt a more pro-active approach applied directly the 'State' component specifically in terms on enforcing environmental and resilience requirements in order to reduce impact on the environment and mitigate hazard drivers. It has therefore two indirect connections: the first is with the 'Impact', and the second is with 'Drivers' in terms of mitigation source of risks, as shown in Figure 4.

DPSIR component	Description
Drivers	Hazard Drivers (e.g. global warming, tectonic plate instability etc.)
Pressure	Hazard
State	Damage
Impact	Impact on environment
Response	Resilience and sustainability

Table 1- Modified DPSIR framework components





5. Resilience and environment preservation integration process

The World Conference on Disaster Reduction, held in Kobe in January 2005, has set a clear strategy towards increasing the attention to the resilience of nations and communities to disasters. The outcome of this activity was the development of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005-2015 where five priorities have been identified supported by a set of guidelines to consider while improving resilience as shown in Table 2. When re-arranged, according to 'who can do what', the guidelines could be classified into four major elements: *political*, *social*, *technical* and *strategic planning* which are related to each other with an 'action-reaction' process as that shown in Figure 5. The initiative could start from any particular side: technical, political or social to inform the strategic planning which is required to develop the necessary strategies, targets and feedback to technical and political for execution and enforcement; and inform social about the emerging strategies. The process seems to be easy and straightforward; however, there is a number of barriers some of which are due to technical capability, resources and psychology due to risk perception and prioritisation as often individuals tend to prioritise their need and tend to neglect risk because "deaths and injuries from natural hazards are serious, but are not statistically large on an annual basis (e.g., compared to deaths from automobile accidents); nor have we recently encountered the number of deaths caused by the Johnstown, Pennsylvania, dam failure and flood of 1889 (3,000 killed) or the Galveston, Texas, hurricane of 1900 (6,000 killed)" (Arnold et al., 2004).

HFA priorities	Guidelines	Observation			
Assurance that disaster risk reduction (DRR) is a national and a local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation.	 DRR institutional mechanisms (national platforms); designated responsibilities DRR part of development policies and planning, sector wise and multisector Legislation to support DRR Decentralisation of responsibilities and resources Assessment of human resources and capacities Foster political commitment Community participation 	Prioritisation to disaster risk reduction (DRR) [<i>politically</i> <i>driven</i>]			
Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning	 Risk assessments and maps, multi-risk: elaboration and dissemination Indicators on DRR and vulnerability Data & statistical loss information Early warning: people centred; information systems; public policy Scientific and technological development; data sharing, space based earth observation, climate modelling and forecasting; early warning Regional and emerging risks 	Identification, assessment and monitoring of disaster risks [<i>technically</i> <i>driven</i>]			
Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels	 Information sharing and cooperation; Networks across disciplines and regions; dialogue Use of standard DRR terminology Inclusion of DRR into school curricula, formal and informal education Training and learning on DRR: community level, local authorities, targeted sectors; equal access Research capacity: multi-risk; socioeconomic; application Public awareness and media 	Awareness, cooperation, training and learning [<i>socially</i> <i>driven</i>]			
Reduce the underlying risk factors	 Sustainable ecosystems and environmental management DRR strategies integrated with climate change adaptation Food security for resilience DRR integrated into health sector and safe hospitals Protection of critical public facilities Recovery schemes and social safety- nets Vulnerability reduction with diversified income options Financial risk-sharing mechanisms Public-private partnership Land use planning and building codes Rural development plans and DRR 	Risk reduction and integration with sustainability principles [<i>strategic</i> <i>planning driven</i>]			
Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels	 Disaster management capacities: policy, technical and institutional capacities Dialogue, coordination & information exchange between disaster managers and development sectors Regional approaches to disaster response, with risk reduction focus Review & and exercise preparedness and contingency plans Emergency funds Voluntarism & participation 	Preparedness, effective response and resources [<i>technically</i> <i>driven</i>]			

Table 2- Integration of resilience and environmental preservation in HFA

6. Environmental impact assessment tools

Many countries have developed tools to assess and rate the environmental impact of their projects such as the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) in the UK and the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) in the United States of America (USA). Although both tools exist in the UK, BREEAM tends to be more predominating as "government departments require BREEAM ratings of all their buildings; most local authorities require BREEAM as part of planning approval for developments over a certain size" (Parker, 2009).

As EIA tools are expected to cover the 'most' common factors affecting the environment, they are often very similar in their views. The investigations of 10 international EIA tools, from Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Honk Kong, Japan and UK (see Table 3), demonstrated that there is significant similarity between these tools as most of them are focused on:

• **Environment**, where buildings are assessed according up to 14 different criteria, divided into two sub-categories: the first is ecological where factors such as pollution, waste and energy have been

identified; and the second is building indoor comfort quality such as thermal comfort and microbiological contamination;

- **Society**, where buildings are assessed according to two to five criteria including: staff, safety, working conditions, accessibility and mobility, and promotion of heritage; and
- Economy, where all tools have to assess the management practice in each building.

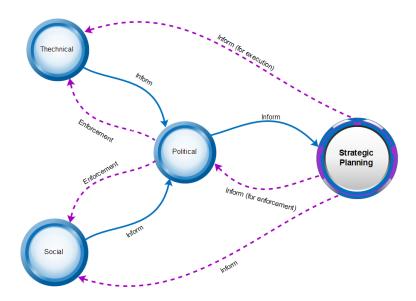


Figure 5- Resilience and environmental impact assessment process

Table 3- International environmental impact assessment tools for the built environment
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Name of tool	Code	Country
Haute Qualité Environnementale - Etablissement de santé	HQE® Etablissement de santé (FR)	France
Green Start Healthcare	*Green star (AUS)	Australia
Building Research Establishment Environmental	BREEAM Healthcare (UK)	UK
Assessment Method for Healthcare		
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	LEED (USA)	USA
Green Globes	Green Globes TM (CA)	Canada
Green Mark	Green Mark (SG)	Singapore
Comprehensive Assessment System for Building	CASBEE®	Japan
Environmental Efficiency		
German Sustainable Building Certificate	DGNB (DE)	Germany
AQUA Process	AQUA Process (BR)	Brazil
Building Environmental Assessment Method	BEAM (HK)	Honk Kong

"Environment" and "Economic" assessment criteria are very much the same between the tools, which shows that there is a cross-learning during the development of these tools but also that the environmental concern of most countries is the same. The difference starts to emerge in the "Society" category where countries have different priorities and concerns. Most of these tools exceed the 'ecological' aspect of environmental impact to cover social and economic aspects which are often looked at as a major proportion of the 'sustainable development'. The German and Japanese views of the environmental impact and sustainable development are much wider as they cover resilience as well, although their views are relatively different, see Table 4. Whilst the German approach limits resilience to flexibility and adaptability of the building to changing requirements (DGNB, 2009), the Japanese approach accredits buildings for improved "durability and reliability", which takes environmental problems within the hypothetical closed space to: (a) mean danger to human life, and (b) reduce occupant comfort in extreme events such as earthquakes and wind (IBEC, 2008). The Japanese and German approach indicate the acknowledgement of the need to integrate resilience in environmental approaches and tools which has been identified in literature such as the UN General Assembly (1994), Mileti (1999) and Achour and Price (2010). In the UK, this integration has been 'hinted' in official and non-official documentations, but needs clearer acknowledgment and further strengthening. The Country has put in place a remarkable strategy towards

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CASBEE New Construction	X	Х	x		X			x	x	X	X	Х	x	X	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	X	x	X	X	Х	
LEED Healthcare	Х	х	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	Х	x	х	Х		Х	x	Х							
GREEN GLOBES New construction	X	Х	x	x	X		х	x	x	X	X	Х	x	X	Х		Х	x		Х						
DGNB Office and administration buildings	X	Х	x	x	x	x	х	x	х	х	X	Х	x	X	Х	х	Х	x	х	Х	X					
GREEN MARK Non Residential Building	Х	X	x	x	x		Х	x	x	X	X	Х	х	х	х			x		Х						
AQUA New buildings	X	X	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	X	Х	x	Х	Х		х		х	Х						
BEAM New buildings	X	X	x	x	X	x	x	x	x	X	X	Х	x	X	X	X	Х	X	Х	Х						

Table 4- EIA International tools components

preserving the environment, enhanced with legislations, guidelines and tools, which needs to be strengthened further by integrating resilience through the development of new, or the support of international tools, many of which are already available in literature. Some of these are generic such as in Johnson et al. (1999), whilst others specific for particular type of construction such as the "*Hospital Safety Index*" developed by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

7. Conclusions

The increasing number of hazards, the vulnerability of buildings and infrastructure and the recent experience of environmental impacts drive us to think differently and to adopt new strategies to reduce potential environmental impacts in order to preserve next generations from major impacts. Countries such as the UK have made a significant step toward environment preservation through its dedication of remarkable amount of resources enhanced with legislations and appropriate guidelines. These efforts need to be enhanced further to integrate resilience specifically with the vulnerable building and infrastructure stock it has to ensure that environment is well preserved, or at least insignificantly affected in case of disasters. A real example for this is the Japanese case where resilience is very well integrated in its official EIA tool, CASBEE. The integrated model provides a clear set of steps that could support the movement from no-integration to a full-integration state.

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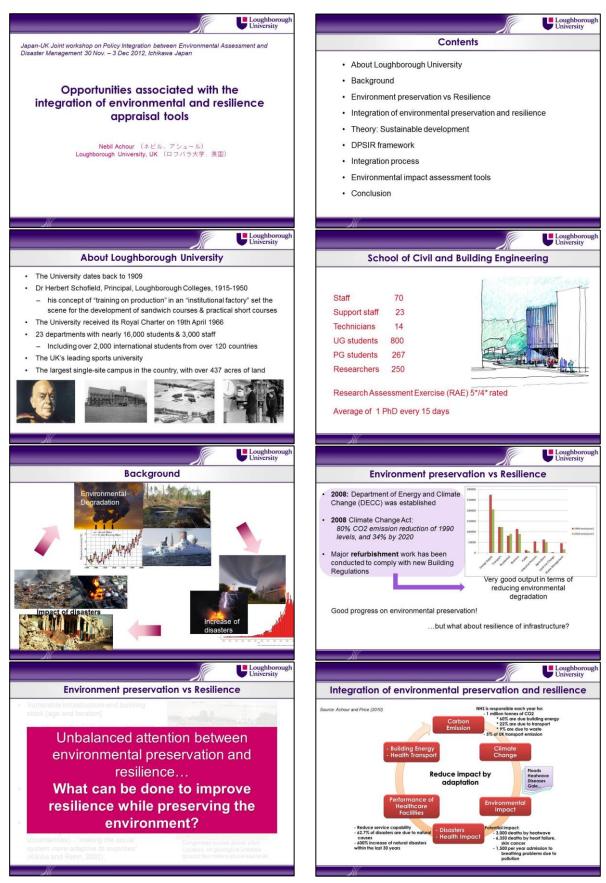
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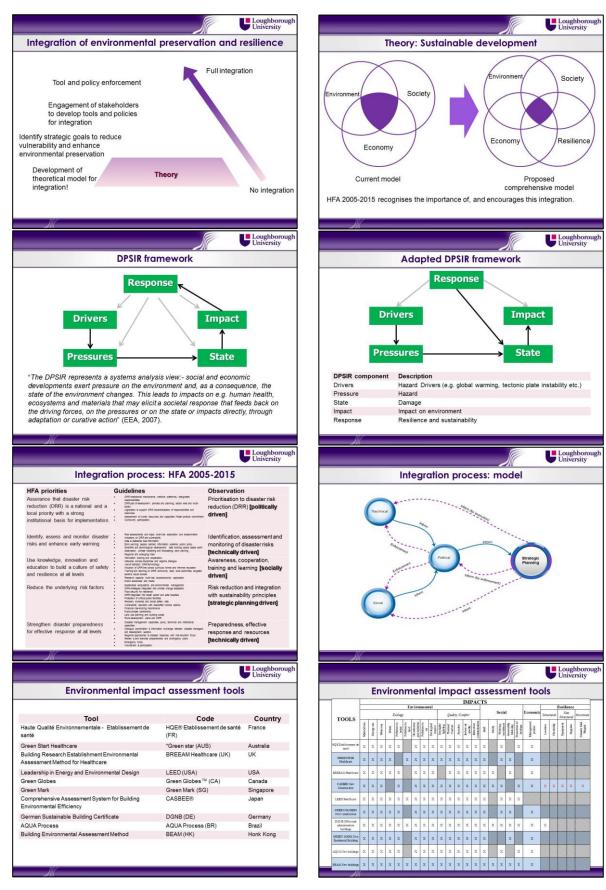
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Activities and guidelines of the Japan Society of Material Cycles and Waste Management (JSMCWM) for disaster waste management after the Eastern Japan Disaster

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Abstract

Shortly after the massive March 11th earthquake and tsunami in eastern Japan, an academic Task Team for Disaster Waste Management and Reconstruction was established by members of the Japan Society of Material Cycles and Waste Management (JSMCWM). All the members voluntarily worked on conveying information from/to disaster area and gathering information into a guidelines entitled, Strategies for Separation and Treatment of Disaster Waste. As an original member of the task team, I will explain how situations the team faced were and how the team reacted to the disaster as well as the outline of the guidelines.

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東日本大震災の災害廃棄物管理における廃棄物資源循環学会の活動とガイドライン

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3月11日の東日本での大規模な地震と津波の直後、廃棄物資循環学会(JSMCWM)は災害廃棄物対策・ 復興タスクチームを発足した。全ての学会員は、自発的に、被災地からの、あるいは被災地への情報 伝達と情報収集に取り組み、災害廃棄物分別・処理戦略と題するガイドラインを作成した。タスクチ ームのオリジナルメンバーとして、チームが直面した状況、災害へのチームの対応、ガイドラインの 概要を説明する。

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Introduction

The massive earthquake of magnitude (M) 9.0 was occurred in eastern Japan on March 11, 2011, approximately 130km away from the seashore. The Great East Japan Earthquake is the largest earthquake in Japan (the Second was M 8.2) and caused unprecedented huge Tsunami affecting the Tohoku area. Shortly after that, an academic Task Team for Disaster Waste Management and Reconstruction was established by members of the Japan Society of Material Cycles and Waste Management (JSMCWM). All the members voluntarily worked on conveying information from/to disaster area and gathering information into a guidelines entitled, *Strategies for Separation and Treatment of Disaster Waste*. As original members of the task team, the authors explain how situations the team faced were and how the team reacted to the disaster as well as the outline of the guidelines.

Preparedness for natural disasters in the field of waste management in Japan

Japan lies in an area where the earthquakes frequently happen. For instance, the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake of M7.2 occurred in January 1995, and the Niigata-Chuetsu Earthquake of M6.8 in October 2004, and the Niigata-Chuetsu-Oki Earthquake of M6.8 in July 2007. Other types of natural disaster have occurred in happen as well in Japan. In 2004, many typhoons landed on Japan and caused the Niigata-Fukui flood. The natural disasters cause large amount of demolished waste and various disaster waste. In the case of the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, 25 municipalities were damaged, 6,429 people died, and 43,662 people injured. It was estimated that 15 million tons of waste were generated, 112,012 houses and buildings were fully destroyed, 144,502 was partly destroyed, and 7,493 were burnt by subsequent fire¹⁾.

Japan gradually prepared for these disasters experiencing these disasters one by one (For disaster waste management in the other countries, see a review article by Brown et al. $(2011)^{2}$). The Ministry of Environment (and the former ministries) had published two guidelines. One is Earthquake Waste Guideline of 1998¹), and the other is Flood Waste Guidelines of 2005^{3} . However, these guidelines did not take waste caused by tsunami into account. Waste caused by tsunami generates from a wide area and its amount is huge. In addition, it is wet with salt water and contains lots of mud (The characteristics of different disaster waste are presented in Table 1). The characteristics pose a lot of difficulty for waste management. A new or revised guideline has been needed.

Туре	Characteristics		
Earthquake	Collapsed buildings, bridge, wall, etc. Some buildings and houses remain		
	uncollapsed.		
Flood	Widespread. Wet. With mud.		
Tsunami	Widespread. Wet with salt water. With mud.		
Hurricanes, etc.	Tear the roof off. Small items blown. Damages in line.		
Conflict	Damaged by rockets, missles, and bombs. Often burnt. Landmines remain.		

Table 1. Characteristics of disaster wasted caused by different types of disasters.

Note: Retrieved from the OCHA Disaster Waste Management guidelines⁴⁾ and modified by the authors.

Activities of the task team of JSMCWM

Between the March 11 earthquake and tsunami and March 14, there were many suggestions from researchers belonging to the Japan Society of Material Cycles and Waste Management (JSMCWM) to formulate a task team which tackles disaster waste. The Task Team on Disaster Waste Management and Reconstruction was established after discussions and preparations within the society on 18th of March. Active opinion and information exchange has been made through the website (http://eprc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/saigai/) and the mailing list. Not only researchers but also private engineers, citizens and local government officers, with a total of more than 150 have joined the task team (as of 31st March, 2012).

The objectives of the Task Team are as follows.

- 1) Formation of an information platform for disaster waste related information.
- 2) A wide social network for countermeasures of disaster waste
- Derivation of basic knowledge for academic records of disaster waste and renewal of its countermeasure policies.

The activities of the team include 1) estimation of the amount of disaster waste, 2) field activity in the disaster area and fact (issue) finding, and 3) learning experiences of the management of disaster waste. The information on the amount of disaster waste is important and basis for planning disaster waste management. The first estimate⁵⁾ was publicized on March 31 and was 26 M ton as a result of the activity 1). As an activity of 2), members of the team enter the disaster two weeks after the disaster. Arrangement between a municipality in the disaster area a municipality trying to support disaster waste management as well as the team took time. In the early stage of the activity 3), the members of the team reviewed guidelines by other countries and international organizations such as UNOCHA guidelines⁴⁾ and .US guidelines^{6), 7)}. Main (re-)findings of important points in disaster management through the review were phased management, benefit of sorting and recycling, importance of local employment, and sound environmental monitoring and the utilization of temporary storage sites later.

The phased management was employed in the UNCHAO guidelines, which divides phases of disaster waste management into emergency phase, early recovery phase, and recovery phase. The Task Team divided the phases of management in a more concrete way as shown in Table 2.

Disaster management (disaster area) phases					
Emergency Phase	Occurrence of disaster (prioritize	10^2 hours			
	lifesaving)	(approximately 3 days $=$ 72			
	*Transportation security is basically	hours)			
	implemented in this phase.				
Early Recovery (Relief)	Implement until recovery of victims and	10 ³ hours			
Phase	distribution of goods (lifeline recovery)	(approximately 1 month)			
Recovery Phase	Implement until recovery of social stock	10 ⁴ hours			
	(removal of evacuation shelter)	(approximately 1 year)			
Reconstruction Phase	Implement until recovery of industry	10 ⁵ hours			
		(approximately 10 years)			

Table 2 Phases of disaster waste management proposed by the Task Team

Benefit of sorting and recycling is sometimes disregarded by practitioners in waste management such as local government officers. The reason would be that one of their duties is to remove waste as soon as possible. Putting the collection of waste in the first priority, they tend to mix and collect waste and to put and treat waste in a temporal collection site without separation. However, this often increases the cost of waste treatment without recovering salable materials and with increasing the amount of residues and sometimes generates difficult-to-disposed-of residue. Besides, this issue was reported from the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake experiences as well.

These four (re-)findings were somehow reflected in a recommendation by CSTP (Council for Science and Technology Policy) on April 5, 2011⁸). The CSTP recommendation on disaster waste included 1) emergent treatment/disposal (Sanitation, Separation of hazardous waste), 2) creation of temporal storage site taking account of water environment and separation of waste to some extent, 3) consider recycling for smart use of resources, and 4) local employment and regional collaboration. The UNOCHA guidelines were translated by a group in the Task Team into Japanese and the translated document was shared with the members of the task team on April 6, 2011 for dissemination of the above-mentioned (re-)findings.

A new manual on disaster wastes

One of the major tasks for the task team was to make a manual, *Strategy of separation and treatment of disaster waste*. Of the many reasons for making the manual, the two points below are the main ones.

- There was a need to gather and compile knowledge and wisdom to tackle the unprecedented volume and quality of tsunami waste.
- Sharing the good practices in a municipality would help other authorities that are behind in treating the waste.

The procedure of writing the manual was as follows. First, the contents of the manual were determined based on needs from disaster areas identified through discussion between members of the task

force and stakeholders and discussion through the mailing list among the members. Second, the team assigned a person responsible for each part of the manual. Third, the drafts written by them were discussed through the mailing-list, then edited so as to reflect these discussions, and compiled into one. All works were done voluntarily. The first version of the manual with 30 pages written was publicized on April 4, 2011. The second 100-page version which covered the whole process of waste management including treatment and final disposal was able to be publicized on April 30. Finally, the technical manual was published as a book (104 pages)⁹⁾ in May, 2012. The manual was translated into English and completed in December 2012.

The manual put emphasis on 1) promotion of reuse and recycling, 2) appropriate, concrete treatment practices for hazardous waste, and 3) understandability (The manual includes photos to provide a visual image of good practices with regard to disaster waste management). The manual mainly target the following three kinds of waste: waste from evacuation shelters, earthquake waste, which is waste resulting from the earthquake, and tsunami waste, which is waste resulting from and affected by the tsunami. The content of the manual is as follows.

[Guide 0] Flow of measures and process

[Guide 1] Identification of category and sorting for disaster waste

[Guide 2] Estimation of quantity generated

[Guide 3] Phase of recovery or reconstruction and waste management

[Guide 4] Outline of the processes of separation and disposal of disaster waste

[Guide 5] Planning of separation and disposal strategy

[Guide 6-1] Removal of collapsed houses etc. (Government guidelines)

[Guide 6-2] Selection and operation of temporary storage sites

[Guide 6-3] Selection and operation of storage sites (Primary and secondary waste storage sites)

[Guide 7-1] Examples of types of waste: Waste management in evacuation shelters

[Guide 7-2]Examples of separation ~ garbage from emergency accommodation facilities, household disaster waste, tsunami-soaked waste, at early recovery phase

[Guide 7-3] Examples of separation ~ tsunami debris and earthquake rubble at initial recovery phase

[Guide 7-4] Removal and separation of waste from collapsed buildings

[Guide 7-5] Countermeasure against airborne dust using dust masks

[Guide 8-1] Mixed wastes containing combustibles

[Guide 8-2] Desalination of wood waste soaked in seawater

[Guide 8-3] Wood waste (reuse, recycle)

[Guide 8-4] Tsunami sediment

[Guide 8-5] Marine industrial waste

[Guide 8-6] Cement concrete, asphalt concrete

[Guide 8-7] Tires

[Guide 8-8] Specified Electrical Home Appliances under the Recycling Law

[Guide 8-9] Other WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment)

[Guide 8-10] Automobiles
[Guide 8-11] Motorcycles
[Guide 8-12] Boats and ships
[Guide 8-13] Asbestos
[Guide 8-14] Hazardous/dangerous articles
[Guide 8-15] Personal valuables

Regarding 1) promotion of reuse and recycling, the Task Team provided the outline of the processes for separation and disposal of disaster waste as shown in Fig.1. Temporary waste storage site here refers to a place where disaster waste is temporarily stored in disaster areas to secure space/ living environment, and to enable smooth reconstruction. The site is usually set up close by houses. Then or directly disaster waste is carried to primary waste storage site, where waste is kept/sorted for a certain period of time before disposal (including reuse/recycling). In case that waste is not sufficiently separated if space for separation of waste at the primary storage site is insufficient, a secondary waste storage site is used. Disaster waste carried into these waste storage site, are separated and reused/recycled/treated/disposed of according to types of waste. As the content of the manual shows, the manual provided detailed information to deal with a variety of disaster waste.

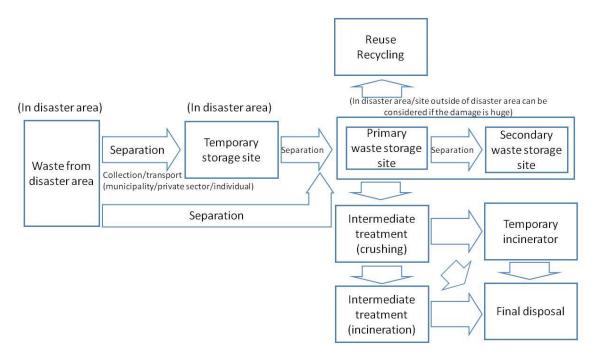


Fig. 1. Outline of the processes for separation and disposal of disaster waste, put forwarded by the Task Team.

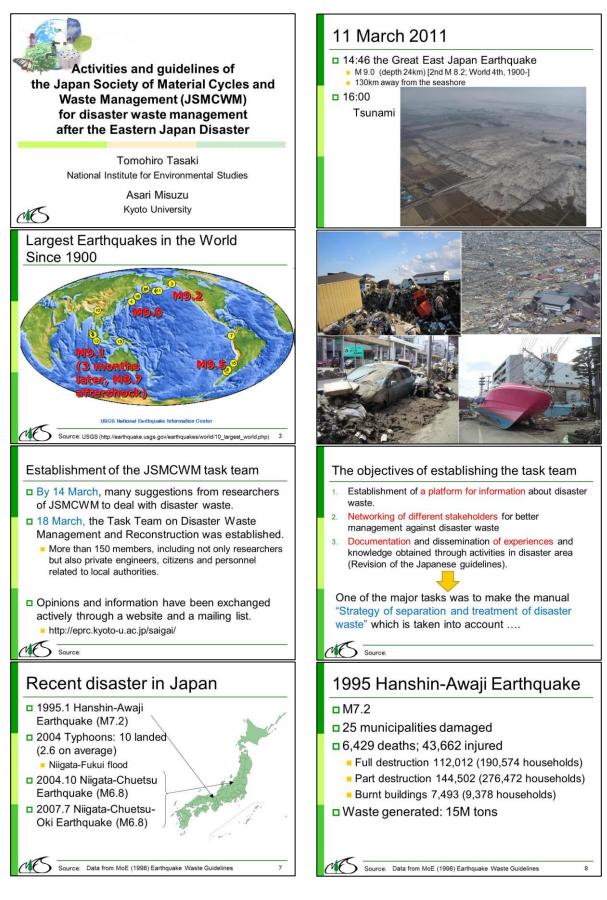
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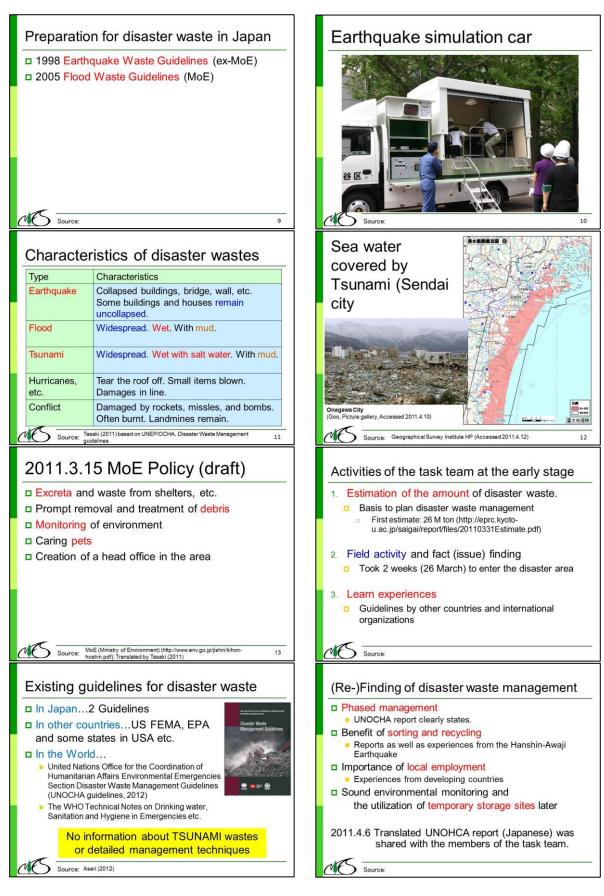
Disaster waste management in Japan has progressed for the last two years although it is still an on-going activity (Especially, about waste contaminated with radioactive substances). New experiences

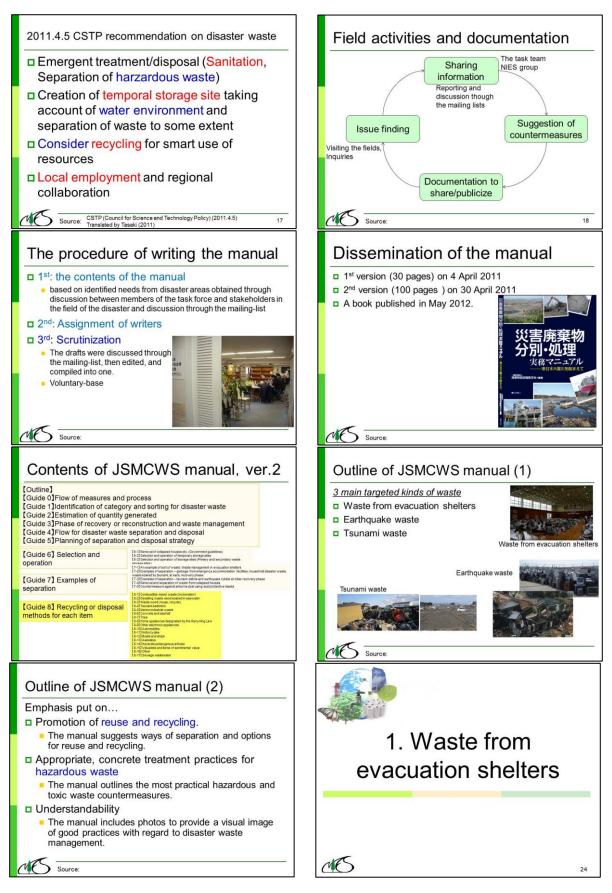
about disaster waste management after the Japan East Disaster have been accumulated. The experiences and knowledge as well as the manual should be fully utilized in the future. Dissemination of these insights would be important and well preparedness should be understood by all stakeholders of disaster waste management on a daily basis.

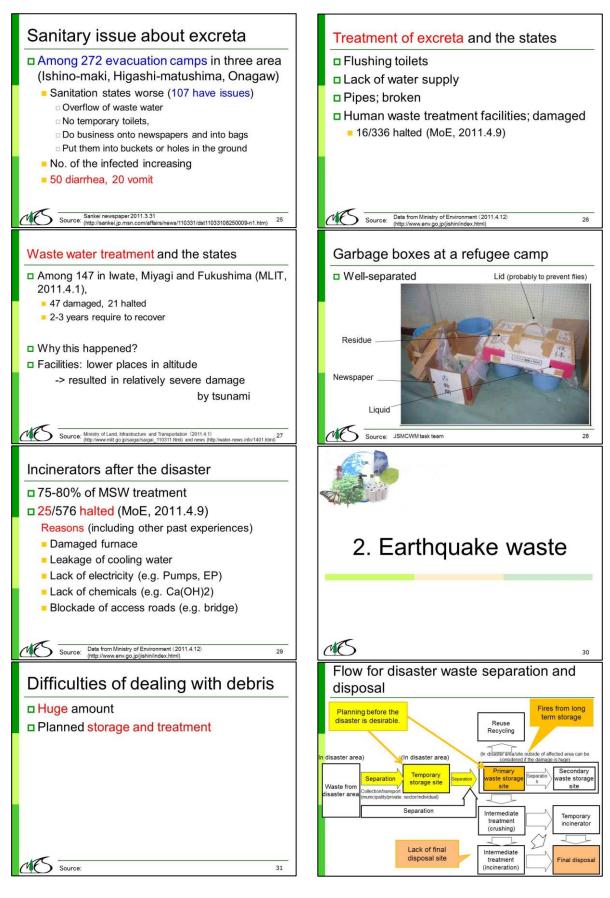
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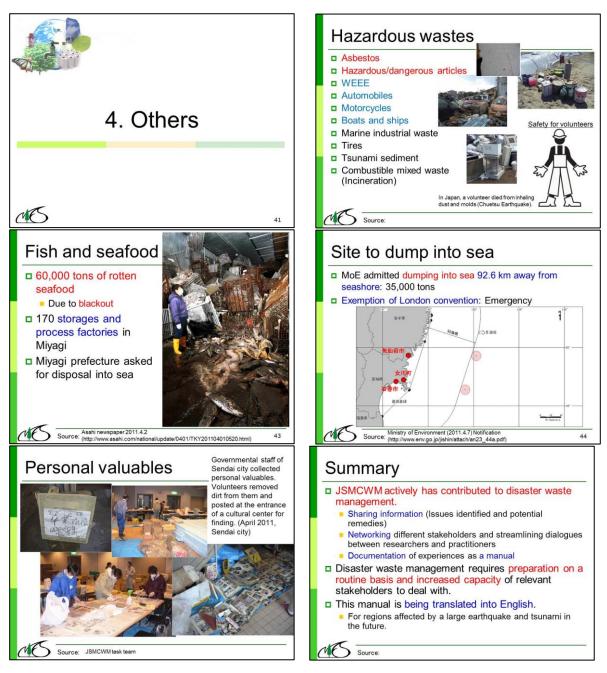












3. 3 Youth Session

Tiering system on the amended EIA regulation of Yokohama city

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Abstract

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横浜市における改正環境影響評価条例によるティアリング

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横浜市では、1980年に EIA 制度が導入、1998年に規制が策定され、2010年に改正された。1995年、 事業調整制度と呼ばれる SEA型制度が地方政府の内部制度として導入された。SEA型制度は廃止され、 EIA 規制改正時に EIA 制度へと統合された。新しい EIA 制度は、旧制度の一部のノウハウを継承し た。本プレゼンテーションは、プロジェクト計画立案の初期段階に合理的な環境配慮を行うためのテ ィアリング制度についての、EIA 部署に関与する行政官とのインタビュー結果に含まれている。

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1. Introduction

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2. Timeline of EIA in Yokohama

EIA was established as a guideline in 1980. In 1998, EIA regulation was established. EIA regulation was amended in 2010. The new regulation was implemented in 2011. About SEA, project consultation system as SEA-type system was introduced in 1994. On amendment, project consultation system and EIA were unified. And new regulation includes EIA and SEA. A total of more than 60 practices has been conducted EIA since 1980. But there is no case of SEA after amendment of new EIA regulation.

3. Project consultation system (former and SEA-type system in Yokohama)

Yokohama's New EIA regulation takes over from former system, which was called project consultation system. The characteristics of former system were as follows.

The system was internal system of local government. Actors are local government officers who belong to EIA sector and sectors of some project.

Environmental sector has an initiative in this system. Especially, EIA unit selected environmental consideration items. These were 3 types of items which are items on planning, items about environmental impacts and items on consultation work (see slide no.6 and 7). EIA unit chose items by each project when they considered environmental Impact from the project.

About timing of consultation, the commencement of deliberation is for route selection or rebuilding in road project, for example. The system targeted 10 kinds of projects (see slide no.4).

Consultation between EIA unit and project sector was managed in written form. Project sector requests for commencement of consultation. After that, EIA unit chose environmental consideration items. Project sector considered the items, and responded (see slide no.8). If the project would be applied EIA regulation, the response would be included in EIA documents. But, the response is not concrete and only to be written that on construction work, project sector were concerned to prevent air pollution. And on EIA, advisory committee has not consulted about the responses

4. New EIA regulation in Yokohama

By amendment of EIA regulation, the former system was disused. And SEA was introduced. The timing is on planning of location and size of the facilities. Other points are publication of EIA documents on the internet and relaxation of project scale requirement on screening

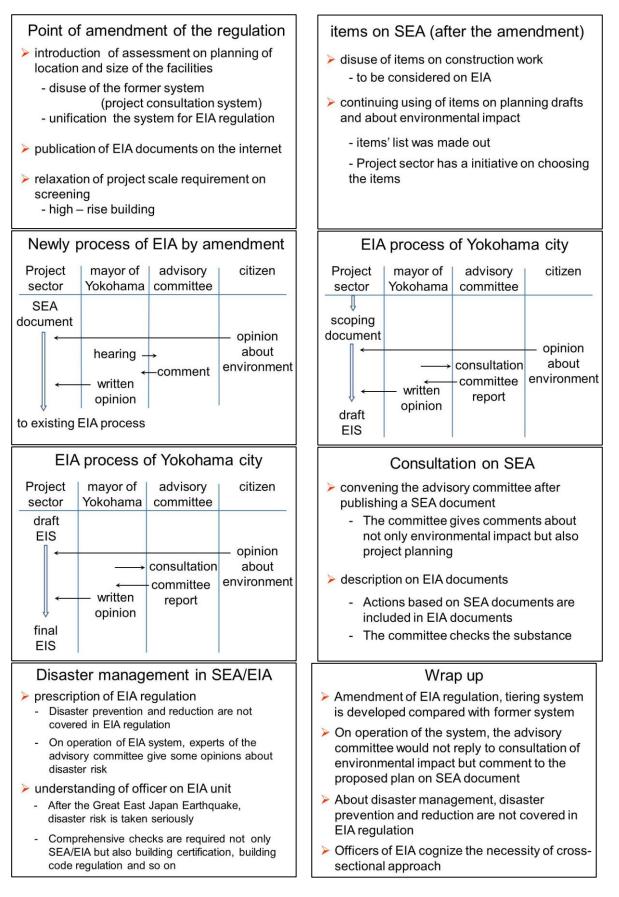
Items on construction work used in former system is disused in amended regulation in SEA. These items are considered on EIA. About items on planning and about environmental impact, these are also used in former system; these are continuously used in SEA system. Items' list was newly made out. The items are called as items on planning and about environmental impact. Unlike former system, project sector has an initiative on choosing the items from the list in SEA

The newly SEA/EIA process on Yokohama city is shown in slide 11 to 13. In consequence of amendment, advisory committee comments on SEA document. The committee gives comments about not only environmental impact but also project planning. (This is obtained through an interview to EIA unit). On EIA documents, Actions based on SEA documents are mentioned in EIA documents. The committee checks the substance

5. Disaster management in conducting SEA/EIA

EIA officers' understanding is as follows. On prescription of EIA regulation, Disaster prevention and reduction are not covered in EIA regulation. But on officers' experiences on implementation of EIA system, experts of the advisory committee have given some opinions about disaster risk. Disaster risk is taken seriously in society after the Great East Japan Earthquake. The officer takes cognizance of necessity of comprehensive checks which are not only SEA/EIA but also building certification or building code regulation.

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	♦ Wrap up	
Timeline of Yokohama - EIA	Project consultation system (since 1994)	
> 1980 EIA Guideline	System of internal consultation for government	
1994 Project Consultation System as a SEA-type system	 internal rule not to be a regulation of local government 	
1998 EIA regulation2010.12 amendment of the regulation	 public involvement is not provided in the rule 	
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Abstract

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英国 SEA と SA による洪水リスクの考慮

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英国空間計画における 4 件のアセスメントから、持続可能性評価(SA)と戦略的環境アセスメント (SEA)における洪水危険の検討についての感想が提出される。データは、戦略的レベルのアセスメント における洪水危険の検討に影響を及ぼす可能性がある、複数のアセスメント業務分野を浮き彫りにし ている。環境報告書の文書分析と各アセスメント事例の関係者への半構造化インタビューから特定さ れた主要テーマが、議論される。SA と SEA における洪水危険の取り扱い方法にこれらのテーマがい かにして影響を及ぼし得るのかを浮き彫りにするために、事例研究からの実例が示される。テーマは、 洪水危険がどのようにアセスメントの枠組みに含まれているか、洪水危険データの使用、洪水につい ての諮問、相反する可能性がある目的、洪水危険がどのように計画ポリシーに含まれているか、計画 ポリシーへのコミットメント、である。

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Introduction

Given the many years of development and numerous influences, strategic level assessment can take many forms and its purpose has been framed in many ways. Early conceptions commonly framed the process as Environmental Impact Assessment applied to policies, plans and programmes (PPP), however, literature gradually began to reflect a distinction between EIA applied to projects and assessment at higher tiers of decision making (Fischer, 2007). In this paper, discussion is of Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in England and Scotland respectively. Specifically considering how strategic level assessment considers and contributes to discussion of flood risk.

Considering the existence of multiple forms of assessment it is useful to start by considering definition. Thérivel et al. (1992, p. 19-20) define SEA as;

the formalised, systematic and comprehensive process of evaluating the environmental impacts of a policy, plan or programme and its alternatives, including the preparation of a written report of the findings of that evaluation.

This definition, along with others (Sadler and Verheem, 1996, p. 27), suggests possible common characteristics of SEA, framing SEA as a process involving distinctive stages, identify PPP as the focus and highlight that SEA should consider environmental consequences or impacts.

SA, like SEA, can take several forms and has been defined in various manners (Pope et al., 2004). Gibson

(2006) highlights that the concept of sustainability is essentially about integration and affirms that SA should reflect this. Smith and Sheate (2001) argued that SA can be seen as a shift towards integrated assessment and decision making as consideration is given to social, economic and environmental implications.

However, it is useful not only to consider definitions of SEA and SA, but also on the substantive purpose of assessment (Brown and Therivel, 2000). Bina (2007) highlights that decades of research has moved between focusing on the theory of SEA and its practical application, gaining a full understanding of neither and argues that since the emergence of EIA in the 1960s experience from practitioners and researchers has failed to achieve consensus on strategic assessment's basic foundation.

Fischer (2007) proposed that the raison d'être for SEA comes from shortcomings in PPP formulation processes. More specifically, multiple purposes or roles for SEA have been suggested, including; stronger environmental representation (Morrison-Saunders and Fischer, 2006), promotion of sustainable development (Bond and Morrison-Saunders, 2009; Glasson et al., 2005; Fischer, 2007), support of good governance, more effective reasoning in PPP formulation and the need for more effective decision making (Fischer, 2007). Devuyst (2001) specifically described the purpose of SA as to aid decision and policy makers when deciding on actions aimed at making society more sustainable. This is echoed by Hacking and Guthrie (2008) who frame SA simply as a process to direct decisions towards sustainability.

It is recognised in the literature that strategic level assessment (both SEA and SA) has a close relationship with the plan it appraises (Therivel, 2004) and it can be seen from the purposes listed above that it is expected to have some degree of influence over the plan. Understanding the relationship between assessment and the plan it appraises is therefore also crucial to understand more about the influence of assessment. Specifically, as noted by Kørnøv and Thissen, (2000), consideration should be given to whether strategic level assessment is influential by providing information or by acting as an advocate for a particular environmental or sustainability position. Assessment as an information provision tool does not represent a problem per se, however, if assessment is to be applied as an decision supporting tool it has been argued that a neutral base is required (Kørnøv and Thissen, 2000; Elling, 2008).

The primary difference between each form of assessment is the inclusion of a wider breadth of topics within SA. Arguably the most fundamental critique of SA are concerns raised regarding the marginalisation of environmental considerations through the inclusion of social and economic factors and the possible curtailment of the benefits achievable from a more environment focused form of SEA (Morrison-Saunders and Fischer, 2006; Sheate, 2003; Smith and Sheate, 2001; Sheate et al., 2004; Sheate et al., 2003; Carter et al., 2003; Scrase and Sheate, 2002). Morrison-Saunders and Fischer (2006) also identified poorly defined objectives for testing sustainability as problematic, particularly highlighting that often only economic objectives are sufficiently defined to be useful and environmental objectives are often open to considerable

interpretation.

Relationship to flood risk

Flooding has been recognised as Europe's most common natural hazard (Wilby et al., 2008) and in the UK specifically, flooding is found to be one of the most damaging and costly natural hazards (Brown and Damery, 2002). It is also recognised that traditionally in the UK flood defence has taken the form of hard engineered defences (ibid).

Following on from the Pitt Review⁵ and published in 2008, the *National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England* provides guidance for the management of flood risk in England. The strategy notes the importance of flooding for many unique landscapes and for wildlife in the England, and the need for flood risk management to be sustainable. It also highlights the need to move away from traditional engineering interventions to cope with flood risk sustainably.

More sustainable approaches to [flood and coastal erosion management] generally work with natural processes and include managed re-alignment and upland grip blocking [...]. These are often more resilient to extreme events and provide better value for money over the long-term than more traditional approaches based on structural or engineered interventions.

(Defra and Environment Agency, 2011, p. 15)

In Scotland the guidance document, *Delivering Sustainable Flood Risk Management*, also highlights that the National approach to flood risk has moved on from a focus on engineering solutions and notes that future management will require a more nuanced and sustainable approach.

To deal with current and future flood risk, we need to improve our understanding of flood risk and deploy more sustainable approaches to tackling these risks. This will mean managing whole flooding systems, be they catchments or coastlines, in a way that takes account of all interventions that can affect flood risk.

(The Scottish Government, 2011, p. 5)

Research into the flood risk management in the England has highlighted the potential contribution and use of strategic level assessment in delivering flood risk management goals through fostering integration with spatial planning (Carter et al., 2009). It was found that particular elements of the SA process acted as potential barriers, limiting the consideration of flood risk within SA. Specifically highlighted as influential were; the prominence of flood risk within SA objectives, the integration of plan preparation and SA stages, difficulty predicting flood impacts at a strategic level and the possible marginalisation of flood risk impacts during the SA process (Carter et al., 2009). Related to problems highlighted here regarding the prominence of flood risk within SA objectives, so already highlighted, SA literature has highlighted that poorly defined

⁵ The Pitt Review reported on the flooding which occurred during June and July 2007 in England and Wales, their impacts on people, property and critical infrastructure, and the implications for flood risk management.

objectives may also limit their influence (Morrison-Saunders and Fischer, 2006).

UK Strategic Level Assessment Context

The primary legislation driving strategic level assessment at the European level is Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (the SEA Directive). Introduced in 2001 it formalised requirements for the application of strategic level EA to for all European Union member states. However, the principle of subsidiarity has led to variation across the EU as member states and further variation arises in the UK as powers in this respect are devolved to the four administrations of the UK (Jackson and Illsley, 2007).

In England, the legislative regime creates the requirement for Core Strategies⁶ to be subject to SA. *The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004* transpose the requirements of the SEA Directive into English planning. While Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires '*an appraisal of the sustainability*' (UK Government, 2004). In Scotland the primary piece of legislation requiring SEA of Local Development Plans⁷ is *The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005*. The consideration of issues related to water is listed in Annex I of the SEA Directive as information to be

included within an environmental report. Guidance on SA in England lists the consideration of water within issues related to climate change when setting SA objectives (Communities and Local Government, 2009). In Scotland guidance highlights the consideration of flooding within the environmental topic 'water' (Scottish Executive, 2006, Section 6, p. 13).

Methods

Data presented here forms part of PhD research broadly considering the sustainability and environmental outcomes of SA and SEA. Evidence is gathered through case study analysis of individual applications of SA England and SEA in Scotland in spatial planning. Data has been collected through document analysis of the relevant environmental reports and planning documents produced in each case as well as through semi-structured interviews with professionals involved in the processes of SA and SEA in each case. The cases (shown on Figure 1 below) include, in England; the Black Country Joint Core Strategy and the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Core Strategy, and in Scotland; the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan and the Falkirk Council Local Plan.

⁶ The Core Strategy is the primary Local Authority spatial planning document in England.

⁷ Local Development Plans are the primary Local Authority spatial planning documents.



Figure 1: Map showing the location of the case studies

Findings

Each of the case studies includes in some respect within their SA or SEA objectives an objective which considers flood risk. Table 1 shows assessment objectives identified as potentially related to the consideration of flood risk.

It can be seen that not each of the case studies has a specific assessment objective considering flood risk; however, possible related objectives are identified in each of the cases. As noted by Carter et al. (2009), assessment objectives for flood risk vary with respect to their position or visibility in the assessment, with some including a primary objective on flood risk and others having a sub-objective as part of a wider objective. The clearest inclusion of flood risk is from the Falkirk case which includes a specific objective related to flood risk. The Tunbridge Wells and TAYplan cases also included sub-objectives related to flooding. With respect to the Black Country case in addition to general SA objectives which potentially cover flood risk the report also presents information around a series of Sustainability Topic Areas, one of which, 'Water and Soil', includes information on flooding within that topic area. However, it can also be seen that objectives vary with respect to the detail and potential action they might require.

Table 1: SA and SEA objectives potentially related to flooding or flood risk.					
Black Country Joint Core	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Falkirk Council Local	TAYplan Strategic		
Strategy SA	Core Strategy SA	Plan SEA	Development Plan SEA		
Plan for the anticipated	To reduce pollution (to	Reduce flood risk.	To maintain catchment		
different levels of climate	land, air and soil) and		processes and		
change.	maintain and improve the		hydrological systems		
Maintain, and where	water quality of the		within the TAYplan area.		
necessary, improve, the	Borough's rivers, and to		Assessment Question:		
overall quality of the	achieve sustainable water		Will it reduce the number		
natural and built	resources management.		of properties, and		
environment. ⁸	Sub-objective: Will it		infrastructure, at risk from		
Sustainability Topic Area:	prevent inappropriate		flooding?		
Water and Soil – including	development in areas at				
flooding.	risk of flooding?				
Source: Sustainability	Source: Final	Source: Falkirk Council	Source: Environmental		
Appraisal of the Black	Sustainability Appraisal	Local Plan Post Adoption	Report TAYplan Main		
Country Joint Core	<i>Report</i> , p. 17 &	Strategic Environmental	Issues Report, p. 45		
Strategy: Publication SA	Sustainability Appraisal	Assessment Statement, p.			
Report, p. 13 & 26	Scoping Report, p. 42	19			

Turning to consider specific examples from the case studies in greater detail one can begin to understand a little more about how flood risk featured and was dealt with in assessment. Considering first an instance where it can be seen that flood risk information in assessment may have been influential over the plan.

Within the TAYplan case, among other considerations, flood risk information contributed to the selection of spatial options. The Main Issues Report discusses two strategic options and specifically refers back to conclusions from the SEA related to flood risk in an area called the Carse of Gowrie. The Main Issues Report cites SEA conclusions that flood risk is likely to be exacerbated by climate change as part of the justification for the final selection of Strategy A which avoids this area.

The Strategic Environmental Assessment concludes that substantial parts of the Carse of Gowrie are already at medium to high flood risk which could increase with sea level rise.

(TAYplan Main Issues Report, p. 38)

In this instance a conflict identified in SEA between current and future flood risk and one spatial option was utilised as part of the justification for option selection. However, what is also clear is that there were a considerable number of additional reasons for selection against Strategy B. These included potential negative or significant negative effects on; biodiversity; population and human health; prime agricultural

⁸ Defined as concerned with the sustainability topic area; air quality, water and soil.

land; surface water and groundwater; air pollution; and material assets (TAYplan Main Issues Report: Environmental Report, p. 79-85). Moreover, even with the selection of one option over another citing flood risk as part of the justification, flood risk is still considered to be a potential concern in other areas in of the plan area.

Flood risk will increase as climate change brings sea level rise and more extreme weather events. This is an issue for both strategies [spatial options] as areas within both the Perth Core Area and the wider Perth Housing Market Area [including the Carse of Gowrie] are at risk from flooding. [...] Although Perth City Centre and some sites along the Tay and Almond rivers experience high flood risk there are already some defences and the critical mass of development and economic interest to make further defence measures comparatively viable.

(TAYplan MIR, p. 38-39)

This highlights that the identification of areas at risk from flooding through assessment such as SEA is not necessarily sufficient to curtail development and decisions are taken with regard to many other factors. It can be seen that the influence of identified flood risk is considered along side factors such as established communities and the economic viability of other forms of flooding defence. However, it can be said that the SEA conclusions related to flood risk were utilised in describing decision making and contributed to a list of other conflicts identified through the consideration of options in the Main Issues Report.

Moving on to consider the Black Country case consideration of flood risk provides an example with respect to the commitment to flood risk conclusions. Through the SA process information from the strategic flood risk assessment was utilised and various flood risk issues in the Black Country were identified and ultimately specific policies were included in the plan with concern for tackling issues of flood risk. However, one interviewee, discussing the consideration of flood risk throughout the SA process noted that initially flood risk had not featured as strongly as expected in the SA process and that perhaps concern for flood risk varied between the partner authorities. Moreover, they noted that perhaps the plan policies primarily concerned with flood risk were suffering from a lack of commitment in implementation of the plan, highlighting the ultimate reliance of strategic level assessment on plan implementation.

The policy [for flood risk] addresses quite a lot of our concerns and that is why we were happy with the Core Strategy... But obviously now it is coming to implementing these policies it would appear that certain members of the policy team are somewhat concerned that [the policy] will [...] restrict growth...

(Black Country 06)

Evidence regarding other issues considered within strategic level assessment and across each of the cases also suggests that concern regarding how policies are implemented, either through development control or lower tiers of planning, is recognised.

These examples highlight how single issues within strategic level assessment form part of the broader consideration within assessment and also fit within the broader process of planning and plan implementation.

Conclusions

From the evidence and analysis presented here it is possible to draw several conclusions, although, it should be remembered that observations are situated within the wider context of each case and therefore not necessarily generalizable to the respective assessment system at large.

Both systems, SA in England and SEA in Scotland, include consideration of flood risk within their guidance for conducting assessment of spatial plans. It has been seen that flood risk is included in some form within the assessment objectives of each case study, although this varies from general consideration, to sub-objectives and headline objectives specifically for flooding. It is considered that data presented here largely supports the findings Carter et al. (2009), that the consideration of flood risk is often subsumed under other assessment objectives. It is not apparent from the evidence gathered if this variation in visibility or position of objective results in variation in the influence afforded to impacts and conclusions related to flood risk.

More detailed consideration of flood risk within the TAYplan and Black Country cases does, however, provide evidence of how conclusions related to flood risk are viewed alongside other aspects of plan preparation. Evidence highlights that the influence of conclusions related to flood risk is complicated by other contextual factors, including existing flood defences and communities. In addition, concern for and commitment to issues of flood risk may also very by local authority. The implementation of plan policies also continues to influence how flood risk is managed beyond the adoption of plan policies and beyond the reach of assessment.

From this review of flood risk consideration in these four cases it can be seen that while flood risk is generally included within assessment legislation, guidance and practice - in terms of objectives, its influence on how the issues of flood risk are dealt with relate closely to the wider context of the area and plan in question, and, at least partially, extend beyond the time scales of strategic level assessment.

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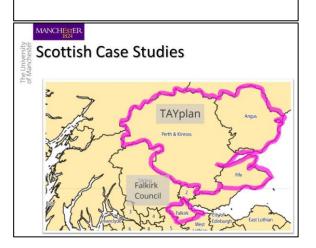
Flood risk in the UK

- Recognised as Europe's most common natural hazard (Wilby et al. 2008)
- Traditional flood risk management in UK has taken engineering approach (Brown and Damery, 2002)
- Some policy movement towards inclusion of other forms of flood risk management (Defra & EA, 2011; The Scottish Government, 2011)
- Spatial planning, SEA and SA highlighted as potential processes to achieve flood risk management goals (Carter et al, 2009; Howe and White, 2004)

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UK context

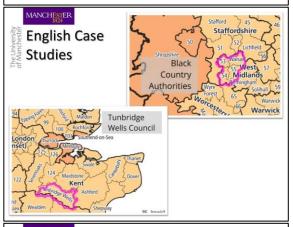
- Responsibility for Environmental Assessment is devolved to each administration;
 - SEA is practiced in spatial planning in Scotland
 - SA is practices in spatial planning in England
- SEA has a more environmental focus limited to EU SEA Directive topics
- SA considers environmental, social and economic factors





SEA and SA

- SEA; 'the formalised, systematic and comprehensive process of evaluating the environmental impacts of a policy, plan or programme and its alternatives, including the preparation of written report of the findings of that evaluation.' (Therivel et al. 1992, p. 19-20)
- SA; to help decision and policy makers when deciding on actions aimed at making society more sustainable (Devyust, 2001)

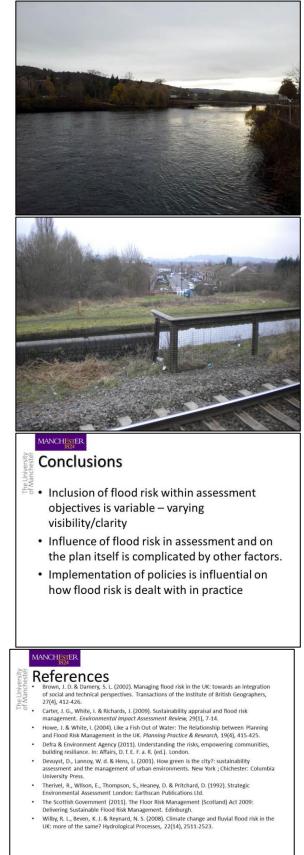


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Flood risk in assessment objectives

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Institutionalization and operation of Special-EIA for recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake

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Abstract

Recovery Special Zone Act, established nine months after the Great East Japan Earthquake, has excluded the Special Reconstruction Project for the earthquake reconstruction from the application of the EIA Law. However, the Act established Special-EIA for the Special Reconstruction Projects. The Special-EIA is marked by the simplification of the assessment process and the environmental investigation. At the same time, the Special-EIA is also marked by the application of the ex-post environmental monitoring survey and follow-up measures. Now, this Special-EIA is expected to accelerate the environmental consideration in the rapid recovery construction and has been conducted in three earthquake hit prefectures and partially seven prefectures. In this paper, we present the overview of the Special-EIA system and the current situation of the operation.

東日本大震災復興に向けた環境アセスメント迅速化の工夫

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東日本大震災 9 か月後に制定された復興特別区域法は、地震再建 に向けた特別再建プロジェクトを EIA 法適用除外とした。しかし、同法は、特別再建プロジェクト向けの特別 EIA を設けた。特別 EIA は、アセスメントプロセスと環境調査の簡素化を特徴とする。同時に、特別 EIA は、事後環境監視調 査とフォローアップ措置の適用も特徴とする。現在、この特別 EIA は、迅速な復興再建における環境 への配慮を促進することが期待されており、被災した3県で、また、7県で部分的に、実施された。 本論文で、我々は、特別 EIA 制度の概要と運用の現状を紹介する。

Institutionalization of Special-EIA for recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake

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1. Introduction

Environmental consideration measures need to be taken not only in normal development project, but also in post disaster reconstruction. In the post disaster situation, reconstruction projects must be formulated quickly with considering the risk of the future disaster and the environmental impact to prevent the secondary disaster and ecological destruction. In order to addressing the urgent situation, the project proposals need to be approved rapidly. This paper reports the institutionalization of Special- EIA for the recovery projects from the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011.

2. Disaster and reconstruction

The great earthquake caused serious damage to the coastal urban area by the tsunami rather than the vibration. Urban infrastructure including residential housings, retails, industrial facilities and transportation facilities located near the coast area completely destroyed by the disaster (Photo 1). There are two main legislative systems for the urban reconstruction in Japan. One is a "Disaster-affected District Reconstruction Promotion Special Measure Act (1995)" enacted in the year of previous huge earth quake hit west part of Japan. This act established a system for the zoning of Disaster-affected District



This photo was taken 9 months after the earthquake, in MIYAGI Prefecture. Most houses in Japan are made of wood, but all wooden buildings were washed away, only a little concert building was left. Many people lost their hoses in this Minami-Sanriku town by the tsunami.

These are the temporary houses for the people who survive the earthquake and tsunami. These houses are very simple house, it is hard to live in for a long time.

Photo 1 Tsunami affected area.

Photo 2 Temporary housing.

Reconstruction Promotion. Another is a "Great East Japan Earthquake Reconstruction Special Zone Act (2011)" enacted as a result of this earthquake. This act established a system for the Reconstruction and Development Plan and the Project (R/D Plan, Project) which applied to Land Relocation Project, Railway Reconstruction Project and Public Facilities Reconstruction Project. Local governments adopt their R/D plan and reconstruction projects are conducted based on those plan.

3. Progress situation of reconstruction projects

One of the most difficult reconstruction projects is Collective Relocation Project. Right after the earthquake, governments designated the coastal low land as development restriction area, because these low land areas have high risk of affected another tsunami in the future. People who had lived in this area plan to move collectively to the higher land. Currently, in 276 areas, 20,000 housings are designated as the target of the collective relocation projects (see Fig. 3). These large scale and in many different locations of these Collective relocation Projects expected to cause environmental impacts to the planned site. Therefore, environmental impacts of the post-disaster construction, countermeasure against disasters in the future and sustainability of the reconstructed community need to be considered in the EIA process of the R/D plan.

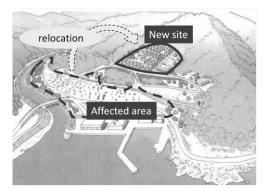


Fig. 3 Image of Relocation Project.



Fig. 4 Progress of reconstruction project.

4. Amount of time for EIA

On the other hand, project progress has become a biggest issue in this earthquake disaster reconstruction. Due to some problems in the project process including bureaucratic obstacle procedures, consensus building and project budgets, as of September 2012, one and a half year after the disaster, progress situation of the reconstruction projects are insufficient (see Fig. 4). In response to the unfavorable progress situation, government discussed the simplification of the development permitting process including EIAs which take more than 3 years on average in Japan (Table 1).

Table 1. Time needed to Assessment Pro-	ocess (Scoping – Final EIS)
EIA Law	Ave. 54.8 months
EIA ordinance	Ave. 34.8 months

5. Shortcut EIA process

As the results, Aug. 2011, Ministry of Land and Transportation & Ministry of Environment published "EIA Exemption Notice" which announced EIA Law Article 52-2 "exemption from application of EIA" apply to all projects under the Disaster-affected District Reconstruction Promotion Special Measure Act. The developers are required voluntary effort to reduction of the environmental impact form the projects which applied the exemption (Box 1).

- 1. Consider possible measures to reduce the environmental impact.
- 2. Explain the result of environmental consideration to affected municipalities and the
- residents.
- 3. Monitoring report.

Box 1. Required voluntary effort

Japanese Government took another measure for timesaving. Recovery Special Zone Act, established nine months after the earthquake, has excluded the Special Reconstruction Project for the earthquake reconstruction from the application of the EIA Law and, the Act also established Special-EIA for the Special Reconstruction the Projects. The Special-EIA is marked by simplification of the assessment process and the environmental investigation. As you can see in figure 5, under the special-EIA, developer can omit the part about scoping step which requires the scoping report available for 30 days public inspection and 45 days comment period. Special-EIA also admits simplify the

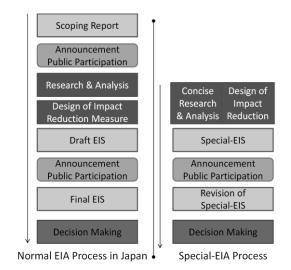
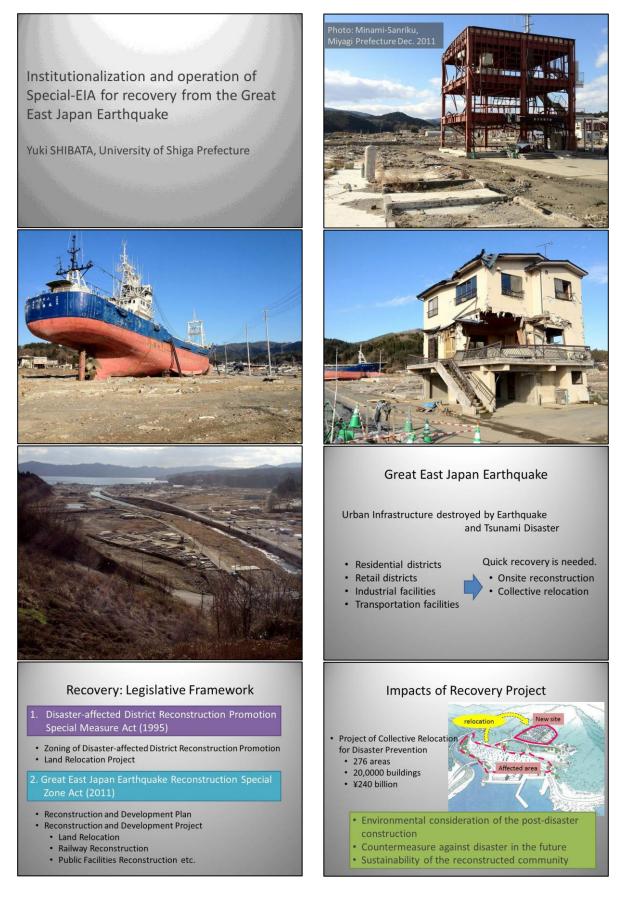


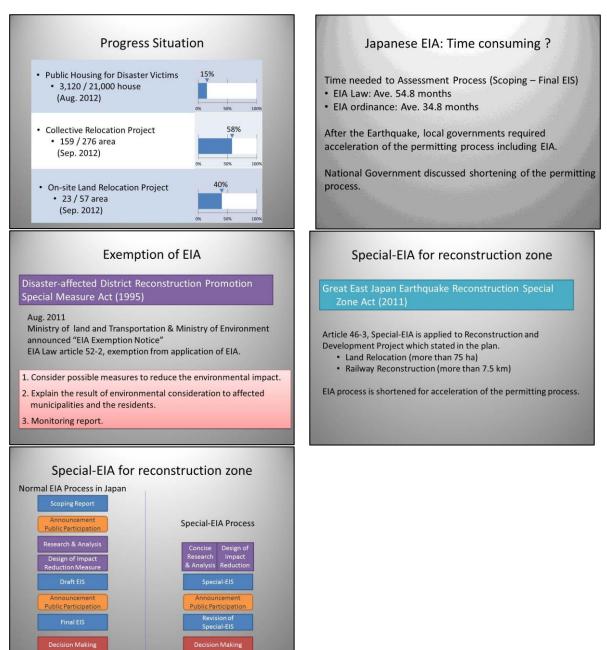
Fig. 5 Assessment process.

environmental research by rejecting the field investigation or seasonal variation research.

At the same time, the Special-EIA is also marked by the application of the ex-post environmental monitoring survey and follow-up measures. This ex-post effort is expected to complement the reduced ex-ante efforts.

Now, this Special-EIA is expected to accelerate the environmental consideration in the rapid recovery construction. If there is a next time, I will present a study of the effects of the Special-EIA.





Identifying the factors that support and hinder EIA following disaster events

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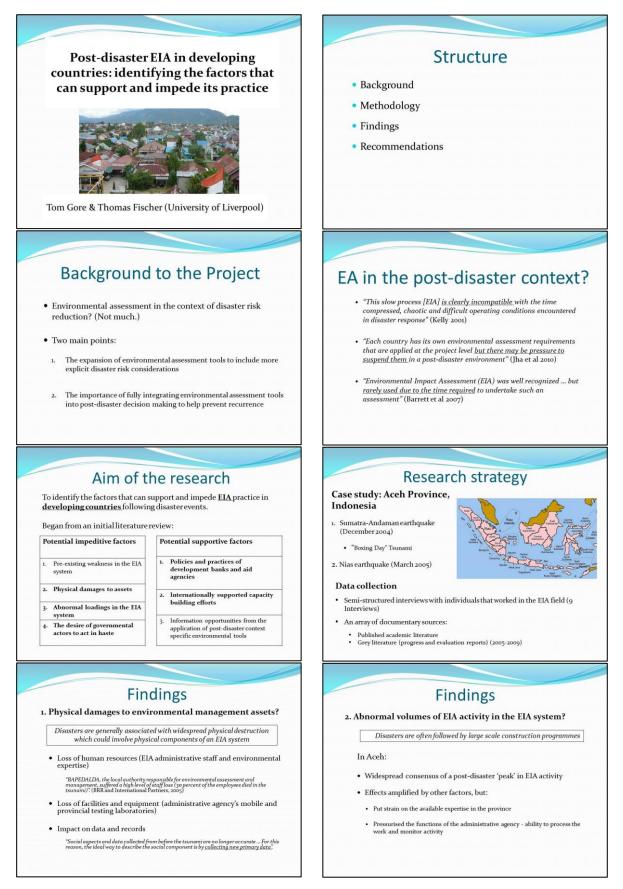
In recognition of the close relationship between environmental degradation and the occurrence of disaster events, the importance of fully integrating environmental assessment techniques into activities in the aftermath of disasters has now been widely emphasised. Yet, despite the apparent desirability of such action in helping prevent disaster recurrence, questions regarding the feasibility of this in practice have also been raised. Post-disaster environments generally differ substantially from the normal 'developmental' context in which such techniques are usually applied which may in fact make such applications problematic. Using a case study of the situation in Aceh Province, Indonesia, following the impact of two tsunamigenic earthquakes in 2004 and 2005, this paper reports on a study that was undertaken to investigate more specifically the factors which can both impede and support the practice of one EA methodology, environmental impact assessment, following such events in a developing country context.

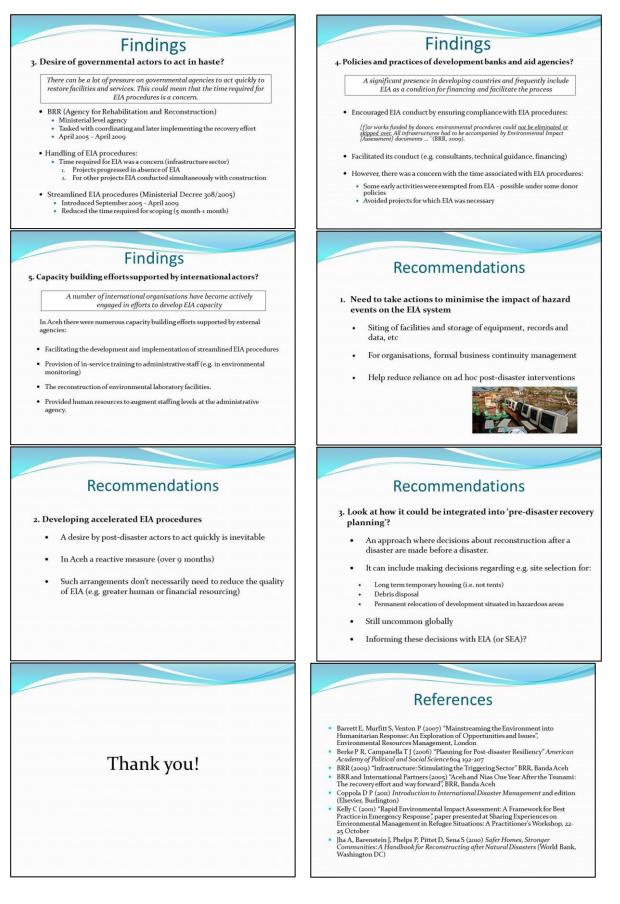
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災害後に実施される環境アセスメントの促進要因と阻害要因の抽出

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環境悪化と災害発生の密接な関係に鑑み、環境アセスメント技術を災害後の活動に全面的に統合する ことの重要性が、現在、広く浮き彫りにされている。しかし、そのような行動が災害再発防止に望ま しいことは明らかであるにもかかわらず、実際には、この実行可能性についての疑問も提起されてい る。災害後の環境は、概して、そのような技術が通常適用される通常の「開発的」背景とは大きく異 なっており、それが、そのような適用を、事実上、問題のあるものにする可能性がある。本論文は、 2004年と2005年の地震と津波の影響を追跡調査したインドネシアのアチェ州の状況の事例研 究を用いて、発展途上国という背景において、EA方法論、環境影響アセスメント、そのようなイベン トの追跡調査を阻害する要因と支援する要因を、より具体的に調査するために行われた研究について、 報告する。





EIA and Landslide Disaster in Wind Farm Development in Japan

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Abstract

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日本の風力発電事業における環境アセスメントと地すべり災害について

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日本では、2011年3月11日の福島第一原子力発電所事故により、再生可能エネルギーへの移行 の機運が高まった。他の国と同様に、風力エネルギーは、日本の再生可能エネルギー政策の需要な選 択肢の1つであるべきである。しかし、山岳地帯での風力発電所の開発によって地滑り災害の危険が 高まり、地域住民の間で問題となっている。本プレゼンテーションは、開発における EIA と地滑り災 害の関係に注目し、具体的な事例研究で現状及び今後の課題を議論する。

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Introduction

In Japan, the momentum to shift to renewable energy was enhanced by the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Accident on March 11, 2011. Wind energy should be one of the important options of Japanese renewable energy policy as in other countries. However, wind farm developments in mountain area produce an increased risk of landslide disaster and these become an issue of concern by local residents. In response, this presentation focuses on a relationship between EIA and landslide disaster in the wind farm developments and discusses the need and feasibility to integrate landslide disaster prevention in Japanese EIA by looking at a specific case study.

Landslide disaster in Japan

Japan is one of mountainous countries and flat land suitable residential area is comparatively limited. Therefore many hamlets are located just next to slopes of mountains. This physical feature leads to high risk of landslide disaster in Japan. Figure 1 shows a classification of disaster victims for a decade from 1998 to 2007. According to the chart, 55% of total disaster victims are dead or missing by wind and flood damage and 1/4 of them are caused by landslide disaster. Looking at the trend of past 9 years shown in figure 2, the annual average of approximately 1,200 landslides has occurred and 30 people have been victimized by the disaster every year.

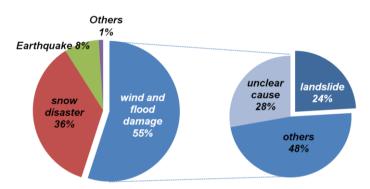


Figure 1: Classification of disaster victims (dead & missing) for a decade (1998-2007), source: Cabinet Office (2008)



Figure 2: Annual number of landslide disaster occurrence and victims (dead & missing) source: MLIT: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (2013)

As presented above, landslide disaster is one of the dominant disasters in Japan and countermeasures to the disaster have been taken from long time ago. Figure 3 sorts of the measures by two aspects. First aspect is a type of the measures whether hard measure (e.g. infrastructure) or soft measure (e.g. regulation) and second is a target of the measures whether disaster source side (to prevent disaster occurrence) or damage side (to limit disaster damage). By this sort, the upper left corresponds to hard infrastructures such as mud control dam. Until 2001, the measures had mainly focused on only this area under the following relevant 3 laws; the Erosion Control Act from 1897, the Landslide Prevention Act from 1958 and the Act on Prevention of Steep Slope Disaster from 1969 (hereinafter referred to as "the relevant 3 laws"). From 2001, after the Landslide Disaster Prevention Law was enacted, the lower right measures that are evacuation plans and siting control to developments in vulnerable area to the disaster have been conducted as well as the upper left measures. However, even now, the upper right measures that fall into land use zoning and siting control to developments in hazard area that would encourage disaster occurrence have not been taken sufficiently and they are challenges for landslide disaster prevention. In response, this presentation focuses on the upper right measures and discusses the need and feasibility of EIA as a measures corresponding to this area.



Figure 3: Countermeasures to landslide disaster

Relationship between Japanese EIA and landslide disaster

Figure 4 shows the environmental items which Japanese EIA should take into account under the EIA Act. From a view point of this institutional framework, there are no items directly corresponding to

landslide disaster prevention. However, according to a technical review report issued by MOE (Ministry of Environment), landslide disaster could be considered as one component of *ground environment* namely *change in land stability* (MOE, 2002). And the report said that it should be taken into account if the development includes deforestation, land formation and underground quarry, or if there are high interest of local residents and past disaster history. However, the report also mentions EIA seldom takes into account *change in land stability* in practice.

Wind farm developments in the context of landslide disaster prevention

Wind farm developments are significant project type in terms of landslide disaster prevention for the following reasons. First, under the situation after the nuclear accident, accelerating developments are expected in near future. According to a MOE survey, wind energy has the highest potential of any of renewable energy and the installation potential only for onshore wind farm is estimated over 280 GW (MOE, 2011). On the other hand, in current status, total installation capacity is only 2.5 GW. Second reason is related to the project site characteristics. As mentioned above, flat land is comparatively limited in Japan, therefore mainly shorelines or along ridges of mountains are selected as the project sites due to good wind conditions. In case of mountainous area, the development includes large area of deforestation and land formation. Third is due to high interest of local residents. In recent years, turbine size and installation capacity are getting bigger due to the profitability. This trend has been giving rise to various environmental conflicts in Japan and one of the main issues of concerns by local resident is landslide disaster.

Context of a case study "Minenohara wind farm project"

This presentation looks at Minenohara wind farm project as a typical case study that landslide disaster was one of dominant issues of concerns by local residents. The project site was located in Suzaka city, Nagano prefecture shown in figure 5. In this case, EIA was conducted under the EIA ordinance of Nagano prefecture from 2006. However, the project was aborted by strong local opposition at 2009. The main issues of concerns were spoiled scenery of the national park, impact on the Golden Eagle and landslide disaster. Especially the concerns of landslide disaster was caused by a past disaster history on 1981 which occurred from near the project site and this disaster killed 10 local people.

Figure 6 shows land-use zonings under the relevant laws for landslide disaster prevention and environment conservation. The protection forest designated under the Forest Act (east and northwest area of the site) and the special zone under the Natural Parks Act (south area of the site) are located around the project site and the site itself is located in the ordinal zone under the Natural Parks Act. On the other hand, there is no land use zoning area under the relevant 3 laws for landslide disaster prevention despite the past disaster history. In actually, the past disaster on 1981 occurred just next to the site (shown in figure 7) and the mudslide went along with the arrow and attacked downstream communities. According to the disaster analysis report issued by NIED (National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention) on 1982, land changes caused by a development of golf course on 1970's had changed in a condition of water

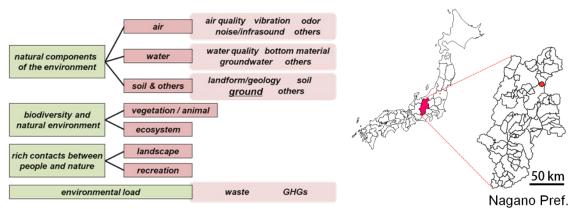


Figure 4: Environmental items under the EIA Act



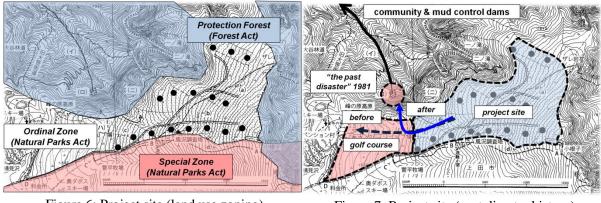


Figure 6: Project site (land use zoning) Source: Yamaguchi (2008)

Figure 7: Project site (past disaster history) Source: Yamaguchi (2008)

catchment around the area (shown in figure 7), and it encouraged the disaster occurrence (NIED 1982). In light of above information, it was obvious that the wind farm development would impact increased risk of landslide disaster. And this indicated that land-use zoning under the existing relevant laws could not be effective countermeasure for disaster prevention in this case.

EIA scoping of a case study "Minenohara wind farm project"

As mentioned above, this project was aborted by strong local opposition during the planning phase, in consequence, EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) was not prepared by the proponent and only scoping document was issued on 2006. Therefore, this presentation looks at the scoping documents and public comments to the document.

According to the scoping document, *noise*, *radio disturbance*, *animal*, *vegetation*, *landscape* and *recreation* were selected by the proponent as the environmental items which would be taken into account in the EIS. However, in the first place, the document didn't mention the past disaster history and *ground environment* was not on a list of candidate items. On the other hand, *landform/geology* was on the list but it was not selected as the items. The reason was that *landform/geology* was not intended to investigate risk of landslide disaster (this was intended to survey scientific significant landform and geology). Instead, the proponent proposed that risk of landslide disaster would be investigated separately from EIA.

In reaction to disclosure of the scoping document, a large number of public comments concerning

about risk of landslide disaster were submitted by local residents and environmental protection groups. Their main statements could be divided into the following two points. First, the proponent should survey the past disaster history closely and predict change in an amount of rain runoff on the project site which would encourage the disaster occurrence to investigate risk of landslide disaster. Second, risk investigation of landslide disaster should be integrated into the EIA. In response to these comments, the proponent decided to add *water quality* to investigate change in an amount of rain runoff on the project site and *landform/geology* especially focusing on risk of landslide disaster. In light of this case study, it could be said that EIA could take into account risk of landslide disaster by extending *landform/geology* and *water quality* even if *ground environment* was out of the scoping in the first place. On the other hand, this case shows anew that proponents tend to neglect to take into account risk of landslide disaster in EIA even in such the typical case study.

Discussion of challenges to integrate landslide disaster prevention in Japanese EIA

One of the reasons why proponents tend to neglect the issue in EIA is due to the ordinance of the competent ministry which is the basic guideline for which environment items should be taken into account by the specific project type. In case of wind farm developments, the ordinance has only narrow scope, therefore *ground environment* is excluded from the list of scoping at the first place. This means even the national government neglect to integrate landslide disaster prevention in EIA (probably other project types as well) or there is a lack of knowledge about the need and possibility of EIA in terms of prevention tool for landslide disaster. Both challenges would be caused by the bureaucratic sectionalism in the competent government ministries for between EIA (i.e. MOE) and disaster prevention (i.e. MLIT). Another reason is due to a lack of experience to assess risk of landslide disaster in EIA. However, NIED have already surveyed 186 dominant disasters which had occurred since 1586. Therefore those experiences should be integrated in the methodology of EIA. For this, the cooperation among multiple ministries and institutions is essential.

Conclusion

This presentation focused on a relationship between EIA and landslide disaster in wind farm developments and discussed the need and feasibility to integrate landslide disaster prevention in Japanese EIA by looking at a specific case study.

By summing up the result of a case study, the need was shown that landslide disaster could be a dominant issue of concern by local residents on EIA process and land-use zoning designated under the existing relevant laws for landslide disaster prevention could not be an effective countermeasure depending on circumstances around a project site. In point of the feasibility, EIA could take into account the risk of landslide disaster by extending existing environmental items such as *landform/geology* and *water quality* even if *ground environment* which was intended as an environmental item to investigate the disaster risk as was out of the scoping. On the other hand, proponents would tend to neglect to take into account the disaster risk in EIA due to the narrow scope of the ordinance of the competent ministry and a lack of

experience to assess the disaster risk.

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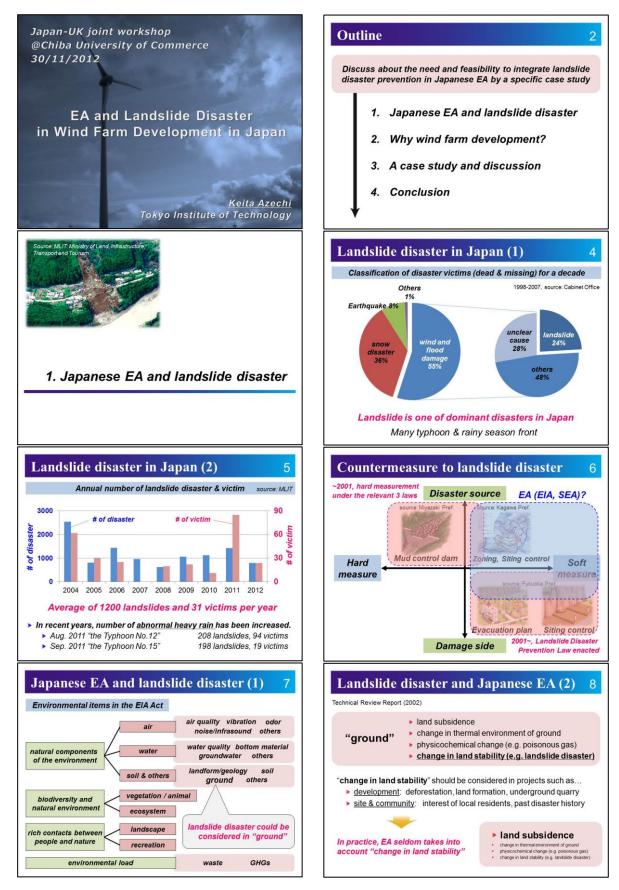
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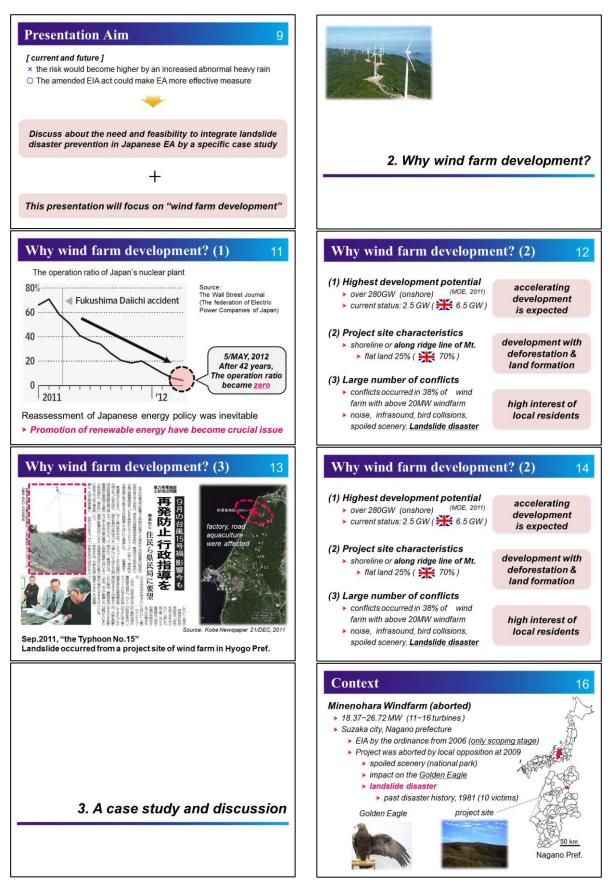
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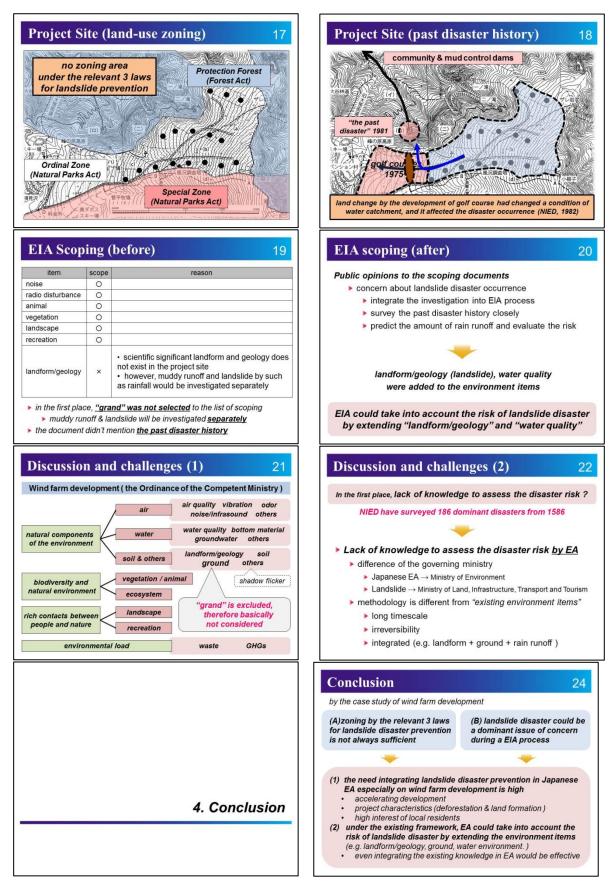
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3.4 Disaster Management and Environmental Assessment tools

Integration of Risk Management and EIA

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Abstract

Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent a severe accident of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plants challenged us about various issues. Through our extremely rare experiences, we are expected to conduct interdisciplinary activities to improve risk management for low probability and high consequence (LPHC) disasters. From these points of views, the following aspects would be covered; re-examination of definition of risks, decision-making system or governance for risk management among various stakeholders, some challenging approaches on better management for 'beyond assumption' events, and coordination with EIA.

リスク管理と環境アセスメントの統合に向けて

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東日本大震災と、それに続く、深刻な福島第一原子力発電所事故は、我々に多くの課題をもたらした。 我々の非常に稀な経験を通じて、LPHC型(Low-Probability/High-Consequence)災害の危機管理改善に 向けた学際的活動の実施が、我々に期待されている。これらの視点から、リスクの定義の再検討、様々 な利害関係者の間のリスク管理に向けた意思決定制度あるいはガバナンス、「想定外」のイベントのよ り良い管理についての、いくつかの難しいアプローチ、EIA との調整といった側面について述べる。

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1. Background and purpose

Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent a severe accident of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plants challenged us about various issues. Through our extremely rare experiences, we are expected to conduct interdisciplinary activities to improve risk management for low probability and high consequence (LPHC) disasters. From these points of views, the following aspects would be covered; characteristics of disaster prevention measures, difficulty of damage estimation with assumption and scenario, importance of resilience assessment with indicators.

2. Difference of the processes between EIA and risk management

Compared with EIA, risk management relatively more depends on several assumptions and scenario-setting. That would lead we have to estimate potential damages with substantial uncertainty. In fact, national and local governments do not use the word "prediction", but "estimation" for earthquake risk. This point would be one of the most important points to show the difference between the two approaches.

In particular, risk management for natural disaster in Japan usually would be conducted against potential damages based on several assumptions. In comparison to other disasters, it would be more difficult to predict the place and time earthquake and tsunami occurred. That is one of the most critical points to disturb our effective management.

3. Case of Damage estimation by earthquake and tsunami in Miyagi Prefecture

One of typical damage estimation for earthquake and tsunami would be a case of Miyagi Prefecture, which is located in Northern part of Main land of Japan, and one of severely damaged areas by Great East Japan Earthquake. Unlike other regions in Japan, this prefecture is suffered from large-scale earthquake regularly. Roughly speaking, large-scale quakes would occur every 30 years.

Based on the information of previous earthquakes, Miyagi prefectural government published potential damage by future earthquake. For this purpose, they made the following assumptions. For plate type earthquake, they assumed 2 locations of quake source (one for Tsunami) and quake scale would be about magnitude 7.6 to 7.8. For another type whic (Source: Damage estimation by Miyagi Prefecture in 2004) 11t as a location of quake source, and magnitude 7.1 as a damage scale. In addition, they assumed the following two scenarios for season, time, and weather conditions;

- Noon in summer, 0 pm on weekday, clear, 75% in humidity, wind: 4.5 m/s from south-southeast

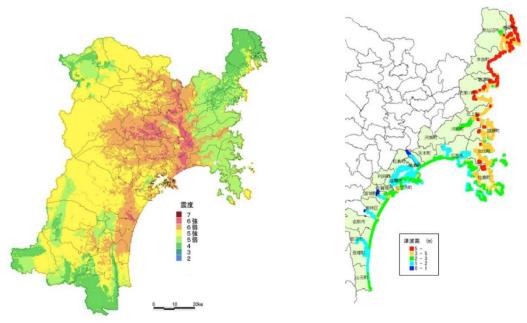
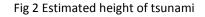


Fig 1 Estimated scale of vibration in Miyagi



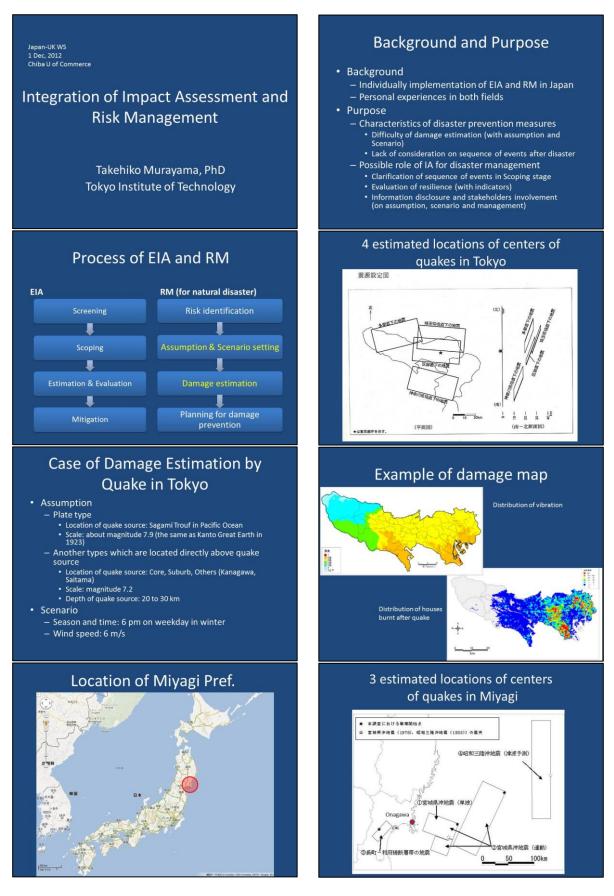
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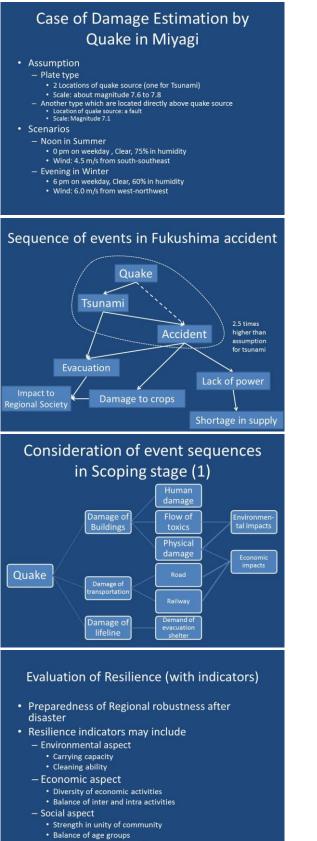
- Evening in winter, 6 pm on weekday, clear, 60% in humidity, wind: 6.0 m/s from west-northwest

Figure 1 and 2 show estimated scale of vibration and height if tsunami respectively. These estimations were made in 2004, and people in this region could access the related information and conduct some management against potential damage by earthquake and tsunami. However, Great East Japan Earthquake overwhelmed those estimations in scale, and almost all efforts of people against the disaster unfortunately were in vain. Experts of earthquake said that the quake may occur one in a thousand and quite difficult to estimate.

4. Importance of resilience assessment

Previous risk management emphasized to prevent from potential damages against natural disasters. While this approach would be effective disasters for which we could predict future damages. However, we also have to manage another types of disasters for which we have a lot of difficulties to predict. Under these situations, we should more emphasize on preparedness of regional robustness after disaster. With indicators for regional resilience, we would assess regional robustness as well as the impact of disasters. These indicators may include; carrying capacity, cleaning ability as environmental aspect, diversity of economic activities, balance of inter and intra activities as economic aspect , and strength in unity of community, balance of age groups, and collaboration of other regions as social aspect.

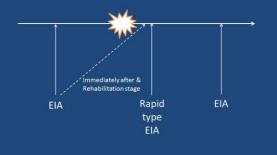




Collaboration of other regions

Example of damage estimation in 2004 7 66598 Estimated height of tsunami





Consideration of event sequences in Scoping stage (1)

		Damage of Buildings		Damage of lifelines			Damage of transportation		
		Office and House	Factory	Electricity	Water	Gas	Road	Railway	
Environ- mental aspect	Air		0						
	Water		0						
	Waste	0	0						
Econo- mic aspect	Distribu- tion	0					0	0	
aspect	Regional economy		0	0	0	0			
Social aspect	Household	0		0	0	0	0	0	
	Communit Y								

Information disclosure and stakeholders involvement

Necessity of information disclosure

- Consensus-making on justification of assumptions and scenarios Application of precautionary principle
 Implementation of feasible measures under scientific uncertainty
- Burden of proof on validation of applied measures
- Stakeholder involvement Application of local knowledge

 - Lessons in tsunami disaster in Tohoku region (Stone monuments and locations of shrines)
 Balance among self, community and public relief in both prevention and post-disaster stage

EIA, SEA and the UK Civil Contingencies Act

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Abstract

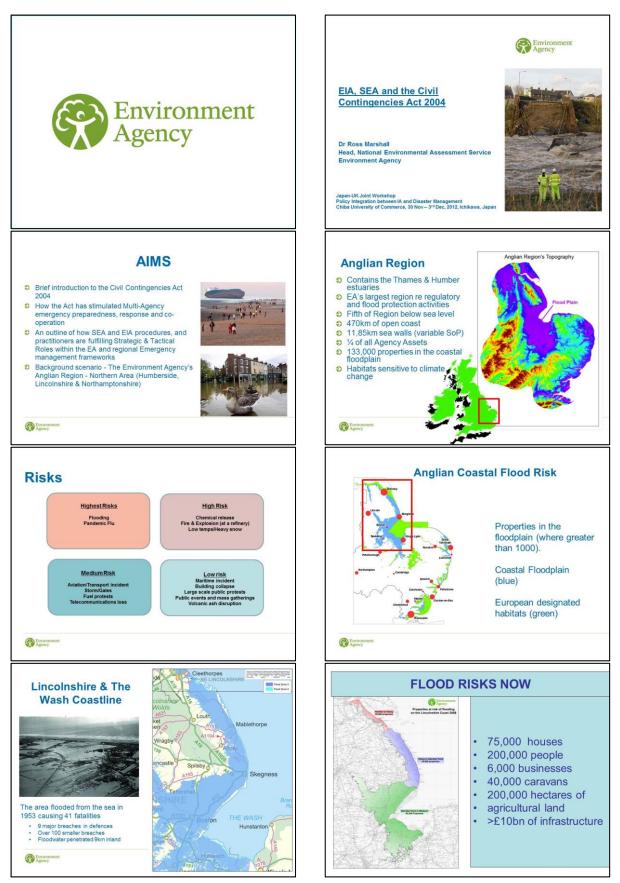
An important aim of the UK Civil Contingencies Act 2004 was to strengthen institutional emergency planning, civil resilience and multi-agency responses to disaster events. In this context, what strategic role or tactical contribution the practice of EIA and SEA, and its practitioners can play before, during and after an emergency is an important question. This presentation will look at the way in which the Act is asking different groups (including EIA and SEA practitioners) to co-operate. Using the Lincolnshire coast line as a case study, implications will be elaborated on and explained.

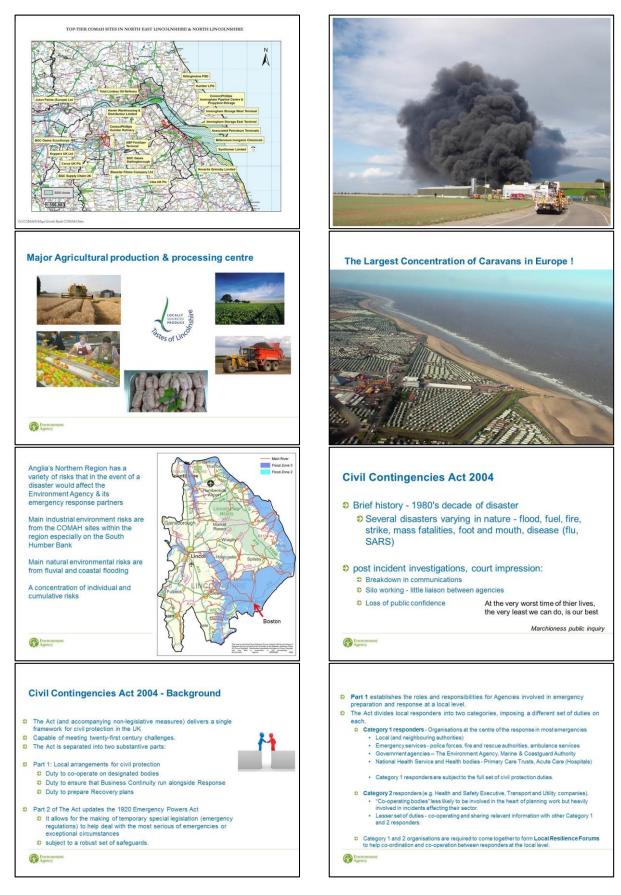
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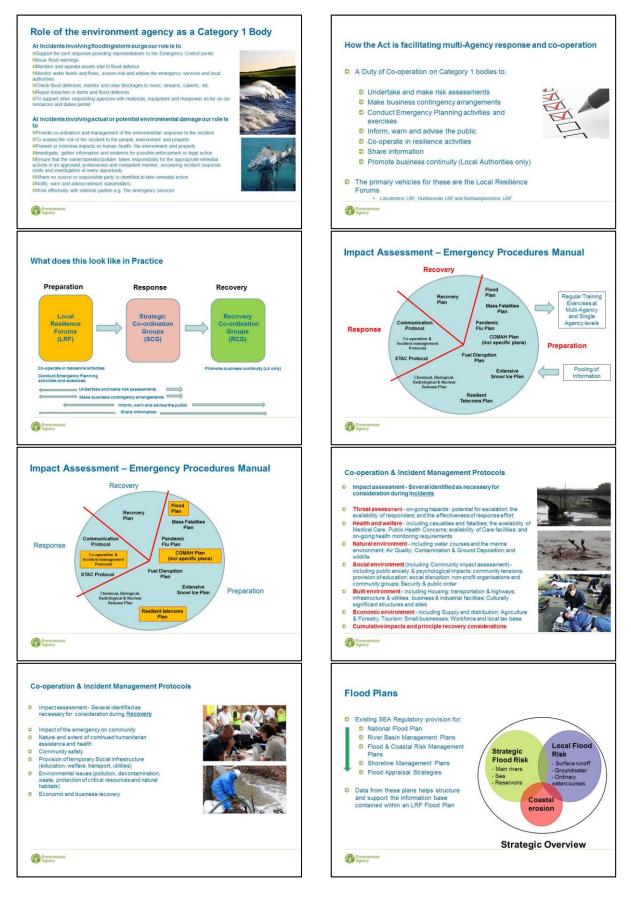
環境アセスメント、戦略アセスと、英国緊急事態法

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英国の 2004 年民間緊急事態法の重要な目的は、制度的な緊急計画立案、民間の回復力、そして災害への複数の機関による対応を強化することであった。この関連において、EIA と SEA の実施およびその 実施者が、緊急事態の前、最中、そして後に、どのような戦略的役割を演じることができるか、ある いは如何なる戦術的な貢献を行えるのか、というのが、重要な疑問である。本プレゼンテーションは、 同法が、どのように (EIA と SEA の実施者を含む)様々なグループに協力を求めているのかを検討す る。事例研究としてリンコリンシャー海岸線を用いて、影響について、詳しく述べ、説明する。









Exemption Clause in Japanese EIA Law in Disaster : Looking into the Functions

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Abstract

TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant disaster triggered by Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011 revealed the fact that exemption clause in the Japanese EIA Law was cut out neither for risk management nor post disaster management. Article 52-1 needs to be removed for assessing radioactive effects. Application of Article 52-2 and 52-3 needs careful review for future cases and preparations through lessons learned this time.

災害時における日本のアセス法の除外規定、その機能の検証

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2011 年 3 月 11 日の東日本大震災によって発生した TEPCO の福島第一原子力発電所事故は、日本の EIA 法の適用除外規定がリスク管理にもポスト災害管理にも適していないという事実を明らかにした。 第 52 条 1 は、放射能の影響の評価のために、削除されるべきである。第 52 条 2 と第 52 条 3 の適用は、 今回の教訓を通じた今後の事例と準備に向け、慎重な見直しが必要である。

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Introduction

Japanese Environmental Impact Assessment Law (JEIA) is applied to specified large scale projects such as roads, dams, railroads, airports, power plants, waste disposal sites, land filling and reclamation, developments of housing, industry, commodity distribution areas, ports and so on. Among the projects, there are 3 categories to be exempted from assessment procedures. Unfortunate TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant disaster, triggered by Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011, gave us opportunities to look in the function of theses exemption clauses.

Radioactive Substances (Clause 52-1)

Clause 52-1 says, "The provisions of this Law shall not apply to air pollution, water pollution (including deterioration of water conditions other than water quality and soil at the bottom), or soil pollution caused by radioactive substances." It means JEIA is applicable to only nuclear power plants among the all kinds of nuclear use facilities but when nuclear power plants were assessed, radioactive substances were not considered as impact. Therefore there was no available information for the public at the planning stage nor at the time of emergency like Fukushima. There was no coordination or integration between environmental assessment and disaster management as preventive methods.

Beside at the time of Fukushima Accident, Japanese government withheld information on radioactive contamination data called "*SPEEDI*", System for Prediction of Environmental Emergency Dose Information". Without being informed which direction radioactive substances goes some people ended up evacuating towards more contaminated areas than the place where they started evacuation.

This is caused by sectionalism between the Basic Environmental Law and the Atomic Energy Basic Law and to resolve the issue it is said that reform bill will be submitted to the Ordinary Diet in 2013. There are several other things to be done. One is reopen the EIA procedures including radioactive impact assessment with the worst scenario of the accident. Another is to include other nuclear facilities such other nuclear fuel factories and nuclear waste disposal site to avoid any form of damage on human health and biodiversity by radioactive substances.

Natural-Disaster Stricken Areas (Clause 52-2)

The project to restore an area stricken by natural calamities is exempted from EIA procedures according to Clause 52-2. However after the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant Accident, this clause was applied to introduce new thermal plants in existing sites of TEPCO outside the natural calamities stricken areas such as Chiba and Kanagawa Prefectures. Table 1 shows TEPCO could start operating totally 2.8 million kW operating thermal Power Plants to replace some part of Fukushima Daiichi

generating capacity. Their reasoning is that "the project to restore an area stricken by natural calamities" can be interpreted as restoring "function" lost in natural calamity. Therefore restoring function of TECPO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power by thermal plants in different places than natural disaster stricken area was exempted. However question remains. It is certainly true that natural disaster triggered the disaster. However there were warning against lack of precaution against natural disaster which TEPCO took no countermeasures. Is it morally right if TEPCO's thermal plants were exempted from EIA procedure to restore to compensate the function of Fukushima Daiichi No.1~No.6 whose total power generating capacities is 4.7 million kW. Before questioning it, let us think what else could be done.

Table 2 shows renewable energy generating power capacities before and after FIT, feed-in tariff system went into force in July 2012. It has been strong opposition against introducing this system resulting in limited dependency on renewable energy. However Fukushima accident became a wakeup call and started. After three month by the end of Oct. 2012, the capacities increased by 1.15 million kW and is expected to increase at least up to 2.5 million kW, which is almost equivalent to what TEPCO gained in 5 months through exemption of EIA.

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15-Apr-11	Sodegaura	0.11	Jul-2011	
15-Apr-11	Chiba	1	Aug-Dec-2011	
21-Apr-11	Ooi	0.21	Jul-2011	
22-Apr-11	Kawasaki	0.13	Aug-2011	
6-May-11	Yokosuka	0.33	Jun-2011	
16-May-11	Hitachinaka	0.25	Jul-2011	
29-Jul-11	Kashima	0.8	Jul-2012	
Total Generat	ting Capacity	2.836		

Table 1: EIA Exempt Thermal Power Plants of TEPCO

Unit :million kW

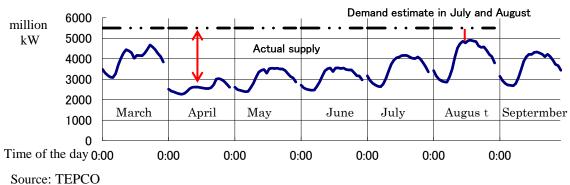
Table 2: FIT/ Feed-in Tariff) commenced in July 2012

Source: TEPCO

Table 2: FIT(Feed-in	Tariff) commence	(As of the end of Oct. 2012)			
	Before FIT in FY2011	Apr-Oct FY2012 Operating Capacity	Total Estimate by the end of FY 2012	Authorized Capacity by the end of Oct. 2012	
Solar (house)	4	0.88	1.5	0.586	
Solar (non-house)	0.8	0.24	0.5	1.627	
Wind	2.5	0.014	0.38	0.336	
Water (over 1000)	9.35	0.001	0.02	0	
Water(less than 1000)	0.2	0.002	0.01	0.002	
Biomass	2.1	0.012	0.09	0.006	
Geothermal	0.5	0	0	0	
Total	19.5	1.155	2.5	2.557	

Unit :million kW Source: Agency for Natural Resources and Energy released on December 16, 2012

And Figure 1 describes 50 million kW demand estimate for July and August electricity consumption, while actual supply on the 10th day of each month before and after 2011, March 11. It shows due to the consumers effort to cut down their electricity consumption, actual demand was far less than



TEPCO anticipated for summer.



Figure1: Power Supply Every 10th day of March to September, 2011

Japanese Self Defense Force and US Base (Clause 52-3)

Clause 52-3 was newly added in 2011. The clause exempts the projects from provisions of Chapter II, which requires early stage of project EIA, if they concerns with national interests and under other circumstances at the time of occurrence of disaster that are designated according to its urgency by government ordinance.

Due to its rather unclear meaning, during the Diet session for this amendment on April 13th, 2010 at the Environment Committee, House of councilors, Shuichi Kato, the Councilor, asked about interpretation of "other circumstances". Junichi Shiraishi, Environmental Policy Bureau Chief, Department of Environment responded, "For example, occasion when massive amount of waste such as debris at the occurrence of great earthquake is included." Councilor Kato again asked a further question on April 20th, 2010 at the Committee, "Is it only at the time of calamity?" Toshiyuki Inoue, Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport responded, "We anticipate disaster, however there could be cases when we need essential public facilities managed by government for necessary development with surrounding towns" and did not mention further. However, disclosed public record requested through Information Disclosure Law revealed the fact that during inter-ministries procedures of preparing the bill, Ministry of Defense had questioned Ministry of Environment on MOD's anticipation that "giving information on defense facilities to local governments and a nation triggers various opposition movements and causes further more hindrance" and requested defense facilities of both Japan and US be exempted from SEA. And the fact was appeared on media coverage.

Ironically, a year later it was massive Tsunami debris and radioactive debris that the Japanese government faced. However, the government has not prepared its ordinance to exempt neither Japanese Self Defense Force and US Base from SEA from procedures nor massive disaster debris for Clause 52-3.

Table 3 shows the status quo of disaster and Tsunami debris disposal in disaster- hit-prefectures. It became clear, in spite of lack of government ordinance for debris disposal, it is out of scope of JEIA from the first place. And the government decided combustible debris shall be partly transported to and incinerated in other non-disaster-stricken areas of Japan with voluntary spirits of local governments for subsidies by the Ministry of Environment and the rest to be disposed in each disaster stricken prefecture.

However both procedures are lack of public consensus and local governments are facing fierce opposition from the local citizens who fear health and environmental impact by supposedly condensed radioactive substances through incineration. While government's slow decision making and citizens' opposition were taking place, it is now beginning to be said that those debris was overestimated and there were not so much debris. So much fluidity is likely to remain.

	Total	Ι	Disaster Debris	5	Tsunami Debris			
Prefecture	Waste Estimate	Estimate	Disp	osed	Estimate	Disposed		
	mil. tons	mil. tons	mil. tons	%	mil. tons	mil. tons	%	
Iwate	5.3	4.0	0.93	24	1.3	0.003	0	
Miyagi	187.3	120.0	3.65	30	6.7	0.86	13	
Fukushima	3.6	2.1	0.35	17	1.5	0.02	1	
Total	275.8	180.2	4.94	27	9.6	0.88	9	

Table 3 Status Quo of 3.11 Debris Disposal

Source: DOE, "Status Quo of Disaster Waste Disposal and Policy for Reaching the Target", October 19, 2012

Observation and Conclusion

There must be presumption that there could be times when exemption from time consuming EIA or SEA work well for society. However, looking into function of theses exemption played at the time of Fukushima Daiichi Accident, there are no concrete fact that it worked favorably to the public. On the contrary, it did harm to the public and created confusion and distrust to the government. To conclude based on above observation, here are some recommendations our government should take into count;

- 1. Finish the sectionalism of nuclear substances and delete Clause 52-1.
- 2.Start integrate EIA and disaster management especially impact by nuclear substances.
- 3.Designate all the nuclear related facilities so as to be assessed by EIA. It is crucial as preventive principle that the wide range of residence and businesses surrounding both nuclear power plants and other related facility have information on range of harmful impact at the time of emergency.
- 4. Remember what people could do to save energy at the time of emergency and there was no hurry to use Clause 52-2 to give exemption to thermal power plants to compensate power companies negligence.
- 5. Delete Clause 52-3 because disclosed public record and interpretation made during the Diet session are different. And the latter is different from the reality we faced. (Disaster debris disposal is out of scope of EIA and taking different decision making process). It is obvious that these three-way difference stems from the inter-ministry consensus on Japanese Self Defense Force and US Military bases, which is not made clear to the public by the government. Unaccountable clause should not remain in any law.
- 6. Take public consensus in formal decision making process to avoid confusion and gain trustworthy and fair decision It is essential to have consensus when nuclear substances, whose half life is life time long or generations lives time long, to be disposed for environmental justice.

Exemption Clause in Japanese EIA Law in Disaster : Looking into the Functions

災害時における日本のアセス法の適用除外、その機能の検証

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Precondition: What is Not exempted?

JEIA is applied to only large scale projects; roads, logging roads, dams, railroads, airports, power plants, waste disposal sites, land filling and reclamation, developments of housing, industry, commodity distribution areas, ports.

Only specified and limited projects

Exemption Clause 52-1

The provisions of this Law shall not apply to <u>air</u> <u>pollution, water pollution</u> (including <u>deterioration of water conditions other than</u> <u>water quality and soil at the bottom</u>), or <u>soil</u> <u>pollution</u> caused by **radioactive substances**.

meaning JEIA applies to -Nuclear Power Plants, but <u>NOT RADIATION</u> -No Other Nuclear Facilities_



Outline

- TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant disaster triggered by Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011 revealed the fact that
- exemption clause in the Japanese EIA Law was cut out neither for risk management nor post disaster management.
- Clause 52-1 needs to be deleted for assessing radioactive impacts.
- Application of clauses 52-2 and 52-3 needs careful review through lessons learned this time.

Exemption Clause

<u>Clause 52-1</u> radioactive substances.

Clause 52-2

to restore an area stricken by natural calamities

Clause 52-3 Newly added before 3.11. 2011 concerned with national interests and under other circumstances at the time of occurrence of **disaster** that are **designated** according to its urgency by **government ordinance**

Clause 52-1 Resulting In

No surveying, predicting, and assessing on radioactive contamination in case of emergency

No precaution (though t/w iodine preparation) System for Prediction of Environmental Emergency Dose Information

No coordination with other preventive methods

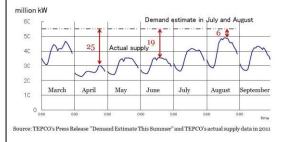
- Japanese government concealed *SPEEDI* data from people,
- resulting in people evacuating towards highly contaminated areas without being informed





- The provisions of Chapters II through VII of this Law shall not apply to the following:
- (a) **a project** to restore an area stricken by <u>natural calamities, as</u> stipulated in Article 87 of the **Basic Law for Disaster Relief** (Law No. 223 of 1961);
- (b) projects referred to in Article 88, Paragraph 2 of that same Law; (c) a project incorporated into an urban plan pursuant to Article 84, Paragraph 1 of the Building Standards Law (Law No. 201 of 1950);
- (d) a project, as referred to in that same Paragraph 1, that is subject to the provisions of that same Article 84; or
- (e) a project, as stipulated in Article 5, Paragraph 1, Item 3 of the Law concerning Special Measures for Recovery of Urban Areas Stricken by Disasters (Law No. 14 of 1992), to be implemented in a disaster-stricken urban area designated for accelerated recovery under Article 5, Paragraph 1 of that same Law.

Gap between TEPCO's Power Demand Estimate and Actual Supply -Every 10th day of March to September, 2011



Lessons on Clause 52-2

- 1. Gov. should look for consistency with policies such as energy shift and climate change even in facing a disaster.
- 2. Gov. should remember what people could do and the fact businesses are oriented towards sustainable energy.
- 3. There was a thin line between TEPCO's disaster management and Shock Doctrine.

Lessons on Clause 52-1

1. Needs to be deleted.

- Sectionalism is going to be resolved starting from the Basic Environmental Law & the Atomic Energy Basic Law. Reform bills will be submitted to the Diet next year.
- 2. Radioactive Impact Assessment should come with Contingency plan.
- 3.Other nuclear facilities need to be covered by EIA.
- 4.Reopen the EIA procedures of all nuclear power plants and facilities.
- To avoid, minimize and compensate damage on human health and biodiversity by radioactive substances.

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Is it OK to build new plants in different areas, not disaster-stricken-areas? A kind of the Shock Doctrine?

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Government ordinance---not prescribed yet as of Nov.29 2012 Why?

Exemption Clause 52-3 ---Explanation to the Diet

Councilor Shuichi Kato: How do you interpret?

Junichi Shiraishi, Environmental Policy Bureau Chief, Department of Environment:

for example, massive amount of waste such as debris at the occurrence of great earthquake....

Apr. 13, 2010 Environment Committee, House of Councilors

EIA/SEA Reform Bill: Truth is Ministry of Defense Requested US Base be exempted --May 14, 2010

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Lessons on Clause 52-3

1. Honesty Is the Best Policy Truth comes out in the end,

although truth can be hidden in many ways.

2. People Care

Building waste disposal sites and restoring long last town development can not and should not be built without public consensus. SEA could function as common procedures in the middle of confusion.

3. Ignorance & Indifference Cause Human Disaster

Exemption Clause 52-3 ---Explanation to the Diet

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<u>Toshiyuki Inoue, Vice-Minister of Land,</u> <u>Infrastructure and Transport</u>: We anticipate disaster, however there could be **cases** when we need **essential public facilities** managed by government for necessary development with surrounding towns

Apr. 20, 2010 Environment Committee, House of Councilors

Dose EIA Exemption function?

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Policy for Reaching the Target", October 19, 2012 is not the answer.

The fact shows it is Not EIA that HIDERS waste disposal.

Confusion Lack of Trust Concerns for Future Generation

Observation

- Exemption Clause 52-1 is going to be deleted.
 The fact tells us 52-2 and 52-3 did not and will not
- function in favor of both people and projects.
- Exemption clause showed how the government do not trust its people and vice versa.
- It is not EIA/SEA that hinders proceeding projects or placing facilities but it is hiding and distrust.

Conclusion

 All the exemption clauses could and should be deleted.
 Even at the time of disaster and for contingency plans people and government need information and public participation for wiser decisions.

Thank you!

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インパクト・アセスメントへの進化的レジリエンスの融合:災害リスク管理の ポスト・ノーマル戦略となるか

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本論文は、災害リスク管理の改良されたメカニズムを模索する目的で、多くの異なる分野を集める。 すなわち:影響アセスメント (IA); ポスト・ノーマルサイエンス、そして進化的レジリエンスである。 つまり、技術と理論は、一体となってより良い災害リスク管理戦略を提供するのであり、その意味で、 この取り合わせを検討することは正当である。IA は、より良い情報がより良い決定を導くという合理 的な意思決定に基づいて、策定されてきた。この「実証主義」意思決定論に内在するのは、a)意思決 定者は合理的に振舞う;b)我々の制度理解は原因と結果を関連付けるに十分であるとする「ノーマル」 サイエンスを、影響 アセスメントは実践する、という仮定である。本稿は、このどちらも真実ではな いこと、従って IA は、決定の結果に伴う不確実性に応じるためにポスト-ノーマルサイエンスの考え を織り込むことが必要であることを、主張する。現状維持を図るのではなく、(ポスト災害を含む)新 しい状況を変え、また (ポスト災害を含む)新しい状況これに適応するための制度の力となるように、 IA の目標を変更して、ポスト-ノーマルサイエンスの考えの織り込みを実現する、そのための土台とし て、進化的レジリエンスが提案されているのである。

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Introduction

Klinke and Renn (2002, p.1071) define risk as "the possibility that human actions or events lead to consequences that harm aspects of things that human beings value". Taking the same definition, on the assumption that events can be natural disasters (like Tsunamis), the definition makes it very clear that risk is both an analytic and normative concept. The normative nature of the concept is well recognised if not always welcomed (Anex and Focht, 2002), and has led to proposals for more analytic-deliberative forms of risk governance (Chilvers, 2007). So it is clear that risk is a complex concept and, in the context of potential disasters, this can lead to difficulties in determining appropriate strategies. In this context of *ex ante* consideration of disaster risk, the terminology 'disaster risk management' is used in this paper in preference to 'disaster risk reduction', which is a term which has its roots in the United Nations' declaration of the 1990s as the 'International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR) with an objective to reduce fatalities, damage to property and socio-economic consequences caused by extreme natural events (Possekel, 1999). The objective of the IDNDR programme is not contested by the author, but the assumption that risk should be reduced is normative, and one that sits uneasily with the lack of certainty associated with risk predictions.

It is generally accepted that disasters are characterised by uncertainty and complexity (European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, 2011)(and in some cases, chaos (for example, Agrawala *et al.*, 2012)). Klinke and Renn (2002) summarise three strategies for managing risks:

- 1. Risk based approaches
- 2. Precautionary based approaches
- 3. Discursive approaches

In considering the three in turn, they develop an 'escalator' of risk management (see Figure 1).

			Risk Tradeoff Analysis and Deliberation Necessary
		Risk Balancing Necessary	Risk Balancing Necessary
	Scientific Risk Assessment Necessary	Risk Assessment Necessary	Risk Assessment Necessary
Routine Operation	Types of conflict: cognitive	Types of conflict: cognitive evaluative	Types of conflict: cognitive evaluative normative
		Actors:	Actors: Agency Staff
Actors: Agency Staff	Actors: Agency Staff External Experts	Agency Staff External Experts Stakeholders such as Industry, Directly Affected Groups	External Experts Stakeholders such as Industry, Directly Affected Groups Representatives of the Public(s)
Discourse:	Discourse:	Discourse:	Discourse:
Internal	cognitive	reflective	participatory
Simple	Complex	Uncertain	Ambiguous

Figure 1 The risk management escalator (based on Klinke and Renn, 2002, p.1090)

As an example, the kind of risk assessment conducted by the insurance industry (see European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, 2011 for an example) might be considered to represent a complex problem. That is, whilst some uncertainty in acknowledged, the fact that probabilities of natural events can be calculated means that a mechanistic approach can be taken which satisfies the needs of a single stakeholder (insurance companies). Such an approach has its place, but the individuals affected by a disaster are likely to hold very different views on the outcomes and their implications. This introduces ambiguity into the risk management approach given that complex and uncertain events are considered to have very different meanings amongst different stakeholder groups. In Klinke and Renn's view this leads to a need for risk balancing, although this paper will go on to look at other approaches for dealing with these 'ambiguous' risks.

Given this framing of risk-based strategies for risk management, it is useful to consider the ability of *ex ante* tools to act as a vehicle for conducting such deliberation. There is a recognised risk assessment field (Carpenter, 1995; Petts, 1999) for which the focus is, understandably, risk to humans. At the same time, the risks extend to the wider environment, and the recent move towards ecosystem services assessment acknowledges that humans depend on the services ecosystems offer, and so these services are critical even if indirectly so. The suggestion is, therefore, that risk assessment might usefully be integrated with environmental impact assessment, a recognised ex ante decision-making tool. Indeed, there has been considerable interest in combining risk assessment and environmental impact assessment in the past (see, for example, Arquiaga *et al.*, 1992; Canter, 1993). In this paper, the generic term 'impact assessment' is used to refer to such ex ante decision-making tools, without specifically constraining the focus. There follows a brief review of what we know about the theoretical roots of impact assessment by way of examining its relevance to ambiguous risks.

Impact assessment has been developed on the basis of rational decision making whereby better information leads to better decisions. Inherent in this 'positivist' theory of decision making are the assumptions that: a) decision makers behave rationally; and b) impact assessments practice 'normal' science whereby our system understanding is sufficient to associate cause and effect (i.e. ambiguity is limited). Ravetz (1999) states the assumptions rather more plainly as assuming that science is both value-free and certain. Taking the first of these assumptions, the evidence that objective information is transferred via EIA into policy is somewhat limited (Cashmore *et al.*, 2004; Cashmore *et al.*, 2009; Elling, 2009; Van Buuren and Nooteboom, 2009; Eales and Sheate, 2011). More and more authors argue that decision-making is not rational and that EIA, for example, has considerably more roles than simply information provision (see, for example, Lawrence, 2000; Leknes, 2001; Bond, 2003; Bekker *et al.*, 2004; Cashmore, 2004; Owens *et al.*, 2004). Bartlett and Kurian (1999) detail six separate models explaining the role of EIA in decision-making, in which the information processing (rational) model is just one end of the spectrum of influence; other models include the symbolic politics model, the political economy model, the organisational politics model, the pluralist politics model and the institutionalist model. Research to-date has focussed on the information

processing model, perhaps because it is relatively easy to measure influence, but the evidence suggests that the influence of EIA on decision-making using this model is very limited (see, for example, Wood and Jones, 1997). Richardson (2005) argues that political processes cannot be separated from rational policy and that environmental assessment needs to be able to operate in the context of power, and to be able to incorporate ethics and morality and accommodate the values of stakeholders. Within the context of public participation, he has previously shown that suitably motivated stakeholders can pursue a 'parallel public participation' strategy which will marginalise the EIA and, ultimately, damage its credibility (Richardson *et al.*, 1998).

Taking the second assumption, a number of studies have demonstrated that impact predictions are poor at incorporating uncertainty (see, for example, Bennett *et al.*, 2001) as existing understanding of systems is insufficiently clear to account for all the potential variation. This lack of complete system understanding manifests itself in large numbers of qualitative and unauditable predictions in impact assessment, or predictions which are inaccurate (Dipper *et al.*, 1998). In one example, a Gaussian plume model was compared against tracer data in two urban settings in the USA and found to both over- and under-predict concentrations at different receptors (Hanna and Baja, 2009). There is also evidence that complex prediction leads to a focus on smaller areas of certainty, ignoring no less important issues, but ones which cannot be predicted with any certainty, or organisations might make simplifying assumptions that set inappropriately restricted boundaries around the issues to be investigated (Turner, 1976). Further, Turner (1976) points to analysis which places the outcomes of man-made accidents at roughly 2 human errors per accident (based on a sample of 405), but between 36 and 61 human errors per disaster (based on a sample of 3), the implication being that disasters only come about through an accumulation of errors that are difficult to foresee.

As such, there is cause for concern for both assumptions, with little evidence that impact assessments are used rationally in decision-making, and only limited evidence that science is certain. Furthermore, in the context of disasters, uncertainty is guaranteed. This means that the positivist theory of impact assessment is not fit for purpose in any case, and certainly not for disaster risk management purposes. Instead what is required is a process which can apply 'post-normal' science to reflect both uncertainty and differing values. It is almost two decades since Funtowicz and Ravetz wrote a number of articles arguing for the application of post-normal science to situations where either uncertainty, or decision stakes (or both) are high (see, for example, Funtowicz and Ravetz, 1993; Funtowicz and Ravetz, 1994a; Funtowicz and Ravetz, 1994b; Funtowicz and Ravetz, 1994c). The fundamental argument being that quantifying hazards is an inadequate approach for dealing with complexity because people will react to hazards, and the realisation of hazards (in this case – a disaster) in different ways. The argument for recourse to post-normal science is grounded in an assumption that uncertainty is likely to be epistemological (because our understanding of natural systems is so incomplete that any models we develop are inadequate representations where the uncertainties are based on ignorance) or ethical in nature (Funtowicz and Ravetz, 1994b, p.1884). The

concept of post-normal science was explained by Ravetz (1999) as being based on the concept of both science being post-normal where 'normal' is conceived as being straightforward scientific problem-solving, and of policy-making being based on a straightforward ('normal') transfer of objective scientific knowledge into policy. For the former 'normal' science cannot be applied to global or uncertain problems as cause and effect are not clear; for the latter, the inadequacies of this model have been highlighted by the GM debate whereby epistemological differences characterise the debate and policy is not dictated by science.

The arguments made thus far point strongly to the need to change impact assessment practice and move from an assumption of normal science to one of post-normal science. The challenge, then, is to re-design impact assessment in line with post-normal science and, whilst it is possible there are a number of ways this could be achieved, this paper sets out to examine the relevance of resilience as means of embedding post-normal science into impact assessment processes, particularly in the context of disaster risk management. One of the reasons for investigating resilience in this context is because of its emphasis on "*uncertainty and surprise*" (Folke, 2006, p.253).

Interest in resilience as a concept has dramatically increased in recent years with Davoudi *et al.* (2012) citing a 400% increase in annual references to resilience in the decade starting in 1997 in the Social Science Index. They further introduce a categorisation of types of resilience, ranging from engineering resilience, which is defined as "*the ability of a system to return to an equilibrium or steady-state after a disturbance*" (Davoudi *et al.*, 2012, p.300) where the emphasis is on the time it takes a system to return to where it was (which might be defined as returning to 'normal'), through to ecological resilience, which is defined as "*the absorbed before the system changes its structure*" (Davoudi *et al.*, 2012, p.300 drawing on the work of Holling) where the emphasis is on the ability to persist and adapt. Drawing on these definitions, Davoudi *et al.* (2012) refer to the discourse of bounce-back-ability which refers to the tendency of Governments to emphasise the goal of returning to return to.

In diagrammatic terms, these concepts can be illustrated by figure 2, taken from Scheffer *et al.* (2001, p.593). Within any of the 'valleys' illustrated in this diagram, engineering resilience would focus on the length of time taken to return to the previous state (where the ball starts off from) whereas ecological resilience focuses on how far you can push the ball before it no longer returns to its former position. These concepts both align with the current model of impact assessment practiced widely which is baseline-led. That is to say that it takes the existing situation as being the preferred endpoint and examines the implications of change to this existing situation, proposing mitigation measures to perpetuate it. As Hacking and Guthrie put it: "[T]he established approach to impact assessment is baseline-led, whereby the conditions that are likely to prevail in the absence of a proposed initiative are used as the 'benchmarks' for determining the significance of impacts".

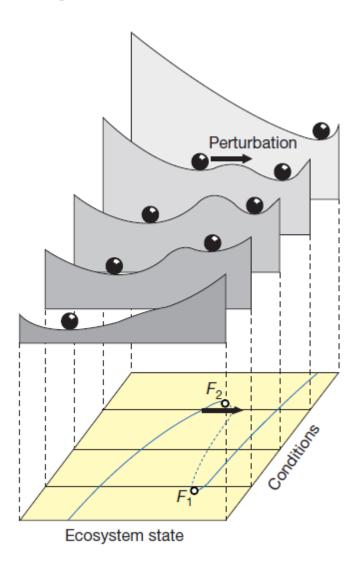


Figure 2 Different states of ecosystem resilience (Source: Scheffer et al., 2001, p.593)

However, figure 2 illustrates that some ecosystem states have more than one equilibrium position, with an alternative position only being achieved if a tipping point is passed. "*The term 'tipping point' commonly refers to a critical threshold at which a tiny perturbation can qualitatively alter the state or development of a system*" (Lenton *et al.*, 2008, p.1786). In figure 2 these alternative states are represented by the new position the ball occupies once it has been pushed over the tipping point into the adjacent valley (ecosystem state). In the context of disasters, we might assume that socio-ecological tipping points are likely to be breached, but that, given inherent uncertainty, our knowledge of where these tipping points lie is poor. Davoudie *et al.* (2012, p.302) thus offered up the concept of evolutionary resilience, which they indicate "*challenges the whole idea of equilibrium and advocates that the very nature of systems may change over time with or without an external disturbance*". They go on to stress the paradigm shift in thinking that this concept represents, whereby the past system behaviour is no longer a useful indication of the future system behaviour and that the socio-ecological system can suddenly change and never return to its future state. Evolutionary resilience draws heavily on the work of Holling (for example, 1973), and in particular the

concept of panarchy (Holling and Gunderson, 2002) based on the adaptive cycle which Slootweg and Jones (2011) have already identified as having the potential to improve Strategic Environmental Assessment. The adaptive cycle is illustrated in figure 3.

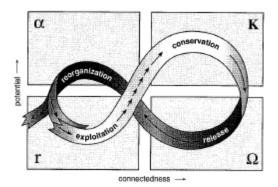


Figure 3: The adaptive cycle (Source: Holling, 2001, p.394)

The adaptive cycle suggests that for any ecological system, a period of growth (involving exploitation of resources) is followed by more stability and an emphasis on conservation of the resources locked up in the system. After a tipping point is passed, the system collapses, releasing resources. This phase then leads to reorganisation and a new adaptive cycle – although the new cycle may represent an entirely different ecological system. Panarchy is represented by a series of adaptive cycles operating at different geographical and temporal scales, although the cycles are connected and therefore have implications for each other. Whilst originally developed for ecological systems, the concept of resilience is now applied to socio-ecological systems, and so overlaps with the domain of impact assessment.

To summarise, natural disasters are inherently uncertain, or in risk management terms, ambiguous. Even anthropogenically-caused disasters are complex, with little understanding of the cumulative errors that might lead to different outcomes, given the large number of errors involved. Post-normal science is more appropriate for analysing these risks as the basis for management strategies as indicated in the risk management escalator (figure 1). In order to develop strategies in a timely fashion, *ex ante* assessment is required which embeds post-normal science. Evolutionary resilience seems to provide a potentially useful concept as it acknowledges that severe perturbation of systems can change them indefinitely, which is counter to the normal way Governments operate which makes the normative assumption that the current state of the socio-ecological environment experienced by people is the one worth preserving. What resilience offers us is a "*structured way of looking at complexity, uncertainty and interrelatedness of systems and processes*" (Slootweg and Jones, 2011, p.263) such that, rather than seeking to prevent change, we should seek to accept and accommodate it. Such a change in philosophy can already be detected in climate change assessment where increasing focus is placed on adaptation rather than mitigation. A move towards managed retreat from coastal defences might provide an example.

The next question is what impact assessment will look like if it is to embed evolutionary resilience? Here it is clear that consideration of climate change impacts, and also cumulative impacts, call into question a focus on maintaining the existing baseline and implementing mitigation measures. In the former case, Agrawala et al. (2012) argue for an increasing focus on adaptation in EIA to manage climate risks; it is not possible to prevent climate change given the anthropogenic pollutants already emitted, and so the focus is shifting further towards adaptation. For cumulative impacts, Canter and Atkinson (2010) focus on adaptive management to increase system resilience; it is clear that addressing individual projects is inadequate in protecting the baseline and, again, some adaptation to inevitable change is warranted. What we can draw from these studies is that we should not attempt to prevent the unpreventable (for example climate change), and that the continual accumulation of development will require systematic reviews of the ability of the system to recover from shocks (disasters). What needs to change is that society needs to start accepting the inevitably of change, and also that unforeseen disasters will occur. Acknowledging this can better prepare for the aftermath although, as Davoudi et al. (2012, p.305) point out, "the adaptive cycle seems overly deterministic, not allowing for human intervention to break cycles through their ingenuity, technology and foresight. Ecologists recognise this limitation and have, hence, suggested that in the social context adaptive cycles and their outcomes should be considered as tendencies rather than inevitabilities". So EIA should retain its traditional role of predicting what can be predicted and mitigating where possible, as long as the ambiguity and uncertainty is acknowledged and managed through an increasing focus on adaptation.

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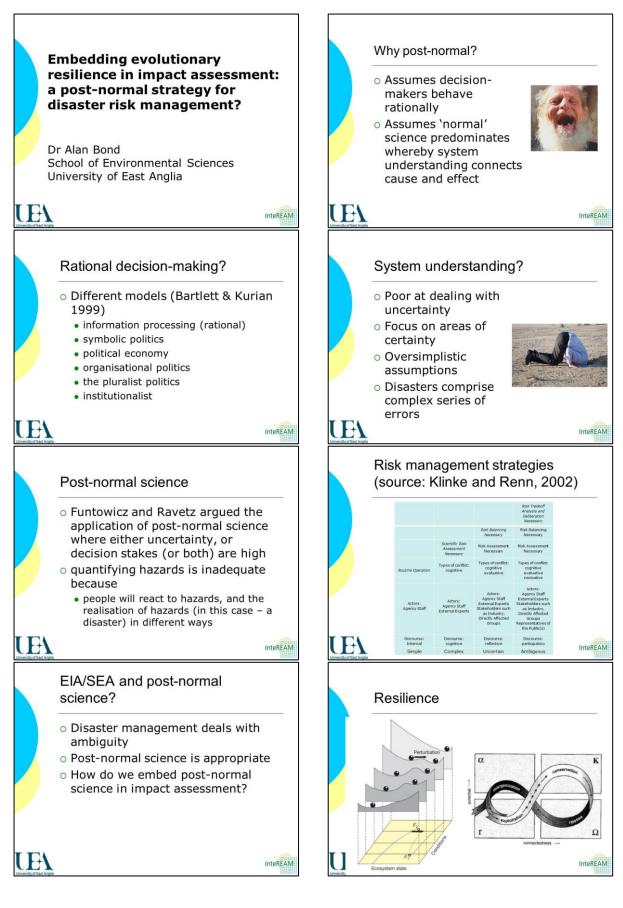
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Japanese EIA system and its practice relevant to disaster management

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Abstract

There is a strong link between environmental damage and disasters. EIA is applied to human activities with potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. It implies that EIA can be a key tool to identify, evaluate and respond to serious environmental issues caused by disasters. Although Japanese EIA has yet to be well-designed in terms of disaster management, some disaster-related issues have been considered in EIA. This presentation will introduce such practices and institutional frameworks in Japanese EIA system.

日本における環境アセスメントと災害管理の政策統合の制度と実態

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環境破壊と災害は、強く結びついている。EIA は、環境に大きな悪影響を及ぼす恐れのある人間の活動に適用される。災害によって生じる深刻な環境問題を特定し、評価し、それに対応するための重要なツールに EIA がなり得ることを、これは示唆しているのである。日本の EIA は、災害管理の点で未だ適切に策定されていないが、EIA において一部の災害関連課題が検討されてきた。本プレゼンテーションは、日本の EIA 制度におけるそのような実践と制度的枠組みを紹介する。

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1. Introduction

There is a strong link between environmental damage and disasters. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is applied to human activities with potentially significant environmental impacts. It implies that EIA can be a key tool to identify, evaluate and prevent serious disasters. Disaster management, however, has yet to be well-considered in Japanese EIA system, some relation would be observed especially in local EIA ordinances. In this study, practices and institutional frameworks of some examples are introduced.

2. Institutional settings and practices of EIA relevant to disaster management

2-1. Disaster related survey

Regarding disaster related survey, two types of surveys are carried out; one is material-based survey, the other one is field-based survey.

Material based surveys are divided into two types: one is regulation survey. Taking a forestland development for example, "Forest Reserve", "Control of Soil Erosion" and "Landslide Prevention" are major related regulations which are commonly examined in the scoping process. The other material-based survey is non-regulated materials such as active fault maps, past seismic records, past flood records and so forth. These materials can be utilized for identification both of the disaster risk and prevention measures.

Regarding field surveys, core sample surveys and landslide surveys are conducted for collecting basic information of landslide risk identification.

2-2. Disaster related environmental components

Table 1 shows a typical matrix using in the scoping process in Japan. As far as conducting survey randomly (not systematic) of EISs which were undertaken under EIA act or ordinances, it was clarified that disaster related EIAs were mainly found in the "Topology and geology", and some were in "Hydrometeorology". For instance, landslide risks were assessed in the Topology and geology, and flood risks are assessed in the Hydrometeorology. Those characteristics were shown both of the EIA act and local ordinances.

Also, some EIA ordinances are more considering disaster risks than the EIA act. For instance, Yokohama City and Kawasaki City prescribe "safety" as an evaluation item of environmental component. It includes disaster related matters such as fire disaster, explosion, flood disaster and so forth.

In addition, the EIA ordinance of Yokohama City has a provision relating to secondary disasters caused by natural disaster. Actually, following items are prescribed; landslide, fire disaster, chemical contamination leak caused by earthquakes. In general, as EIA ordinances in many local governments don't consider secondary disasters, it's a unique prescription. In reality, however, it is rarely focused as evaluation items since environmental components are partially selected according to characteristics of projects.

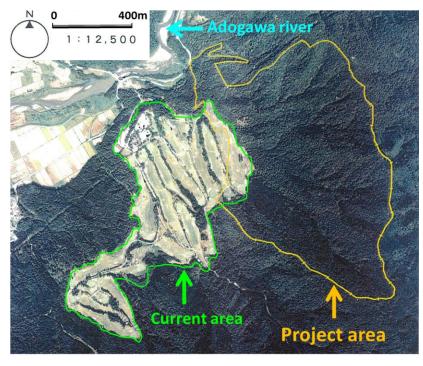
		Project action						
			Construction			Operation		
Environmental component		Land transformation	Building construction	Construction vehicles	Existence of facility	Operation of facility	Relevant vehicles	
I . Physical and Che	emical characteristics							
	Air quality							
Atmospheric	Noise							
environment	Vibration							
environment	Odor							
	Other							
	Hydrometeorology	х				Х		
Water	Water quality							
environment	Sediment quality							
	Groudwater/Aquifer							
Soil and other	Coil and other Topography/Geology	Х				Х		
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Fauna								
Ecosystem								
III. Social and Cultur	ral factors							
Scenery								
Recreation								
Waste								
GHGs, etc								
Cultural assets								
Safety	Fire/explosion etc					Х		

Table 1. Disaster related environmental components

3. Case study of EIA relevant to disaster management

In this paper, a golf course expansion project is introduced as an example which was proposed in Shiga prefecture. As the site of the project was covered with forestland and residential areas were located in the downstream sections from the site, disaster risks of landslide due to the project should be considered.

In this case, seismic hazard was evaluated on the basis of past seismic records and active fault surveys. Regarding seismic records, old records were described. According to this survey, the oldest seismic event occurred in the year 976 which was during the Heian period in Japan (see Figure 2, 3). Also, locations of epicenter and levels of magnitude are indicated on the map. Thus, a wide range of records is sometimes collected spatially and temporally to identify seismic risks.



Project overview

- Golf course expansion

- Site Location:
- Shiga Prefecture, Japan
- 1995 Scoping document
- 1998 DEIS, FEIS - 71.2ha (Forestland)

Figure 1. Site of EIA case in Shiga Prefecture, Golf Course Expansion Project

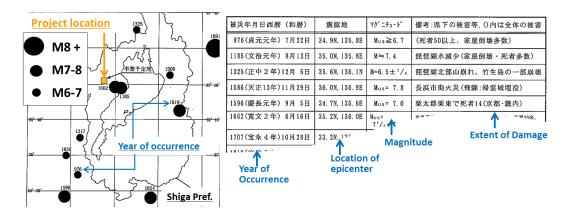


Figure 2. Past Seismic Survey

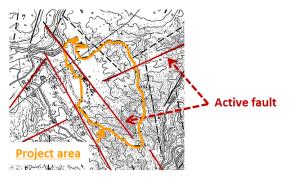


Figure 3. Active Fault Survey

Table 2 shows a landslide evaluation. In this case, landslide risks had been evaluated by a quantitative approach from three categories of environmental components; Topography, Geology/Groundwater and Landslide occurrence situation. Each category was subdivided into more specific components such as gradient, form of slope etc.

The magnitude of the impact on each environmental component was assessed on the basis of surveys, and the evaluation score was decided according to the criteria. For instance, as the gradient was classified as $15 \sim 8$ degrees, the evaluation score given was 12. Then, the sum of evaluation scores was calculated. In this case, the sum was 77. And finally, landslide risk was classified into three categories according to criteria. As a result, it was concluded that this case had a large landslide risk.

Figure 4 is a map of disaster prevention plan. A regulating reservoir for flood control was proposed as a mitigation measure in the EIA process. The capacity was determined by the prediction of changing hydrological regime. In addition, specific construction methods to prevent soil erosion were planned. These countermeasures were typically addressed to prevent disasters in forestland development.

Evaluation score									
Environmental c	omponent	criteria	V	criteria		criteria	V	criteria	
Topography	gradient	25° <	6	25~15°	8	15~8°		8°>	3
Topography	form	侵 食	12	集 水	6	複 合	4	散 水	3
Goology	geology	断層破砕帯	6	流れ盤	5	受け盤	3	水平・無層理	2
Geology,	stratum	古琵琶湖層群	6	丹波带	5	丹波帯	3		
Groundwater	lithofacies	砂礫・粘土 火山灰層	10	粘板岩 頁岩等	8	砂岩・チャート	6	砂礫層	2
	aeretion	強 風 化	6	風 化	5	新 鮮	3		
	groundwater	常時湧水	6	雨期湧水	6	降雨時湧水	5	地下水位低い	3
Landslide	landslide	70% <	12	70~40%	9	40~10%	6	10%>	3
	stability	移動中	8	やや不安定	\bigcirc	不 明	6	安定している	3
occurrence	landslide around site	斜面上位	6	斜面下位	5	斜面側方	~ 4	なし	2
situation	damage	ブロック中有	12	プロック下位	9	プロック上位	6	なし	3

Table 2. Land Slid	e Risk Evaluation
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		Sum	= 77	
	Category	The sum of evaluation scores	Evaluation of landslide risk	
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scores		П	57-70	Medium
		Ш	Less than 57	Small

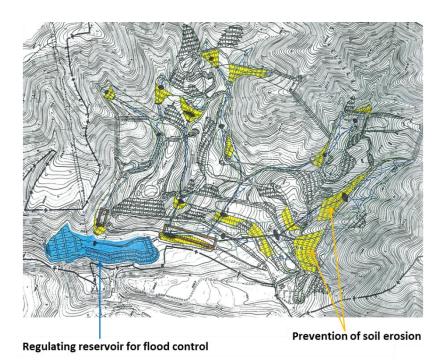
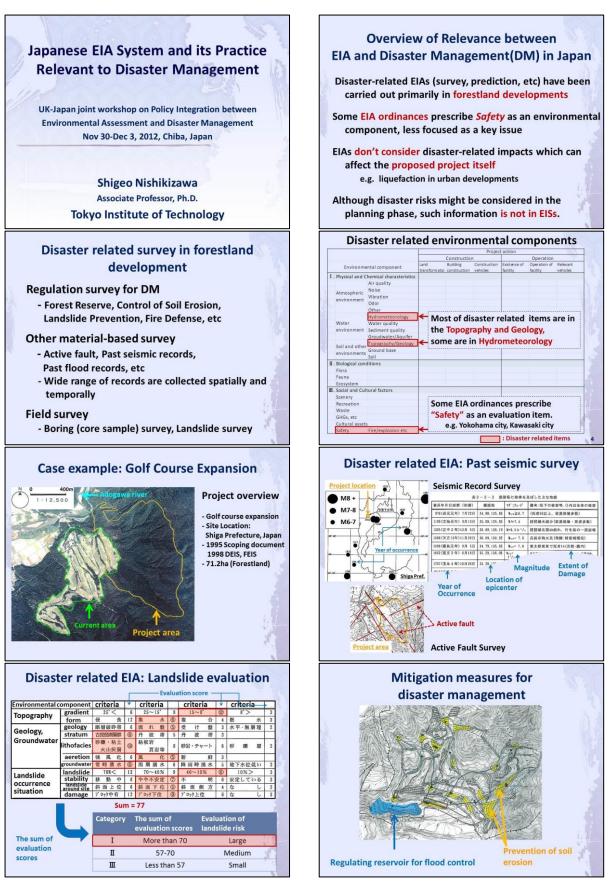


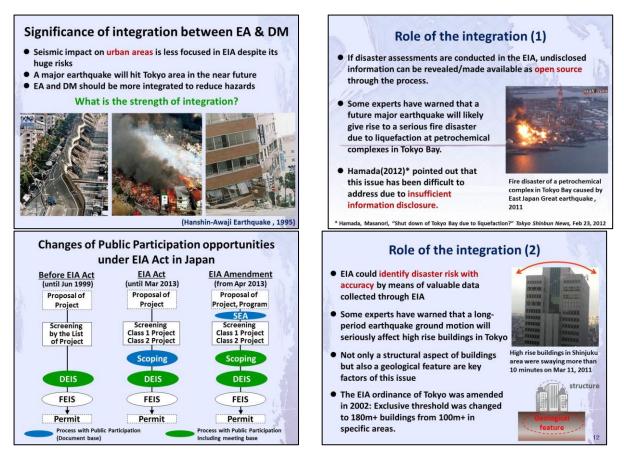
Figure 4. Mitigation measures for disaster management

4. Conclusion

Firstly, disaster related EIAs have been carried out primarily in forestland developments such as commercial facility constructions, road constructions and so forth, because these types of projects sometimes lead to serious disaster. Second, some EIA ordinances prescribe "safety" as an environmental component, but actually, it hasn't been very often focused as a key issue.

In general, EIAs don't consider disaster-related impacts which can affect the proposed project itself, particularly in impacts caused by seismic activity. For example, EIA which is conducted in urban developments don't consider potential impacts of a ground liquefaction accompanying earthquakes. This point has still remained as future study to be cleared.





Implications of the absence of EA requirements for civil emergency plans

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Abstract

Plans and programmes that only serve civil emergencies are exempt from undergoing Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Since climate change is expected to result in more frequent climactic emergencies, the use of emergency plans is expected to increase. This, in conjunction with the findings of the investigation in to the Buncefield Oil Storage and Transfer Depot explosion and subsequent emergency response, which resulted in significant environmental pollution, has prompted this study of the possible environmental impacts of such plans and whether the SEA exemption results in negative environmental effects being missed or not mitigated for. Emergency plans use a range of techniques, some structural, others not, to minimise the impacts of hazards, some of which have the potential to have negative impacts on the environment. Relatively few of the plans assessed would be subject to the exemption, most not satisfying the other criteria. Those that do could potentially result in surface and groundwater pollution, waste dispersal, ecological, cultural or historical impacts, energy and carbon resource use and drainage impacts. The ability of SEA to mitigate potential effects is limited by restrictions on consultation and the flexibility required to react to emergency events but non-statutory scoping consultations, if possible, could provide benefits. Emergency management uses other mechanisms to protect the environment, such as the requirement for emergency plans to consider environmental impacts, the required involvement of environmental bodies in the decision-making process and the ability to pass emergency regulations to protect the environment.

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民事緊急時計画に対する環境アセスメント適用規定の不在について

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民事緊急事態のみを対象とする計画とプログラムは、戦略的環境アセスメント (SEA)の適用除外であ る。気候変動によって気候関連の緊急事態の頻度が高まると予想されることから、緊急計画の活用も 増えることが予想される。このこと、また、深刻な環境汚染を引き起こしたバンスフィールド油槽所 の爆発火災とその後の緊急対応の調査結果が、本研究の引き金であり、そのような計画のもたらし得 る環境影響と、SEA 適用除外によって環境への悪影響が見逃されているあるいは緩和されていないか どうかを、検討した。危険の影響を最小限に抑えるために、緊急計画は、構造的なものもそうでない ものも含め、広範な技術を活用するが、中には環境に悪影響を及ぼす恐れがあるものもある。評価さ れた計画のうち、比較的少数が適用除外になるが、大半は、他の基準を満たしていない。満たすもの も、地表汚染と地下水汚染、廃棄物の飛散、生態学的、文化的あるいは歴史的な影響、エネルギーと 炭素資源の使用、排水汚染をもたらす恐れがある。緊急事態の対応に必要な諮問と融通性が限定され ているため、潜在的な影響を緩和する SEA の能力は限られているが、制定法で認められていないスコ ーピング諮問が、可能であれば、利益をもたらし得る。緊急事態管理は、環境保護に向けて、環境影 響の考慮という緊急計画の要件、意思決定プロセスへの環境団体の強制関与、環境保護のための有事 規制制定能力など他のメカニズムを活用する。

Environmental impacts of civil emergency plans and of their exemption from SEA

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Abstract

Various measures to mitigate for disasters are included within emergency plans, some of which could potentially have impacts on the environment. One method of limiting or mitigating for these effects could be through SEA but such plans are exempt from SEA. Emergency plans were assessed to see if they satisfy SEA criteria and would be exempt. Most did not satisfy the criteria but those that did contained mitigation measures that could potentially affect the marine environment, surface and ground water quality, localised habitat, historical or cultural features and have resource use and wider carbon and energy use implications. These factors are likely to be considered via the involvement of environmental authorities in the plan-making process and emergency response but possible benefits from the incorporation of elements of SEA could be beneficial for site-specific plans subject to further study involving engagement with environmental regulators.

The main aims of this study were to assess the possible environmental impacts used in emergency responses as dictated by emergency plans and to identify which types of plan would be likely to be exempt from SEA, therefore giving an indication of the possible environmental impacts of the exemption. This initial work has highlighted that the implementation of emergency plans is as important as the plans themselves in terms of providing scope for the protection of the environment. Possible benefits of environmental assessment are considered prior to recommendations for further study to determine their usefulness in practice. Firstly, a view of the types of emergency plan is provided.

Types of Emergency Plan

Legislation	Producer of Plan	Plan Type
Civil Contingencies Act 2004	Local, regional, national authorities	Area-wide EP
	Category 1 Responders	Business Continuity Plan
Control of Major Accident Hazards	Local authorities	'Off-site' EP
(COMAH) Regulations 1999	Site operators	'On-site' EP
	Emergency Preparedness Local authorities	
Public information (REPPIR) Regulations 2001	Site operators and companies transporting radioactive substances	'On-site' EP
Pipeline Safety Regulations (PSR) 1996	Local authorities through which pipelines pass	'Off-site' EP

Emergency plans are required by the legislation shown in the table below.

EP = Emergency Plan, BCP = Business Continuity Plan

Table 1: Types of emergency plans, their producers and legislative background

Other legislation also requires the production of emergency plans but these are not covered in this study. They include the Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations 2000, Ionising Radiation Regulations 1999, Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 and the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987, the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation Convention) Regulations 1998 and Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

These plans contain elements that are common to all, such as specifying the roles and responsibilities of the people and organisations involved before, during and after the emergency, highlighting the triggers for various actions to be initiated, including marking of different phases of the response/recovery and references to other relevant plans. They all are all also affected by controls on the public accessibility of specific information due to security and/or commercial confidentiality considerations. However, variations exist in the degree to which they are single or multiple authority focussed, they target single or multiple hazards, they are general or only consider one element of the operational response and whether they are specific to the response or recovery phase.

There are also large variations in the information included within them, depending on the legislation requiring them and the resultant purpose of the plan. For example, plans produced for specific known sites, like those required by COMAH and REPPIR, contain detailed analyses of possible hazards and similarly detailed mitigation measures to combat them. Whereas plans produced by authorities in accordance with CCA tend to be less detailed to provide flexibility for responders given the lesser certainty surrounding the exact locations of the hazards involved.

All of these plans should connect to each other in an emergency planning framework, which includes business continuity plans, and which is regularly tested and reviewed. The mitigation measures contained within them and possible environmental impacts are covered in the following section.

Emergency Mitigation Measures and their Environmental and Health Impacts

Emergency plans include the following categories of measures to mitigate for the various emergency scenarios:

- Managing the behaviour of professionals and the public during emergencies, for instance through guidance on congregation, evacuation, quarantine and animal culls, with full consideration paid to human rights issues;
- Providing guidance for emergency responders on tangible (structural and non-structural) elements of the response phase, including on organisational logistics, providing temporary shelters and waste transfer measures; and
- Helping the various elements of the recovery phase, for instance by restoring housing following a flood, liaising with affected communities and debriefing to learn lessons for future events.

The following possible environmental impacts of these mitigation measures include hypothetical scenarios and actual impacts that have occurred but does not include measures that are not outlined in emergency plans, like those that are implemented under emergency powers or duties, like flood defence works. Over 40 emergency plans were studied to conduct this assessment.

<u>Population and human health</u>: Civil emergency plans minimise impacts on populations and human health through the physical treatment of people during an event, including the provision of shelter, healthcare, food, and if necessary measures to help the bereaved. Negative environmental impacts could arise through the siting of temporary structures, like rest centres, humanitarian assistance centres, demountable facilities large enough to house 600 fatalities and sites for the temporary storage of medical waste in environmentally sensitive areas. The likelihood of temporary centres having impacts on the environment is reduced by the wide geographical spread, and therefore use, of existing schools, community halls, council buildings (MSDC 2011, ECC 2007) and developed areas close to hospitals (DoH 2003).

<u>Material assets</u>: Infrastructure provided in response to a civil emergency could include the repair, replacement, and/or temporary provision of:

- Waste management facilities or processing areas: Large quantities of waste could result, either from the event, like an oil spill, or by the response, through the use of fire fighting water and foam (COMAH 2011, IMPEL 2011) and the culling of animals after foot-and-mouth or rabies infections.
- Temporary bunded sites might be needed to store waste until it can be dealt with (SCC 2008), for example, two sites were set up after the flooding in Carlisle in 2005 (Carlisle CC 2005). These could lie within environmentally sensitive areas, as occurred in the response to the Sea Empress oil spill in 1996 (Colcomb et al 1997)
- Accommodation centres would be needed to house and provide logistical support to volunteers involved in the clean up of shoreline oil pollution.
- Health care facilities and emergency mortuaries: See the previous section on population and human health.
- Dams, bunds and riverbed barriers: These can be pollution prevention measures that can halt the flow of pollution in to groundwater or surface water receptors, as undertaken to reduce the spread of contaminants following the failure of a containment bund at Kolontar in Hungary in 2010 (IMPEL 2011). However, this could mean the pollution affects other areas, which could also be environmentally sensitive.
- Recovery infrastructure: Given that almost any structure or community could be affected by one or more of the events listed in the National Risk Register and that recovery includes rebuilding and regeneration, it is reasonable to consider that almost all infrastructure could be needed to be replaced or upgraded as part of the recovery from a certain event. This includes transport, energy and communications infrastructure, housing, educational facilities and commercial and industrial buildings. Other elements of the national infrastructure would support affected areas until recovery has restored local capacity for these services. For example, gas storage capacity has increased to compensate for a disruption in supply, both for domestic and industrial electricity generation (POST 2004). However, these developments are not specified in pre-existing recovery plans. Instead, they set the platform to enable decisions to be made.

<u>Air and climatic factors</u>: Impacts from civil emergency plans on air quality, like those that involve pyres for culled cattle, are unlikely to be significant. However, the use of in-situ burning to remove oil from the sea would be more significant, depending on the size of the oil release, a technique recently reviewed and accepted by the UK Oil Spill Prevention and Response Advisory Group (OSPRAG 2011). Large-scale transport, for instance of waste materials or for the construction of replacement infrastructure, would also

increase carbon dioxide and local air pollution emissions. Releases from industrial sites can cause atmospheric pollution. For example, a loss of containment occurred at Heilbronn in Germany in 2010, when an accidental build up of a cloud of hydrochloric acid within a chemical plant building was released into the atmosphere when the building ventilation was turned on (IMPEL 2011). However, the release of gaseous pollutants in to the atmosphere is advised against if they would be harmful to people or the environment. Instead, the suppression of any explosion or construction of plant strong enough to withstand the pressures is advised to prevent the uncontrolled loss of containment.

Soil and water: Civil emergency plans generally aim to minimise contamination of soil and water through spills or accidents. For instance, some plans to tackle marine oil spills involve the use of booms and absorbents to recover oil from the water, when the weather allows. Absorbents have been seen to have potentially negative effects on marine corals (Gupta 2010), although they are not necessarily more toxic than the oil they are dispersing (Fuller 2004) and any negative effects would have to be balanced against the improvement caused by oil not reaching the shoreline. Plans for industrial accidents could lead to the construction of bunds, dams or riverbed barriers to contain pollution from accidents, as mentioned in the material assets section previously, or indeed from the foam or fire-fighting water used to combat them. The fire fighting foam and water can have negative environmental impacts if not contained, as occurred at Buncefield (COMAH 2011) and following fires at the Universal Freight Warehouse in Yorkshire in 1982 (HSE 2012), at Allied Colloids Ltd in Bradford in 1992 (HSE 2012) and at a wood recycling plant in Saint-Cyprien in France in 2008 (IMPEL 2011). Recovered oil, pollution absorbent and affected sand and soil must be treated as hazardous waste. This must go to a licensed waste facility, although it can initially be stored on a bunded or contained paved area. If available waste facilities are overwhelmed, temporary sites would be needed. The initial storage area, transport and temporary sites all have the potential to pollute nearby soils, surface water and groundwater, if the sites are not contained and vehicles not adequately cleaned.

<u>Biodiversity</u>, fauna, flora: These could be affected by several types of civil emergency plans, for instance those that involve temporary site emergency centres , pyres for culled animals or waste storage sites in sensitive areas. Water diversion could affect riverine biodiversity. Coasts and estuaries host a large number of environmentally sensitive areas like Special Protection Areas and Ramsar sites. In the case of an oil spill or shipping accident, emergency facilities, like accommodation centres, or equipment may need to be provided on these sites, or waste and materials may need to be moved through them. The use of heavy vehicles and aggressive clean up procedures could also damage the existing habitats (NCC 2009). However, the possible environmental impacts of any mitigation measures would need to be weighed up against the effects of not using them. For example, dispersants, as covered in the previous section, are often used in oil spills to avoid the oil reaching sensitive locations.

<u>Cultural heritage and landscape</u>: Effects on cultural heritage sites or landscapes would only really occur if sensitive areas were affected by temporary structures. Churches could be impacted as they are community-focussed buildings that could be used in times of need to provide temporary shelter, although most settlements are likely to also have schools or community halls nearby. Otherwise, the only effects that the emergency mitigation measures could have would tend to result from the construction of emergency infrastructure, like dams, pits and bunds that would need to be undertaken without the archaeological assessment usually required for planning permission. Therefore, the development could either unwittingly

impact on an unknown heritage site or would need to occur before the normal mitigation measures to preserve the site or artefacts have occurred or before they have been documented.

The possible worse-case scenarios described above are generally likely to be far less significant or undesirable than the overall effects of the emergencies they are designed to mitigate for.

Emergency Plans and the SEA Selection Criteria and Exemption

The SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) exempts plans and programmes "the sole purpose of which is to serve national defence and civil emergency" from undergoing SEA. A similar exemption exists for projects solely serving civil emergency within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive (85/337/EEC as amended).

This exemption does not include plans for the proactive reduction of risks, for example through the construction of infrastructure, like the Thames Barrier, to avoid flooding in London from tidal surges. The European Commission's guidance on SEA is clear that only reactive plans should be thought of as serving civil emergency.

The plans investigated previously for their possible environmental impacts, were assessed to see if they would be subject to the SEA Directive's exemption. Diagram 1 shows the decision-making required to determine whether a plan would have been subject to SEA were it not for the exemption.

The only plans considered to meet the SEA criteria and thus be exempt were those plans produced by local authorities that tackle oil spill emergencies as required through CCA, 'off-site' industrial and pipeline emergencies as required through COMAH and PSR, respectively, and CCA generic recovery plans.

The potential environmental impacts of the mitigation measures in the exempt plans include;

- The potential pollution of the marine environment through the use of dispersants;
- Ecological impacts from the use of heavy vehicles to transport oil-spill waste and from the possible siting of waste storage and transfer centres close to what could be sensitive environmental areas;
- The pollution of surface water and groundwater through the use of fire fighting water and foam, should containment be unsuccessful;
- Localised habitat and potentially historical or cultural damage due to the construction of bunds, dams or riverbed barriers and possible effects of altered flows on sensitive local areas;
- Resource implications of the replacement and regeneration of affected areas and communities in the recovery process, including energy and carbon costs; and
- Ecological damage as a result of having to re-site affected infrastructure to non-brownfield sites.

These impacts would only be equivalent to the effects of the exemption if it could be established both that SEA would stop them from occurring and that no other legislation or mechanisms exist that would stop them from occurring, for example via the involvement of environmental organisations with statutory duties in the emergency response process. To benefit the environmental performance of emergency responses environmental assessment would need to either improve the plans or the ways they are implemented. As

mentioned earlier the degree of information included in different types of plans varies. The less detailed non-site-specific plans do not have such a definitive impact on the emergency response, instead providing flexibility and scope for real-time decision-making. With this in mind, possible benefits of environmental assessment are discussed below.

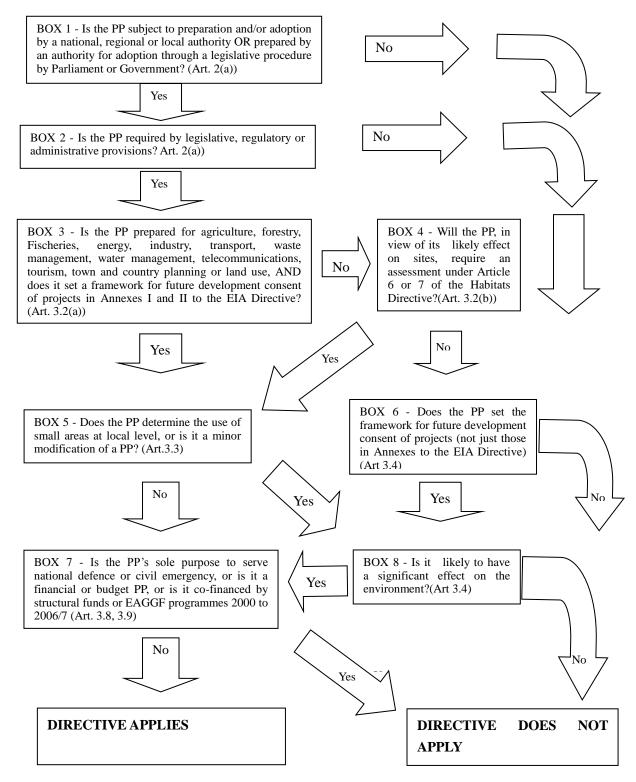


Diagram 1 – Application of the SEA Directive to plans and programmes (Therivel personal communication)

Possible benefits of environmental assessment prior to an emergency occurring

The use of environmental assessment procedures during emergency plan production to benefit the environmental performance of emergency responses would be more applicable to site-specific than non-site-specific hazard plans because hazards and resultant mitigation measures and any subsequent environmental impacts can be assessed more thoroughly and they define, more closely, the likely emergency response.

Site-specific hazards are already strictly regulated through COMAH, REPPIR and PSR, requiring detailed information on hazard characteristics to inform the use of preventative measures to make the risks as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP). COMAH Regulations require that risks to the environment are considered and COMAH sites are jointly regulated by the Competent Authority consisting of the Environment Agency and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA). Changes in primary legislation would be needed before the REPPIR and PSR emergency plans would need to consider environmental impacts.

Off-site plans are required to dovetail with CCA plans for the area concerned, which will consider the environmental impact, largely through the involvement of the same local authority emergency planners who would have been informed of environmental sensitivities during the plan creation process by the Environment Agency or SEPA and through real-time contact with them as Category One responders during any emergency response and recovery. The same environmental data would also be accessible to the emergency planner through the local authority town planning department that will have received the data from the Environment Agency or SEPA as statutory consultees in the Town Planning process.

Two possible advantages of incorporating environmental assessment into the production of emergency plans seem to be the formalisation of the need for the environment to be considered and certain aspects of the procedures required. From initial contact had with officers regulating these sites, it is likely that no formalisation would be needed for COMAH sites and improvement upon the mitigation measures in the emergency plans is not likely to be gained from the provision of alternatives, because of the necessity to keep risks ALARP and use of risk hierarchies. Any improvements through increased public consultation could well be outweighed by the current reasons for restrictions on information, namely: security, commercial confidentiality and personal privacy.

Further study is suggested into the processes of site-specific emergency plan creation and further liaison with practitioners about the potential efficacy of these benefits.

Possible benefits of environmental assessment during an emergency

Any benefits, during an emergency, would only result if a concise form of environmental assessment could be developed that would not significantly slow down the emergency response. The environmental consequences of plan implementation should already be included in the real-time decision making via the statutory involvement of the Environment Agency or SEPA as Category One responders under the CCA. Well defined roles for Environment Agency staff for different types of emergencies exist that enable information on the environmental sensitivities of areas affected or surrounding emergency sites to be

provided and technical expertise pertinent to various hazard types, like those associated with regulated industrial sites, to be included. The effectiveness of this mechanism is dependent on the Environment Agency's and SEPA's own business continuity plans but regular exercises help to embed behaviour and thinking and highlight potential areas to work on.

Conclusions

Emergency plans contain various mitigation measures, of which some could have environmental impacts, but all are exempt from SEA. While the majority of plans do not meet the SEA criteria anyway, some do but are exempt from SEA. Their possible impacts could affect the marine environment, surface and ground water quality, localised habitat, historical or cultural features and have resource use and wider carbon and energy use implications, in the absence of other environmental protection mechanisms. However, there are other mechanisms, especially the involvement of environmental authorities in the plan creation and implementation processes. Further study is advised to assess the possible benefits to site-specific emergency management of aspects of SEA, within the plan production stage, namely: the formalisation of environmental impacts in a report, the setting of environmental objectives and performance criteria, the requirement for alternatives to be considered and for text demonstrating how feedback from consultees has been incorporated, or not, and the identification of future monitoring indicators to help post-emergency review. A real-time form of environmental assessment would be needed to be applied during the implementation of CCA plans, to potentially improve their environmental impact.

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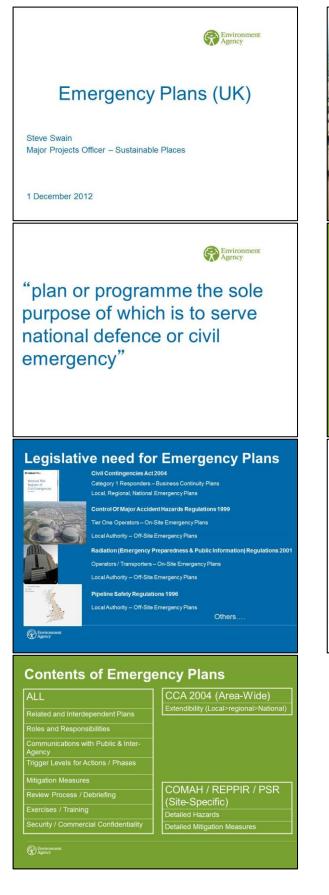
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Isle of Grain LNG Terminal



Consideration of the Environment

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Non-SEA Mechanisms

> Involvement of EA / SEPA - Off-site / Area-wide

Category 1 Responder; Sit on Resilience Forums – input into plan creation, Involved in emergency response - lead on flood risk, participate for pollution control

> Indirect / Direct consideration in legislation

COMAH environmental remit COMAH, REPPIR, PSR reduce probability of emergencies occurring

Thank you for listening

Environment

Reconstruction and Mass Relocation Initiatives by the Resident Association -Sakihama District, Ofunato City- (Source: NPO Iwate Community Support Center)

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Abstract

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巨大津波は、2011 年 3 月 11 日 15 時 15 分、崎浜地区に到達した。約 50 世帯が流され、10 人が死亡あ るいは行方不明となった。迅速な再建を促進するために、2011 年 6 月 29 日、崎浜再建協議会 が設け られた。協議会 は、住民団体代表、被災者、元市長、岩手大学職員と NPO 職員を含む、メンバー22 人で構成されている。2012 年 4 月、候補地での試掘中に調査を要する文化財が発見されたため、考古 学的調査が完了し次第、移住先が詳細に設計され建設が開始される予定である。

JICA's Environmental and Social Consideration on Public Involvement "Reconstruction and Mass Relocation Initiatives by the Resident Association -Sakihama, Ofunato City- (Source: NPO Iwate Community Support Center)"

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1. JICA's environmental and social considerations

The implementation of a development study by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is based on a request for technical cooperation from a developing country and the ensuing examination for project approval by related organizations. When approval for a project is granted, a preliminary study is conducted first, followed by a full-scale study by a consultant team. In the full-scale study stage, both a Master Plan Study (M/P) and a Feasibility Study (F/S) may be conducted, or a Feasibility Study may be implemented directly without implementing a Master Plan Study. In large-scale infrastructure and some other projects, a social and environmental consideration study may be conducted before the preliminary study from the viewpoint of ensuring appropriate consideration of environmental and social impacts. In formulating a Master Plan, if the recipient country conducts an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE), JICA usually helps the country to implement the IEE, and may dispatch a full-scale study team to provide assistance from the planning stage to ensure that the Project Executing Organization will implement the IEE properly. As for Feasibility Studies, JICA basically provides technical assistance for environmental assessments to be conducted by Project Proponents.

After its 1990 introduction of guidelines for environmental considerations for dam projects, JICA developed and used thematic guidelines in 20 sectors, including those of mining and manufacturing, social development (e.g., roads, ports/harbors and airports), and agriculture, forestry and Fischeries. In recent years, however, the importance of social considerations, in particular, has been increasingly recognized for development studies on large-scale infrastructure and some other projects, requiring a shift in focus to environmental and social considerations, not solely environmental considerations. The following section, entitled "Circumstances of the revision of the JICA Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations," outlines the review of the shift in focus and gives details of the guidelines' revision.

2. Circumstances of the revision of the JICA Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations

The new JICA Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations have been implemented and applied to technical cooperation projects since April 1, 2004. The Committee for Revising the JICA Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations, established in December 2002 and comprising specialists representing academia, NGOs, the private sector and related ministries of the Japanese government, met 19 times up to September 2003. The Committee meetings, featuring lively discussions, were open to the public, and allowed members and non-members alike to express their views in order to

ensure transparency of the proceedings. All the minutes of the meetings are available on JICA's website. To strengthen environmental considerations, the Committee analyzed problems of JICA's past development studies and examined surveys on the current status of environmental considerations conducted by other international lending agencies and aid organizations. Accordingly, the Committee made recommendations on the Basic Principles. Subsequently, the October 2008 merger between JICA and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Operations wing of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) led to the integration of two sets of respective guidelines for environmental and social considerations after open discussions by a committee tasked with merging the guidelines. The new JICA Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations, integrated on April 1, 2010, have been applied to all JICA's support projects, including Preparatory Surveys.

We have several training courses regarding environmental impact assessment every year. JICA training course on Public Participation, Consensus Building and Resettlement in Public Works Project for Asian Countries was held in September 2012. In this training course, I visited to sakihama disaster area by Tsunami in Iwate prefecture with 11 participants (Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal, Laos, Sri Lanka, East -Timor and Pakistan.) Stakeholders meeting is important issue for JICA's Environmental and Social Consideration Guideline. Therefore we had discussed on voluntary resettlement to the heights with devastated Fischermen group by Tsunami.



Photo No.1 Sakihama disaster area by Tsunami



Photo No.2 Participants at the Sakihama temporary housing

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Photo No.3 Ofunato city-Devastated building by Tsunami



Photo No.4 Discussion with sufferer at the temporary housing

3. Overview of the Sakihama District
Overview of Sakihama Koekikai
A residents' association encompassing all households
13 board members including: Chair, vice-chair, 8 directors, 3 auditors
General accounting budget of 5.6 million yen (2010)
Roles and Business of Sakihama Koekikai
Maintenance and improvement of owned and managed forest land , New installation and maintenance of security lighting: Implementation of public welfare work, Promotion and support for social education activities, Promotion of traffic safety measures, Representation at municipal affairs workshops, lobbying for improvement of the regional environment, etc. Promotion of social welfare services, Organization of various training programs, round-table discussions and lectures, Maintenance of deer control netting and clearing of underbrush in and around Shiraiso Park, Promotion of fire prevention activities in the district, Implementation of improvement projects for fishing villages, Other

4. Situation in the Sakihama District

March 11, 2011, The earthquake occurred at 14:46. The tsunami reached the area at approximately 15:15. Approximately 50 households were affected. 10 people died or went missing.

Current Conditions:

Disaster victims are living in emergency temporary housing and rental apartments (Minashi Temporary Housing) in the district. Sakihama Elementary School is being used as emergency temporary housing. Numerous student apartments related to the university in Sakihama have been made available to disaster victims, allowing them to stay in the district.

Residents in emergency temporary housing: 23 families (approx. 80 people)

Residents in rental apartments (Minashi Temporary Housing): 20 families (approx. 40 people)

5. Background of the Reconstruction Council Discussions

Discussion Background :June 29, 2011 Inaugural meeting: Worked to identify problems in the district. July 29, 2001 Second meeting: Attendees included a professor from Iwate University and representatives of Iwate Community Support Center (Iwasen). October 31, 2011 Third meeting: More attendees were added for a workshop-style session to pinpoint problems and challenges.

December 2, 2011 Fourth meeting: Attendees agreed on domicile reconstruction and village relocation as top priorities. (December 3, 2011: A field visit to a candidate area for relocation was implemented.)

January 1, 2012: Fifth meeting: The results of the field visit were reported, the candidate site was studied and the height of seawalls was discussed. (January 22: The first Disaster Victims' Liaison Conference was held.) February 22, 2012 Sixth meeting: The candidate site was reviewed and problems were focused on. (March 24 - 26, 2012: A field visit to study the reconstruction status in the area affected by the Mid-Niigata Prefecture Earthquake of 2004 was attended by 16 representatives.) April 27, 2012 Seventh meeting: The results of the Niigata field visit were reported and a project team was established.

June 7, 2012 Eighth meeting: The city proposed a candidate site for relocation. (June 14: An information session was held for people interested in relocating.) (June 27, 2012: A Disaster Victims' Liaison Conference secretariat meeting was held.) July 22, 2012 Ninth meeting: A progress report was made on the mass relocation project and discussions were conducted on a housing reconstruction consultation service.

6. Major Developments

Inaugural Reconstruction Council meeting 6/29/2011

An agreement was made to develop plans for handling problems with (1) urban infrastructure (e.g., how to deal with flooded areas) and (2) local infrastructure (e.g., how to improve infrastructure for daily life) as basic issues to be addressed.

Second Reconstruction Council meeting 7/29/2011

An Iwate University professor reported on activities of the central and prefectural governments concerning the reconstruction of the Sakihama District. The council agreed to add new members including disaster victims as of the next meeting, to go ahead with activities such as mass relocation, and to make proposals to and collaborate with the government on various matters.

Third Reconstruction Council meeting 10/31/2011

The council held a workshop-style meeting to identify issues and challenges concerning the reconstruction of Sakihama. Various matters were discussed, including (1) domicile reconstruction(relocation), (2) local community maintenance, (3) support services for disaster victims, (4)utilization of the vacant lot where Sakihama Elementary School used to stand, (5) utilization of the flooded area, (6) improvement of living environments, (7) collection and consolidation of information on victims' recollections of the disaster and related records, (8) population issues, and (9)promotion of local industry and job creation.

Fourth Reconstruction Council meeting 12/2/2011

The meeting carried over from the previous session, with discussions concerning issues and challenges and methods/responsibility for their resolution. Domicile reconstruction and village relocation were confirmed

as top priorities.

Candidate relocation site inspection 12/3/2011.

A potential candidate site for relocation in the Sakihama District was visited.

Fifth Reconstruction Council meeting 1/18/2012.

The height of sea walls, the potential of the candidate site for relocation and related issues were discussed.

First Disaster Victims' Liaison Conference 1/22/2012

As preparatory activities for mass relocation progressed and support measures at national and prefectural levels began to be worked out, the provision of information to disaster victims took on increased importance.

The Disaster Victims' Liaison Conference was consequently established as a body to support the sharing of information and discussions on temporary housing and rental accommodation.

Field visit to the area of the Mid-Niigata Prefecture Earthquake of 3/24-26/2004

A team of 16 people representing the Reconstruction Council, the Disaster Victims' Liaison Conference and Iwate University visited a reconstructed area hit by the Mid-Niigata Prefecture Earthquake of 2004 to study public housing and examples of mass relocation.



Photo No.5 Proposed mass relocation site



Photo No.6 Explanation of proposed mass relocation site

Exchange of opinions with Ofunato City Hall 4/13/2012

It was reported that the Reconstruction Council was making progress with the selection of a candidate relocation site, and the necessary steps in moving forward with the reconstruction project were confirmed.

The agreement of landowners and leaseholders in the community should be obtained. Opinions were exchanged on compulsory purchase prices for properties in the affected area and the price of the mass relocation site. The mass relocation project schedule was confirmed.

Views were exchanged on public housing for disaster victims (including a request to consider a variety of housing types, such as terraced houses, in the Sakihama District).

Eighth Reconstruction Council meeting 6/7/2012

A city official reportedV the results of candidate mass relocation site selection.

City presentation on the candidate mass relocation site 6/14/2012

A city official gave a presentation on the candidate mass relocation site for disaster victims.

Commencement of consultation sessions on domicile reconstruction – late July 2012

The Disaster Victims' Liaison Conference proposed the need to provide consultation services for people requiring assistance with domicile reconstruction. Individual consultation service interviews began.

JICA's Environmental and Social Consideration on Public Involvement

Reconstruction and Mass Relocation Initiatives by the Resident Association (Source: NPO Iwate Community Support Center)

December 1, 2012

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I. Basic Items

Purpose

To ensure the appropriate implementation of support, and confirmation for JICA's environmental and social Consideration.

Define the duties and procedures of environmental and social Consideration performed by JICA.

Encourage proper implementation by the recipient country by showing JICA's environmental and social Consideration requirements.

Responsibility of JICA

• Environmental and social considerations should be initiated by the recipient government.

JICA provides assistance and confirms that the recipient government is carrying out the environmental and social considerations, in accordance with guidelines.

 Prepares report of environmental and social consideration study in collaboration with a host country, and provides proper technical support
 Conducts monitoring an implementation stage of a technical cooperation project

Conducts follow-up activity
 after a cooperation project

terminates

 Ensuring wide range of environment and social considerations from an early stage
 Keeps accountability and transparency
 Make experts to respect related clauses of the guideline 3

II. Process of Environmental and Social Considerations

Information Disclosure

- In principle, the recipient government discloses
- information.
- Roles of JICA
- Assist the recipient government in disclosure through the cooperation project.
- JICA itself discloses important information about environmental and social considerations in the main stages of the cooperation project in the appropriate manner.
- Method of Information Disclosure
- Viewing of the JICA website, public reading at the JICA Library or local office.

Composition of JICA's Environmental and Social Consideration

Source : JICA's Environmental and Social Consideration Guideline

Introduction

- I. Basic matters
- II. Process of Environmental and Social Considerations
- III. Procedures of Environmental and Social Considerations

Appendix 1 Environmental and Social Considerations Requirements to be fulfilled by the recipient government.

Appendix 2 Screening Format.

Basic Items for Environmental and Social Consideration

- 1. Covers wide range of environmental and social influences.
- 2. Addresses the environmental and social consideration from an early stage (Introduce the concept of Strategic Environment Assessment).
- Carry out follow-up activities after the termination of a cooperation project.
- Maintain accountability and transparency when conducting a cooperation activities.
- 5. Seek participation by the stakeholders.
- 6. Disclose Information.
- Strengthen the organization and implementation ability of JICA.

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Measures Taken during an Emergency

• During restoration and rehabilitation after a natural disaster or conflict, some guideline procedures may be skipped after an inquiry with the advisory committee.

 Submit a report of the inquiry with the advisory committee.

Items of Environmental and Social Considerations



Inquiry to Advisory committee

Establishes a standing advisory committee

- Receive advice for support and confirmation regarding environmental and social considerations.
- Comprised of outside specialists with the necessary knowledge.

Laws and Standards referred to by JICA

- Laws and standards relating to the environment and local communities regulated by recipient government.
- Good Practice of Japan, international and national organizations, and developed countries.
- Respect for the conditions of governance.

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Monitoring

- Confirm the monitoring results of the recipient government
- When the environmental and social considerations are not fully implemented, encourage the recipient government to take the appropriate actions through a transparent and accountable process
- When the implementing body does not have sufficient monitoring capability, JICA provides cooperation relating to monitoring, including human resources development

Appendix 1

Requirements to be Fulfilled by the the **Recipient Government**

- Consideration of an alternative plan and relief plan
- A Quantitative Evaluation
- Preparation of an EIA Report
- Establishment of third party panel
- Scoping of the effects
- Social Acceptance
- Involuntary migration of residents
- Indigenous peoples
- Monitoring

Projects to have significant adverse impact on the environmental and social

Categorization

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The projects classified in Category A require an especially cautious environmental and social consideration

Concerns about the Social **Environment and Human Rights**

- Fully take social and institutional conditions of the recipient country and the actual situation of the project location into account when providing assistance and confirming environmental and social considerations.
- Respect internationally established human rights standards such as the International Convention on Human Rights when implementing cooperation projects. 12

Follow-up(Common to Each Scheme) JICA conducts a follow-up activity to confirm that the EIA process that has been incorporated as a result of the environmental and social considerations study is being implemented · Confirm the condition of the EIA process by the implementing body (development study, preparatory

- study for grant aid cooperation) Confirm that the results and recommendations of the environmental and social considerations study are incorporated into a resettlement action plan and
- mitigation measures, and disclose the results · When an unexpected effect occurs, a field study is
- conducted in order to fully understand the problem when necessary

Appendix 2 Screening Format Name of Proposed Project:

- Project Executing Organization, Project Proponent or Investment Company:
- Name, Address, Organization, and Contact Point of a Responsible Officer: Name:
- Address:
- Organization:
- Tel:
- Fax:
- E-Mail:
- Date:
- Signature:

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Check Items

Please write "to be advised " when the details of a project are yet to be determined.

Question 1: Address of project site

Question 2: Scale and contents of the project (approximate area, facilities area, production, electricity generated, etc.)

2-1. Project profile (scale and contents)

2-2. How was the necessity of the project confirmed? Is the project consistent with the higher program/policy?

Question 3:

Is the project a new one or an ongoing one? In the case of an ongoing project, have you received strong complaints or other comments from local residents? INew □Ongoing (with complaints) □Ongoing (without complaints)
 □Other

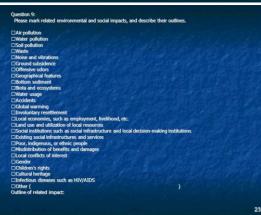
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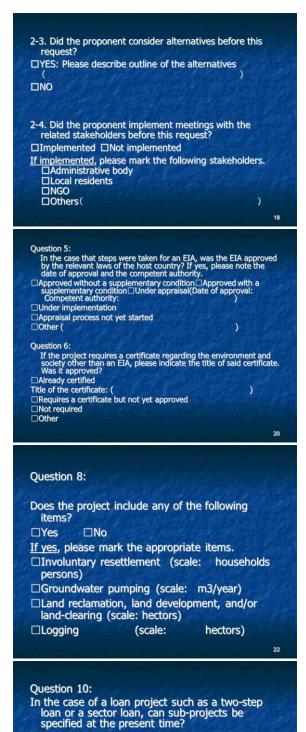
- Question 4: Is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), including an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Is, required for the project according to a law or guidelines of a host country? If yes, is EIA implemented or planned? If necessary, please fill in the reason why EIA is required. □Necessity (DImplemented □Ongoing/planning) (Reason why EIA is required:) □Not necessary
- □Not necessary □Other (please explain)

Question 7:

- Are any of the following areas present either inside or surrounding the project site?
- Project site. □Yes □No If yes, please mark the corresponding items. □National parks, protection areas designated by the government (coastline, wetlands, reserved area for ethnic or indigenous people, cultural heritage) Construction of the state of the state

- Cutural nertage) □ Primeval forests, tropical natural forests □ Ecologically important habitats (coral reefs, mangrove wetlands, tidal flats, etc.) □ Habitats of endangered species for which protection is required under local laws and/or international treaties □ Areas that run the risk of a large scale increase in soil salinity or soil □ Preseduction dependent of the state of the stat
- Remarkable desertification areas Areas with special values from an archaeological, historical, and/or cultural points of view
- Habitas of minorities, indigenous people, or nomadic people with a traditional lifestyle, or areas with special social value 21





□ Yes □No

Ouestion 11:

Regarding information disclosure and meetings with stakeholders, if JICA's environmental and social considerations are required, does the proponent agree to information disclosure and meetings with stakeholders through these guidelines? □Yes **No**

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MINUTES OF MEETING

ON SCOPE OF WORK

> FOR THE STUDY

ON

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND MEKONG BRIDGE IN

THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA

AND

JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY

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M/M (2)

4. The Concept of Environmental and Social Considerations Based on JICA's New Guidelines

The Team explained the background and the present situation related to the revision of JICA's environmental and social consideration guidelines. These revisions were based on the recommendations of a Special Committee created for the purpose and which met 19 times from December 2002 to September 2003 before coming up with the final form.

The Team emphasized on the proponent's responsibility in conducting the environmental and social considerations, information disclosure, participation of stakeholders from the early stage of the study and that the new basic approaches shall be accordingly applied to the Study.

The Royal Government of Cambodia agreed in principle to these responsibilities as cited above.

M/M (4)

 Agreement among Communities and Stakeholders The Royal Government of Cambodia agreed that they shall confirm agreement among the communities and the stakeholders upon the results of selecting from the alternatives before proceeding to the next steps of the Study at each environmental and social consideration stage.

9. Information Disclosure

Both sides agreed that indispensable information disclosure shall be implemented by MPWT and JICA. The Team explained that information disclosure is necessary as this shall confirm the alternatives with the participation of the stakeholders early on in the conduct of the Study.

The Team also emphasized that JICA will make the Study reports open to the public throughout the Study.

Case I

SYNOPSIS

The Study of the Improvement / Construction of the International Airport in the Republic of Guatemala Study Period: From June 2003 to February 2006 Counterpart: UNEPRA, MCIV

INTRODUCTION Outline of the Study

- Improvement planning of the existing La Aurora Airport & Santa Elena Airport, and Site selection study for a new airport from May 2003 to March 2004;
- Pre-feasibility study on the 4 selected sites from June 2004 to December 2004; and Feasibility Study on the final site from April 2005 to February 2006.

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M/M (1)

1. Study Title

- Both sides agreed to use "the Study on the Construction of the Second Mekong Bridge".
- Study Area Both sides agreed that the study area shall be the proposed Neak Loeung Bridge Site and associated regions. However, the socio-economic impact of bridge construction on neighboring countries will also be studied.
- 3. Steering Committee

Both sides agreed that the Steering Committee would be set up to conduct the Study efficiently under the initiative of MPWT. The committee will be comprised of the following ministries and organizations mainly, and the other ministries and organizations could be included if MPWT recognizes the necessity.

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M/M (3)

 Responsibility of MPWT for IEE and EIA Both sides agreed that MPWT shall be responsible for IEE and EIA, and Necessary activities for IEE and EIA shall be implemented as cooperative work between MPWT and JICA.

6. Roles of MPWT and JICA Concerning Environmental and Social Considerations

Both sides agreed that environmental and social considerations including collection of necessary data for consultations with stakeholders shall be carried out by MPWT, being the proponent of the Project. On the other hand, JICA shall provide MPWT with technical support to resolve environmental and social consideration issues.

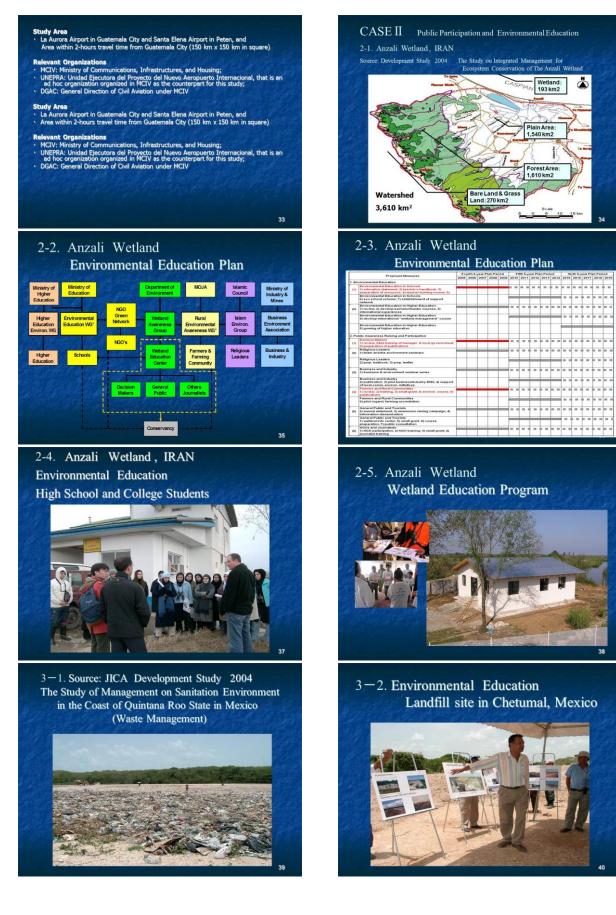
7. Preparation for Initial Environmental Examinations (IEE) The Royal Government of Cambodia agreed that they shall make the preparations for contribution such as necessary budget as counterpart fund, organization and so forth for the conduct of the IEE, including public consultation, and other related activities after the sign of this Minutes of Meeting, and that the preparations should be finished prior to the commencement of the Study.

JICA External Advisory Committee for ESC



Objectives of the Study

- To prepare improvement plan of the existing La Aurora Airport and Santa Elena Airport;
- To conduct site selection study for the new
- international airport to serve the capital city in Guatemala;
- To conduct a feasibility study at the selected site;
- To consider the environmental and social consideration into the study, including stakeholder meetings;
- To make recommendation on suitable implementation scheme of the new international airport





Furthering environmental assessment through continuing assessment into management as an aid to integrating disaster risk reduction measures into development

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Abstract

Environmental impacts of developments are currently identified and mitigated from two distinct perspectives:' before' and 'after' implementation with environmental impact assessment (EIA) and environmental management systems and processes (EMS) being the main instruments on the respective sides. Increasingly the 'after' process it also developing a more strategic rather than purely operational focus and linking into other operational and strategic process including corporate social responsibility, and pollution prevention and control. Whilst there are many factors which can be seen to inhibit a connection the two 'sides' of impact identification and mitigation, there are examples were the two are successfully connected and therefore rather than a 'before' and 'after' there is instead the continuous management of impact. This presentation will look at some of the barriers to integration between EIA and operational processes and look at case studies were there has been successful integration.

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開発事業へ災害管理を統合することに向けたマネジメント局面への 環境アセスメントの継続的適用

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現在、環境影響アセスメント (EIA)の実施の「前」と「後」、そして、環境管理の制度とプロセス (EMS) がそれぞれの面における主な手段である、という2つの異なる視点から、開発の環境への影響が特定 され緩和されている。「後」プロセスも、次第に、単なる運用的というよりむしろより戦略的な焦点を 策定しつつあり、企業の社会的責任、汚染防止や汚染管理などの他の運用戦略的プロセスとリンクし つつある。影響の特定と緩和の2つの「面」の接続を抑制すると見られる多くの要因が存在するが、 この2つがうまく接続され、従って「前」と「後」というよりも継続的な影響管理が存在する例があ る。本プレゼンテーションは、EIA と運用プロセスの統合の障壁をいくつか検討し、うまく統合が行 われた事例研究を検討する。

Environmental assessment and disaster event: JSPS/ESRC 'collaborative seminar', Tokyo, Japan, 30 Nov – 2 Dec 2012

'Furthering environmental assessment through continuing assessment into management as an aid to integrating disaster risk reduction measures into development'

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Abstract:

Environmental impacts of developments are currently identified and mitigated from two distinct perspectives:' before' and 'after' implementation with environmental impact assessment (EIA) and environmental management systems and processes (EMS) being the main instruments on the respective sides. Increasingly the 'after' process is developing a more strategic rather than purely operational focus and linking into other strategic process (such as pollution prevention and control). Whilst there are many factors which inhibit a connection between the two 'sides' of impact identification and mitigation, there are examples where the two are successfully connected and where there is therefore a continuous management of impact. This presentation will consider why the continuation of the impact management process is important for disaster risk reduction and preparedness in urban environments. It will also consider some of the barriers integration and look briefly at two key factors for successful integration.

1. Introduction

'Humanity seems to be drawn towards an urban model of living...critical in this respect are the rapidly growing numbers of people who live in urban slums and squatter settlements with limited access to basic services and political capital but who often are highly exposed to risk in all its forms from crime and violence to economic exploitation and environmental hazard' (Pelling, 2012 p145).

This quote encapsulates the risks associated with an expanding global population: modeled to rise from 6.9 billion in mid-2011 to 9.3 billion in 2050 and 10.1 billion by 2100 (United Nations, 2011), with largest expansions in Africa and Asia. However, 'environmental hazards' (which are variable in nature and origin) can be encountered in all parts of the developed and developing world (Table 1).

Major categories of environmental hazard				
Natural hazards	Geologic e.g. earthquakes, landslides			
(extreme geophysical and biological	Atmospheric e.g. tropical cyclones			
events)	Hydrologic e.g. floods, drought			
	Biologic e.g. wildfires			
Technological hazards	Transport e.g. air accidents			
(major accidents)	Industrial failures e.g. explosions and fires			
	Unsafe public buildings e.g. structural collapse			
	Hazardous materials e.g. storage, transport			
Context hazards	International air pollution			
(global environmental change)	Environmental degradation e.g. deforestation			
	Land pressures e.g. intensive urbanization			
	Super hazards e.g. catastrophic earth changes			

Table 1 – Major Categories of Environmental Hazard (adapted from Table 1.2 in Smith and Petley, 2009)

Disaster risk can be defined as the existence of a hazard (i.e. 'a potential threat to humans and their welfare' (Smith, 2001)), multiplied by vulnerability i.e. 'people's susceptibility to loss, injury or death' or 'susceptibility to harm' (Wisner et al, 2012). It can be considered that the extent to which a community can be exposed to a hazard (e.g. by having little or no coping strategies in place), increases their vulnerability and the potential for disaster to occur.

Disaster risk reduction can be achieved through risk mitigation e.g. by preventative action and building social resilience (i.e. the antithesis of vulnerability). In considering how 'disaster risk reduction' as a concept can benefit the communities who populate the urban areas, Pelling (2012) hypothecates that it can act as a 'champion' for ensuring that there is an integrated or holistic approach to policy making and a centrality of procedure, which can lead to 'distributional justice in governance and decision-making' (p.147). However, Pelling considers that some risk reduction measures are deficient by not including consideration of 'non-human entities': 'too often the ecological and carbon footprints of risk reduction or reconstruction activities are given only superficial attention' (p.147). Consideration of inter-generational impact is also often missing and he suggests these omissions could be countered (and environmental risk minimized) by having 'open and inclusive urban management' (p.147). To achieve this requires the co-ordination of a number of elements of urban governance including development planning, development regulation, risk reduction and emergency management, and particularly the inclusion of community participation: 'where disaster risk reduction works best, urban dwellers and their civil society organizations are involved' (p.151).

Many of these aspects are addressed through the Environmental Impact Assessment process, but it is

interesting to note that Pelling does not identify it as one of the urban governance processes that can assist in reducing the omissions in disaster risk reduction. This lack of recognition of the benefits of EIA in urban governance may explain why EIA is not more widely used in disaster risk reduction. However, others such as Benson (2007) and DEGWA (2008, pvii) do identify the benefits of integrating disaster risk reduction in environmental assessments for new development projects. Benson (2007) identifies five factors for 'critical success' in incorporating disaster risk reduction into environmental assessment:

- Sufficient information
- Early assessment
- Adequate monitoring
- Awareness of the benefits of assessing disaster risk as part of the environmental assessment process
- Supportive environmental policy

The last of these (policy) may be considered as key: 'environmental policies and related safeguard compliance policies should require satisfactory analysis and related management of disaster risk as part of the environmental assessment process. They should also require environmental assessment of post-disaster relief and recovery interventions' (Benson op cit p.7).

2. Disaster risk and environmental assessment and management

One viewpoint in considering how to mitigate 'disaster risk' is to postulate whether it should also be considered from a 'disaster preparedness' viewpoint, for, as Smith (2001) notes: 'although many risks are potentially avoidable, global environmental change and uncertainty about future hazardous events, together with the central role played by human failings in all disasters make the total elimination of hazard an unrealistic task' (p. 340). Should, therefore, an aim be to consider how tools can be used to 'be prepared' as well as reducing risk? One approach might be to adopt the 'precautionary principle' at all times as a way of achieving disaster risk reduction in urban governance. However, many authors have noted that use of the precautionary principle is not straightforward and comes with the risk of misapplication, potentially leading to a 'paralysis in decision making' (Sustein, 2005 cited in Bacon, 2012 p.164). Balint et al (2011) also observe 'the relative strength of precautionary arguments tends to rise with the perceived severity of possible future harms' (p. 67). They cite the scientific uncertainty of the scale of anthropogenic influences on climate change and the severity of the adverse effects of climate change as an example of this: those opposing the imposition of regulation call for more research to reduce the uncertainties whilst those following the precautionary principle call for regulation stating that the likely adverse effect are serious enough to justify regulation despite uncertainties.

The effective approach offered here is to use adaptive environmental assessment and management

processes. Some early work on environmental assessment advocated this: Holling (1978) observed that 'unless big disasters can be completely eliminated (which we take to be impossible) there remains the problem of designing our institutions and artifacts to cope with their occurrence' (p.138) and argued that the need to be adaptive is demonstrated when failure or disaster occurs: 'there exists a serious trade-off between designs aimed at preventing failure and designs that respond and survive' (p138). Lawrence (2003) suggested that environmental impact assessment needs to be an adaptive process in 'turbulent and complex situations where risk, uncertainty and health predominate and where the EIA needs to take into account knowledge limits and uncertainty-related concerns' (cited in Glasson et al, 2012, p.85). Balint et al (2011) also promote adaptive management for managing 'wicked' environmental problems (i.e. those for which there is no obvious solution) although couch that the process needs to be iterative, analytical and participatory, as well as adaptive.

Much of the key literature on the need to incorporate disaster risk reduction and disaster preparedness into environmental assessment processes appears to be based on, or is influenced by, input from organizations that work with major financial institutions and funders of development e.g. Benson (2007) draws on examples from the African Development Bank and Caribbean Development Bank. The practice of these institutions is likely to be influenced by the need for risk reduction in their financial investments rather than solely for the achievement of sustainable low disaster risk urban development. However, their guidance on practice is useful for envisaging how risk consideration and reduction could be incorporated into other areas of environmental assessment and management practice, including that where environmental assessment practice is mandatory or discretionary.

Some major financial institutions explicitly see risk reduction as a significant part of their way of working e.g. World Bank (2011) state that they 'routinely' require risk assessments 'for projects involving handling, storage, or disposal of hazardous materials and waste, the construction of dams, or major construction works in locations vulnerable to seismic activity or other potentially damaging natural events.' Their guidance states these assessments can be either part of environmental assessment documentation or as a standalone documents. However, echoing a point made by Benson (2007) on the inconsistent use of terminology within the 'disaster' community of practice, World Bank guidance also refers to the need for 'hazard' assessment, although these 'hazards' are specifically related to materials i.e.: 'The Bank requires a hazard assessment for projects involving certain inflammable, explosive, reactive, and toxic materials when they are present at a site in quantities above a specified threshold level' (World Bank, op cit).

Demonstrating how environmental assessment can be adaptive and continue from assessment into management, the large financial institutions also include the requirements for monitoring and auditing and the use of management plans and systems to monitor and manage impacts during the operational phase of development and beyond. Others, such as DEGWA (2008) and UNISDR (2004), also refer to the use of environmental management plans and operational systems to continue the preparedness of risk from

assessment into operational management e.g. through the use of environmental management systems (EMS): 'a well-maintained inventory of chemicals and hazardous substances used by local industries, and their proper labeling, will ensure that, during a disaster event, the risks that such materials pose to communities living nearby can be mitigated by proper isolation, handling and segregation' (DEGWA, 2008 p.26). It is therefore advocated that in seeking to incorporate disaster risk reduction and preparedness into any urban development, there should be the assumption that the assessment process will link through into the construction and operational processes. The need for this 'continuation' and ongoing of process has been advocated over many years e.g. as Holling stated in 1978:

'if assessment continues into the future, then prediction loses its status as a goal and assessment merges into environmental management. Prediction and traditional 'environmental impact assessment' suppose that there is a 'before and after' whereas environmental management in an ongoing process (p.133)

Many authors have considered how the ongoing process could actually occur, both in theory and in practice. The following section briefly describes the differences in practice between the EIA process and EMS and some of the key challenges in making the linkage between the two. The final section looks at what emerges from the literature as some of the key factors for successful integration and considers how these could aid with disaster risk reduction in urban development.

3. EIA practice and EMS practice

EIA is a mature process used in most parts of the globe to aid decision making (ensuring that the decision is better formed) and the formulation of development actions (by anticipating environmental challenges at an early stage in the process design) and to act as an instrument for sustainable development (though the avoidance of environmental damage) (Glasson et al 2012). These outcomes tend to be associated with legislated EIA process, but as referred to previously, EIA is also a process used out-with of legislative requirements for risk management by major financial institutions. Where the process is used as a way of managing financial risk, the management commonly extends beyond the initial assessment into management of impact during construction (through the use of systems such as environmental management plans) and into operational management (through use of e.g. environmental management systems, resettlement plans, auditing and monitoring).

Environmental impacts of developments are currently identified and mitigated from two distinct perspectives:' before' and 'after' implementation with environmental impact assessment (EIA) and environmental management systems and processes (EMS) being the main instruments on the respective sides. Table 2 lists often perceived barriers to linking EIA and EMS (based on the EIA being a legislated process and EMS a voluntary process using standards such as ISO14001).

Table 2 - Perceived Barriers to Linking EIA and EMS (adapted from Table 1.2 in Durning et al, 2012)

Type of barrier	Example				
Legal and policy	Different consenting regimes for planning and environmental protection				
framework	(pollution control)				
	Potential overlap in requirements leading to inefficiencies				
	Voluntary basis of EMS providing little incentive for uptake				
Process/technical	Complexities of site ownership and occupation				
issues	Time lag between EIA being carried and detailed design of project				
	EMS orientated towards day to day activities, environmental implications of new				
	development not considered				
	Limited number of practitioners specializing in both tools				
Practitioner issues	Different personnel undertaking EIA and EMS for any given project				
	Public debate around new developments centered on whether or not to grant				
	consent, not on mitigation				
	Companies consider EMS to be outside the normal scope of operational activities				
Proponent and	EIA viewed by proponents as a bureaucratic step rather than a useful process to				
stakeholder attitudes	aid the delivery of the project				
	Reluctance of proponent to put resources into operational management before				
	outcome of the application is known				

4. Examples of Key Factors in Aiding Integration

The barriers listed in Table 2 were identified from literature published prior to 2007. There is a small body of published examples of successful integration (e.g. Barnes and Lemon, 1999 and Marshall, 2002 which are some early examples – see also case study chapters within Perdicoulis et al 2012 for more recent examples) and also a larger body of theoretical work on models of integration (e.g. Eccleston 1998 who was one of the earliest writers on this topic). One of the key factors is that the information and actions proposed within the ex ante stage are carried through to the ex-post stage. Many involve the use of environmental management plans during the construction phase. Often these follow a systematic process, although they are not 'environmental management systems' in the sense of (e.g.) following ISO14001 guidelines; Marshall (2004) termed them 'EMS-lite' which seems apposite. The most successful examples of integration through to and with EMS sensu stricto occur where there is a linkage between the

different 'stages'. There are a number of potentially different key aspects to this linkage – two are very briefly explored below:

4.1 Communication, information and knowledge

Sanchez (2012) describes EIA as a 'knowledge-intensive' activity, with a number of different actors generating data, compiling information and using and creating knowledge (including consultants, proponents, decision making authorities). He proposes that achieving a transition from project planning through to management needs a mix of managerial tools (such as EIA and EMS - but he suggests the tools to be used are not limited to just these) but also identifies the need for human 'capacity development' e.g. through information sharing and knowledge generation within and between the different actors.

This human element is a key factor, as is the need 'feedback loops' - whether these are internally within the development or from one development to another. The importance of 'feedback loops' from environmental management to planning conditions and associated requirements is also identified by Becker (2012) in an example from the renewable energy section. Others have also identified the importance of information sharing and 'knowledge-brokers' to the impact assessment process e.g. Bond et al (2010) emphasis the importance of regular information exchange (in relation to successful implementation of EIA in a multidisciplinary team) whilst Sheate and Partidário (2010) identify the importance of 'knowledge-brokers' as key to ensuring relevant information is shared or transferred from its source to appropriate place.

4.2 Knowledge of the two processes

Raissiyan and Pope (2012) on reflecting on two case studies from the oil and gas industry identify one of the key success factors for having the connection is that the practitioners at both ends of the spectrum (environmental assessment and management) need to be conversant with 'each other's terminology and techniques, as well as the language of hazard identification and risk assessment' (p.125) – although as has already been noted, there is inconsistent use of terminology within the 'disaster' community of practice in general. Research carried out by McGuigan (2012) who interviewed a small number of practitioners again from both ends of the spectrum on their experience of working on construction phase of projects, also shows that few environmental assessment practitioners have any training or experience of environmental management systems and vice versa. This links back to the need for human capacity development identified by Sanchez (2012).

5. Conclusions

Adaptive management, comprising assessment and management which is a continuous process could in theory allow for disaster preparedness be incorporated into urban development by ensuring that risk mitigation measures or disaster preparedness identified during the assessment process are incorporated into management practices. Environmental impact assessment is not identified by the urban governance community as a key tool for disaster risk reduction, yet is used as a tool in financial risk reduction. The need information sharing and knowledge brokerage is seen as key but also having practitioners that are conversant in a joint language of assessment and management.

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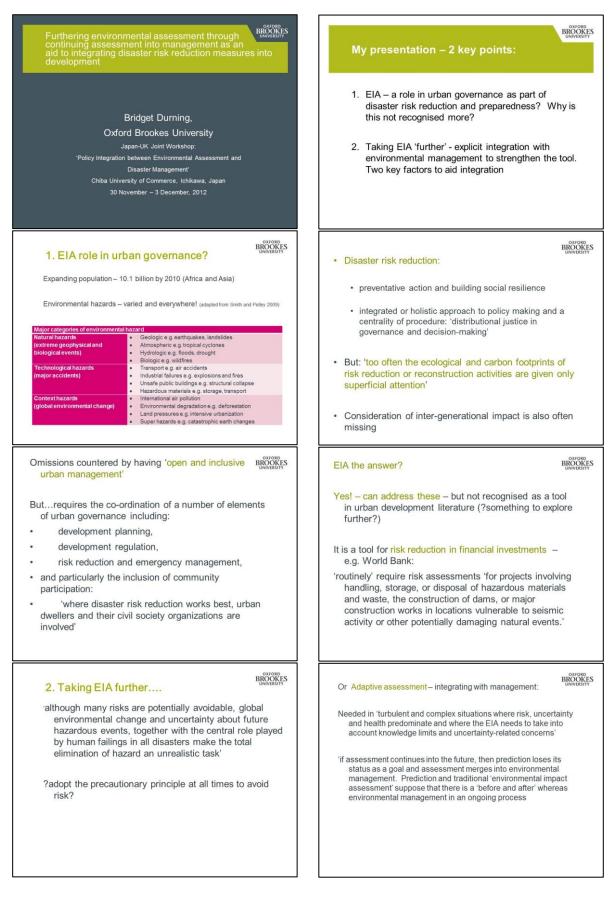
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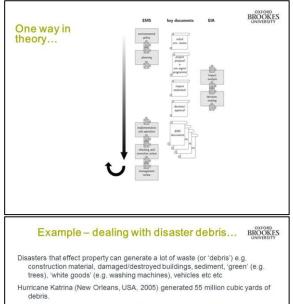
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- Dealt with by re-use of existing land'fill' sites (actually land'raising')
- an assessment of their current condition carried out to assess suitability
 an assessment of the impact of using the sites (e.g. lorgy movements, impact
- an assessment of the impact of using the sites (e.g. lorry movements, impact on nearby levees of landraising) and alternative sites (ie partial EIA!)
 requirement for groundwater and slope stability monitoring to mitigate potential
- impacts
- · sites authorised for certain wastes only
- Latter points could be built into management system for site reducing environmental impact and reducing risk

Key points to integration

 Actions are carried through from assessment into management – not perceived as separate processes.

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- During a disaster situation information to inform management system may come from different sources (e.g. emergency assessment during disaster event, emergency/disaster risk plans).
- Communication, information and knowledge exchange is key
- Human capacity development information sharing feedback loops
- Knowledge-brokers to share information
- Familiarity with the 'language' of the different processes two separate groups of practitioners?
- · Integrated environmental and natural resource management system

4. Academic output of the seminar 2 – Workshop: The potential role of EA in disaster management

An intensive three hour workshop took place after the presentation sessions to further discuss the possibility of integrating EA and disaster management. In this chapter, the discussion outputs are compiled and summarized for the sake of record keeping.

Summary of the Workshop 'The potential role of EA in disaster management'

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1. Aim

To develop new insights and highlight opportunities for progressing work in the integration of Disaster Management and Environmental Assessment in research and practice

2. Method

2.1 Framework of Discussion

EA is a tool to help making decisions that leads to sustainable development. Therefore, it is helpful to clarify the aspects of decision making in DRR for the discussion of how EA could be integrated with DRR. Collins (2009) identified two phases of DRR, namely Prevention and Response. The former includes preparedness, early warning, mitigation, and the latter relief, recovery, and rehabilitation. As there are different levels of decision making at each of these phases, the potential aspects of integrating EA with DRR could be considered as shown in Table 1.

		Disaster prevention	Disaster response
Policy / Plan	-	Consideration of environmental/social risks in disaster preparedness planning (by applying SEA)	
		- Consideration of environmental/social risks in	n recovery / rehabilitation planning (by applying SEA)
Project	-	Consideration of disaster risks of projects in normal development context (by considering disaster risks in EIA)	- Consideration of environmental/social in post disaster recovery projects (by applying rapid EIA)

Table 1 Key aspects of integrating EA with DRR

Based on the table 1, the integration of DRR and EA was discussed under the following headings;

- 1. Accelerated EA procedures applied post disaster
- 2. Applying/integrating EA methods into pre-disaster planning activities
- 3. Integrating disaster risk (DRR) considerations into the current EIA process

2.2 Discussion format

The participants were divided into four groups, under which a SWOC (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Challenges) analysis was undertaken for each of the discussion topics. The results from each group were shared after each topic had been discussed. As the contextual difference between the two countries is significant, groups were organized in accordance with the participant's expertise and nationality.

The groups and program is shown in Table 2 and 3.

Group	Members	
Group 1	Ross Marshall, Nebil Achour, Andrew Buchanan, Sam Hayes	
Group 2	Thomas Fischer, Alan Bond, Bridget Durning, Steve Swain, Tom Gore	
Group 3	Sahihiko Harashina, Takehiko Murayama, Kenichi Tanaka, Shigeo Nishikizawa, Yuki	
	Shibata, Ryo Tajima	
Group 4	Tomohiro Tasaki, Atsuko Masano, Keita Azechi, Takuya Sugimoto, Seiichi Suzuki	

Table 3 Timetable of the workshop

Introduction	EA and Disaster Management in Literatures (Ryo Tajima)	
	Framework and format of discussion (Tom Gore)	
GD 1	Topic 1: Accelerated EA procedures applied post disaster	30 min.
Plenary 1	Presentation and Q&A of the outputs from GD 1	40 min.
Short break		10 min.
GD 2&3	Topic 2: Applying/integrating EA methods into pre-disaster planning	50 min.
	activities	
	Topic 3: Integrating disaster risk reduction (DRR) considerations into the	
	current EIA process	
Plenary 2	Presentation and Q&A of the outputs from GD 2&3	30 min.
Wrap up		5 min.

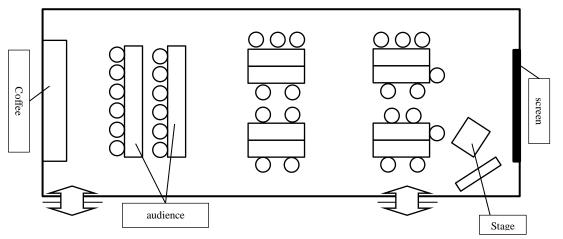


Fig.1 Outline of the meeting room



Fig.2 Photos of the workshop

3. Results

The results of the discussion (the SWOC table) and comments from Q&A sessions are compiled in this chapter.

3.1 Accelerated EA procedures applied post disaster

Strengths/opportunities

	UK		JP
✓	The thought process could be more open	~	Exemption clause and review committee is
	and disciplined to accelerate the		already in place (in Japan)
	identification process	✓	Lack of information
\checkmark	80:20 rule applies – focus on the significant	✓	Scoping could be skipped for projects
	issues		where the methods have been established,
\checkmark	Consider non-standard situations		as this would accelerate the process
\checkmark	Environmental protection	✓	As less people would probably have strong
\checkmark	Information will be collected		opposition towards recovery projects in
\checkmark	Facilitates rapid decisions when they are		post disaster period, it may be efficient to
	needed		undertake 'perfunctory' EA (?)
\checkmark	Opportunity through exercises which can	✓	In the Japanese context, the scoping could
	also consider recovery and rapid EIA		be skipped because the scope of assessment
\checkmark	Clear lines of responsibility needed for the		is pre-determined to some extent by
	rapid EIA and a framework to guide the		regulations
	practice		
\checkmark	Scoping is key		

· Weaknesses/challenges

	UK		JP
✓	Potential impacts will be missed;	✓	Lack of clear definition of what is
	short-termism to support public demand for		"emergency"
	regeneration	✓	Need to define the type of project (incl.
✓	80:20 rule applies - "the 20% could be		place) to be exempted, and how
	significant"	✓	No expert from the DRR community
✓	The wrong decisions could be made		involved in the expert committee
✓	Depends on the country context	✓	Depending upon the actual nature of
✓	Depends on the type of disaster		disaster, it might be problematic to skip
✓	Lack of access to data		scoping considering that conditions for land
✓	Exercises also needed to clarify the needs		use etc. may change from normal
	for the context		development context (and therefore the

	pre-determined scope of evaluation would
	no longer be applicable)
\checkmark	Skipping the scoping process will not save
	much time. Reducing the survey period is
	more effective
\checkmark	Dissemination of information takes time
\checkmark	Skipping the scoping process could have
	adverse impact on consensus building.
	(from experience in waste disposal facility)
✓	Depend on project type

Other comments

- Scoping is still essential better scoping identifies the issues. (UK)
- Need to define different types of post-disaster activity, for example, rapid EIA for temporary housing but less rapid EIA for long-term housing solutions as need to fully engage community – need a screening list to focus on right level of EIA. (UK)
- When it is necessary to rely on experts opinion in considering exemptions, it is important to record who said what, so as to be able to undertake ex-post facto evaluation. (JP)
 - \rightarrow in the UK, record is kept when high level decisions are made in time of emergency
 - \rightarrow the following is provided in the new JICA's guidelines for environmental and social considerations;
 - > JICA GL on Environmental and Social Consideration Sec. 1.8 Measures Taken in an Emergency

In an emergency—which means a case that must be dealt with immediately, such as restoration after natural disasters or post-conflict restoration—when it is clear that there is no time to follow the procedures of environmental and social considerations mentioned in the guidelines, JICA reports at an early stage to the Advisory Committee for Environmental and Social Considerations on categorization, judgment of emergency, and procedures to follow, and discloses a result. JICA asks advice from the Advisory Committee when it is necessary.

- 'rapid environmental assessment' and 'rapid decision making' should be differentiated (JP)
- As a rule of thumb, time and effort are important factors for EA to have impact on decision making. The necessity of REIA in general is understandable, how effective it is in practice is still questionable. One paper argues that the level of satisfaction among residents with their relocation after the quake and tsunami disaster is significantly linked to the involvement of these residents in the development of the relocation plan. In these circumstances, making a decision based on REIA may not be appropriate. (UK)
- Continuous training is necessary to perform REIA adaptive to different contexts. (UK)
- In time of emergency there is no time to thoroughly collect and analyze the data and it is therefore necessary to rely on expert judgment. In the UK, REIA was performed in organizing an emergency response to 'ghost ships' (a fleet of 5 abandoned US naval vessels suspected of being stuffed with

asbestos and other hazardous substances). As was the case in that event, REIA needs to assist the relevant authorities in charge of dealing with the incident in judging what measures should in fact be taken. (*'it must move decision making forward'*) (UK)

3.2 Applying/integrating EA methods into pre-disaster planning activities

Strengths/opportunities

	UK		Japan
✓	You can identify scenarios that allows	✓	Be able to justify post-disaster decision
	prioritisation in event of disaster by having		making in disaster situation using the
	the baseline data to hand		prepared EA (including siting of
\checkmark	Can identify the potential impacts of		evacuation sites, etc.)
	disasters and generate recovery plans	✓	Development of post-disaster
\checkmark	The opportunity exists to take the plan for		capacity/capability
	post disaster further than present	✓	Learning aspect of EA helps post-disaster
\checkmark	Precedent set by generic SEA so could be		behavior
	used even if location of certain events not	✓	Giving chance & information to public to
	known		consider disaster
\checkmark	Workshop between EA experts and	✓	Response to disaster would become smooth
	emergency planners on the details of		(i.e. clear lines of responsibility)
	recovery plans and implementation and		
	opportunities for EA inclusion		

· Weaknesses/challenges

	UK		Japan
✓	EIA is not a good mechanism for getting	✓	Hard to scope out scenarios
	back to a steady state	✓	Full of uncertainty
✓	Priorities during a disaster are not the same	✓	Lack of expertise (no day-to-day experience
	as those perceived when considered in a		in scenario analysis)
	pre-disaster context	✓	Institutional rigidity
✓	Pre-disaster planning only goes so far	✓	Uncertainly of scenario
✓	Lack of detail could inhibit effectiveness	✓	Difficult to select scenario
✓	Uncertainty - Hazard, difficulty in	✓	Definition of environment becomes so
	predicting hazard risks inhibits ability to		narrow (in Japan). Disaster risks should
	make informed decisions about response		also be considered by other frameworks.
	impacts.		
✓	Uncertainty - Effects, uncertainty regarding		
	the environmental changes brought on by		

	the disaster agent e.g. the earthquake
✓	If recovery is largely dependent on existing
	spatial plans then is there merit in repeating
	the SEA process that they will have been
	through?
✓	On the other hand re-EA-ing these plans
	could make sure changes that occur due to
	the hazard are considered.
~	EIAs expires if action not taken (relevant
	to possible pre-selection of site locations
	for possible emergency response measures)

Other comments

- Apply pre-disaster planning through a structure such as the Local Resilience Forum
- If EIA is going to be used in a pre-disaster setting to identify the post disaster scenario then the practitioners need to be aware of the significant issues during a disaster (road closures)
- Should be based on scenario analysis (wide variety of scenario) to tackle uncertainty
- With regard to siting of facilities, application of EA will be advantageous in that the consideration of environmental effects can begin in advance.
- There are 3 types of disaster risks: risks caused by natural disasters, such as those that led to the accident at the nuclear power stations; health risks after disasters; and risks associated with relocation to temporary shelters (JP)
- 3.3 Integrating disaster risk reduction (DRR) considerations into the current EIA process

Strengths/opportunities

UK		Japan		
\checkmark	Questions would be asked relating to the	~	Disaster risks are considered in different	
	development that are not currently being		systems	
	asked.	~	Need to cover disaster risks not covered by	
\checkmark	More information would be available at an		regulations regarding DRR	
	early stage	~	Could select projects to consider DRR	
✓	Scoping phase could be better utilised by		through SEA	
	statutory consultees and identify the	\checkmark	Collection of related information	
	projects where risks exist	\checkmark	Integration of fragmented information	
\checkmark	EIA could raise issue of development	\checkmark	Giving a chance to increase public	
	increasing risks and therefore inform		awareness for & motivation for risk	
	decision making (eg deforestation and		management to the DRR	

	landslide). EIA could also result in	✓	Avoid critical human disaster (e.g. the
	decreased		Fukushima nuclear plant wouldn't have
✓	Existing tool so a good mechanism to use to		been sited at the current location if EA had
	reduce risks		been undertaken appropriately)
✓	Way forward to include emergency		
	planners into consultation process		
✓	In absence of other mechanisms can make		
	sure risk reduction is included		
~	Recommendation that community risk		
	register consulted and informs the SA		
	objectives against which plans are assessed		

Weaknesses/challenges

UK		Japan	
✓	The detail is not necessarily available	~	Disaster risks are considered under separate
✓	Difficulty in predicting disaster could		system, not referred in EA. (e.g. landslide
	undermine decisions made based on		risk is considered under the system of
	disaster models		Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport,
~	Other tools may already exist (eg Flood		and Tourism)
	Risk Assessment)	\checkmark	Sectionalism
		\checkmark	Especially problematic for the public sector
			(strong political will to enhance certain
			types of development)
		~	Significant disaster risks could not be
			avoided as requirement to consider 'no
			action' alternative does not exist in Japan
		~	As public participation is poor in Japan,
			public interest might be ignored.
		~	Lack of human resource (public,
			government)
		~	Communication method about the disaster
			risk (comprehensive manner)

Other comments

- Scoping, scoping, scoping... (UK)
- Transparency in procedures, and capacity building through distribution of information to the general public are important (JP)
- Encouraging people in other sectors, such as those in urban planning, to give consideration to disaster

risks is an important role of EA (UK)

4. Summary of issues

Based on the outputs from group discussions and Q&A session, here, the issues upon integrating EA and DRR are summarized

4.1 Accelerated EA procedures applied post disaster

First of all, the advantages of accelerated EA applied post disaster were acknowledged by the participants, including: the ability to facilitate faster decision making; and the ability to shed light on environmental preservation even in time of emergency. However, it was also pointed out that since the necessity to perform EA rapidly, and the extent of how rapid it should be, needs to be judged, in respect of nature of the disaster and the intervention.. The Japanese group referred to the EA guidelines of the new JICA and suggested that a this judgment could be made by specialized agencies such as an experts committee, emphasizing that, in so doing, a record of how a decision has been made should be kept to increase transparency. This suggestion is consistent with the following comment made on the strength of undertaking rapid EA; 'information will be collected'. On the other hand, the UK group suggested that a screening list could be prepared in order to determine how rapidly an assessment needs to be performed. In sum, the necessity to make a judgment on the need and the role of a rapid EA according to each emergency circumstance was recognized, and for this, recommendations were made to set up organizations and/or frameworks that facilitate this judgment.

In terms of methodology, the UK groups specifically emphasized the importance of scoping. This was seen as being a particularly important in circumstances when time is believed to be scarce, as it can focus the assessment on the most critical issues. A Japanese group, on the contrary, suggested that scoping could be skipped. It is believed that the suggestion from the Japanese group is linked to the notion that, in the Japanese context, scoping remains a mere formality in the assessment in normal development context. Nevertheless, some Japanese researchers argue that omission of scoping can have negative consequences in respect of consensus building. It can therefore be concluded that, in principle, it was commonly acknowledged that scoping is important for accelerated EAs in time of emergency. Concern was expressed that environmental surveys may interfere with the rapid assessment; this can also be avoided by narrowing the focus through scoping.

It was also pointed out that, in time of emergency, the risk of overlooking serious environmental impacts and making a wrong decision exists. In light of preparedness, comments were made that assessment exercises would be effective and that it would be important to set up a framework so that the quality of the assessment shall not be dependent on skills of the person who carries it out.

4.2 Applying/integrating EA methods into pre-disaster planning activities

The advantages of applying EA to contingency/emergency planning and to post-disaster recovery planning in normal development context when conditions are generally more favorable to EA practice were acknowledged, since it would facilitate consideration of highly sustainable post-disaster measures and could be used to justify post-disaster decision making. Moreover, EA process could facilitate learning (of disaster risks and risk reduction measures) of the officers in municipal governments and local residents. As regards recovery planning, it was pointed out that instead of having EA directly applied to recovery plans, it may be possible to get similar effects could be indirectly gained by ensuring that recovery plans are consistent with land use plans, to which SEA (or SA in the context of the UK) has already been applied. As seen above, although the general strength of carrying out EA pre-disaster were pointed out (rather than applying EAs post-disaster), there seemed to be less discussion on whether applying EA to preparedness planning or in-advance recovery planning per se (instead of not doing so).

Both groups emphasized that the key consideration in setting up effective methodology for EA of this type would be 'uncertainty' (types and sizes of disasters, environmental changes due to disasters, etc.). Scenario analysis could be an option, but issues still remain as no specific methodology has been established in respect of how to set the scope of a scenario to what extent. From a different perspective, recommendation to utilize Generic EIA (and tiering) was made by a UK group. The fact that EAs can expire after a period of inaction under some regulatory regimes was also raised. This could be an important issue when applying EA in the planning of actions that may only actually be implemented years later.

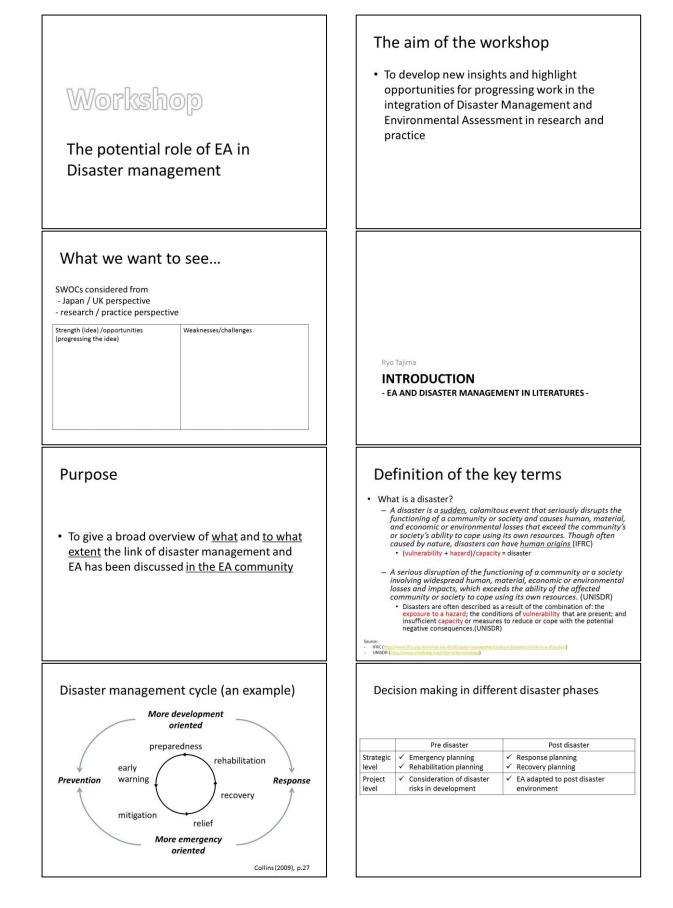
4.3 Integrating disaster risk (DRR) considerations into the current EIA process

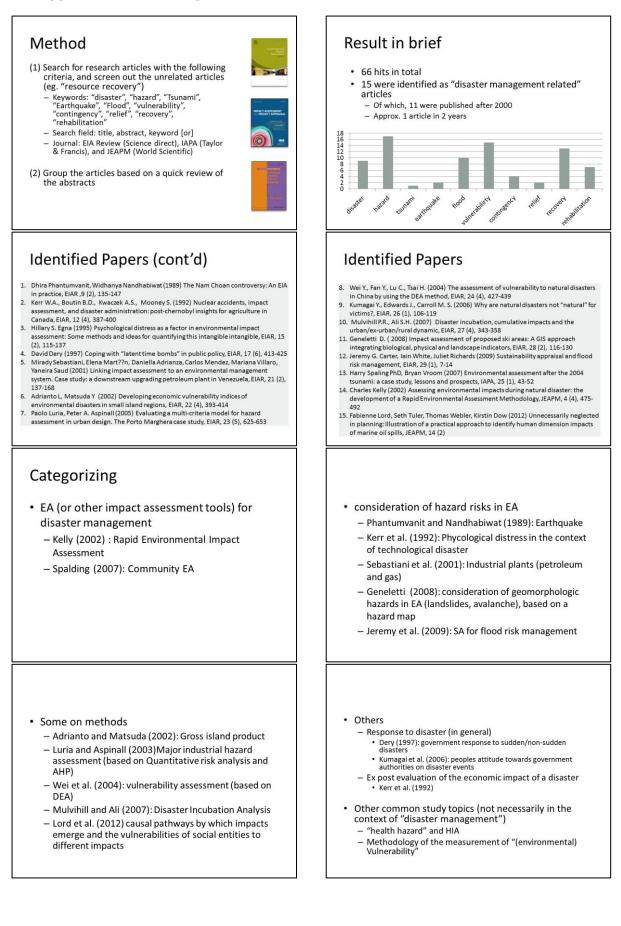
It was acknowledged that one great advantage of integrating DRR into the current EIA process would be the ability to take into account such disaster risks which are not considered within other mechanisms/tools/frameworks. Other strengths acknowledged include; EIA should be effective (relatively speaking) in facilitating consideration of DRR in decision making since it is an established decision aiding tool; public involvement, consultation (to DRR experts), and information disclosure carried out as a part of EA process could raise public awareness on disaster risks and enhance learning. As EA itself offers a variety of advantages, by 'piggy-backing' DRR on it, consideration of disaster risks in decision making and also in the whole society is expected to be enhanced.

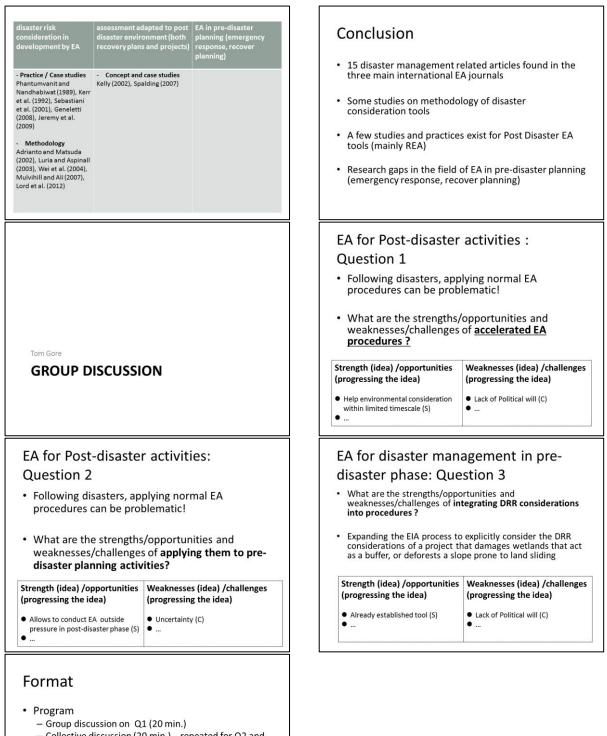
However, 'uncertainty' still remains to be an issue here as well. The difficulty to predict the occurrence of a disaster was pointed out as a challenge for EA in this context. Issues of Japanese EA practice in general were pointed out as challenges for effective DRR through EA. These include; the assessment outcome has limited impact on decision making due to sectionalism; serious disaster risks cannot be fully avoided as 'no action' alternative is not considered; and poor public participation. Further, just as it could encourage a consideration of disaster risks not currently covered under other mechanisms/tools, it will also be important to avoid overlap with existing tools and mechanisms that already consider disaster risk (e.g.

flood risk assessment in the UK) and the duplication of effort. As seen above, it is considered that re-evaluation of existing tools currently in use in each country (both EA and tools regarding DRR) is desirable when disaster risks are to be actually considered through EA.

- Box 1 Issues of integrating DRR and EA identified though the workshop
- 1. Accelerated EA procedures applied post disaster
 - ✓ Although accelerated EA procedure is important post-disaster, how rapid it should be needs to be judged first of all → 'who' and 'how' is an important consideration
 - ✓ Scoping will be particularly important in this context
 - ✓ Possible pre-disaster preparation: assessment exercise to facilitate the development of a suitable approach, setting up a framework that guides the practice of rapid EA
- 2. <u>Applying/integrating EA methods into pre-disaster planning activities</u>
 - ✓ Advantages of undertaking EA pre-disaster is understood from general disaster reduction perspective, but the advantages of undertaking EA for pre-disaster planning activity per se need to be further discussed
 - ✓ Need to establish scenario analysis methodology for EA
 - ✓ Tiering can be utilized, paying attention to the 'expiry date' of assessment
- 3. Integrating disaster risk (DRR) considerations into the current EIA process
 - ✓ There could be great advantages in 'piggy backing' DRR on an established tool, i.e. EA
 - ✓ Identifying whether disaster risk considerations are relevant to an assessment will be an important task in the scoping phase
 - ✓ Necessary to deal with 'uncertainty'
 - ✓ Review of the existing impact assessment / DRR tools is suggested, particularly to avoid overlaps in coverage and to ensure efficiency







- Collective discussion (20 min.)... repeated for Q2 and Q3
- Wrap up discussion
- Groups
 - JP1: Sachi, Atsuko, Keita, Tomohiro
 - JP2: Takehiko, Kenichi, Shigeo, Yuki, Ryo
 - EN1: Thomas, Steve, Bridget, Alan, Tom
 - EN2: Ross, Andrew, Nebil, Sam

5. Academic output of the Seminar 5 - Site Visit: Post-disaster town planning after the unprecedented earthquake and tsunami in Miyagi, Japan

A site visit to a disaster stricken area took place after the first two days to further enhance the discussions and ideas. In this chapter, a summary report of the visit is presented, in which information on the reconstruction / recovery activities undertaken in the visited stricken areas are included.

Summary report of the Site Visit:

Post-disaster town planning after the unprecedented earthquake and tsunami in Miyagi, Japan

Keita Azechi

Tokyo Institute of Technology

Brief overview of site visit

Site visit to areas suffered from the unprecedented Tsunami caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake of 11th March 2011 was held on 2-3 December just after the workshop. Places of the visit were Onagawa town and Iwanuma city which were located on the coast of Miyagi prefecture (Figure 1). Participants in the site visit were eight people from Japanese side and all members (nine people) of UK side.

Onagawa town is a small town on the east coast of Miyagi prefecture. In the tsunami, the town suffered appalling damage and loss of life. According to the town report, over 800 of the 10,000 population were dead or missing and whole of the main part of Onagawa town was destroyed by the tsunami which reached 24 m (78 feet) high (Table 1).

Iwanuma city is located in central part of Miyagi prefecture, 17.6 km south of Sendai city (prefectural capital city). And Iwanuma has a long straight coastline from north to south, therefore the area which was affected by the Tsunami was much larger than Onagawa town and huge area of agricultural field were heavily damaged by the sea salt.



Figure 1: Location of Onagawa town and Iwanuma city

	Onagawa town	Iwanuma city
Population before the earthquake	10,051	44,187
(1/12/2010)		
^L Ratio over 65 age	33.50%	20.00%
Dead (31/12/2011)	803	149
Missing (31/12/2011)	34	1
Current population (31/1/2013)	7,984	43,763
Area (ha)	6,579	6,071
- Totally destroyed area (ha)	223.1	982.1
Partially destroyed area (ha)	17	411.1
^L Number of house washed away	4,274	1,220

Table 1: Damage situation of Onagawa town and Iwanuma city

Site visit to Onagawa town (2nd December)

In Onagawa town, we made a site visit of the disaster situation in such as the mountain area and the harbor area by beginning at Onagawa Regional Medical Centre which located in the center of the town. After that, we moved to temporary building of Onagawa town hall and conduct an interview for two hours with Mr. Toshiaki Yaginuma at Section of Reconstruction, Onagawa town, about the day of the disaster and reconstruction of Onagawa town. Specific content of the interview is as follows.

1) The day of the disaster

Onagawa town observed an earthquake with the seismic intensity 6 on the day, and immediately announced a predicted arrival time and height of the tsunami (at that time, the prediction height was only **6m**) over the community wireless system for disaster prevention and TV that was equipped each household in the town. However a blackout occurred immediately after the first announcement, therefore Onagawa town could not transmit that the predicted height had changed to much higher.

The actual height of the tsunami was **14.8m** and it took 30 minutes from the occurrence to reach Onagawa town. Onagawa Regional Medical Centre we visited is one of the highest places in the center of the town (i.e. **16m**), therefore a lot of local residents evacuated to the centre by using their cars. However, the tsunami of 14.8m had been increasing own height by going up rias coast (deeply-indented coastline) which is the regionally specific geography, and finally the tsunami had swept away the cars and ground floor of the center.

Onagawa town had carried out evacuation drills for tsunami from the usual, but the scale of the tsunami on the day far exceeded crisis awareness of the local residents, therefore even the people who evacuated to higher place such as the medical centre were victimized by the tsunami.

2) Reconstruction of Onagawa town

For recovery from the severe damage caused by the tsunami, Onagawa town established a planning committee for reconstruction plan and they drew up the Onagawa Reconstruction Plan on September 2011. However, at start of the implementation of the reconstruction plan, there was variety of problems.

The first problem was consensus problem between the local government and local residents. For example, a relocation of residential area to elevated land for a damage mitigation measure against future tsunami disaster would worsen a Fischery condition by taking Fischermen from the harbor area. This was severe problems especially for Onagawa town whose main industry was Fischery. And another example was that some local residents concerned about a collapse of their traditional culture which have been protected for long time by developing new community to centralize remote small communities whose population had been decreasing due to the aging and disaster.

The second was financial problem. Without any additional support from national and prefectural governments, Onagawa town had to cover approximately $100 \sim 150$ billion yen for the reconstruction, on the other hand however, the year budget was only around 6 billion yen. This was a common problem for any of local governments around the disaster-hit areas. And nine months later after the disaster, finally national government decided to cover all cost of reconstruction of any of local governments around the disaster areas.

The third was processing problem of huge amount of debris generated by the tsunami. As same as the financial problem, if Onagawa town tried to process the debris only by their facilities, it would take around 100 years. Therefore, national government decided to implement nationwide broad-based treatment,



Picture 1: Briefing on the reconstruction plan of Onagawa town by Mr. Yaginuma



Picture 2: Interview with Mr. Yaginuma at temporally building of Onagawa town hall



Picture 3: Disaster situation of the center of Onagawa town



Picture 4: View from the high land (ASL 16m) of Onagawa Regional Medical Centre

however most of local governments showed negative attitudes to participate in the processing, because the local governments and especially the local residents concerned about possibility that the debris were contaminated by radioactive material spread by the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power accidents caused by the tsunami.

As mentioned above, though Onagawa town had variety of programs, the reconstruction of Onagawa town is moving forward with many dialogues between local government and local residents by holding briefing sessions many times in order to solve the problems.



Picture 5: Land use of the reconstruction plan (orange and yellow show residential area)

Site visit to Iwanuma city (3rd December)



Picture 6: Map of distribution of the remote small communities (shown as circles)

In Iwanuma city, we made a site visit at some points very close to coastline. Though we observed the disaster situation mainly from the bus in Onagawa town, we walked on and observe large flat area which the tsunami covered completely and large number of house were washed away in Iwanuma. And on the way to the points, we saw some works to remove sea salt provided by the tsunami from agricultural fields. As just described, tsunami disaster could cause not only physical destruction such as houses and factories but also chemical damage mainly caused by the sea salt. And in case of Iwanuma city, the latter damage was severe problem as well as the physical destruction.

Though most buildings and trees on the points were washed away widely, we could see one remained house. And we could imagine how powerful the tsunami was by watching the damage situation that the first floor was washed away almost completely and there was only the frame. And we saw restoration works of embankment destroyed by the tsunami were carried out by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.



Picture 7: Disaster debris generated by building collapse (Onagawa)



Picture 8: Temporary collection site for huge amount of disaster debris (Onagawa)



Picture 9: Observation of damage situation in Iwanuma city



Picture 10: Work to remove sea salt form agricultural fields by using crane machine



Picture 11: Remained house whose ground floor was washed away by the tsunami



Picture 12: Fallen gravestones cause by the tsunami

Appendix

- Appendix 1: Final program
- Appendix 2: Minutes of the Q&A at the presentation sessions

Japan-UK joint workshop on Policy Integration between Environmental Assessment and Disaster Management



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Final Program









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Dear colleagues from UK,

We Japanese colleagues in impact assessment heartily welcome you. We had very sad experience in March 11, 2011 by the attack of the huge earthquake. Japanese society was damaged not only by the earthquake but also by the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Accident.



Earthquake is a natural disaster and the nuclear accident supposed to be caused by mostly human errors such as mistake of the site location, ill design of the facility, and mismanagement of its operation. By having the tragedy, we learnt again that human beings have to be more cautious against disasters especially in the age of vast application of science and technology. For precautionary approach of human actions, IA should have quite important role, sometimes it is critical. The colleagues of IA studies and practices collected here in Tokyo will have intensive discussions based on rich information exchange crossing over wide scope of the field. In this event, participants would have not only presentations and discussions but also experience of visiting sites attacked by the earthquake and a nuclear plant there. Though in only a few days, the participants from UK and Japan must have an opportunity to consider how IA would be contributable to disaster management. And the result of our activity should be sent to the world afterword.

> Sachihiko Harashina Professor, Chiba University of Commerce Professor Emeritus, Tokyo Institute of Technology Past president of IAIA



Dear participants,

Welcome to our Japan-UK workshop on Environmental Assessment and Disaster events. It's a great pleasure seeing you all here in Tokyo! We have been able to gather a good range of internationally renowned speakers and the next few days promise to be hugely interesting. Can I stress that we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to

provide us with your written contributions after the event so that we'll be able to publish a book on this crucially important and emerging topic. Personally, I hope that you will find the presentations over the next couple of days inspiring. And I'm looking forward to a fascinating technical visit to Miyagi Prefecture.

I am very grateful to our Japanese hosts, in particular Professor Harashina and Dr Ryo Tajima, for the excellent organization of this event. A particular big thank you is also due to Tom Gore and Ryo, who (probably during one of their pub crawls in Liverpool last year, when Ryo did his post-doc there) had the idea to this event. Enjoy!

> Thomas B Fischer Professor, University of Liverpool

Schedule

Day 1 (Fri, 30 Nov.)

9:00 ~ 9:30	Registration
9:30 ~ 10:00	Opening plenary, Photograph
10:00 ~ 10:40	Keynote Speech
10:40 ~ 11:00	Short Break
11:00 ~ 12:00	Session 1: Disaster Management for sustainability in the UK/Japan (1)
12:00 ~ 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 ~ 14:30	Session 2: Disaster Management for sustainability in the UK/Japan (2)
14:30 ~ 14:50	Short Break
14:50 ~ 16:30	Session 3: Youth Session
16:30 ~ 17:00	Wrap up meeting
18:00 ~	Reception (Sky Tree View Restaurant & Bar "REN")

Day 2 (Sat, 1 Dec.)

9:00 ~ 10:30	Session 4: Disaster Management and Environmental Assessment tools (1)
10:30 ~ 10:50	Short Break
10:50 ~ 12:30	Session 5: Disaster Management and Environmental Assessment tools $(2)^*$
	*Joint session with the Association for Policy Informatics
12:30 ~ 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 ~ 17:00	Workshop: The potential role of EA in Disaster Management
17:00 ~ 17:15	Closing Plenary

Day 3~4 (Sun, 2 Dec. ~ Mon, 3 Dec.)

Site Visit: Stricken area in Miyagi (see p.12 for details)

Keynote Speech

Sachihiko Harashina

Professor, Chiba University of Commerce

Professor Emeritus, Tokyo Institute of Technology

"Environmental Assessment is Manners in a Sustainable Society - Lessons on Environmental Assessment from Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant Accident"

Fukushima nuclear power accident gave us tremendous lessons to impact assessment. Though, it was impossible to apply EIA to the plant as it had been built in 1960s, after operation, there had been many opportunities of taking measures against great earthquakes and tsunami on the occasions of repairs or periodical test. If Japanese IA system includes a concise IA system, it could be done. Japanese EIA Law was amended in 2011, but no concise IA system was introduced, which should be manners in a sustainable society. The Annual number of environmental assessment on national level in Japan is only about 20, which is quite small compared to 30,000 to 50,000 under NEPA in the US. This is because Japanese systems have no concise IA like EA under NEPA. By the amendment of the Japanese EIA Law, there are some improvements, but the basic concept of environmental assessment was not changed. Why this was happened? There is a long history of struggles between pro development and pro environment in Japan. But we have to learn from the tragedy of Fukushima.

Thomas B Fischer

Professor, University of Liverpool

"On the ability of environmental assessment to support better planning and management"

Environmental assessment (EA, including both, SEA and EIA) has been attacked by some particularly vocal critics for having no more than a negligible impact on policy, plan, programme and project making processes and for being largely ineffective. In this context, reference is frequently made to some particular poor case studies. In this paper, and based on the empirical evidence provided by various studies, I will argue that overall these claims are spurious and that in many countries and systems EA is able to contribute significantly to thousands of sustainable and better decisions. In fact, when compared with other decision support tools, including for example cost-benefit analysis, the instrument is proving to be remarkably robust.

Presentations

[15 min. presentation followed by 5 min. Q & A]

----- Day 1 (Fri, 30 Nov.) ------

Session 1 (11:00~12:00): Disaster Management for sustainability in the UK/Japan (1)

Chair: Takehiko Murayama

Masahiro Osako

National Institute for Environmental Studies

"Current status and future challenges of disaster waste management in Great East Japan Earthquake"

Firstly, the main issues and countermeasures regarding the disaster waste management in Great East Japan Earthquake including the radioactively contaminated waste management will be presented, which will be followed by the discussion of the remaining future challenges. Finally the prepared conditions necessary for robust waste management system in the emergency of the disaster will be proposed.

Andrew Buchanan

Chairman, IChemE Environment Special Interest Group

"COMAH Safety Report – Environmental assessment tool aimed at preventing major accidents to the environment"

The Seveso Directive is the main piece of EU legislation that deals specifically with the control of on-shore major accident hazards involving dangerous substances. It is implemented in Great Britain through the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations.

This paper will describe the requirements of a COMAH Safety Report specifically focussing on the guidance and methodology that should be applied when identifying potential impacts to the environment, identifying appropriate prevention/mitigation measures and developing appropriate emergency response procedures including assessing the capacity and infrastructure that is required to apply the procedures identified. The paper will summarise examples of submitted COMAH Safety Reports and discuss the UK's Competent Authority's (The Health and Safety Executive) response to these submissions.

Taiyoung Yi

Researcher, National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention (NIED)

"Post-earthquake town reconstruction applying 'e-Community Platform""

In the stricken area of the Great East Japan Earthquake, the post-earthquake town reconstruction is carried out with promotion of the reconstruction work based on the reconstruction plan for livelihood rehabilitation and region reconstruction. For the sustainable post-earthquake town, in addition to an existing situation, it is necessary to take into consideration local inhabitant's value standard to long-term changes of social conditions. This study introduces the example which local inhabitants utilized "e-Community Platform", and suggests the reconstruction in consideration of the trade-off relation between the value standard and the receptiveness of risk.

Session 2 (13:30~14:30): Disaster Management for sustainability in the UK/Japan (2)

Chair:Ross Marshall

Kayoko Yamamoto

Associate Professor, University of Electro-Communications Tokyo

"Information Infrastructure for Recovery and Reconstruction after the Great East Japan Earthquake"

This study considers the extent of the damage caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake and makes proposals for recovery and reconstruction of the areas affected by this disaster as well as for a reduction of the impact of natural disasters that may occur in the future with GIS as an information infrastructure. Due to the fact that social media that used ICT was useful in the days directly after the disaster, it can be said that it is necessary to investigate the provision of an information infrastructure that uses ICT to reduce the impact of disasters.

Nebil Achour, Efthimia Pantzartzis, Federica Pascale and Andrew D F Price

Loughborough University

"Opportunities associated with the integration of environmental and resilience appraisal tools"

Recent research outcomes suggest that the number of natural hazards, both environmental and geo-physical, will increase due to the effect of global warming. Researchers have been investigating various approaches to reduce environmental degradation and to improve the physical resilience to natural hazards. However, most of these approaches are fragmented and when combined with cultural barriers it often results into a less efficient assessment tools. The aim of this study to explore environmental impact and resilience assessment tools with the view to develop a more integrated approach able to assess efficiently both the impact and the resilience.

Tomohiro Tasaki^{*} and Misuzu Asari^{**}

*National Institute for Environmental Studies

** Assistant professor, Environment Preservation Research Center, Kyoto University

"Activities and guidelines of the Japan Society of Material Cycles and Waste Management (JSMCWM) for disaster waste management after the Eastern Japan Disaster"

Shortly after the massive March 11th earthquake and tsunami in eastern Japan, an academic Task Team for Disaster Waste Management and Reconstruction was established by members of the Japan Society of Material Cycles and Waste Management (JSMCWM). All the members voluntarily worked on conveying information from/to disaster area and gathering information into a guidelines entitled, Strategies for Separation and Treatment of Disaster Waste. As an original member of the task team, I will explain how situations the team faced were and how the team reacted to the disaster as well as the outline of the guidelines.

Session 3 (14:50~16:30): Youth Session

Chair: Alan Bond, Shigeo Nishikizawa

Takuya Sugimoto

Lecturer, Chiba University of Commerce

"Tiering system on the amended EIA regulation of Yokohama city"

In Yokohama city, EIA system was introduced in 1980, developed a regulation in 1998, and amended in 2010. SEA-type system, which was named project-consultation system, was introduced as internal system of the local government in 1995. The SEA-type system was abolished and integrated in EIA system when EIA regulation was revised. New EIA system inherited some know-how from former system. This presentation is included in results of interview with the administrative officer involved with EIA division about tiering system to conduct reasonable environmental consideration in early step of project planning.

Samuel Hayes

PhD Candidate, University of Manchester, School of Environment and Development

"Consideration of Flood Risk in UK SEA and SA"

Reflections are presented on the consideration of flood risk in Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) from four case studies of assessment in UK spatial planning. Data highlight several areas of assessment practice as potentially influential on the consideration of flood risk in strategic level assessment. Discussion is of key themes identified through document analysis of environmental reports and semi-structured interviews with those involved in each assessment case study. Examples from case studies are given to highlight how each of these themes can influence how flood risk is dealt with in SA and SEA. Themes include; how flood risk is included in assessment frameworks, the use of flood risk data, consultation on flooding, potentially conflicting objectives, how flood risk is included in plan policies, and commitment to plan policies.

Yuki Shibata

Assistant Professor, University of Shiga Prefecture

"Institutionalization and operation of Special-EIA for recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake"

Recovery Special Zone Act, established nine months after the Great East Japan Earthquake, has excluded the Special Reconstruction Project for the earthquake reconstruction from the application of the EIA Law. However, the Act established Special-EIA for the Special Reconstruction Projects. The Special-EIA is marked by the simplification of the assessment process and the environmental investigation. At the same time, the Special-EIA is also marked by the application of the ex-post environmental monitoring survey and follow-up measures. Now, this Special-EIA is expected to accelerate the environmental consideration in the rapid recovery construction and has been conducted in three earthquake hit prefectures and partially seven prefectures. In this paper, we present the overview of the Special-EIA system and the current situation of the operation.

Tom Gore and Thomas B Fischer

University of Liverpool

"Identifying the factors that support and hinder EIA following disaster events"

In recognition of the close relationship between environmental degradation and the occurrence of disaster events, the importance of fully integrating environmental assessment techniques into activities in the aftermath of disasters has now been widely emphasised. Yet, despite the apparent desirability of such action in helping prevent disaster recurrence, questions regarding the feasibility of this in practice have also been raised. Post-disaster environments generally differ substantially from the normal 'developmental' context in which such techniques are usually applied which may in fact make such applications problematic. Using a case study of the situation in Aceh Province, Indonesia, following the impact of two tsunamigenic earthquakes in 2004 and 2005, this paper reports on a study that was undertaken to investigate more specifically the factors which can both impede and support the practice of one EA methodology, environmental impact assessment, following such events in a developing country context.

Keita Azechi

Doctoral Student, Tokyo Institute of Technology

"EIA and Landslide Disaster in Wind Farm Development in Japan"

In Japan, the momentum to shift to renewable energy was enhanced by the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Accident on March 11, 2011. Wind energy should be one of the important options of Japanese renewable energy policy as in other countries. However, wind farm developments in mountain area produce an increased risk of landslide disaster and it becomes issues of concern of local residents. This presentation focuses a relationship between EIA and landslide disaster in the development and discusses the challenges in current situation and future by specific case studies.

----- Day 2 (Sat, 1 Dec.) ------

Session 4 (9:00~10:30): Disaster Management and Environmental Assessment tools (1)

Chair: Thomas B Fischer

Takehiko Murayama

Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology

"Integration of Risk Management and EIA"

Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent a severe accident of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plants challenged us about various issues. Through our extremely rare experiences, we are expected to conduct interdisciplinary activities to improve risk management for low probability and high consequence (LPHC) disasters. From these points of views, the following aspects would be covered; re-examination of definition of risks, decision-making system or governance for risk management among various stakeholders, some challenging approaches on better management for 'beyond assumption' events, and coordination with EIA.

Ross Marshall

Head of National Environmental Assessment Service, Environment Agency

"EIA, SEA and the UK Civil Contingencies Act"

An important aim of the UK Civil Contingencies Act 2004 was to strengthen institutional emergency planning, civil resilience and multi-agency responses to disaster events. In this context, what strategic role or tactical contribution the practice of EIA and SEA, and its practitioners can play before, during and after an emergency is an important question. This presentation will look at the way in which the Act is asking different groups (including EIA and SEA practitioners) to co-operate. Using the Lincolnshire coast line as a case study, implications will be elaborated on and explained.

Atsuko Masano

Freelance Journalist

"Exemption Clause in Japanese EIA Law in Disaster : Looking into the Functions"

TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant disaster triggered by Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011 revealed the fact that exemption clause in the Japanese EIA Law was cut out neither for risk management nor post disaster management. Article 52-1 needs to be removed for assessing radioactive effects. Application of Article 52-2 and 52-3 needs careful review for future cases and preparations through lessons learned this time.

Alan Bond

University of East Anglia

"Embedding evolutionary resilience in impact assessment: a post-normal strategy for disaster risk management?"

This paper brings together a number of disparate areas in an attempt to find an improved mechanism for disaster risk management: Impact Assessment (IA); post-normal science; and evolutionary resilience. In brief, the justification for considering this mélange of techniques and theories is that together they offer a better strategy for disaster risk management. IA has been developed on the basis of rational decision making whereby better information leads to better decisions. Inherent in this 'positivist' theory of decision making are the assumptions that: a) decision makers behave rationally;

and b) impact assessments practice 'normal' science whereby our system understanding is sufficient to associate cause and effect. This article argues that neither of these cases is true, and that IA therefore needs to embed post-normal science thinking to accommodate the uncertainty associated with the outcomes of decisions. Evolutionary resilience is proposed as the basis for achieving this by altering the goals of IA such that they become the ability of the system to change and adapt to the new circumstances (including post-disaster), rather than attempting to preserve the status quo.

Session 5 (10:50~12:30): Disaster Management and Environmental Assessment tools (2)

Chair: Yuki Shibata

Shigeo Nishikizawa

Associate Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology

"Japanese EIA system and its practice relevant to disaster management"

There is a strong link between environmental damage and disasters. EIA is applied to human activities with potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. It implies that EIA can be a key tool to identify, evaluate and respond to serious environmental issues caused by disasters. Although Japanese EIA has yet to be well-designed in terms of disaster management, some disaster-related issues have been considered in EIA. This presentation will introduce such practices and institutional frameworks in Japanese EIA system.

Steve Swain

Environment Agency

"Implications of the absence of EA requirements for civil emergency plans"

Plans and programmes that only serve civil emergencies are exempt from undergoing Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Since climate change is expected to result in more frequent climactic emergencies, the use of emergency plans is expected to increase. This, in conjunction with the findings of the investigation in to the Buncefield Oil Storage and Transfer Depot explosion and subsequent emergency response, which resulted in significant environmental pollution, has prompted this study of the possible environmental impacts of such plans and whether the SEA exemption results in negative environmental effects being missed or not mitigated for. Emergency plans use a range of techniques, some structural, others not, to minimise the impacts of hazards, some of which have the potential to have negative impacts on the environment. Relatively few of the plans assessed would be subject to the exemption, most not satisfying the other criteria. Those that do could potentially result in surface and groundwater pollution, waste dispersal, ecological, cultural or historical impacts, energy and carbon resource use and drainage impacts. The ability of SEA to mitigate potential effects is limited by restrictions on consultation and the flexibility required to react to emergency events but non-statutory scoping consultations, if possible, could provide benefits. Emergency management uses other mechanisms to protect the environment, such as the requirement for emergency plans to consider environmental impacts, the required involvement of environmental bodies in the decision-making process and the ability to pass emergency regulations to protect the environment.

Kenichi Tanaka

Senior Advisor (Environmental Impact Assessment), Japan International Cooperation Agency

"Reconstruction and Mass Relocation Initiatives by the Resident Association

-Sakihama District, Ofunato City- (Source: NPO Iwate Community Support Center)"

The huge tsunami reached the Sakihama District at 15:15 in March 11, 2011. Approximately 50 households were washed away and 10 people were killed or went missing. The Sakihama Reconstruction Council was established to facilitate the speedy reconstruction in June 29, 2011. The council has 22 members including resident association representatives, disaster victims, the former mayor, Iwate University staff and NPO staff. As cultural properties requiring the investigation were found during exploratory excavation at the candidate site in April 2012. Once the archaeological study is complete, detailed design for the relocation site will be implemented and construction will be commenced.

Bridget Durning

Oxford Brookes University

"Furthering environmental assessment through continuing assessment into management as an aid to integrating disaster risk reduction measures into development"

Environmental impacts of developments are currently identified and mitigated from two distinct perspectives:' before' and 'after' implementation with environmental impact assessment (EIA) and environmental management systems and processes (EMS) being the main instruments on the respective sides. Increasingly the 'after' process it also developing a more strategic rather than purely operational focus and linking into other operational and strategic process including corporate social responsibility, and pollution prevention and control. Whilst there are many factors which can be seen to inhibit a connection the two 'sides' of impact identification and mitigation, there are examples were the two are successfully connected and therefore rather than a 'before' and 'after' there is instead the continuous management of impact. This presentation will look at some of the barriers to integration between EIA and operational processes and look at case studies were there has been successful integration.

Workshop

The potential role of EA in Disaster Management

Chair: Tom Gore, Ryo Tajima

- Introduction (20 min.)

Ryo Tajima^{*}, Tom Gore^{**}

*National Institute for Environmental Studies, **University of Liverpool

- Discussion 1: "What role can/should EA play in different disaster phases?" (60min.)
- Break (20min.)
- Discussion 2: "Alternative ways to EA what other instruments/tools could we use for effective disaster management?" (60 min.)
- Plenary (20 min.)

Site Visit

Post-disaster town planning after the unprecedented earthquake and tsunami in Miyagi, Japan

• General Information about Onagawa town, Miyagi

Onagawa town is a small town on the coast of Miyagi prefecture, north-east Japan. In the tsunami of 11th March 2011, the town suffered appalling damage and loss of life. Latest estimates are that 1300 of the 10,000 population are dead or missing. The whole of the main part of Onagawa town was destroyed by a wave that reached 24m (78 feet) high.

Date	Time	Event	Note
	7:20	Meet at the Tobu Hotel Levant Tokyo Hotel (lobby)	
	7:30	Depart the hotel for Miyagi Pref.	7 hour (including break and lunch time)
2 Dec. (Sun.)	14:30	 Arrive at Onagawa town Observation on the Tsunami affected area Q&A session on the reconstruction plan 	Main Host: Mr. Toshiaki Yaginuma, Section of Reconstruction, Onagawa town
(Dum)	17:30	Depart Onagawa-cho for Sendai	1.5 hour
	19:00	Arrive at the hotel in Sendai	
	19:30	Dine out	TBD
	8:30	Depart the hotel for Iwanuma city	
	9:00	Arrive at coast line near IwanumaObservation on the Tsunami affected area from the bus	Iwanuma city, Miyagi Prefecture
3 Dec. (Mon.)	10:00	Depart Iwanuma city for Narita	6 hour (including break and lunch time)
	16:00	Arrive at Narita Airport	21:55 flight to UK
	16:30	Depart Narita Airport for Tokyo	1 hour
	17:30	Arrive at Tokyo station	

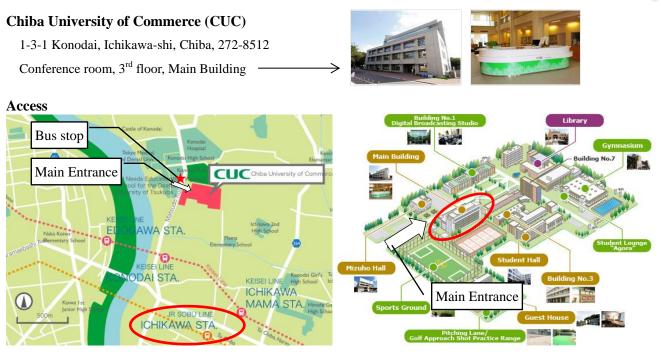
• Accommodation

Hotel Metropolitan Sendai

1-1-1, Chuo, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8477 TEL: +81-(0)22-268-2525 URL: http://www.s-metro.stbl.co.jp/english/ Breakfast: from 6:30 Internet: available in the guest room Map



Venue



- A) Approx. 20-minute walk from JR Sobu Line <u>Ichikawa Station</u> (15 minutes from Kinshicho Station)
- B) Or you can take a bus (for Matsudo or Matsudo-shako) from No.1 Keisei Bus Stop in front of JR Sobu Line Ichikawa Station and get off at <u>Wayo-joshidai-mae</u> bus stop. CUC is about 3 minutes from the bus stop.

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Access

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"The Tree of Hope", Ippon-matsu,

is the only pine tree that survived the tsunami out of the 70000, which had saved people's lives as a seawall since the Edo era. It has given hope to people as a symbol of fortitude towrds recovery.

Appendix 2: Minutes of the Q&A at the presentation sessions

<Session 1>

• Masahiro Osako

- Fischer
 - Q) About processing facilities (i.e. incineration facilities for the debris), are you building new facilities or not? The existing ones are not enough?
 - A) Partly we use the existing facilities. But the capacity was too short to deal with huge amount of the debris, so we had to build new facilities.
- Harashina
 - > Q) Do the present facilities have enough capacity?
 - A) Yes, they do. The constructions were done quickly and perfectly.
- ♦ Gore
 - Q) How were the temporally storages for debris selected? And how were the environmental considerations taken into account the siting?
 - > A) We had huge area washed away by the Tsunami, and there were no houses and buildings. So, it is easy to select the site.
 - > A) But in case of Iwate prefecture, the area was limited. So the siting was difficult.
- Swain
 - Q) About the before-hand preparation of such a big recovery operation, were there any plans or exercises that you think went well? What are the lessons to be learned and incorporated in the plan for future?
 - A) First, we didn't have know-how to deal with such a huge amount of the debris. But through this experience, we have to reflect this experience to future instruction of waste management.

• Andrew Buchanan

- Swain
 - Q) Do you think the information of safety report could be used and incorporated into environment impact assessment?
 - A) Environment Impact Assessment is the first stage which is the planning stage for approval, and the next stage is the safety report. The safety report is a requirement for operation, and the EIA is a requirement for planning. Environment Impact Assessment provides the information which is taken into the scenario definition, but there is no reason to suggest that the technical component of the safety report cannot be filtered back into Environmental Impact Assessment but I think that the detailed information needed for the safety report doesn't yet exist in the other stage.
- Harashina
 - Q) Safety is one of the components of EIA, what do you think?
- Marshall
 - Q) COMAH (Control of major accident hazards) is about safety. Harm to people was the driver for establishing the legislation to protect people. Since 2002, when the legislation was first applied, the environment was included. But in the 2010-11 revision, a special session on the environment was developed. It's still evolving. The safety report methodology

for predicting and preventing human harm has evolved. But the evolution of assessing the environmental impact and quantifying that impact is still ongoing today. It's a safety-led process, but the environmental element was always there and is now becoming more prominent.

• Tai-young Yi

- Fischer
 - Q) About "land use adjustment project", what exactly is that? Is that a project something like supporting reconstruction for long term?
 - A) This is a plan for future made after the earthquake. And this project will take around 10 years. Each consensus is not so quickly. Now is just beginning stage.
 - > Q) What are the different colors in the diagram?
 - A) The yellow is residence area, the red is commercial area and the green is residency prohibited area. As I mentioned, it will takes long time, but local residents cannot wait for these time and the situation have become very complex.

Buchanan

- > Q) Who is funding to develop the software package?
- ➤ A) NIED is.
- Bond
 - > Q) Whether is this e-community platform just proposing to be used or being used?
 - A) Already using.
 - > Q) Do you have any data of number of access to the platform?
 - > A) I cannot say the answer. But only small portion of total area can be used this platform.
- Fischer
 - Q) The platform has already used a strategy for future development by designating by colors, and should be developed for the purposes. How quickly did you come up? And who came up with the decision, authority or municipality? Because this decision was quite significant decision.
 - > A) Decision was made by the municipality and NIED is assisting them in terms of information aspect.

<Session 2>

• Kayoko Yamamoto

- Bond
 - Q) I was curious that you mentioned the negative impact resulting from SNS (e.g. twitter and facebook). Could you give me more detail of it?
 - A) I will send more date about cooperative study we are conducting now by e-mail.

• Nebil Achour

- Tasaki
 - > Q) In the third from last slide, you mentioned that CASBEE takes into account resilience. How does CASBEE take into

account resilience in this methodology?

- A) There are so many criteria in resilience itself, but here we have classified. We have location, flexibility and structure of many functions. These three main elements develop SAP (Subjective Assessment of workplace Productivity). There are a lot of equation and information in there. The approach that been found of CASBEE and other tool follows that way. CASBEE is kind like more detail and lot of mathematics and calculation behind. And in others, more comparable kind of information (e.g. low, middle and high) is given. What in Japan do opposite way have quite numbers, then those numbers will lead to decide which one is high and which one is low and so on.
- ♦ Marshall
 - Q) I have keep seeing the references to resilience of unsustainability. Surely is resilience important component of sustainability?
 - A) Yes. Then the way resilience always been seen different perceptions in different part and different people. For example in UK, our view of resilience is resilience of people and resilience of management system and process that we have. On the other hand in Japan, you found it is more about infrastructure or physical issue. Perhaps that is one perception you can see. But world resilience itself, it exists in report. And there are other thing, disaster management and disaster prevention. And perhaps these could be shown as difference perception in different place and different people as well.

• Tomohiro Tasaki

- Bond
 - Q) I'm interested in asbestos just because it important to handle. How to deal with asbestos? How to detect and how hard is it?
 - A) As you said, it's difficult to identify which contains asbestos in especially practical situation. So sometime we neglect existence of asbestos. It's very tough point to deal with appropriate in the real situation.
 - A) In case of only earthquake, you might be able to indentify. But in this case of the tsunami, it becomes so difficult.
- Swain
 - > Q) About regulation, was there flexibility of waste management regulation for such a very extremely incident?
 - A) Not so flexible I think. For example, to create temporal incineration plant, we need appropriate environmental assessment and like that and it takes time. So Ministry of the Environment decided to reduce the process a couple months after the disaster. But before that, it took time.

<Session 3>

Takuya Sugimoto

- Fischer
 - Q) We heard in this morning that there are 20 EIAs every year at national level in Japan. But you said that in Yokohama alone, the experience is 60 EIAs. Is that just national EIA or also like prefectural or municipal EIA? And since when?
 - ➤ A) From 1980 to 2012.
- Harashina
 - Q) In your wrap up, you said "not only project level but also to something like plan."

A) Yes. But this doesn't have "consultation." The committee gives just comment to the plan (consultation is more influential than comment).

Swain

- > Q) Is there any plan to monitor an effect of the change (i.e. amendment)? And what impact would be changed?
- A) Not done yet. The amendment was done just last year.

Samuel Hayes

- Harashina
 - Q) In your conclusions, you said that inclusion of flood risk within assessment objectives is variable. Did you see some tendency of the variation?
 - A) I focus on 4 cases in my Ph.D based on, so these are quite detail. And these are only the most recent plan, so in terms of how they were previously and how they were doing, I don't know. But in my impression, some of the variation is quite typical in other studies ancestors said.
- Fischer
 - Q) One thing I'm interested in is that you looked at SEA in England and Scotland, and you said there are various factors that are difficult to isolate from flood risk. But what I was wondering is that flood plains very often become very attractive for developers, and you could argue that an SA could be used to push towards actually developing a flood plain. Have you seen any evidence of that, when you were looking at the cases?
 - A) Not specifically, yet. My cases weren't selected with the issue of flood risk in mind. So if you wanted to look at that, you might choose difference cases. Because in the English cases, the Black Country, which does have issues of flood risk, is already heavily urbanized. So their position was very much a case of trying to regenerate areas that have already been developed. So the traditional idea of a green flood plain is not really in their area. But you do get the feeling that things are weighed against economics and other aspects. Although they aren't formally included in SEA in Scotland, they're part of the discussion. In the Scottish case I spoke about, they excluded one area because the SEA said flooding was an issue, but decided to continue to develop in the core area because it was "economically viable to protect it." So there are definitely elements bleeding into the discussion.
- 🔶 Tajima
 - Q) In terms of managing flood risks, did you see any use of the flood risk assessment or strategic flood risk assessment in the SA? And was it influential? Which was used, SA or the flood risk assessment?
 - A) Depending on the order in which they're done, there are references, such as "there will be further information provided by the strategic flood risk assessment." So the SA or SEA will refer to the flood risk assessment as a place where more detail can be found. So there is some crossover.
- Murayama
 - Q) Flood risk is difficult to estimate (i.e. how to calculate probability and damage scale). So in this case, were some technical information provided?
 - > A) Yes. Environment Agency provided the flood risk data which produced information.

• Tom Gore

- Tajima
 - > Q) You said the time requirement for scoping was reduced. What kind of scoping activity was undertaken?
 - A) The way the Indonesian system works is the proponent prepares a scoping document that is evaluated by a technical team of experts. Then again, the scoping document, along with the recommendation of the technical team, goes to the review commission, who then appraises it and decides whether or not to accept it. What they did, in actuality, was they got the head of the technical team to work with the proponent, so instead of the "to and fro" approach, they worked everything out in advance
- ♦ Harashina
 - Q) In your 3rd recommendation, you write "such agreements don't necessarily reduce the quality of the EIA". Do you have evidence to support that?
 - A) No, it's more of a hunch, because many people have said that by accelerate the EIA process, we'd automatically have to reduce the quality by reducing the time for analysis or the depth for field studies. I was just making the point that if we first focus on things that can have their time requirements reduced without necessarily impacting quality, such as administration, we can reduce the overall time requirement for EIA without having too much of an impact on overall quality. No evidence, though, it's just an idea.

• Keita Azechi

- Gore
 - Q) Am I correct in understanding that landslide hazard was taken into account because of public demand in the case study? Did I understand that correctly? The public believed that because of the history of the location that it was important to consider the landslide hazard in the EIA. Is that what happened?
 - A) It's actually difficult to answer this question because there was public demand but, in practice, usually the EIAs don't consider the landslide hazard.
 - A) I'd like to say one thing more about this. As I told him this morning, the scope of impact assessment is very narrow. The reason why is we have a very secular(?) system in Japan. So the environment, the concept, is very narrow. It does not include such radioactive substances for this kind of safety concern. They're different. So this ministry (MLIT) is in charge of this kind of thing. They like to do this by themselves. But not in the impact study. So that is the basic problem. But, as you say, the public, they are very aware of this. So this kind of concern should be included in the scope of the environmental impact. So he insisted on including it.
 - Q) I recognize here, actually, something that you find very often; that fragmentation of responsibility leads to ignoring certain things. But within the environmental assessment process, would MLIT not be one of the bodies to be consulted? So wouldn't they automatically bring their expertise into the process?
 - A) I think that usually MLIT doesn't engage in the EIA process.
 - A) That's on the national level. But each local government studies differently. And they have a more comprehensive approach for impact studies. So some advanced municipalities, they have this kind of system, including safety. In this case, this city includes safety in their environmental studies. So it's different from the national level.

• Yuki Shibata

- Buchanan
 - Q) The previous speaker highlighted that landslides are significant national disasters in Japan. I was wondering if you'd like to comment on the relocation from coastal areas into more hilly areas and how that knowledge has been impacted in the selection of areas for the new locations. Has concern about landslides been incorporated into the decision making process?
 - A) The primary purpose in relocation to mountainous areas is to avoid the tsunami disaster but you are correct that such locations have some risk of landslides.
 - Sachihiko Harashina) In this case, landslides happened in emergency areas, not close to the plans. So the areas close to the sea and mountainous areas aren't so dangerous. In the mountain areas, there are many such places. So they are checked by MLIT which has the basic data on which parts are dangerous. So based on that data, different locations can be chosen. So it's not a big problem. But in the case of wind turbines, these are constructed in the mountain areas, so this is a problem.
- Achour
 - Q) Along with the landslides, there is also rock fall as well, here in Japan. Does the ministry do a risk assessment for all these types of disasters, or is it just, basically focused on landslides or otherwise?
 - A) These aren't checked in the impact studies, but in a different system. MLIT does this. But not connected to the impact studies. But the people, they are aware of the comprehensive issues, so it's not good for them to have it separated. But MLIT says that they have responsibility.
- Fischer
 - > Q) The special EIA for recovery, is that something that is based on the current EIA law, or is that a new act for disasters?
 - A) Yes, that is a special act. So it's only applicable to a very slim target.
 - > Q) The amended EIA procedure, it removes the scoping process altogether? There's no scoping process shown in the slide.
 - A) It's skipped.
 - > Q) So who decides what to focus the EIA on?
 - ➤ A) The proponent.
 - ➢ Q) Without input from other...?
 - ➤ A) In my opinion, it's very bad.
- Gore
 - Q) I think so, too. In actuality, they still did the scoping process, but they reduced the time it took. It usually took 5 months. What they did is they sped it up by integrating government finance technical experts into the proponent's team to speed the scoping process up. So it's still conducted (arguably to a better standard) but scoping is important because you aim the EIA at important aspects. You can argue it's even more important to do it in a post-disaster context. Removing it altogether seems like a dodgy move.
 - Sachihiko Harashina) I conducted impact studies and processes, and it only took 3 to 4 months. The scoping process was most important. And we allocated more time for the scoping process. To persuade them, we conducted this one 2 years ago. That's what he was referring to. But the national government considered this to perhaps be much better. But I don't think so. This was before the EI Act in Japan and the first guideline. This is the kind of system we had. But we changed.
 - Q) So, that is the original system?

- > A) This a very limited system, only for emergencies.
- Q) I was struck by it as well, since it looks like it has the potential to make the process take even longer, since you're not excluding things that aren't important.

<Session 4>

• Takehiko Murayama

- Buchanan
 - Q) Has somebody conducted a comparison of the actual with the 2011 and the first estimation 2004 by looking at the differences?
 - A) Yes. For example, Miyagi prefecture government are remixing and trying to make clear the accuracy of first estimation.
 But, it is still going under consideration.
 - > Q) It is interesting to see the environmental statistic.
- Harashina
 - > That day, the height of tsunami might be much lower compared with the actual, one than less than half.
 - ➢ A) Generally speaking, yes.
- Fischer
 - Q) My first question is almost same as what Buchanan asked. My second question which is related to the first one is that in 2004 there was any implication in terms of preparing to meet for possible disaster?
 - A) It is very good point. Such kind of the estimation prevention plan is not perfectly but effective to reduce some damage. However, local people is too difficult to understand, and in general, local people want to live near seaside because for their Fischery activity or something others. This is very difficult point, but we have to discuss about such kind of risk and future goal. We have several options after the disaster. One is a still living near seaside or moving to the mountain area. But, it is very difficult to solve.
 - Sachihiko) I think it's a problem of perception of the people. And in these cases, people would like to think the risk much lower the level. There was this kind of tendency. If we could find the way to show more realistic one. So after the disaster, they could know that, however before the disaster, they could not understand. That was a big change. We had experience same kind of the earthquake more than 1,000 years ago in 19 centuries. But, it's once in 1,000 years, so people could not understand. So, but now, we have this experience, it should be changed.

• Ross Marshall

- Harashina
 - > Q) Why did they establish such the Contingency Act 2004? What is the background?
 - > A) Lots of disasters that were badly managed.
- Buchanan
 - Q) This is more comment than question. I focused on same thing yesterday but I never covered this point, the next phase of the survey (phase 3). One of the key changes is going to be an executive summary type of section to make the public aware. In the EIA stage, there's not enough done in the more detailed scenario risk and publication of that. Obviously the stages at

which these assessments have to happen are varied, but there's going to be more information in the public domain about what the risks are. That's going to be brought in across Europe.

A) We achieved very rapid EIA on the ship's disposal options. One of my staff, Kevin worked with the internal agency team on the disposal options, their environmental implications and what needed to be communicated out to the team. We've done such "special EIAs" on several missions as a rapid response.EIA looking at alternatives and options, how you communicate with the public and what they're likely to be concerned about.

• Atsuko Masano

Achour

- Q) What was highlighted earlier on this morning and yesterday, for example, what we have in the UK, we have our critical infrastructure. The first thing we say, we say that earthquakes and seismic activities, we don't have them in the UK. So they're out of the risk, and then we say that flood plain areas would not stop us from building our infrastructure. So what I'm trying to say is that authorities, and governments and politicians generally speaking, they are not bothered at all about the people or they're only bothered about whether they'll vote for them.
- Bond
 - Q) It's possibly, it's a fair comment that the idea isn't just one of one place, that while the evidence is there to suggest that certain different decisions should be made in terms of development and infrastructure, those decisions are still not being made, so while we might think we have the systems in place, it's still not just unique to one place; all over the world we still have these problems.
 - A) May I comment on both of them. Today's presentations were so interesting to me. Because, Prof. Murayama's presentation showed how much information they have about simulation about tsunami but it doesn't really connect to the contingency plan and maybe they don't have any evacuation drilling about tsunami even though they have some simulation. On the other hand, Mr. Marshall showed us the Contingency Act and I was wondering as I was listening to you if there was any evacuation drill something but you show some. So I think it's very important to connect these two, actual simulation and contingency plan for evacuation to just save our life. In Japan, I think we have very brilliant technology to do simulation but then it doesn't really help people's life.
- ♦ Gore
 - Q) When TEPO lost the nuclear power plant in Fukushima, they wanted to rebuild the capacity by developing new power station. Is that right?
 - A) They have already built new thermal plant without EIA.
 - > Q) Was anything done without any alternative.
 - A) Yes. TEPCO said they provided a lot of information to local government and local residents, but not whole full set of EIA procedure.
 - Q) But were there some sort of EIA?
 - ➤ A) Not much.
 - Harashina) Yes, this is the basic problem in Japan. As I told you yesterday, it takes two or three years, so it's very long time and also very expensive, so they would like to exempt. But in this case, I'd like to say you that they should take concise type of EIA including scoping process, and should be finished three or four months, very short and they can check

environmental impact. But in this case, they didn't do this. They only provide information but not good participation, so skipping over this kind of process. So this is big problem.

- A) If you slide number 12, these are all the power plant we want to build. As you see Anegasaki one, they released 15 Apr.
 11 and within this month they started operating. It was so quick. The press releases were that these were exempt. And their excuse was that they were just replacement because they already have the site.
- Harashina) In this case, even if we conduct EIA process, it might not be big problems. So they could pass. But in this case, we could apply more concise one. So from my experience, maybe it would be applicable. But even though they don't want to conduct the EIA processes. Because Japanese systems only focus on such a huge project target. So it takes long time, two or three years. And more than one million dollars expense so they don't want to. For the other alternative way, so we should have more concise one like EA under NEPA.
- Fischer
 - Comment) In the EIA directive in Europe, there is clause that in certain situations, the activities can be exempted from the rule. The member states considered doing some sort of assessment over that moving defined. But I guessed such probably is good thing to do the release to be defined just to avoid situations where the project is just simply exempted without having on any alternatives even the shorten produce.

Alan Bond

Harashina

- Q) You presented the new concept is less focus on baseline. But for this, I think we need kind of special criteria to evaluate. How is current situation and hot to make this kind of criteria?
- A) It's a good question about sustainability appraisal approach where using in England. There were objects which come up with and become criteria against policies and plans, and future actions. Now, there is smart research and practice pointing out factors of those objectives to get best development by involving with communities who live near specific plan. And wide range of stakeholders not only consultants and environmental agency. So, I mean lots of knowledge about how to go forward.
- > Q) That might be not create kind of criteria but also making consensus in the society, community consensus building.
- A) Yes, It's easy to say let's develop the consensus, everyone agree doesn't work. So they have discussion intend to enhance legitimacy to the final conclusion for the final criteria. What we found also in practicing Sustainability Appraisal is that there is tendency to involve members of public and stakeholders to develop the criteria and then move away go behind close the door to do assessment based on criteria not involved public.
- Buchanan
 - Q) Is there going to be a major piece of legislation in the near future that will take that report's approach, or we still going to continue with the grandfathered-in sort of way that we always do?
 - A) I wish there was. I mean, I think we might (?) when the sustainability craze had first arrived, an actual step forward. But if you actually look at the way environmental impact assessment, and strategic environmental assessment developed, the structure is constrained much more by the courts than anything else. And the courts look at what the legislation says, and that's where a baseline-led report approach has started to dominate. So it's kind of saying, this is what we have to do, we're not doing it, and that approach visualizes (in sustainability-terms) where you want to be, which is a difficult concept to take

forward, and it's certainly difficult in terms of the courts to work out if you're doing something appropriate, and it's fallen out of favor.

- Marshall
 - Q) I agree with the concepts. I still think you should remember that one of the primary tenants why you do this is so that the decision-maker understands the consequences of his decision as we move from the baseline to a new state. That was the primary policy driver of the EIA. So as ever we try to protect the baseline, but as EIA practitioners, we're always conscious that we're moving into a new baseline, or a future baseline. As long as people accept what they're going to get.
 - A) I agree with you. I think the only argument I'm making in terms of the baseline is that we've got to stop this kind of blinkered approach to protect a particular species. As moving forward, if we have habitat what we think it is protected, I think there is nothing wrong with impact assessments trying to protect a habitat. What it shouldn't do is try to protect a habitat in its existing form. That doesn't accept that evolution takes place.

Session 5

Shigeo Nishikizawa

Fischer

- Q) You mentioned the disaster prevention plan. Is that something that is a statutory requirement or is that done voluntarily? To what extent are those prepared currently? You mentioned that at one point in your presentation, or maybe you were referring to the disaster-related survey, I don't know.
- A) It is not an obligated item, so it's done on a voluntary basis. But, in the case of forest land development, disaster prevention, particularly in the landslide or flood risk, basically was selected and their impact was predicted.
- Sachihiko Harashina) As I told you yesterday, at the national level, each ministry is very sectional, so they are vertically separated. So, they could not intervene in the EIA process of this kind of disaster management. These cases are all from the local ordinances, the prefecture level or minister level. In these cases, local governments that are much closer to the people have this kind of approach. But it's hasn't been done yet at the national level. Therefore, as Dr. Masano said, we have this kind of problem at the national level.
- A) One of the major differences between the national level and ordinance is that at the national level there is no EIA review committee. On the other hand, EIA ordinances have the EIA reviewing process. So, even if the proponents don't select the evaluation item of prevention risk, in most of the cases reviewers can do so.
- Nakagami
 - Q) EA and the disaster management are related to many stakeholders, and we should consider which stakeholder is the most important for each specific project. In your case study, who is it?
 - > A) In this case, the most important stakeholders are the inhabitants, the administrative bodies, and maybe Fischermen.

<u>Steve Swain</u> (40:00~)

- Harashina
 - Q) Thank you very much. You are not an expert in such radiation, but you have this restricting system and radiation emergency preparation. So, can you talk more about this?

- A) The requirement for an emergency plan is not automatic. There has to be the presence of fissile material, radioactive nuclide at the site that ought to be transported, and then there has to be a very detailed assessment of risks and then, following that, there is a decision about whether there should be an emergency plan. This is as far as I got for my case study. The risks are assessed by the authority, which is the Health and Safety Executive.
- Nakagami
 - Q) And another discussion point is Non-SEA mechanisms. It's a very new discussion point in the last slide. Even the SEA is a very new field regarding environmental impact assessment, and you mentioned Non-SEA mechanisms, we need more discussion.
 - A) I should have clarified and explained more. I was looking at specifically the SEA regulations and the exemption. There are environmental assessments going on as part of these processes. Strictly speaking, they aren't called environmental assessments, but they are strategic environmental assessments and nothing new.
 - Q) Prof. Harashina is an expert in SEA. May I ask you for some comments?
 - Harashina) SEA is perhaps not very wide in scope and the definition might be a little limited. So maybe this kind of approach is a kind of alternative to the SEA approach.
 - A) I think they are mechanisms of environmental assessment. I was probably too focused on the SEA directive and the exemption, so if they are not, strictly, falling within that realm because they are exempt, I thought of them as non-SEA, but they are forming the same task.
- Bond
 - Q) I've always thought that the directives, with their exemptions in emergencies, had in mind a situation where there was an emergency and you rapidly put a plan together because it didn't exist. Because you needed to save life, that was the priority. But with things like the civil contingency, that's clearly not the way things happened. Is there really any reason why we can't conduct an environment assessment in an emergency plan?
 - A) I did have to think about the practicalities of how you could incorporate EA into emergency plans, and I thought there were probably three different sorts of plans, really, in terms of how you could affect them:
 - A) There's the civil contingency response plan, where you'd need a real-time equivalent of an environmental assessment, which actually does exist. So because they're only a framework, really, for getting people together to decide upon the response, all the decisions that affect the environment are done in real-time, so there's real-time environmental assessment.
 - A) I think the recovery might be a little different. Potentially there are ways which you could prepare beforehand to have certain options available, maybe, or there's a shorter, concise environmental assessment that you could undertake which you could fit in to the timescale of the recovery. It sounds like that's something that's sensible.
 - A) And the site-specific emergency plans, but they're mitigation measures, what they achieve is they already look at the hazards, and they try to reduce risks in proportion to make loads reasonably practical. In a way, the problem's already been taken care of there through regulations.
 - Comment) One of the things we need to be aware of, when we discuss SEA and EIA, especially in the European context of using emergency plans, is that there's a very clear distinction between EIA and SEA as a regulatory tool. An EIA, an SEA is just a decision-making kit. If we took the statute treatment for EIA emergency plans, we'd suddenly run into process and administration issues such as a four-week consultation period, 8 weeks for the decision-making body to respond, public consultation, advertising in the newspapers, so I think even little elements, they just stop being a functioning tool, so to

speak.

Kenichi Tanaka

- Marshall
 - Q) Could you explain further about the composition of the advisory committee? Is this a standing committee within your organization, or is it a committee that is pulled together for a special occasion?
 - A) The advisory committee I mentioned is a special committee, a 3rd party. We cannot select the members directly. And for the selection, Prof. Harashina is a member of the selection, if we didn't have such a system, maybe JICA, we could appoint the people who want to collaborate with JICA's project, but in the current system, we can get seated. The opposition party, also.
 - Harashina) It's a standing committee. They have very many EISs, around 300 or 400. But only 20 domestic cases. So if we could introduce this system domestically, we could have more. Then we could become connected to disaster management as in your cases.
 - > A) And all discussion is open to the public by website. All of the minutes of the discussion of the advisory committee.

Bridget Durning

- ♦ Harashina
 - I think the connection between the environmental management system and the process is a very good concept but as you know in Japan it's almost impossible. But if EIA are made more prevalent in society, this approach might be possible.
 - I think you can have smaller versions of the environmental system, what they increasing use now as an environmental management plan is what has been called "EMS-light". It's a smaller version, for taking into small towns with time restraints.
- Marshall
 - Q) What are the risks with respect to acting in haste through ill-advised actions if we speed up the EIA? We learned a lot of lessons in the UK from foot and mouth where the army came in and acted in haste. It led to a lot of ground water issues, a lot of risk management that we've had to tidy up.
 - A) The paper goes into this in more detail, but you need feedback loops for sharing practices and things that start to go wrong. If you have that integrated system, you have to start with the organization at the point, it starts at the management side, whether it's the civil defense side, the civil contingency side. You'd have to have that body as the one that then said the rapid EIA would have to follow this plan, and you'd have to have those systems in place to make sure that things didn't happen without some sort of governance you can control. It isn't something you could do unless the system and procedures fully exist. You'd have to look at how it would actually fit in with what already exists.
 - > Q) In the case of Louisiana who decided for the army to handle the landfills?
 - A) That's a national legislative process. Any disaster, it's the army that takes over. But it was the Louisiana authority that authorized the re-opening of the landfill site and who controls what goes into the landfill site. They obviously follow waste management practices in terms of the need to screen waste. It's only authorized to take certain types and amounts of waste. I think the process with that is the Louisiana local authority authorized the use landfill site, but it's the army who provides the process for managing the waste. But they still looked at the condition of the landfill site to make sure it could

take additional waste and what impact ground movements would have on the site. The alternative sites were decided to have greater environmental impacts. So, various aspects of the EIA process were still looked at. The Louisiana state authorities attached various conditions to approving the landfill. The army didn't just come in.

- > Q) So the process is based on a regular statutory one? But it was very fast?
- > A) Yes.

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