

Water Resource Group

**Impacts of Climate Change on
Water Resource in Japan, and
Adaptation Options**

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How to adapt to this problem?

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Increase in Water Demand

**Reduction Potential of
Water Withdrawal**

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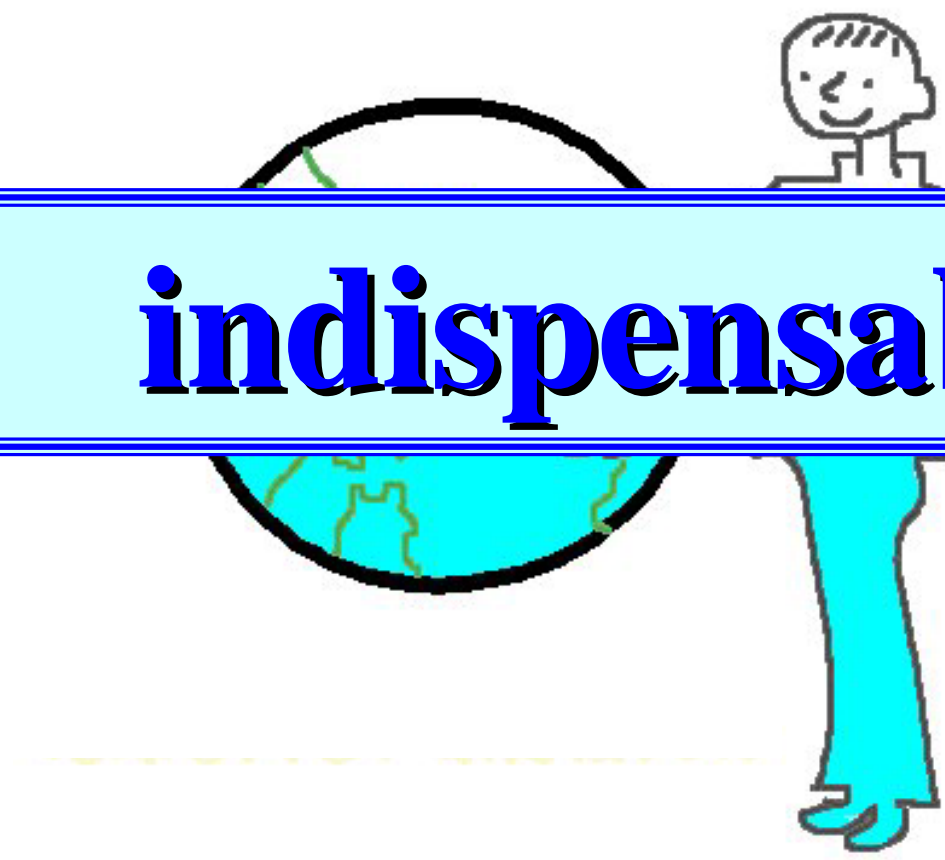
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Chapter 1. Water as a Resource

- **Life and Water**
- **Water resource on the Earth**
- **Water as a Resource**

Life and Water



indispensable

**How much water is
there on the Earth?**

Water Resource on the Earth



Water as a Resource

Indispensable

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limited

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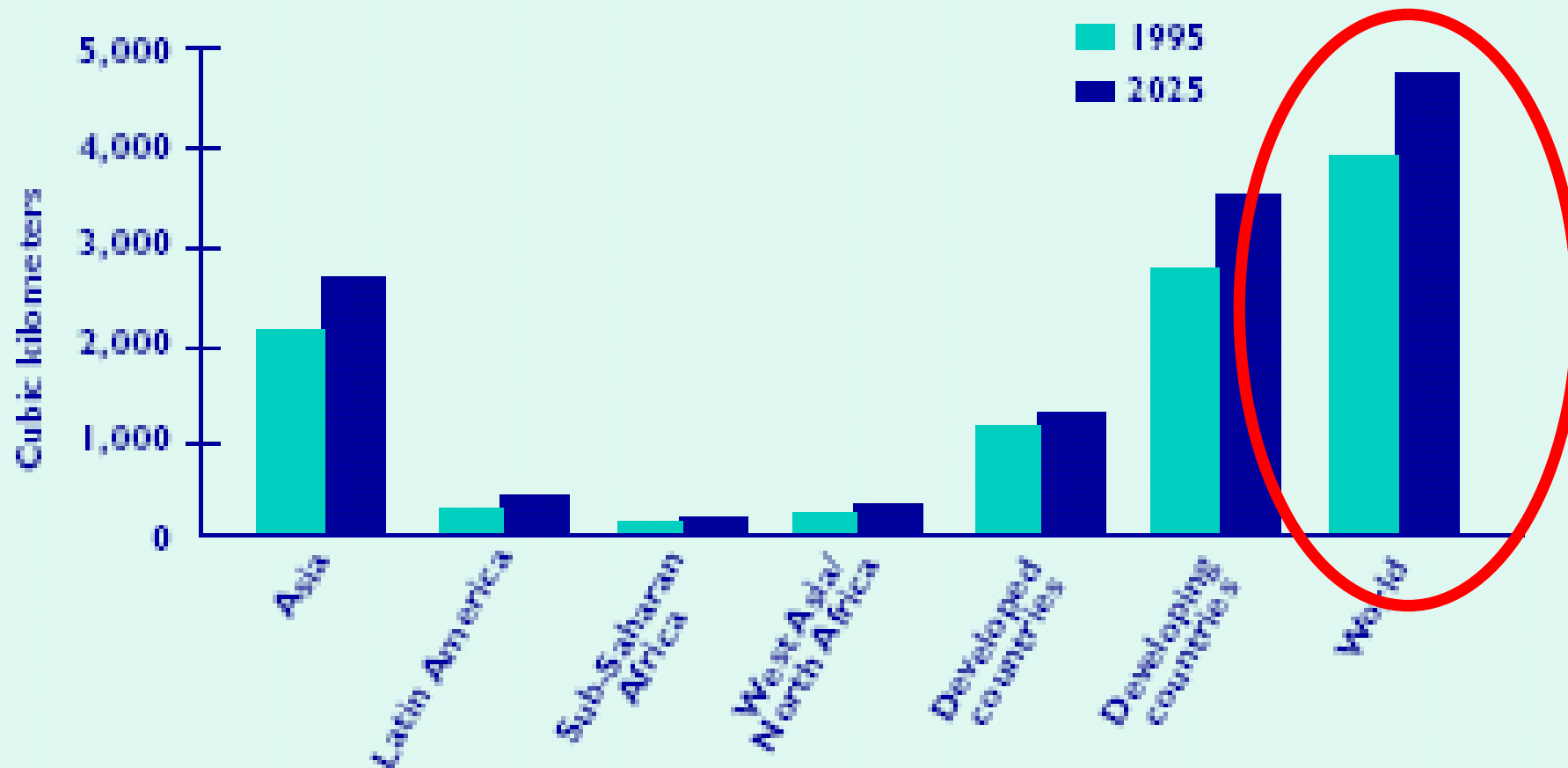
Water resource distribution will change because of climate change.

2050



2-2. Change in Water Demand in the World

Figure 1 Total water withdrawal by region, 1995 and 2025



SOURCE: Authors' estimates and IMPACT-WATER projections, June 2002.

NOTE: Projections for 2025 are for the business as usual scenario.

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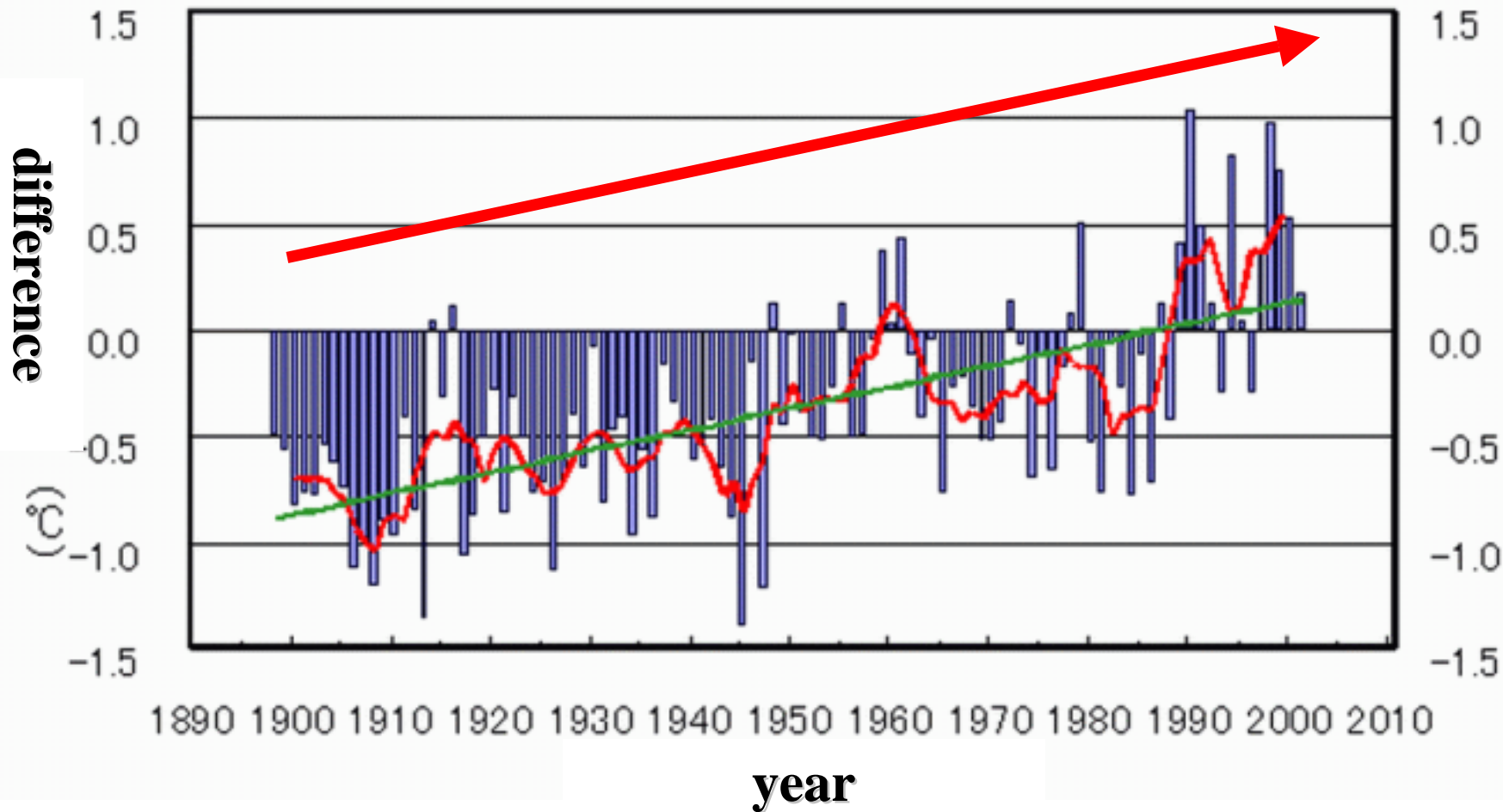
- 3-1. Impacts on Water Resource
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3-1. Impacts on Water Resource

3-1-1. current situation of climate change

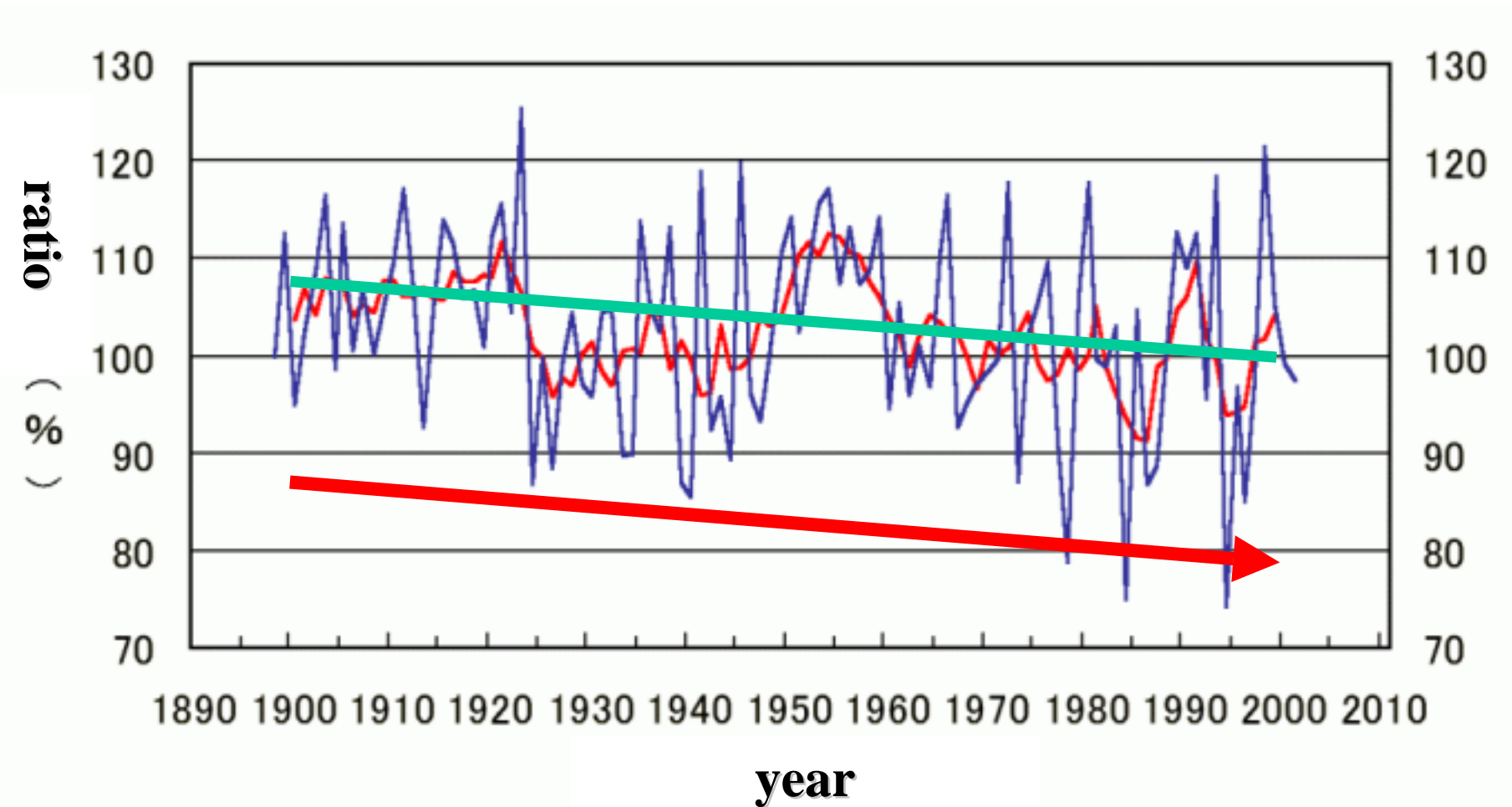
- Temperature
- Precipitation
- Abnormal Weather

Temperature



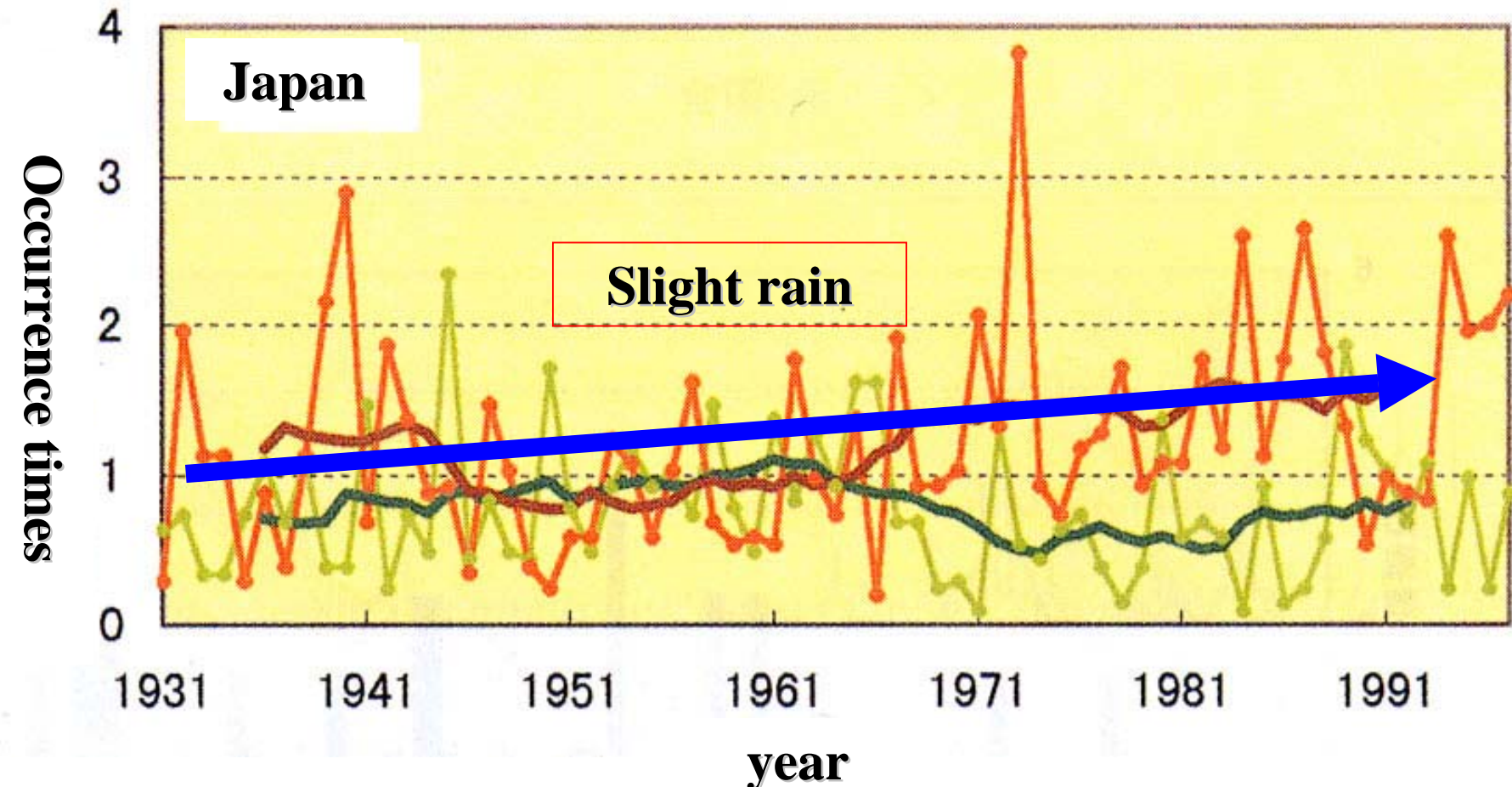
Source: Japan Meteorological Agency

Precipitation



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Abnormal Weather



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3-1. Impacts on Water Resource

3-1-2. Prospect

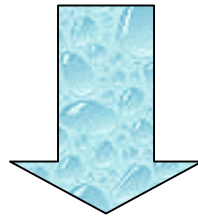
- Increase in evaporation
(Decrease in river flow)
- Frequent abnormal weather

**How about impacts on
water availability?**

3-2. Impacts on Water Availability

Impacts on Water Resource

- Increase in evaporation
(Decrease in river flow)
- Increase in abnormal weather



Water supply and demand will be tight !

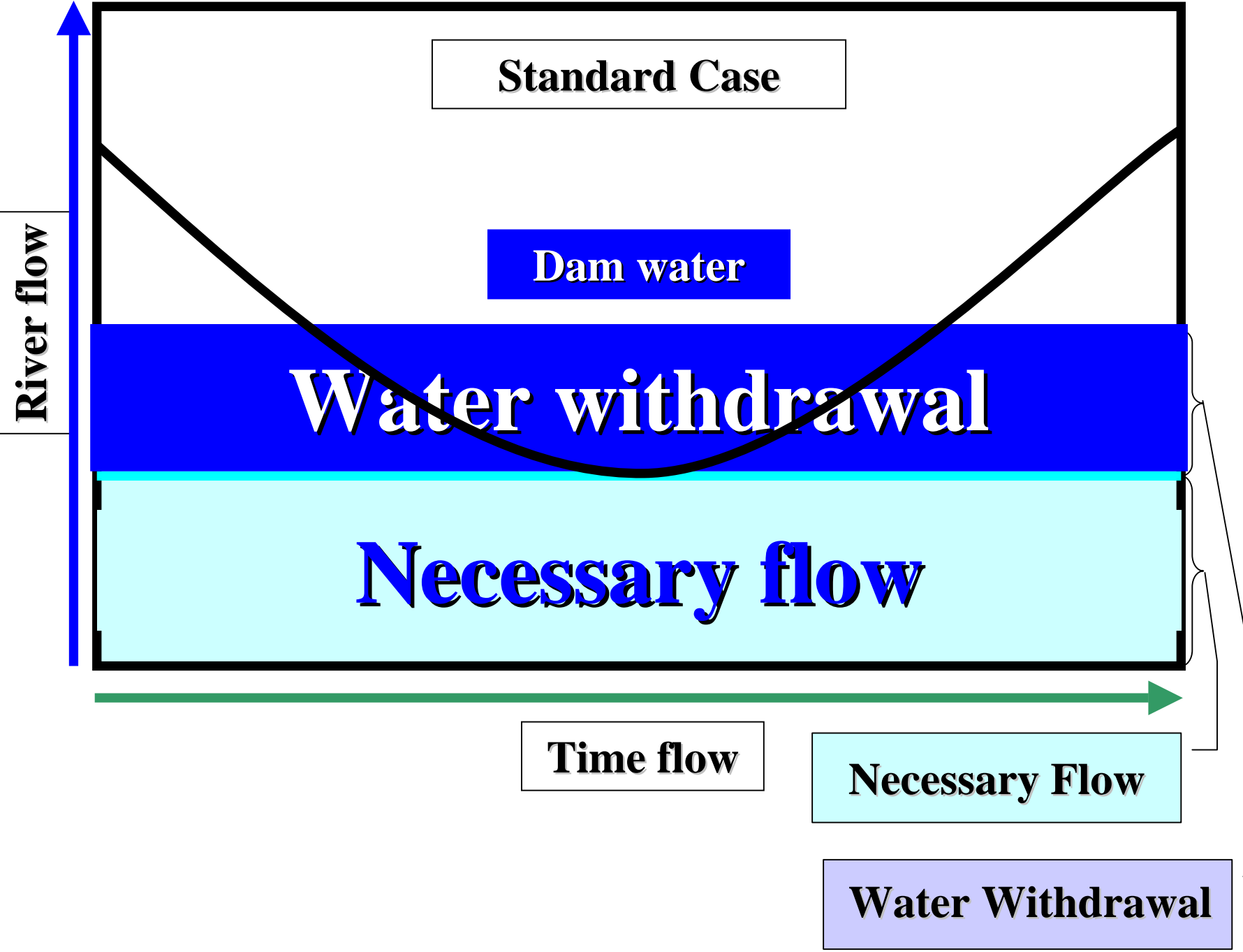
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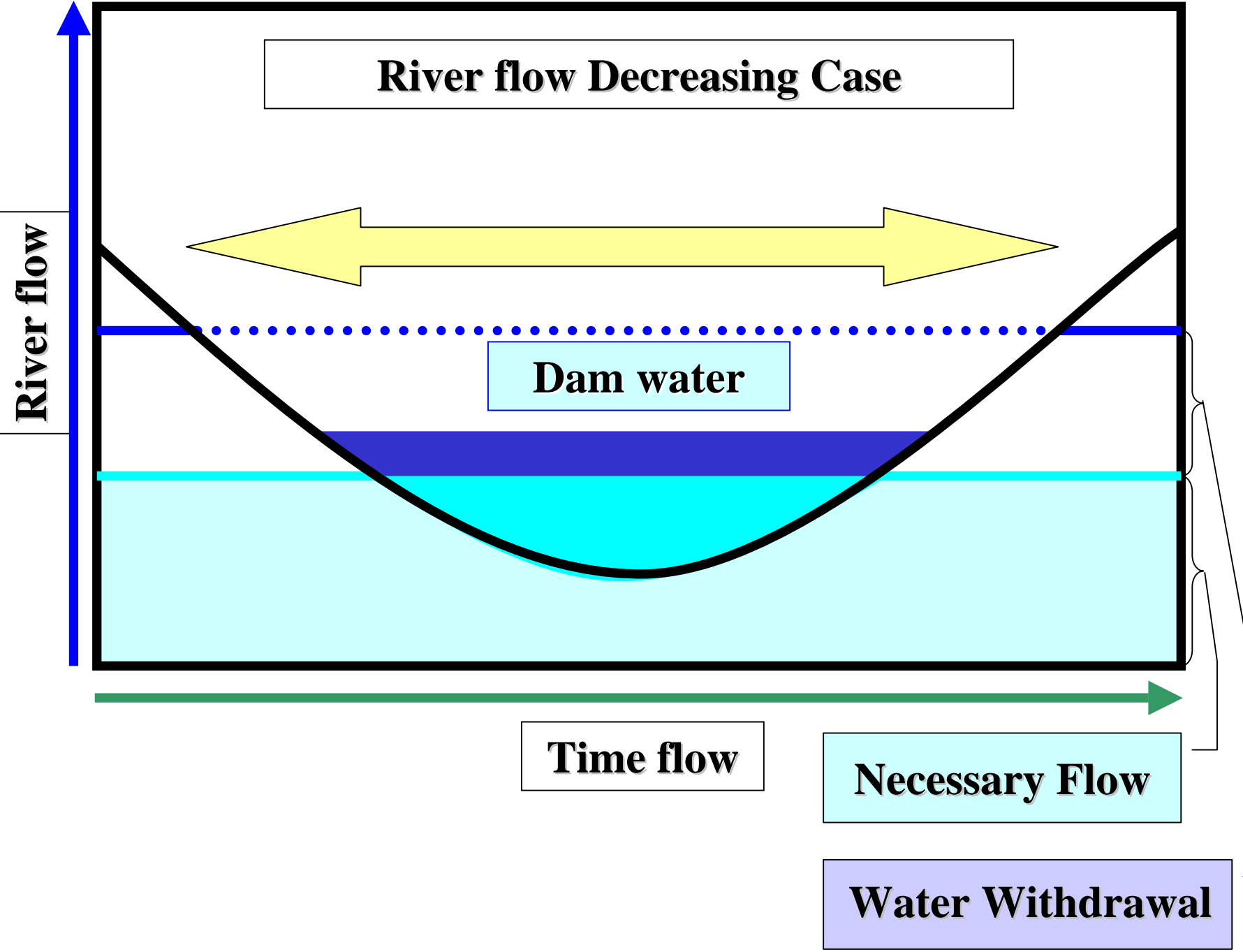
**Water resource
development in Japan
depends on dams!**

Water storage \Rightarrow 12 billion m³

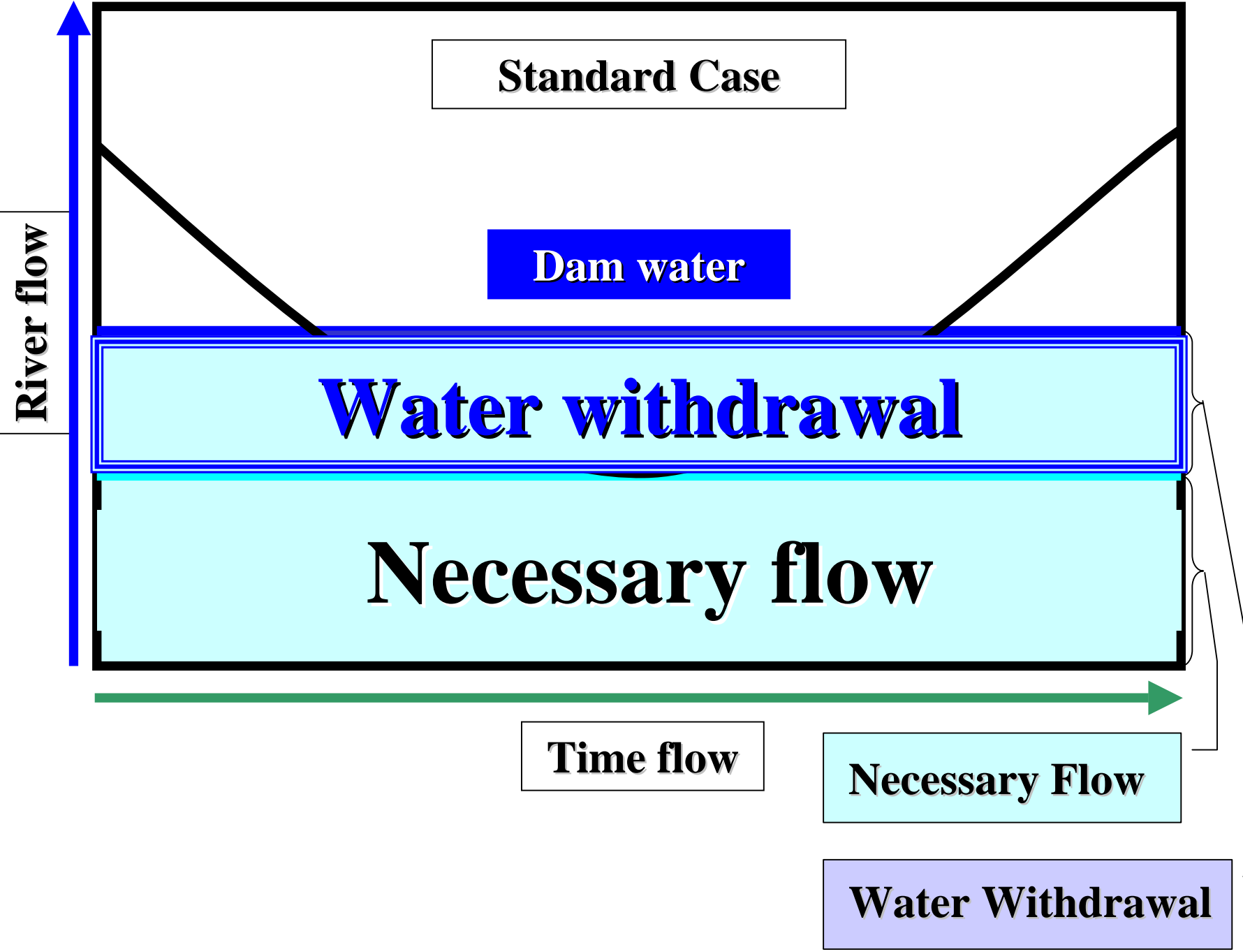
**Water withdrawal in Japan is
supported by dams!**

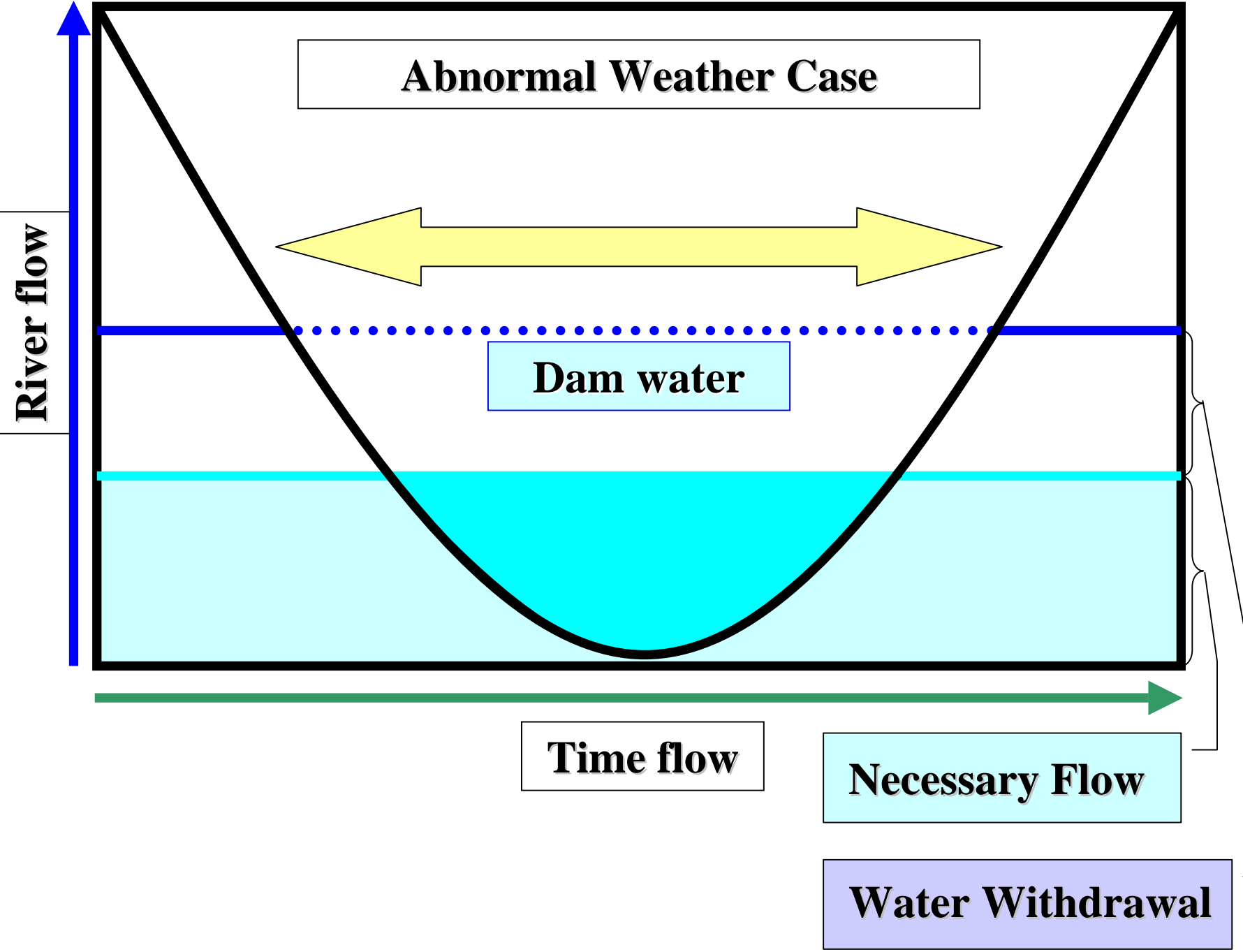
**Decrease in river flow causes
decrease in water withdrawal**





**Frequent abnormal weather causes
decrease in water withdrawal**





3-2. Impacts on Water Availability

- Decrease in river flow
- Frequent abnormal weather

⇒ Decrease in water supply

Furthermore.....

- Rise in temperature

⇒ Increase in water demand

Water supply and demand will be tight !

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4. Options for adaptation

For Japan to secure sufficient water resources.....

1. Increase water supply by dams

2. Decrease water demand by
improving efficiency

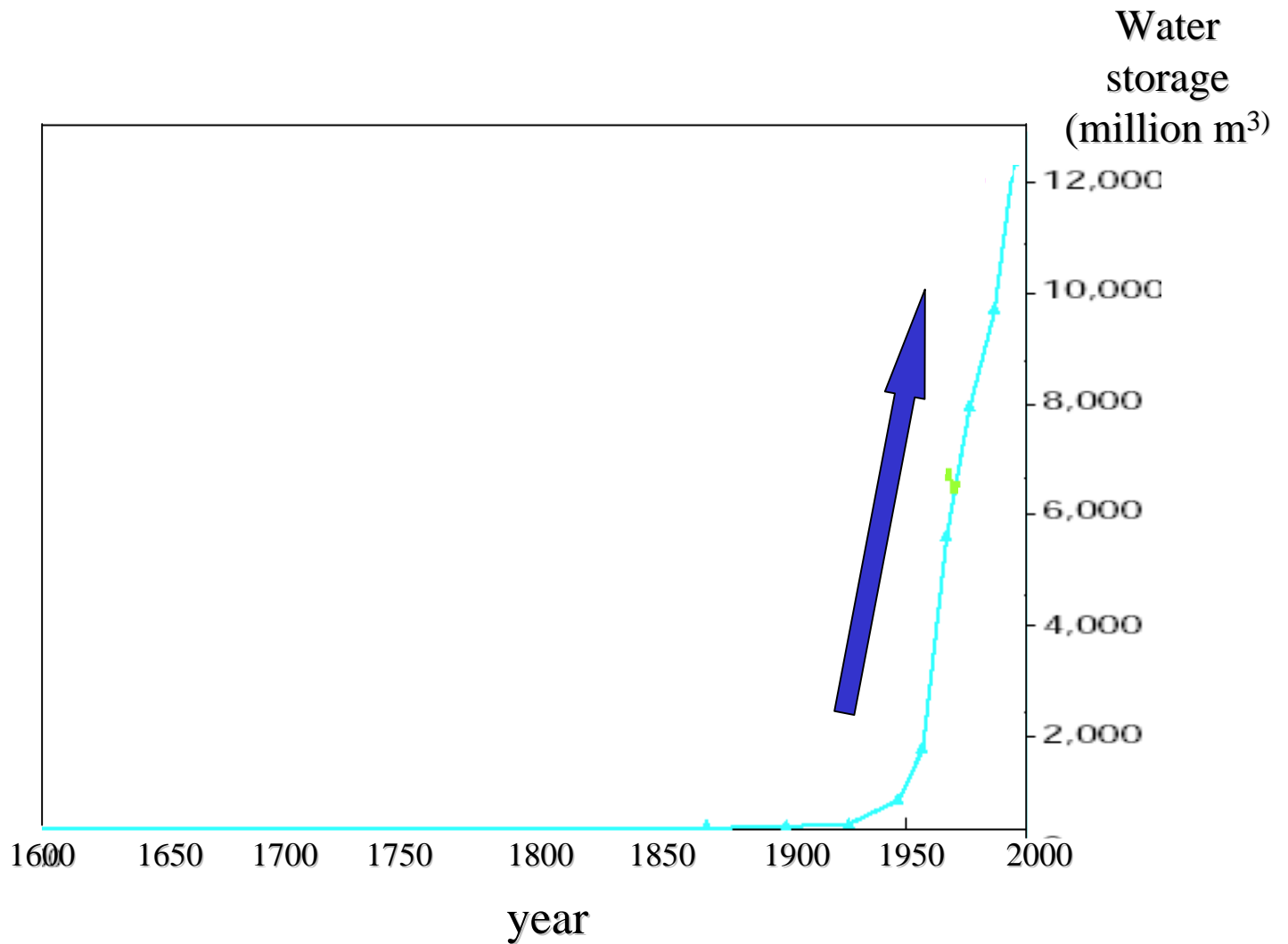
4-1. Dams

About 2700 dams in Japan

The main policy of Japan's water resource development

Roles of dams { **Stable water supply**
Water resource security

Dams



How effective are dams to secure water resources?

Dams' effectiveness (Water shortage)

- Effective method for water shortage

ex.: Around Tokyo area (m³)

	1963-64	1996
City water use	1billion	1.6billion
Water storage (dams)	0.18billion	0.37billion
Restriction of the water supply	513days	44days

Moreover...

- In the past....dams were considered to bring tremendous positive effects

ex. Increasing demand for water in industrial and households sectors

Creation of employment

There has been strong resistance to constructing more dams to control water resources.

3. Why cannot we build more dams?

1. Higher concern for
the environment

(Dams destroy
biodiversity)



3. Why cannot we build more dams?

2. Anti-public works projects
especially since introduction of Public Works
Assessment System in 1997
(Dams guzzle a tremendously large sum of
taxpayers' money)



In view of these arguments, it is becoming more difficult to construct more dams.



Anti-dam!!

4. Options for Adaptation

1. Increase water supply by dams

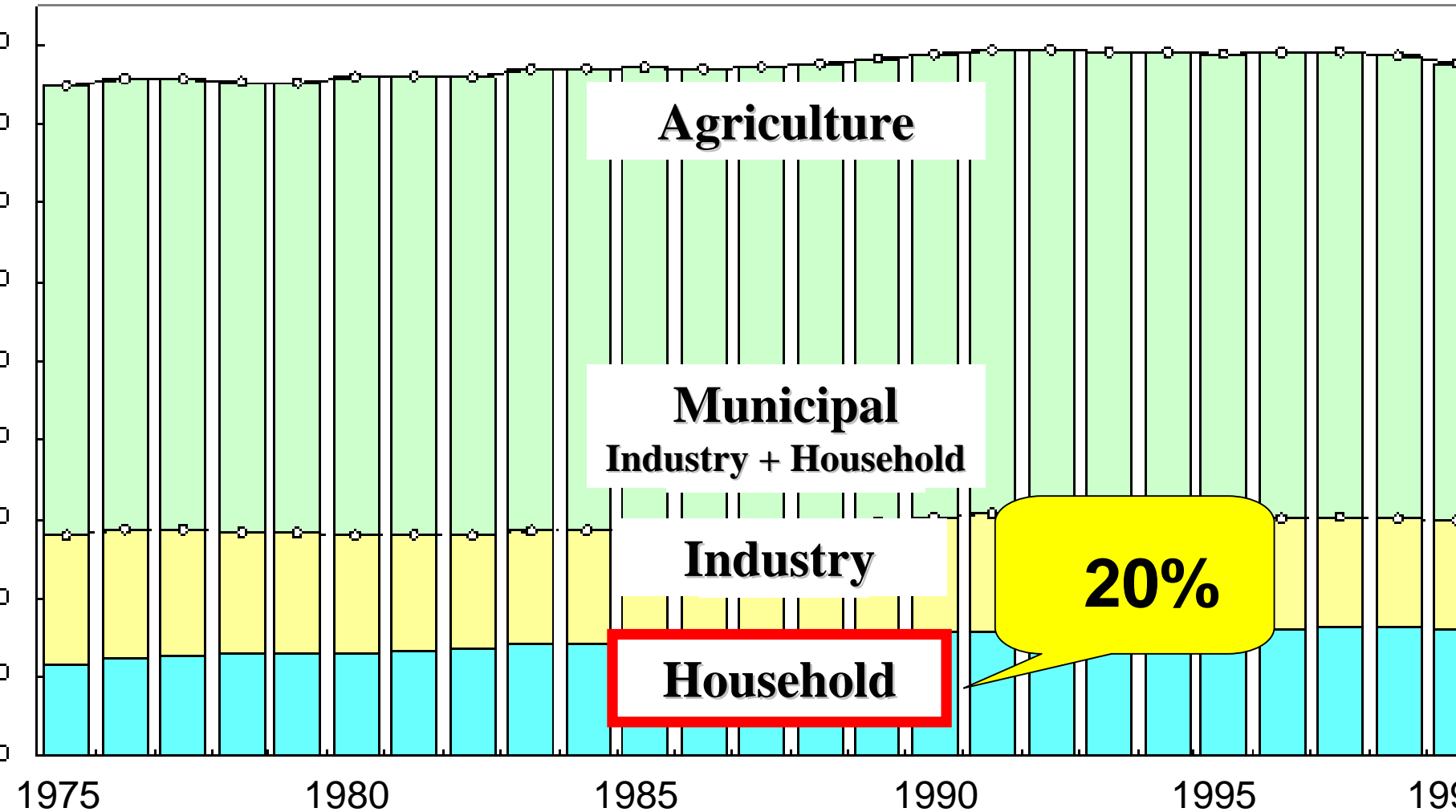
2. Decrease water demand by
improving efficiency

Decrease water demand



**Reduction
of
water withdrawal**

4-2. Reduction potential of water withdrawal



Source: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transportation

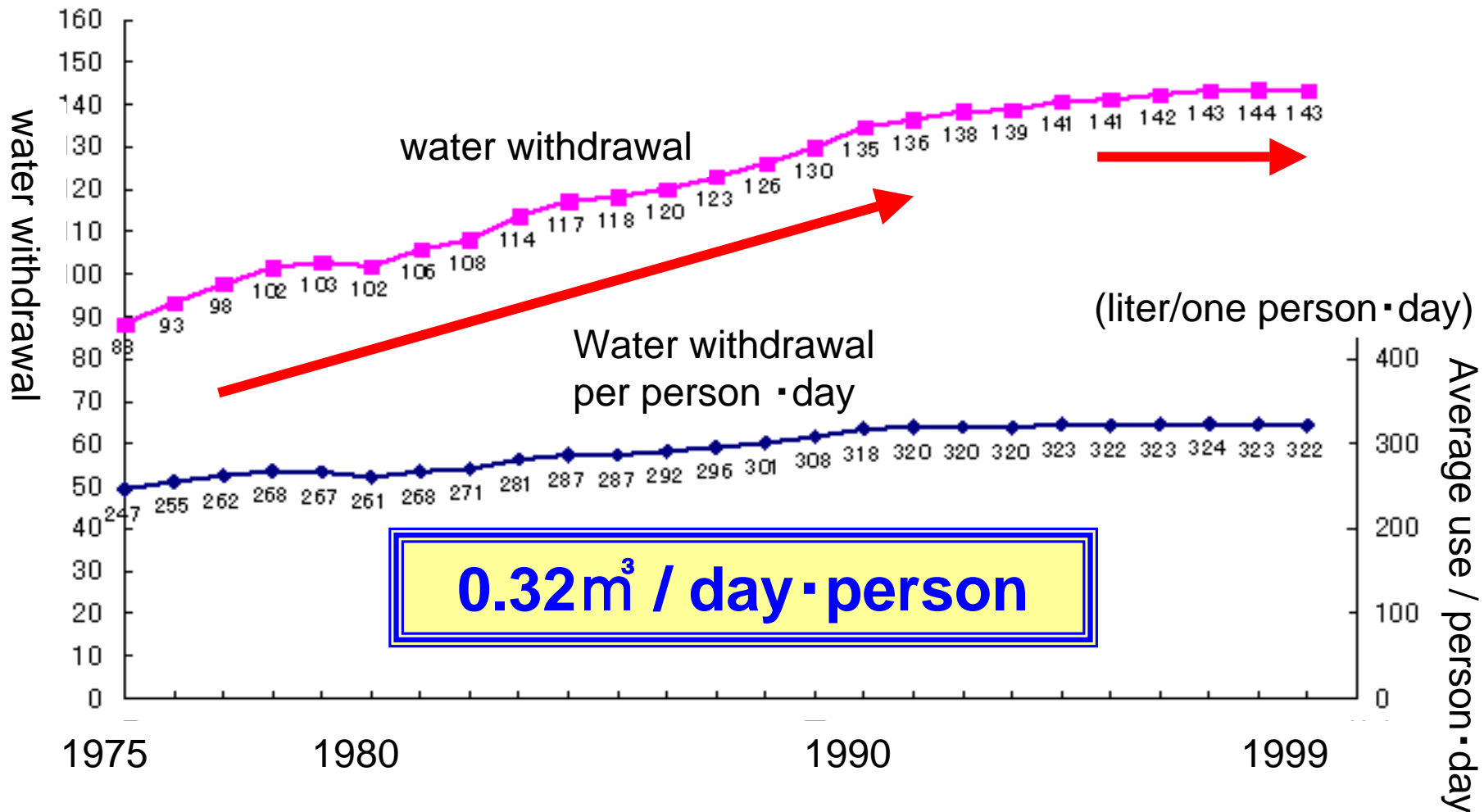
4-2-1 water for household

Water for household contains

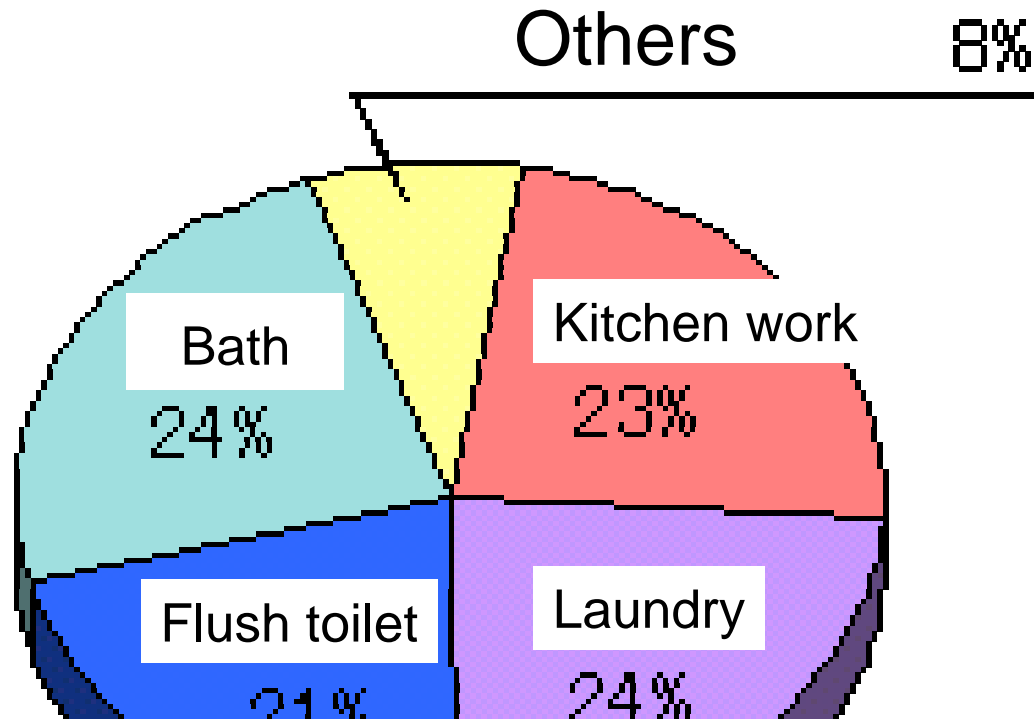
- **Drinking water**
- **Kitchen work, washing, bath, cleaning, flushing toilet, watering etc.**
- **restaurant, fountain, public toilet, water for extinguishing fires etc.**

Change in water for household

One hundred million/m³·day



Breakdown of uses

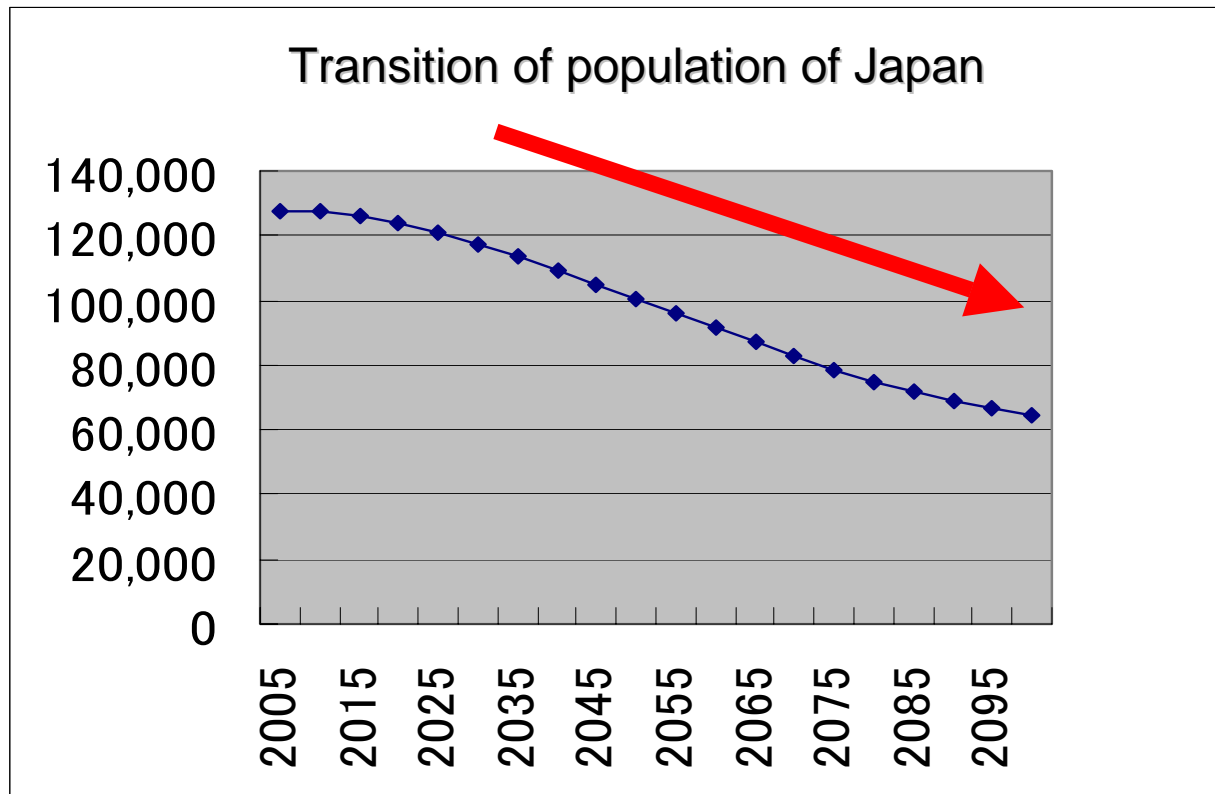


**When the period of water shortage,
those kinds of water use are influenced!**

How to reduce?

Water for household

$$= (\text{Average use / person} \cdot \text{year}) \times (\text{population})$$



Reduction Potential in Withdrawal ~ water for household

- Water saving
 - ① Prevention of water leakage
 - ② Equipment
 - ③ The way of use
- Water for miscellaneous use

Water saving

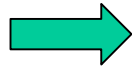
① Prevention of water leakage

e.g. Repair of water pipes

In Tokyo area ~ Water leakage rate

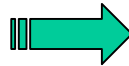
In 1993

9.9%



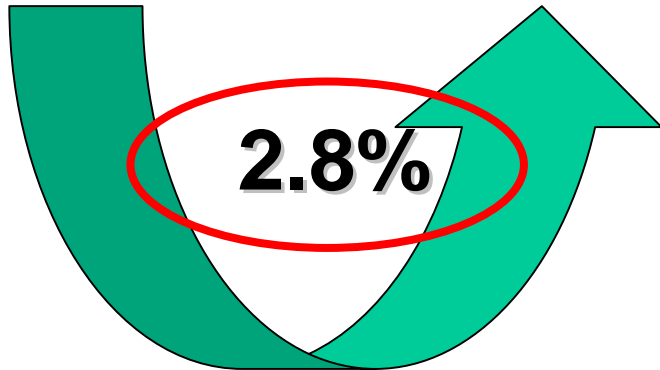
In 2000

7.1%



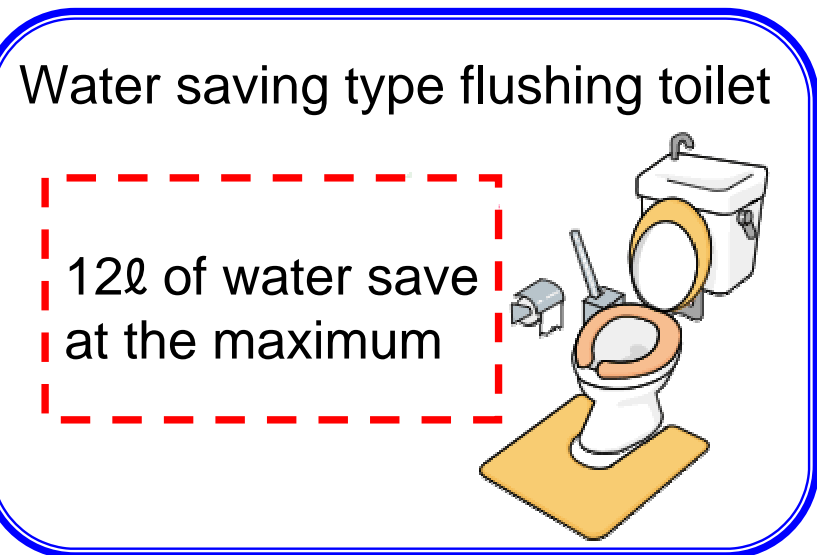
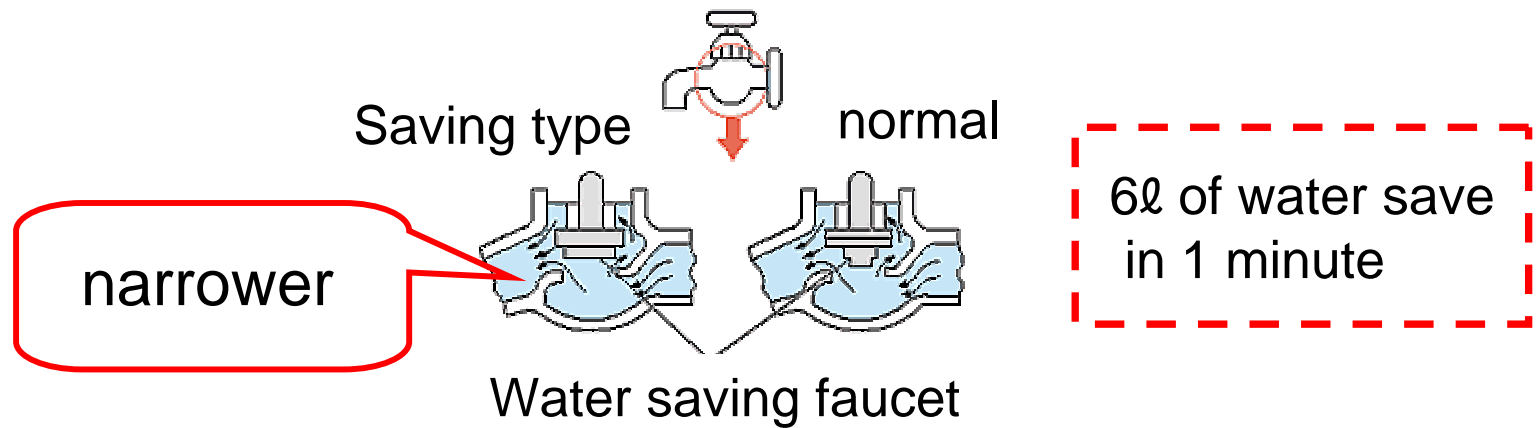
In the future

5.0%



The amount of water for
400,000 people a year

Water saving ②Equipment



Water saving type washing machine



55ℓ of water save

Water saving ③ The way of use

**Turn a
tap off
when
you
brush
your
teeth**

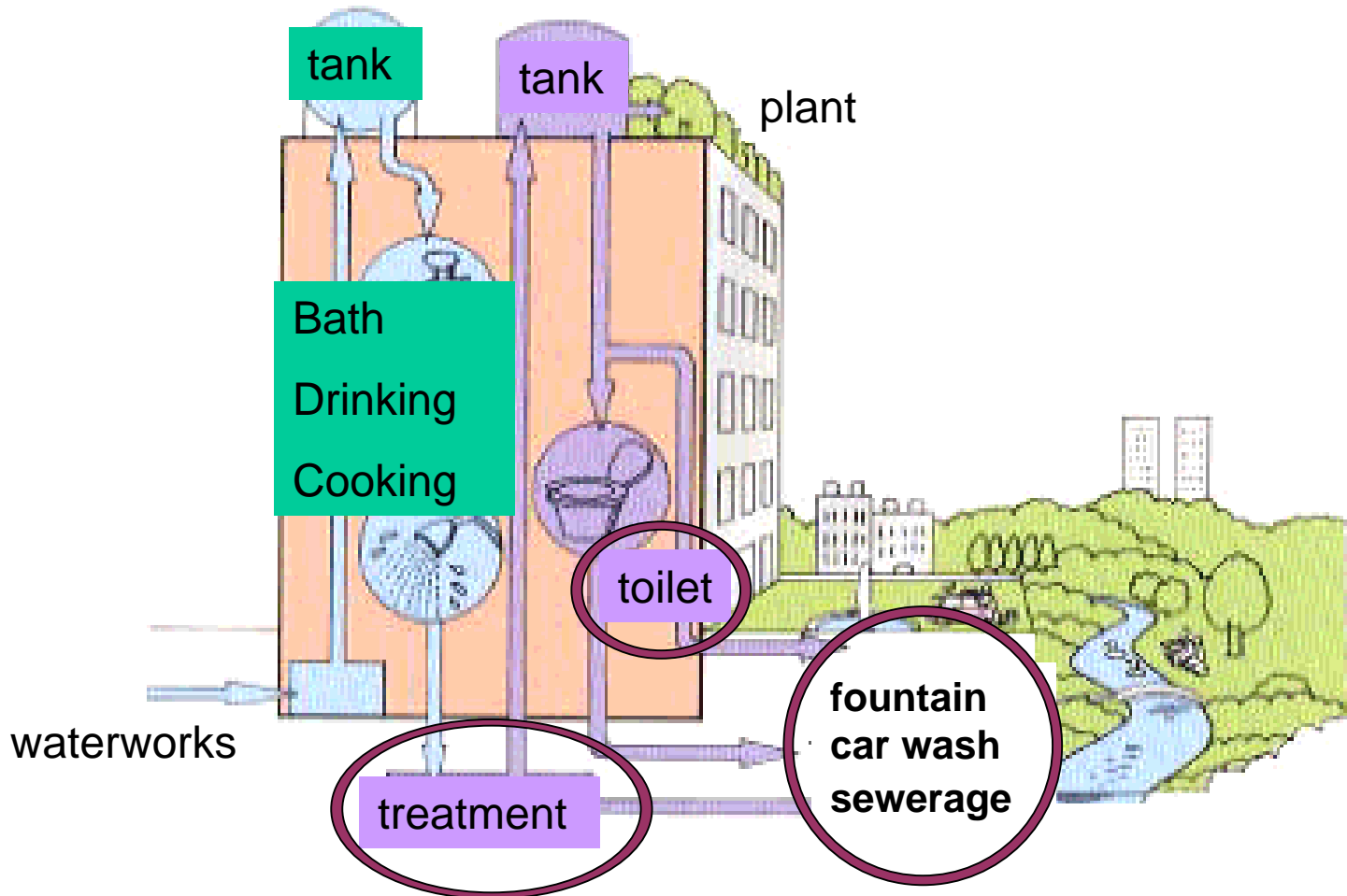


**Use a
bucket
when you
wash
your car**

Water for miscellaneous use

- **Recycling**
- **Rain water use**

The system of water for miscellaneous use



Example of the water saving on this system

Government office building	503 m³/day
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City office building	34 m³/day
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Hotel	300 m³/day
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Hospital	83 m³/day
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Private company office building	156 m³/day
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Reduction Potential in Withdrawal ~ water for household

**★ Water saving
Miscellaneous use**

★ Population starts decreasing in 2006

**There is Reduction potential
in withdrawal for household**

4-2-2 Water for Industry



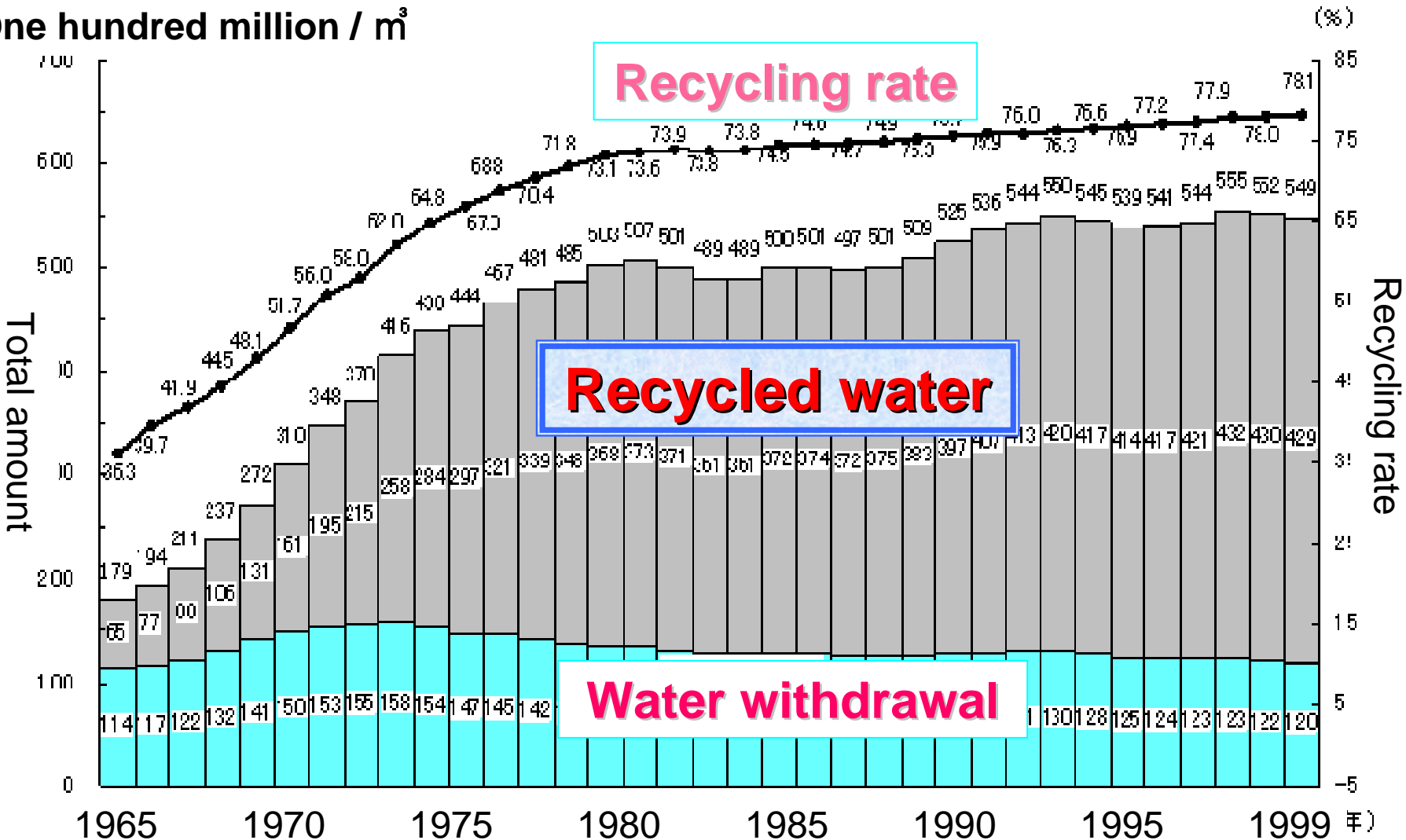
What is water for industry?

Water withdrawal 22.1

industrial waterworks 8.5%
Groundwater 6.1%
River 5.6%
City water 1.6%
Others 0.3%

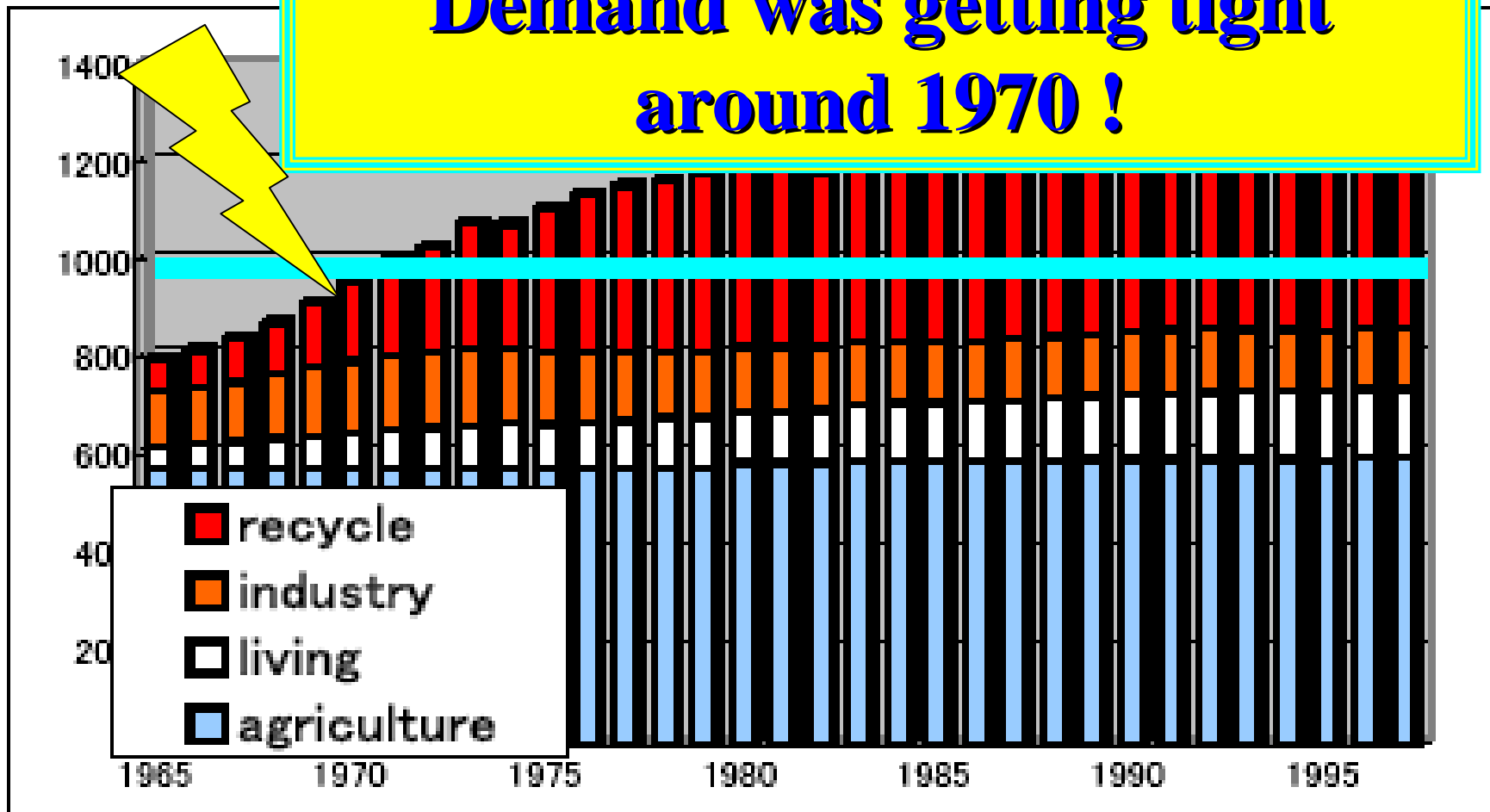
Recycled water 77.9

Change in water for industry



Contribution of Recycled Water

Demand was getting tight around 1970 !

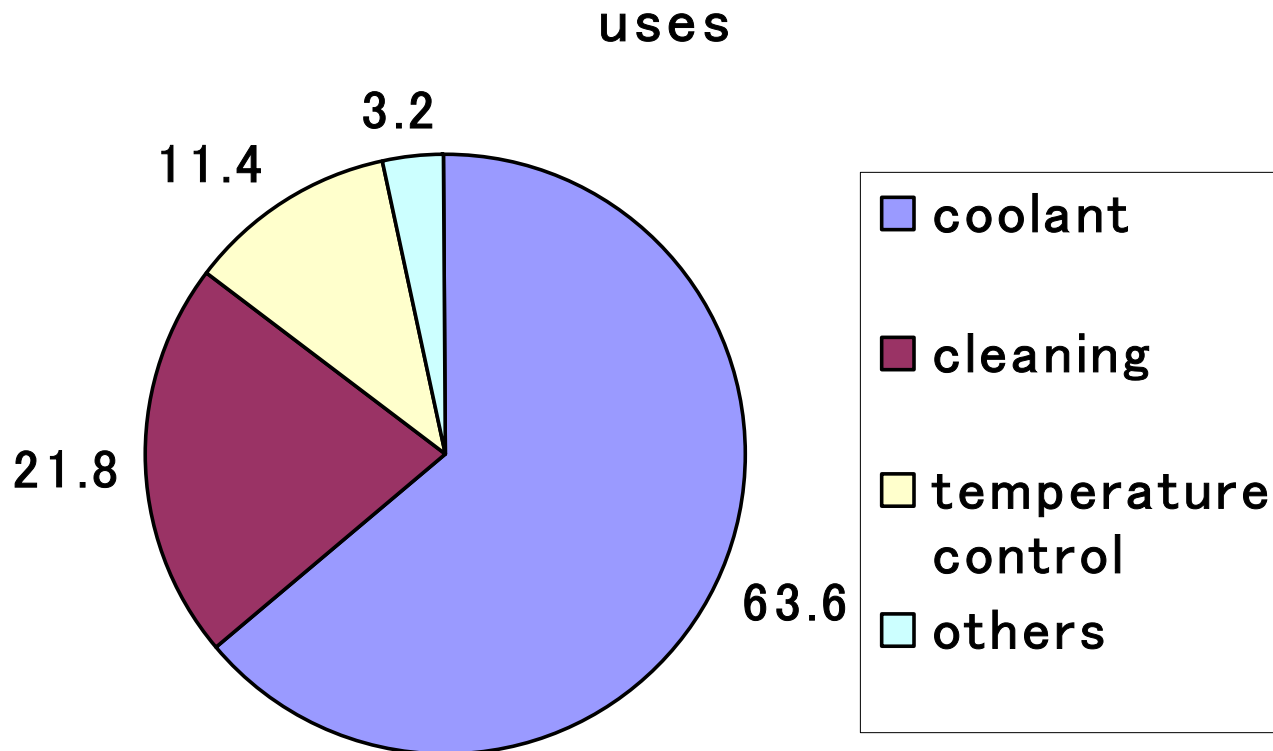


Increase in use of recycled water

- Uses of water for industry
- Increase in unit price
- The regulation of drainage

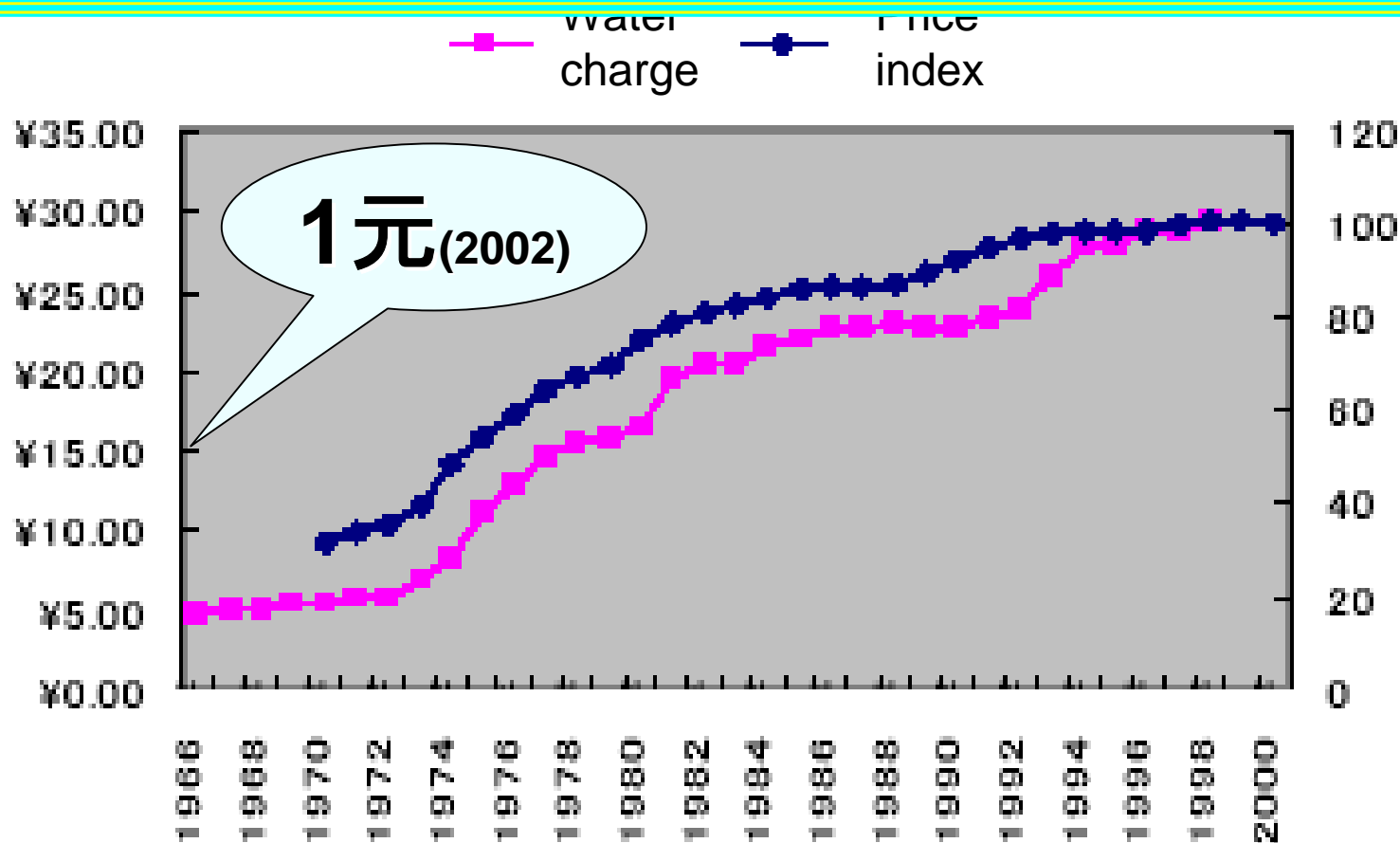
Uses of water for industry

Most of used water was easy to recycle!



Water charge and Price index

In real terms, water charge was doubled!



The regulation of drainage

The regulation of drainage

introduce purification equipment

The cost of purification is determined not by quality but by quantity of water

To reduce the amount of waste water is cost effective!

There is a room for more efficient use!

Reduction Potential of Water Withdrawal \sim water for industry

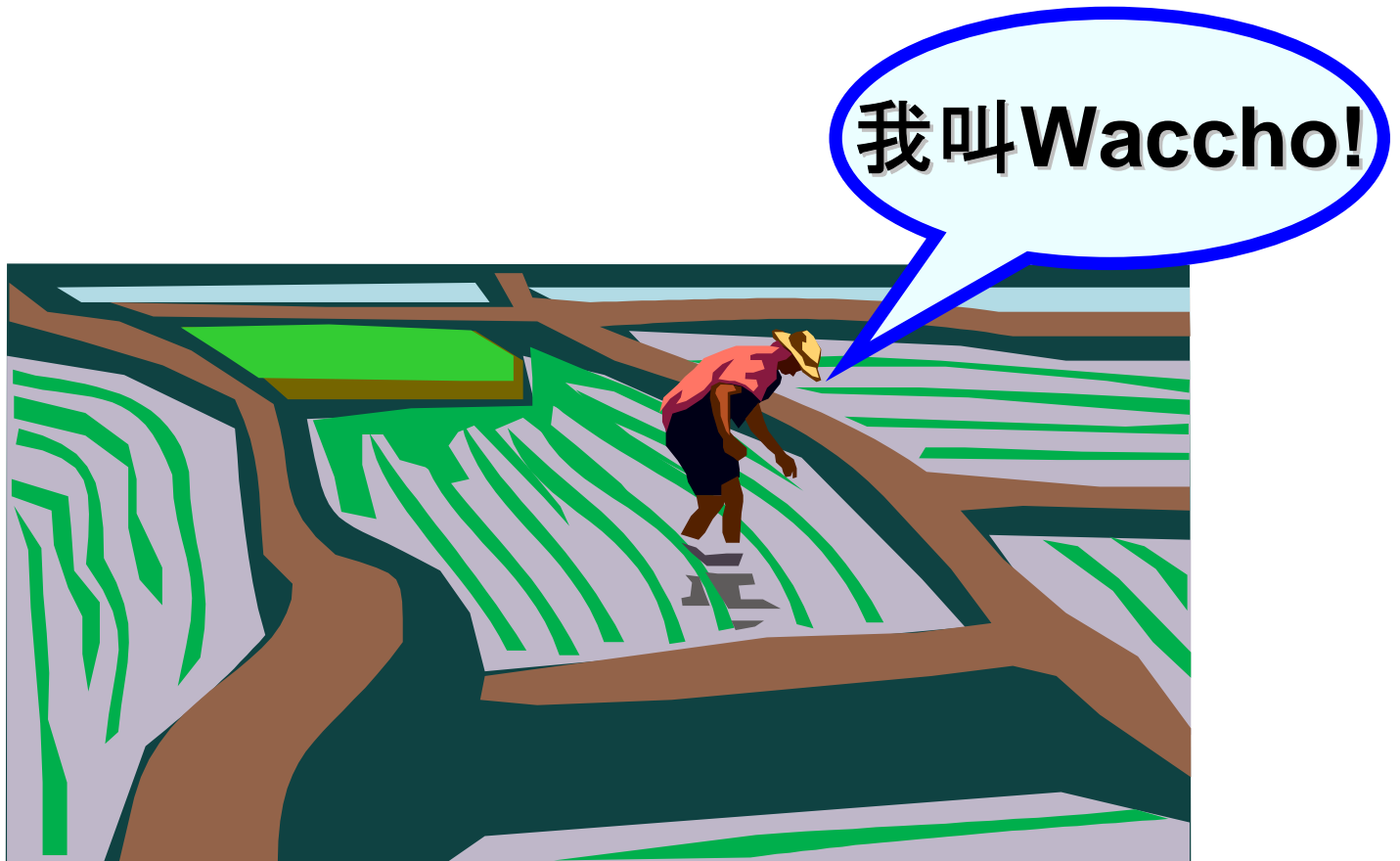
For further use of recycled water . . .

- Increase in unit price
- The regulation of drainage

However

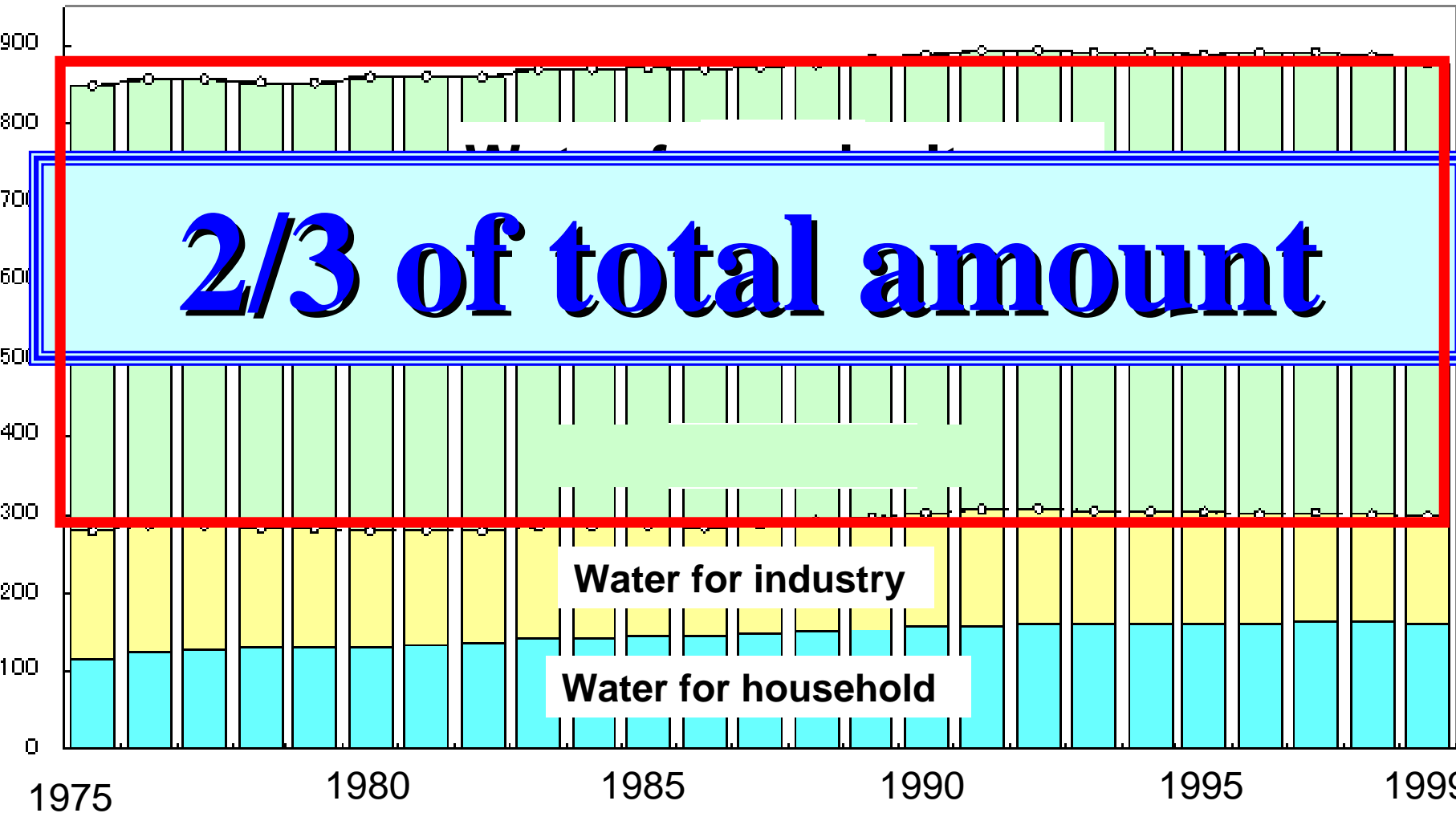
**It seems difficult to reduce water
withdrawal any more.**

4-4 Water for Agriculture



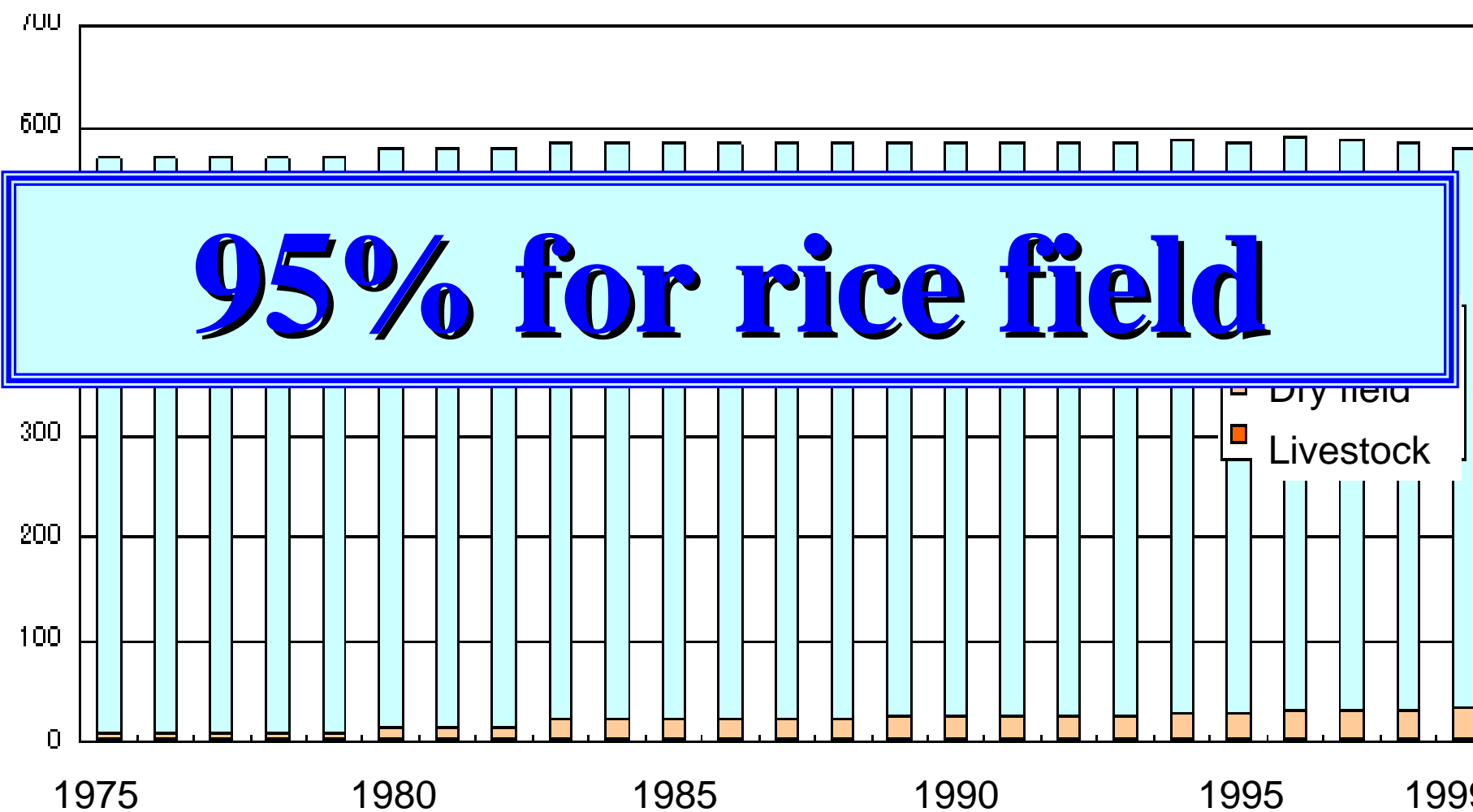
Change in Water Withdrawal in Japan

one hundred million / m³

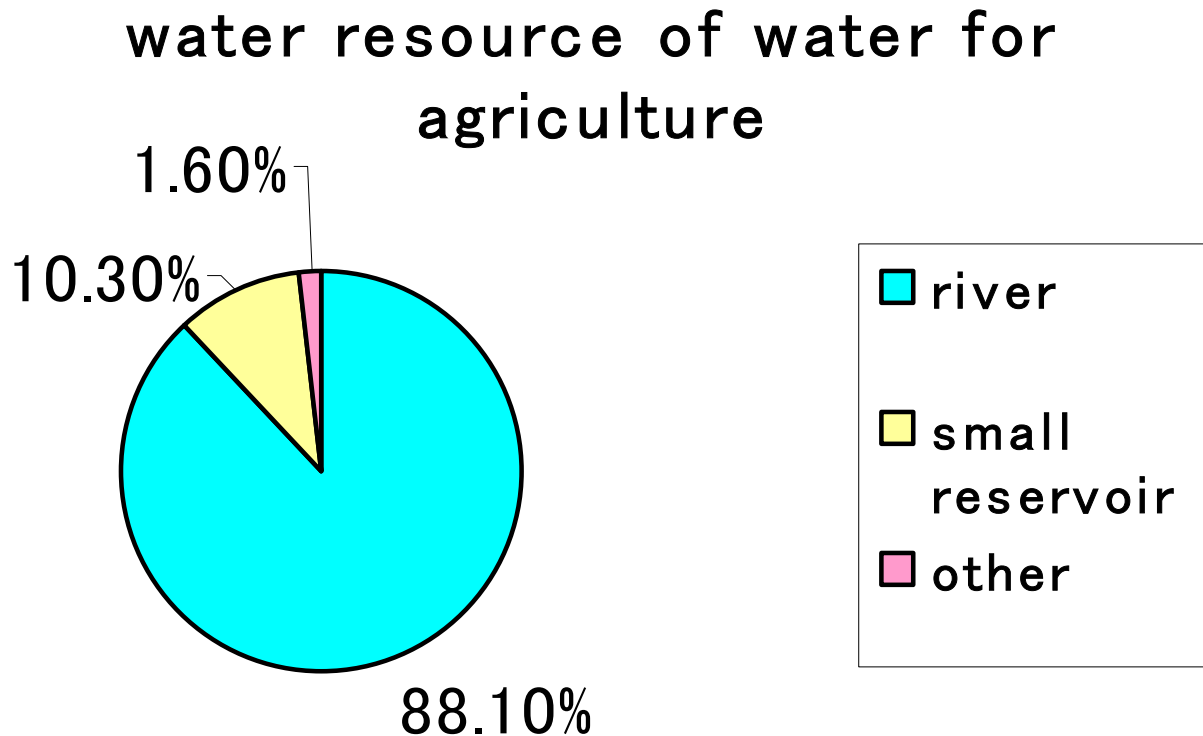


Change in Water for Agriculture

one hundred million / m³



Source of Water for Agriculture



Affected directly by decrease in river flow

Mechanism of Water Withdrawal in Agriculture

- Withdrawal in agriculture is based on two kinds of **water rights**.
 - ① Old water rights (Traditionally)
 - ② New water rights (By permission)

Water use with grandfathering water rights is unclear.

How to reduce?

- 1. Shifting from old water rights to new water rights**
- 2. Stop inefficient use**
- 3. Extend existing efficient use**

1. Shifting water rights

- **Water use with old water rights is unclear.**

Shifting from old water rights to new water rights.

The amount of water withdrawal become clear!

2. Stop inefficient use

- **Reduction by renewing agricultural irrigation systems**

Prevent water leakage

Stop inflow water to unnecessary rice field

Until now, 315 million m^3/year was reduced

3. Extend existing efficient use

(Ex) BANSUI, reuse, etc

- In 1999,

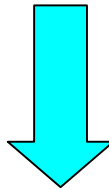
Agricultural water is diverted to water for household.

➡ Diversion estimated as 703,000 people's water for household at T-river.

Agricultural water can correspond to water shortage flexibly

Reduction Potential of Water Withdrawal \sim water for agriculture

- **Extend established efficient use**
- **Shifting from old water rights to new water rights.**
- **Stop inefficient use**



Water for agriculture can be used more efficiently!

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~~1. Water resource development by dams~~

2. Water withdrawal reduction

Household

Industry

Agriculture

It is important to grasp
reduction potential of water
withdrawal.

**We need to think about adaptation options
as well as mitigation options**

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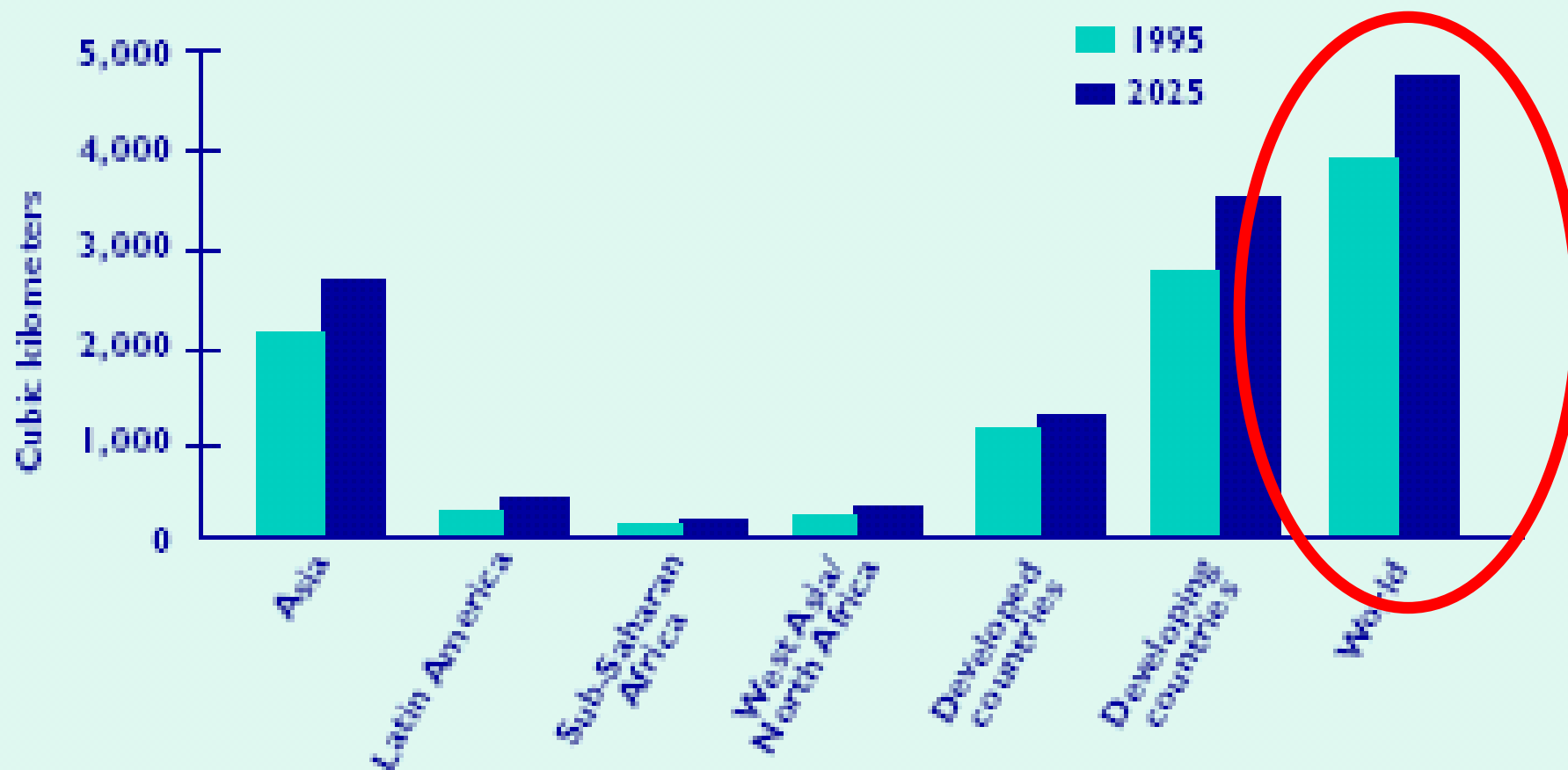
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ANNEX. World Water Crisis and Japan

- **World Water Crisis**
- **Virtual Water Withdrawal**

Total Water Withdrawal

Figure 1 Total water withdrawal by region, 1995 and 2025



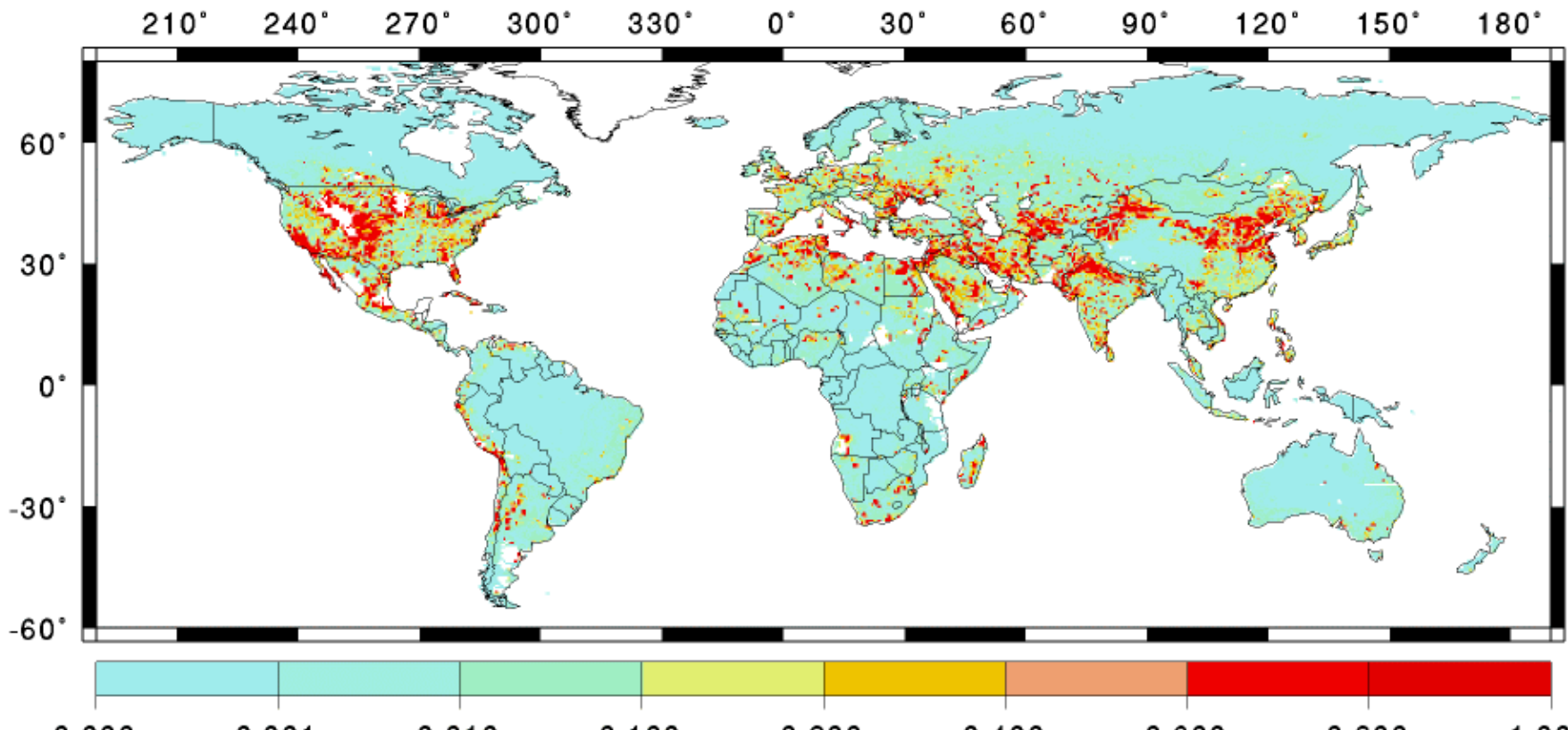
SOURCE: Authors' estimates and IMPACT-WATER projections, June 2002.

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Water Stress

Annual Withdrawal to Availability Ratio

2050



**What does world water crisis
have to do with Japan?**

Virtual Water Withdrawal

- **Definition**

VWW = the amount of water withdrawn for imported goods in exporting country

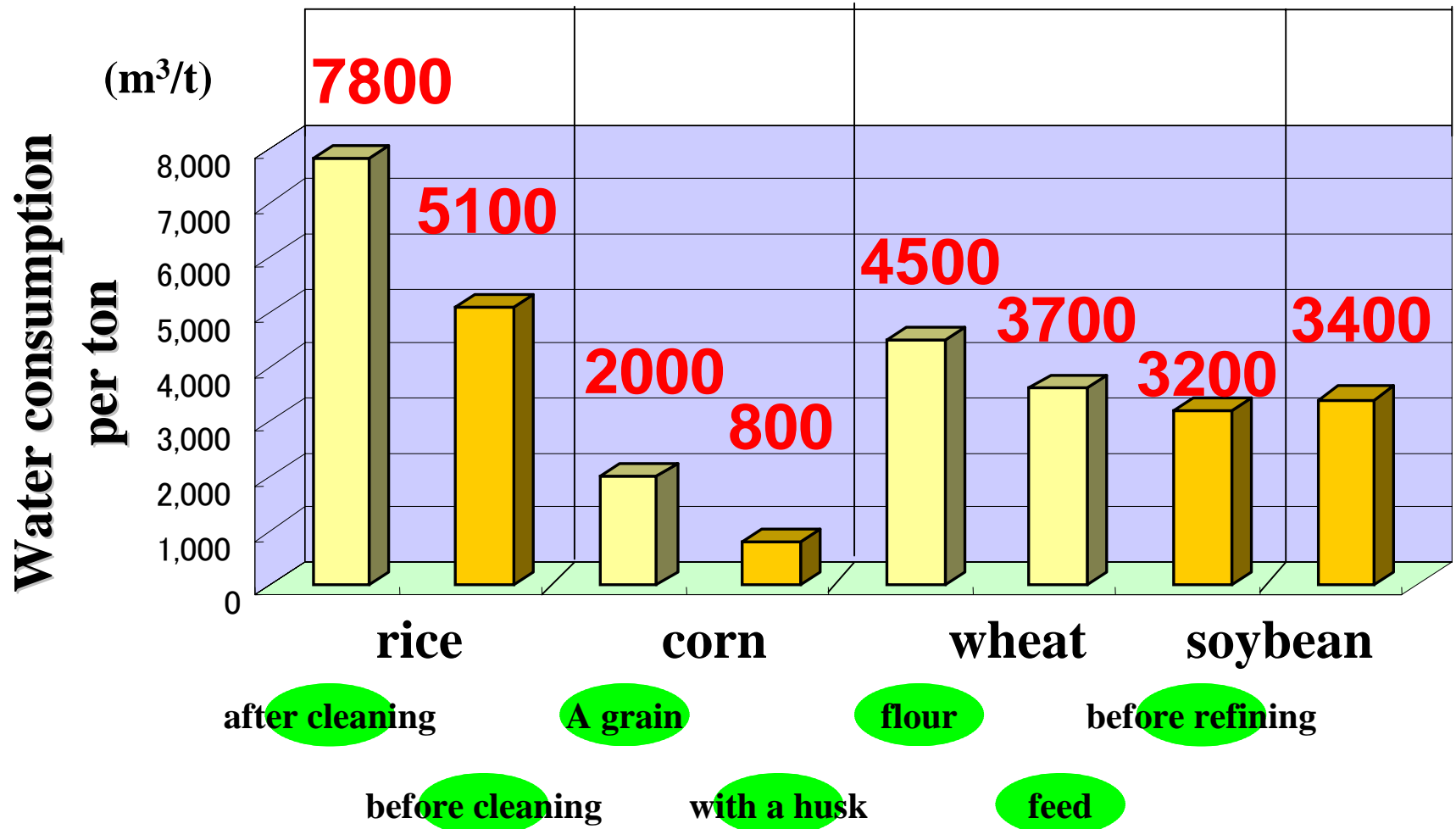
- **Calculation**

farm products

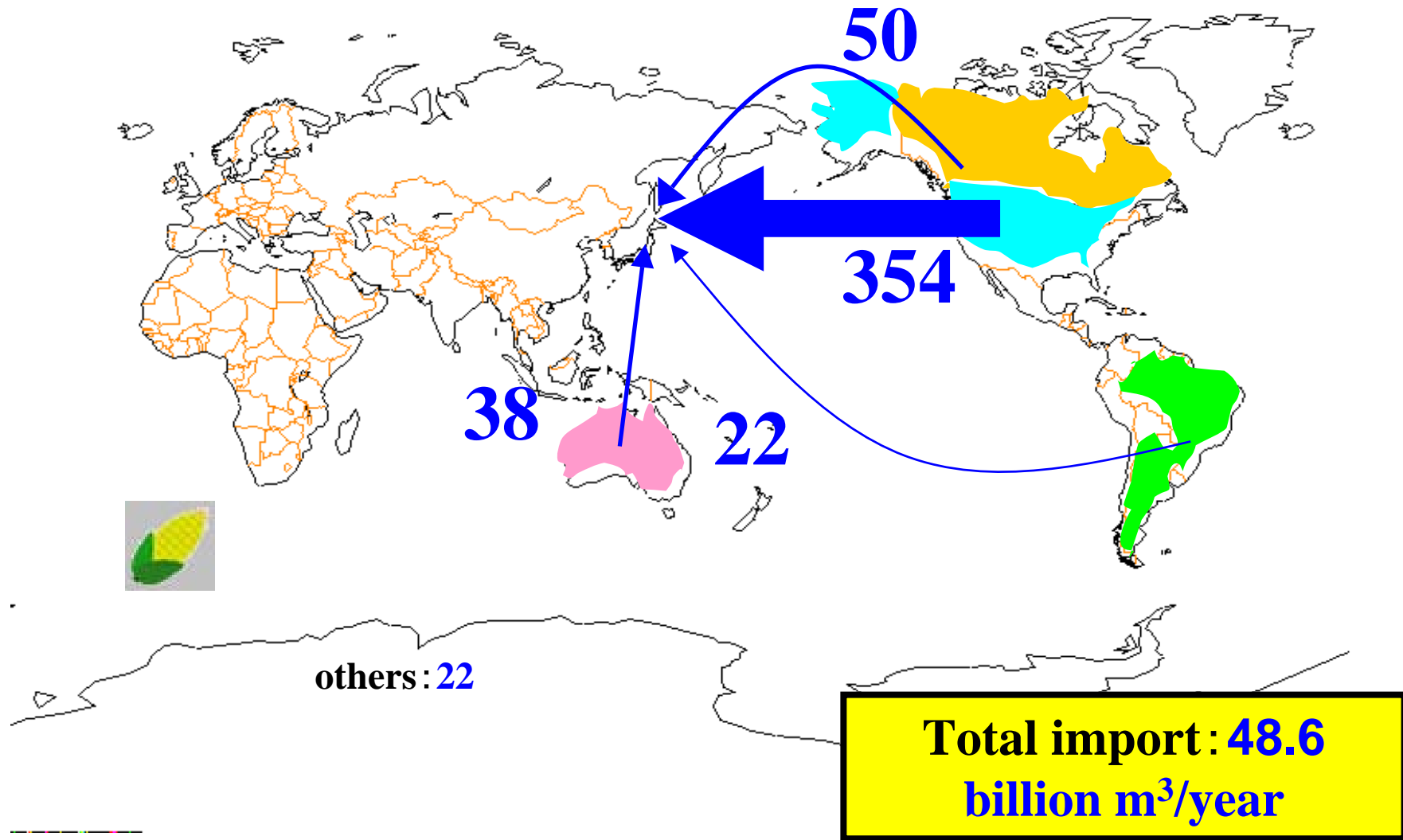
stock farm products

industrial products

Water consumption per ton ~farm products~

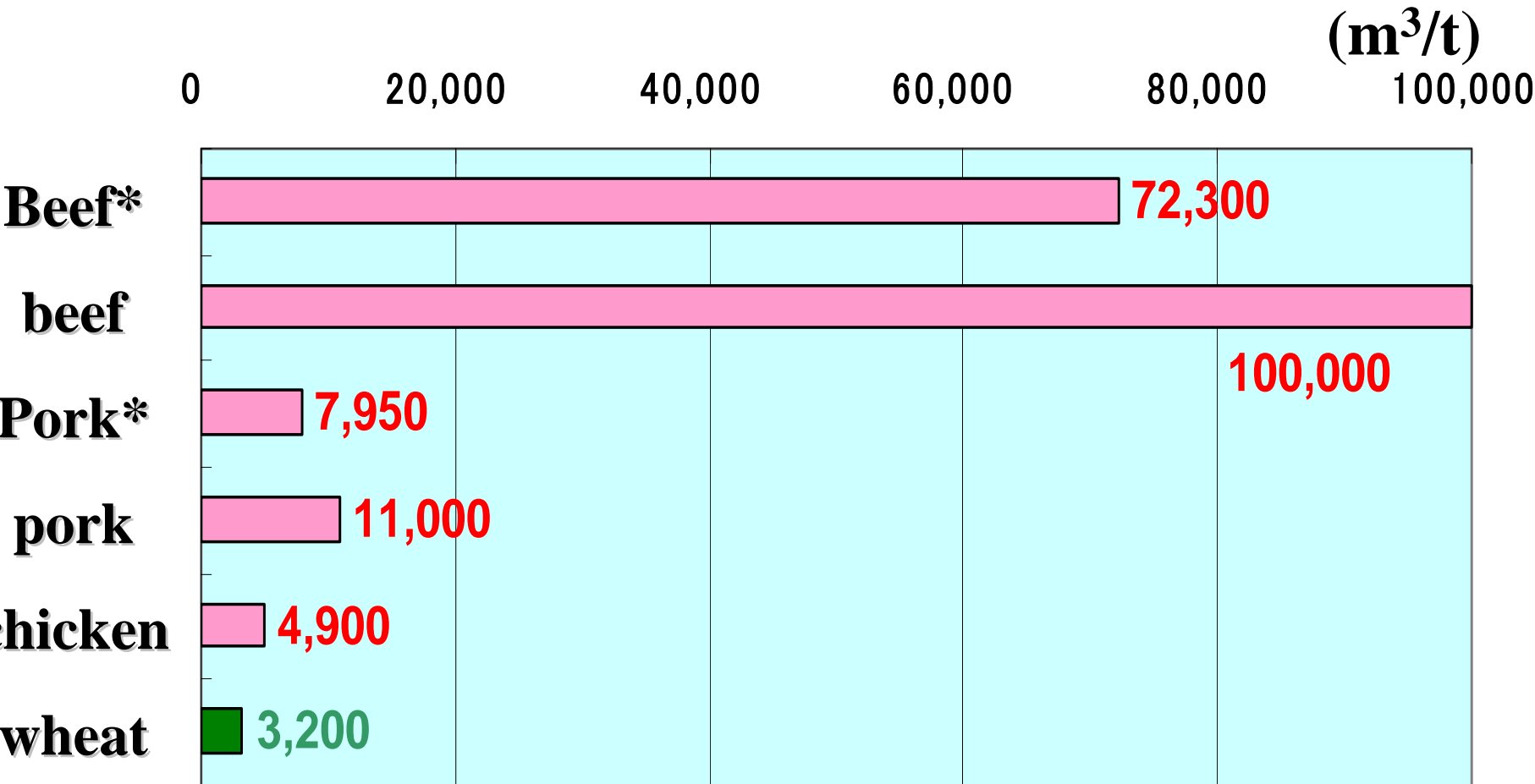


virtual water withdrawal *~farm products~*



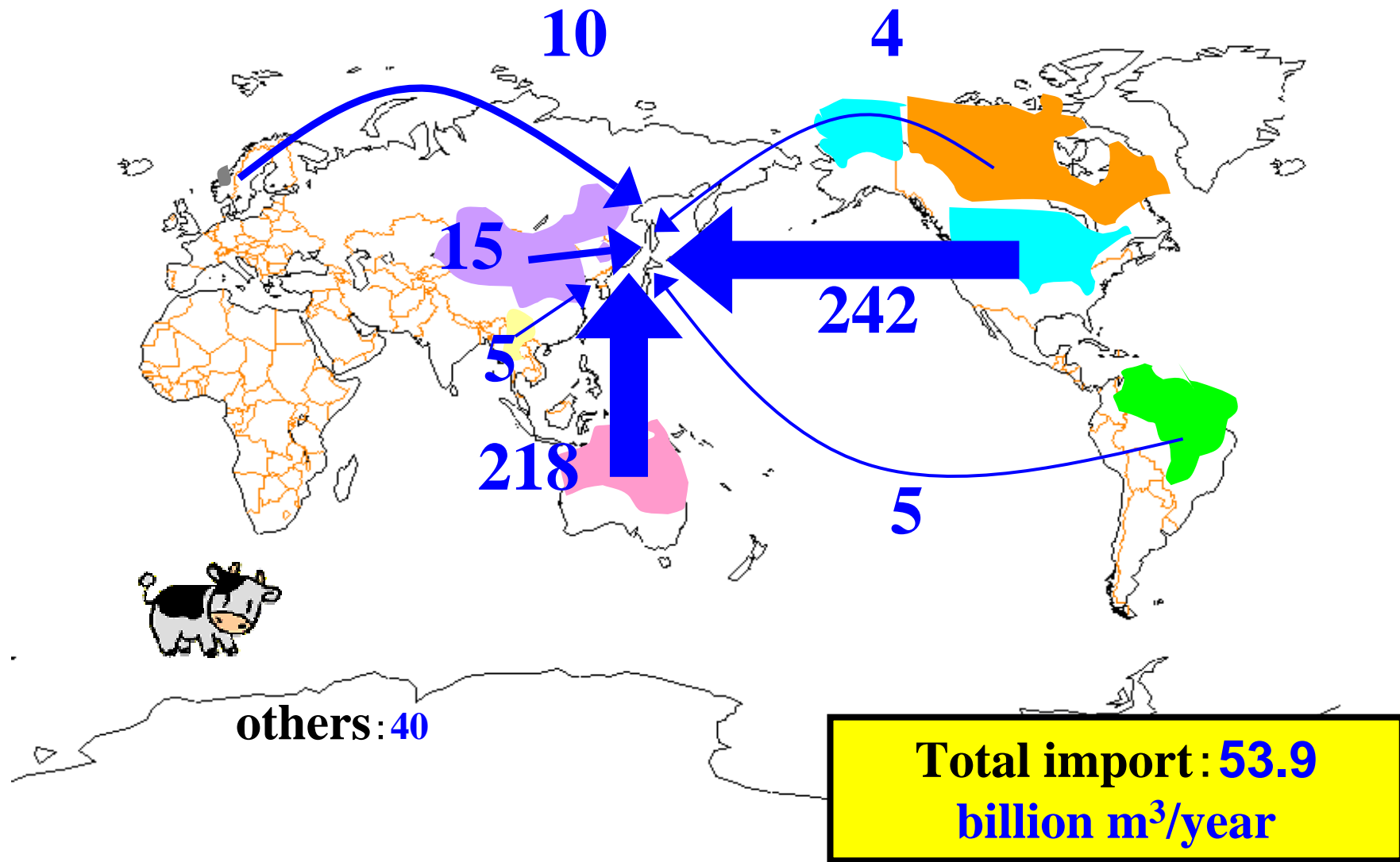
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~stock farm products~

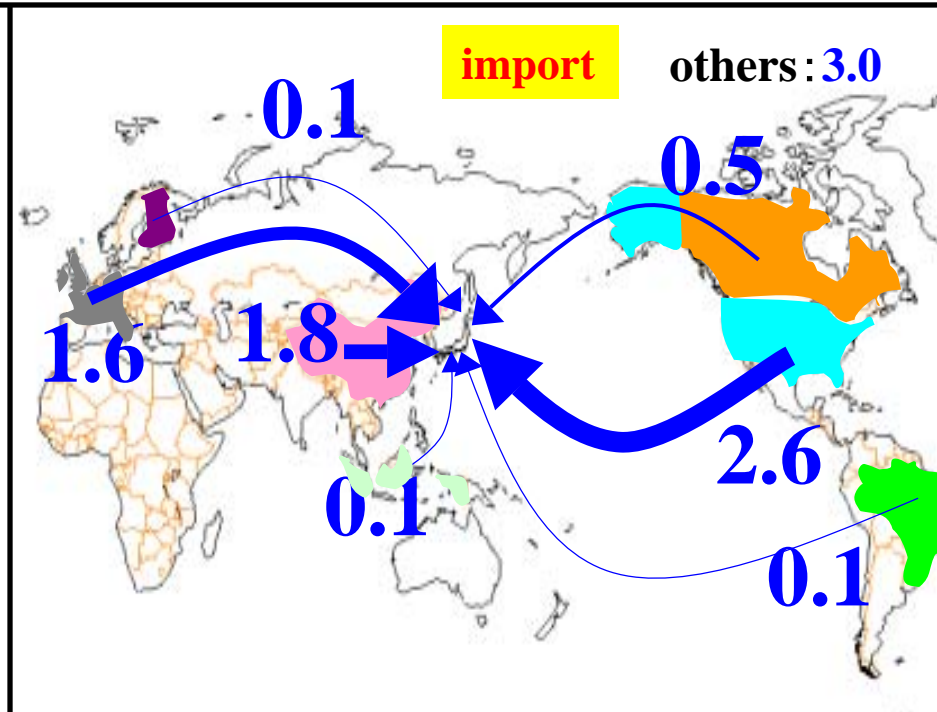
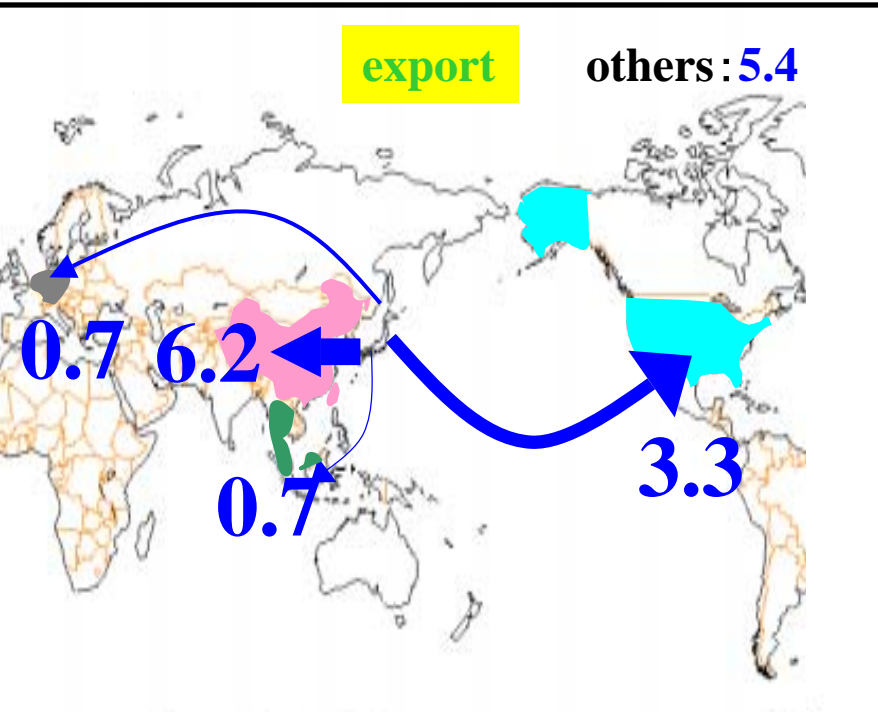


*including bone

virtual water withdrawal
~stock farm products~



virtual water withdrawal *~industrial products~*

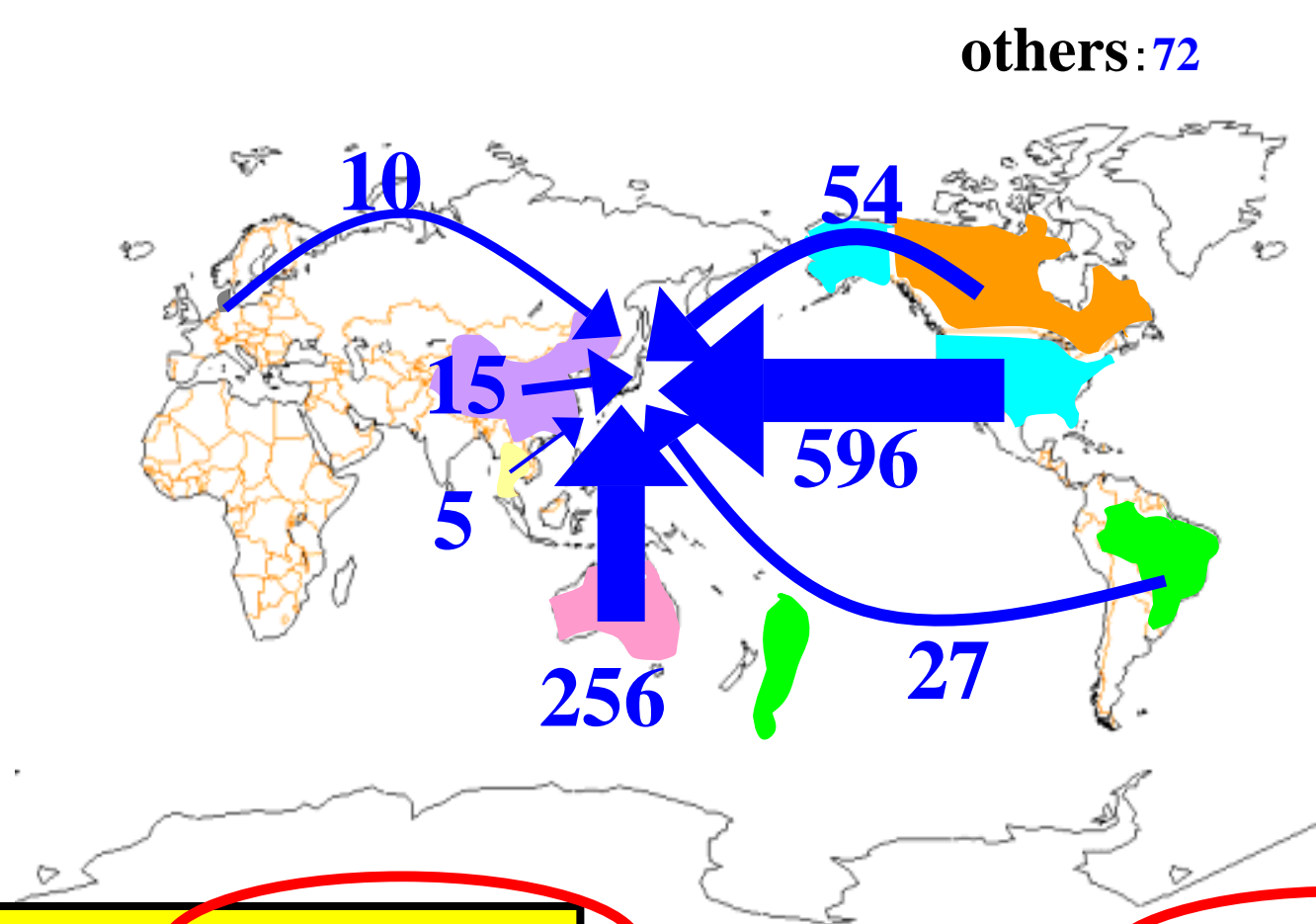


**Total export: 1.6
billion m³/year**

**Total import: 1.0
billion m³/year**

Water withdrawal for industry in Japan:
12.0 billion m³/year

Virtual Water Withdrawal ~ total import~



Total import: 103.5
billion m³/year

Total Water Withdrawal in Japan: 89.0
billion m³/year

taking virtual water withdrawal into account...

Net total virtual water withdrawal in the world:
103.5 billion m³/year

Total Water Withdrawal in Japan: **89.0 billion m³/year**

Japan will be hit by world water crisis

We need to think about world water crisis as well as water resource related problems in Japan

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