# MFA Applications in Japan – Case Studies

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- As a case for carbon accounting



### What is "Junkan-Gata Society"?



This section is based on Hashimoto et al. (2006) Comparative analysis on images of Cycle-Oriented Society. *Journal of the Japan Society of Waste Management Experts* 17(3), pp.204-218 (in Japanese)



### Review: Various similar terms and English translations

Various terms similar to Junkan-Gata Society

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English translations of Junkan-Gata Society

#### **Recycling society**

Resource recycling society **Recycling-based society** Material-recycling-based society **Recycle-oriented society Recycling-oriented society** Material cycles oriented society Society with sound material cycles Sound material-cycle society Circulatory society Circulating society Closed loop society Sustainable society Sustainable eco-society

### Brief history of Junkan-Gata Society

- 1990: A committee for Junkan-Gata Socio-System for Environmental Protection (Environment Agency)
- Examined ideal socio-system for environmental protection (idea of Junkan-Gata Socio-System) according to the processes of production, distribution, consumption, disposal, and recovery, which are the cores of socio-economic activity

### 1994: The First Basic Environment Plan

- Based on The Basic Environment Law (1993)
- Established four long-term goals of environmental policy
  - 1. Junkan (environmentally sound material cycle)
  - 2. Harmonious coexistence
  - 3. Participation
  - 4. International activities



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### Brief history of Junkan-Gata Society

- 2000: The Fundamental Law for Establishing a Junkan-Gata Society
- Aims at achieving "junkan," one of the four long-term goals in the Basic Environment Plan, specifically proper material cycles in the human society, by focusing on measures for waste management and recycling, which are its emergent and central issue
- Defined "Junkan-Gata Society" for the first time in the law

### Definition of Junkan-Gata Society

- 2000: By The Fundamental Law for Establishing a Junkan-Gata Society
- "Junkan-gata society" is a society where the consumption of natural resources is restrained and the environmental load is reduced as much as possible, by restraining products, etc. from becoming wastes, etc., promoting appropriate recycling of products, etc. when they have become recyclable resources, and securing appropriate disposal of the recyclable resources not recycled
- 「循環型社会」とは、製品等が廃棄物等となることが抑制され、・・・製品等が循環資源となった場合においては・・・適正に 循環的な利用が行われることが促進され、・・・循環的な利用が行われない循環資源については適正な処分・・・が確保され、もって天然 資源の消費を抑制し、環境への負荷ができる限り低減される社会をいう

### Definition of Junkan-Gata Society

- 1990: By Committee for Junkan-Gata Socio-System for Environmental Protection
- To achieve sustainable development, the way of economic activity that fits to great cycles in ecosystems must be designed and practiced..... (To this end,) it is necessary to restrain the input of primary resources and to minimize the amount of emissions to natural ecosystem by putting a higher priority on reuse and recycling than disposal, and to prevent the emissions from disturbing the environment. Such socioeconomic system can be called "Junkan-Gata Society"
  - 「持続可能な開発」を達成するには・・・生態系の大循環に適合する ような経済活動の在り方を考え、具体化していかねばならな い。・・・(このためには、)廃棄より再使用・再生利用を第一に 考え、新たな資源の投入をできるだけ押さえることや、自然生態系に 戻す排出物の量を最小限とし、その質を環境を攪乱しないものとする ことが必要である。こうした経済社会の在り方は「循環型社会」と呼 ぶことができよう。



### Cycles in the environment and socio-economic system





### **Review: Concepts of Junkan**





#### 12 Legislative framework Junkan **Basic Environment Law** (environmentally sound **Basic Environment Plan** material cycle) Fundamental Law for Establishing Junkan-Gata Society Fundamental Plan for Establishing Junkan-Gata Society Waste Management and Public Law for the Promotion of Effective **Cleansing Law** Utilization of Resources Appropriate waste management Promotion of reuse and recycling Containers Home Construction End-of-life Food Waste and Packaging Appliance Material Vehicle Recycling Law **Recycling Law** Recycling Law **Recycling Law Recycling Law**

Law on Promoting Green Purchasing



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## National material flow indicators and targets



Source: Moriguchi and Hashimoto (2006) Material Flow Data Book - World Resource Flows around Japan - Third Edition (No. D040-2006) (http://www-cger.nies.go.jp/cger-e/e\_report/r\_index-e.html#2006)









### MF indicators in The Fundamental Plan (2003 & 2008)



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### Background

- 2000: The Fundamental Plan required by The Fundamental Law for Establishing a Junkan-Gata Society
- 2000: Quantitative target required by The Second Basic Environment Plan
- For objective assessment of policies and measures implemented based on The Fundamental Plan
- 2002: Material flow indicators mentioned in the recommendation by The Central Environmental Council
- For example, the amount of total material input, reuse rate, recovery rate, collection rate, and the amount of waste



#### Background

- 19 candidates for indicators were examined based on the following required conditions of indicators
- Appropriateness of the expression of target conditions or activities
- Clarity and understandableness
- Measurability and accuracy
- Sensitivity to the results of policies and measures





### Inflow indicator





#### Inflow indicator

### Inputs = outputs

- Reduce the consumption of materials to reduce the emergence of waste
- Definition in The Fundamental Law
- "Junkan-gata society" is a society where the consumption of natural resources is restrained and the environmental load is reduced as much as possible
- Regulation of absolute amount of resource use
- To provide that "consumption of natural resources shall be under XX tons" was impossible both scientifically and politically
- Natural resource consumption = GDP X (Natural resource consumption / GDP)
- Reduction of GDP cannot be agreed
- Inverse of "Natural resource consumption / GDP" was adopted









### Outflow indicator

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- Definition in The Fundamental Law
- "Junkan-gata society" is a society where the consumption of natural resources is restrained and the environmental load is reduced as much as possible
- $\bigcirc$  CO<sub>2</sub> is the biggest emissions to the environment
- CO<sub>2</sub> is regulated by Kyoto Protocol
- Other environmental pollutants are regulated by other schemes
- Limit of landfill capacity
- Number of remaining years of landfill sites Municipal solid waste: 12.5 years (fiscal 2001) Industrial solid waste: 4.3 years (fiscal 2001)

Remaining capacity of landfill sites at the end of the fiscal year (volume) Waste disposed of in the fiscal year (volume/year)



### **Outflow indicator**

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#### Final disposal amount

Final disposal amount (million ton)

Reduction of final disposal amount is directly related to current waste problem in Japan





### Cyclical flow indicator

- Output side vs input side
- <u>Reuse and recycling</u>
   Waste output
   vs
   <u>Reuse and recycling</u>
   Material input
- Output side indicator represents the reduction efficiency of waste emissions to the environment
- Input side indicator represents the reduction efficiency of primary resources including energy use for recycling

### Measurement issue

- Theoretical measurement problem, which is similar to "length-ofcoastline problem."
- Eurostat Guide (2001): "the definition and measurement of recycling flows is difficult" Not recommend to make recycling accounts part of a standard set of economy-wide MFA at present.
- Japan's case: List up what we regard as reuse and recycling e.g. reuse: only reused returnable bottles included recycling: recycled livestock excrement and urine excluded



### Cyclical flow indicator

#### Cyclical use rate

Cyclical use (reuse and recycling)

Cyclical use (reuse and recycling) + Direct Material Input (DMI)

#### Substitution of reused and recycled materials for primary resources





#### Problems associated with material flows

### **Inflow**

Environmental problem Destruction of ecosystem Environmental pollution

### Outflow

Environmental problem Environmental pollution Destruction of ecosystem



#### Disposal

Exhaust gases Waste liquids Solid wastes



Production

Use

Socio-economic problem Shortage of resources (depletion and inequitable distribution of resources)

### Accumulation

Environmental problem Destruction of ecosystem Environmental pollution



### **Discussions regarding national MF indicators**

Inflow GDP/DMI Resource Productivity



#### Viewpoint of indicating environmental problems

#### Is simple summation of weight of materials appropriate?.....①

- $\checkmark$  Weights of stones and gravels have great impact on the total.
- ✓ Light but hazardous materials are underestimated.
- ✓ Renewables and non-renewables are equally treated.
- ✓ Absolute amount is not linked with ecosystem carrying capacity.



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### **Discussions regarding national MF indicators**



#### Viewpoint of indicating environmental problems

- How should environmental problems associated with resource extraction be considered?.....2
  - Hidden flows or concrete environmental problems should be measured.

# How should transfer of environmental problems through international trade be measured and interpreted?.....3

- Environmental problems are transferred to other countries through international trade.
- DMI could be underestimated because of increased import of processed goods.



### Discussions regarding national MF indicators

Inflow GDP/DMI Resource Productivity



#### **Viewpoint of indicating socio-economic problems**

#### Is simple summation of weight of materials appropriate?.....①

- ✓ Weights of stones and gravels have great impact on the total.
- ✓ Light but rare materials are underestimated.
- ✓ Renewables and non-renewables are equally treated.
- ✓ Absolute amount is not linked with reserves of resources.



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### Discussions regarding national MF indicators



- How should individual effort be assessed and connected to national MF indicators?.....
  - Connection between individual effort and macro MF indicators should be structured.
  - Indicators for individual item and entity based on a common methodology are necessary.
- - Management of materials accumulated in the society will be important in the future.



### Discussions regarding national MF indicators





Viewpoint of promoting responses to the problems

- How should transfer of environmental problems through international trade be measured and interpreted?.....3
  - How should export of recyclables be assessed in establishing a Junkan-Gata Society?
  - ✓ Export of recyclables decreases cyclical use rate.

#### How can MF information be improved?

- $\checkmark$  Trade of recyclables need to be captured accurately.
- $\checkmark$  Prompt report of MF data is required.
- ✓ Future MF should be estimated.



### Our current view and status

#### Is simple summation of weight of materials appropriate?.....(1)

- There are still many methodological issues regarding weighting different materials.
- Justification in the Fundamental Plan
  - Weight is mainly used in the field of waste management and input materials are all potential wastes in the future.
  - Individual material is covered by effort indicators (targets by industry, good, and waste).
- Several supplementary indicators were introduced in the 2nd Fundamental Plan (2008)
  - Resource productivity which excludes non-metallic minerals (stones and gravels)
  - Biomass resource input ratio





### Our current view and status

- How should environmental problems associated with resource extraction be considered?.....2
- How should transfer of environmental problems through international trade be measured and interpreted?.....3
  - Estimation of hidden and indirect flows are planned in the 2nd Fundamental Plan (2008)
  - Estimation of trade flows of recyclable resources are planned in the 2nd Fundamental Plan (2008) Appropriate management scheme of traded recyclable resources is under discussion.

# How should individual effort be assessed and connected to macro MF indicators?......

- Macro MF are now divided into 4 material categories (non-metallic minerals, metallic minerals, biomass, and fossil fuels).
- Connection between individual effort and macro MF indicators need to be structured.
- Common methodology is required for estimating and indicating 3R.



### Our current view and status

Basic information is required. Stocks are considered potential wastes and secondary resources, but not all stocked materials become wastes and secondary resources.



### **MFA for Construction Minerals**



This section is partly based on Hashimoto et al. (2007) Where will the large amounts of materials accumulated within the economy go? - A material flow analysis of construction minerals. *Waste Management* 27(12), 1725-1738



### Background: Material flows in Japan





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### **Background: Meaning of NAS**



accumulated materials that will emerge as wastes or secondary resources.



### **Objectives**

Refer to materials that have a high probability of emerging as wastes in the future as potential wastes

Estimate the amount of **potential wastes** for construction minerals in Japan as a case study

#### **Construction minerals**

- Nearly half of total Japanese input materials
- Associated wastes less than a tenth of that amount

Asphalt Cement Sand Gravel (Crushed) Stone

 Representative materials that accumulate as potential wastes (or as non-potential wastes)



Framework: Classification of materials

Potential wastes

Materials that have a high probability of emerging as wastes

or secondary resources after use



#### e.g. building, asphalt concrete layer



Materials that have a low probability of emerging as wastes

or secondary resources because they are dissipated during use or after use



Materials that have a primarily dissipative form of

use (but that are not included in the "dissipative use" in EW-MFA)

Permanent structures

Materials that have a low probability of being expired



e.g. crushed concrete, water pipe, pipe pile



e.g. roadbed, land development



e.g. tunnel, dam, hill slope stabilization



### Estimated demand for construction minerals



- Share of buildings has been about 25 30%
- Infrastructure mainly includes roads (20%), agriculture/forestry/fisheries, landslide/flood control, harbors/airports, and land development



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### **Determination of ratios: Buildings**

#### Construction minerals used for buildings









### **Determination of ratios: Buildings**

### State of construction minerals brought into building constriction site





### Estimated potential and non-potential wastes



- □ Proportion of potential wastes was estimated to be about 30 40%
- 200 400 million tonnes were estimated to be annually input to Japanese economy as potential wastes



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### Estimation method for waste generation



- (potential waste input and lifetime)
- 20 types of infrastructure



## Estimated generation and dissipation of wastes



- Estimated amount of waste generation approached the reported statistical values
- Estimated waste generation and statistical data value do not necessarily correspond to each other



### **Classification of stocked materials**

	Identified res	Identified resources						
	Demonstrated		Probability range		Products		Wastes in	Dissipated
	Measured Indicated	interieu	Hypothetical Speculative		Emerging in a year	Not emerging in a year	managed landfill sites	resources or substances
Economic	Reserves	Inferred reserves		Economic	Secondary reserves in a year	Secondary reserves in future		
Marginally economic	Marginal reserves	Inferred marginal reserves		Marginally economic	Marginal secondary reserves in a year	Marginal secondary reserves in future		
Subeconomic	Demonstrated subeconomic resources	Inferred subeconomic resources		Subeconomic (technologically feasible)	Subeconomic secondary resources in a year	Subeconomic secondary resources in future	Subeconomic secondary resources	Subeconomic secondary resources
Subeconomic Other occurrences	Includes non	conventional and I	ow-grade materials	Other (technologically infeasible)	Unrecoverable materials	Unrecoverable materials	Unrecoverable materials	Unrecoverable materials

This section is based on Hashimoto et al. (2008) Framework of Material Stock Accounts – toward assessment of material accumulation in the economic sphere. *Proceedings of 8th International Conference on EcoBalance*, in press, 2008



### **Objectives**

Develop a framework of Material Stock Accounts (MSA) through review of existing frameworks of MFA from the viewpoint of capturing material stocks

Investigate types of material stocks,

based on the frameworks such as Economy-Wide Material Flow Accounts (EW-MFA) and Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounts (SEEA),

- Discuss the purposes and significances of understanding material stocks after resource extraction, and
- Propose classifications of material stocks for waste management and resource reutilization

The classification for resource reutilization is consistent with the classification for natural mineral resources: it will be useful to understand primary and secondary material stocks comprehensively as resources.



### Types of material stocks

cf. EW-MFA: Economy-Wide Material Flow Accounts SEEA: Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounts

Environmental sphere		Economic sphere					Environmental
Unusable materials Including tailing piles	Natural resources (excluding cultivated biological resources) & ecosys- tem	Cultivated biological resources (plants)	Cultivated biological resources (animals)	Human bodies	Products Inventories, storage, final products in use, and hibernating end-of-life products	Wastes in managed landfill sites	Dissipated materials Including wastes in unmanaged landfill sites
EW-MFA						A -	
SEEA Physical and Hybrid Flow Accounts							•
SEEA Environmental Asset Accounts							
Primary Material Stock Accounts					Secondary	Material Sto	ck Accounts



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### Purposes and significances of understanding material stocks

- Based on literature review, the purposes and significances of understanding material stocks includes:
- Its use for future waste management and resource reutilization;
- Its use for more accurate understanding of material metabolism in our economic society by capturing the amounts of stocks and examining consistencies between the amounts of stocks and flows.
- More accurate understanding in the latter purpose serves the former purpose, i.e., more precise estimation of future wastes and reusable resources.
- If any materials appearing to be discharged into the environment or exported to other countries exist, they might provide the basic information for considering the environmental impacts and loss of resources resulting from such materials.







## Classification of secondary material stocks

#### Materials not emerging as wastes or secondary resources



dissipated materials Materials that are dissipated



e.g. crushed concrete, water pipe, pipe pile

**Dissipatively** used materials

Materials that have a primarily dissipative form of use



e.g. roadbed, land development

Permanent structures

Materials that have a low probability of being expired



e.g. tunnel, dam, hill slope stabilization



### Classification of secondary material stocks

Classifi	cation	of	prod	ucts	for
waste n	nanag	em	ent		

3) Time of emerging as wastes or secondary resources

**Products** 

2) Probability of emerging as wastes or secondary resources 1) Forms of existence

			Emerging in a year	Not emerging in a year	
	Infrastructure	Emerging	Emerging in a year	Emerging in future	
	and building	Not emerging		Not emerging	
	Industrial	Emerging	Emerging in a year	Emerging in future	
	machinery	Not emerging		Not emerging	
	Transport machinery	Emerging	Emerging in a year	Emerging in future	
		Not emerging		Not emerging	
	Electric and	Emerging	Emerging in a year	Emerging in future	
	equipment	Not emerging		Not emerging	
	Other	Emerging	Emerging in a year	Emerging in future	
	and storages)	Not emerging		Not emerging	



of reutilization

Possibility

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### Classification of secondary material stocks

#### Classification of secondary material stocks for resource reutilization

#### 3) Time of emerging as wastes or secondary resources

	Pro	oducts	Wastes in	Dissipated materials			
	Emerging in a year	Not emerging in a year	landfill sites				
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### Classification of secondary material stocks

#### McKelvey diagram

Profitability

#### Geological knowledge

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		Demonstrated		Informed	Probability range		
		Measured	Indicated	meneu	Hypothetical	Speculative	
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### **MFA for Wood**



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### Forest sector carbon cycle







### Forest sector carbon cycle

#### **Carbon stock in wood products**

Carbon stock increase in wood products

139 MtC/yr in 1990 (Winjum et al., 1998)
117 MtC/yr in 1990 (Hashimoto et al., 2002)
30–60 MtC/yr in 1960–2000 (Pingoud et al., 2003:

landfilled waste wood not included)

**2%** of **6,400 Mt/yr** of global carbon emissions from fossil fuels and cement production in1990s

**10%** of **1,000 Mt/yr** of global carbon stock change in vegetation, soil, and detritus in 1990s

Carbon stock in wood products

**3,300 MtC** in 2000 (Pingoud et al., 2003: landfilled waste wood not included)

Less than 1% of 2,300,000 Mt of global carbon stock in vegetation, soil, and detritus

1% of 500,000 Mt of global carbon stock in vegetation



### Carbon stock increase in wood products

#### **Estimation based on FAO data**

#### Estimated carbon stock increase in 16 industrialized countries (1990)





### Carbon stock increase in wood products

#### **Estimation based on FAO data**

The ratios of carbon stock increase to emissions (1990)





### Estimated flows of wood in Japan





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### Developed data base for wood

#### Matrix presenting material and carbon flows

32 sectors of production activity

48 sectors of products, byproducts, wastes, and resources



### Detailed material and carbon flow data for Japan



#### Material flows in 1960





### Detailed material and carbon flow data for Japan



#### Material flows in 1970





### Detailed material and carbon flow data for Japan









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### Detailed material and carbon flow data for Japan









### Detailed material and carbon flow data for Japan



#### Material flows in 2000





### Detailed material and carbon flow data for Japan





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### Detailed material and carbon flow data for Japan

Carbon stocks and flows in wood products



Increasing carbon stock in products in use and wastes in landfills

Declining increase in carbon stock (correspond to 2% to 1% of emissions)



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