MFA Applications in Japan <u>- Case Studies</u>

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Cycle Circulation Recycling -Oriented

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-Type

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Junkan-gata society

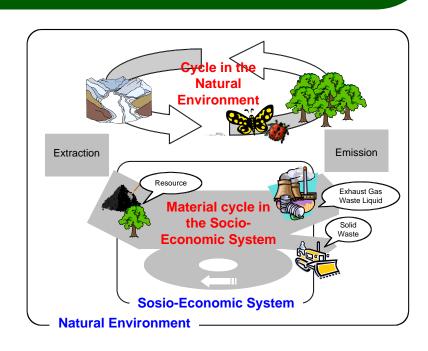
Today's talk



- A driving force of expansion of material flow studies in Japan
- Topic 1: National material flow indicators and targets
- Outline, background, and ongoing discussion on policies related to the use of national material flow indicators
- Topic 2: MFA for construction minerals
- Dominate input materials and Net Additions to Stock (NAS) of national MFA
- Topic 3: Classification of stocked materials
- For future waste management and resource reutilization
- Topic 4: MFA for wood
- As a case for carbon accounting

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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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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

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

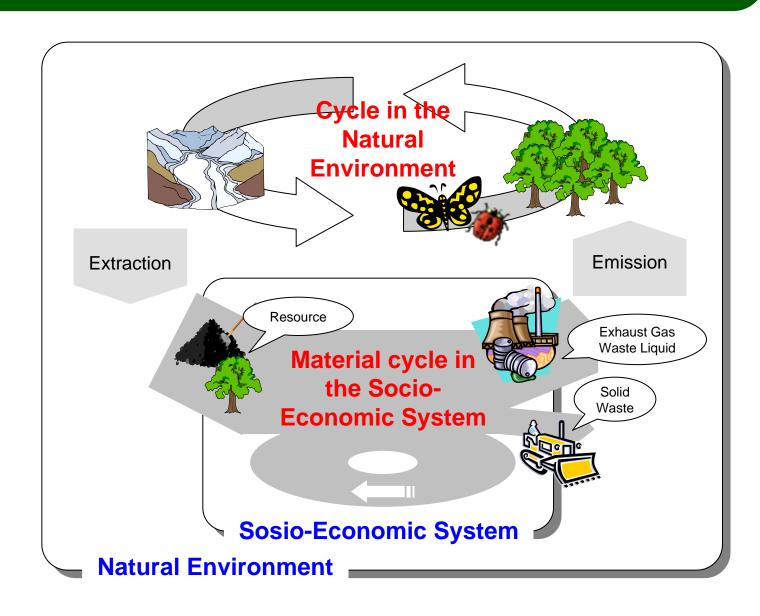
Definition of Junkan-Gata Society

- 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

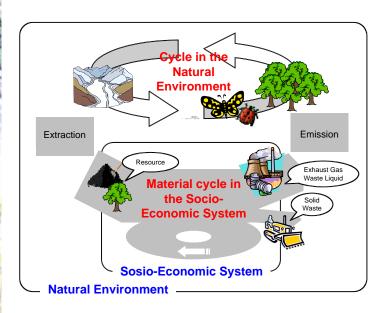
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- 1990: By Committee for Junkan-Gata Socio-System for Environmental Protection
- To achieve sustainable development, the way of economic activity that fits to great cycles in ecosystems must be designed and practiced...... (To this end,) it is necessary 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



Cycle in the Natural Environment

Controlling resource extractions and environmental burdens to prevent cycles in ecosystem from being disturbed

Cycle in the Socio-Economic System

Reusing and recycling resources to the extent possible within society

Edahiro J.

"Junkan is to connect thoughts"

"Samsara: transmigration of the soul"

Kitoh S.

"Network of relationships"

"Junkan of relationships"

Hanai Y.

"The basis of Junkan-Gata Society is junkan of people"

Virtuous
Cycle of the
Environment
& Economy

Integrating environmental protection and economic development

Cycle of Relationships and Lives

Understanding and building relationship between the nature and human beings and between persons, sharing information and promoting activities, valuing a human life and a thing's life, etc.

Legislative framework

Basic Environment Law
Basic Environment Plan

Junkan (environmentally sound material cycle)

Fundamental Law for Establishing
Junkan-Gata Society
Fundamental Plan for Establishing Junkan-Gata Society

Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law

Law for the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources

Appropriate waste management

Promotion of reuse and recycling

Containers and Packaging Recycling Law

Home
Appliance
Recycling Law

Construction
Material
Recycling Law

Food Waste Recycling Law

End-of-life Vehicle Recycling Law

Law on Promoting Green Purchasing

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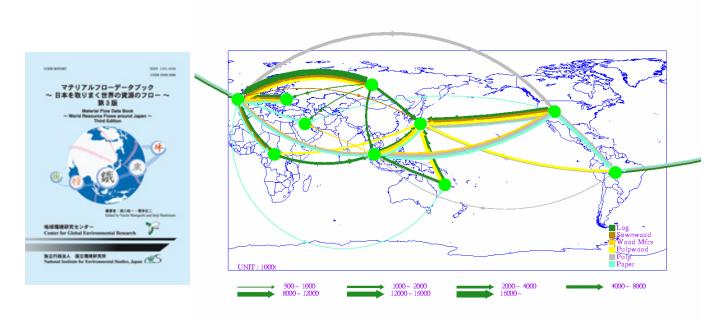
Closed loop society

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Sustainable eco-society

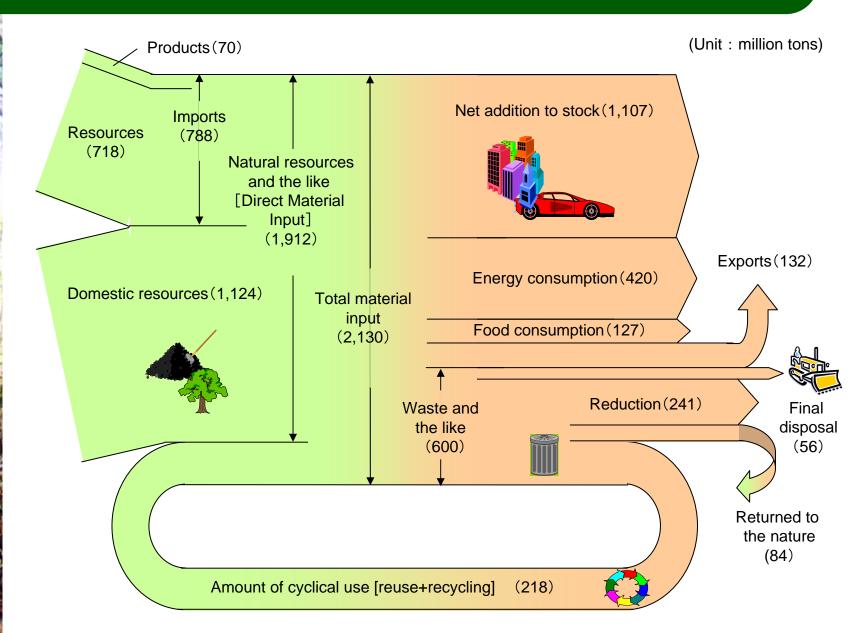
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National material flow indicators and targets

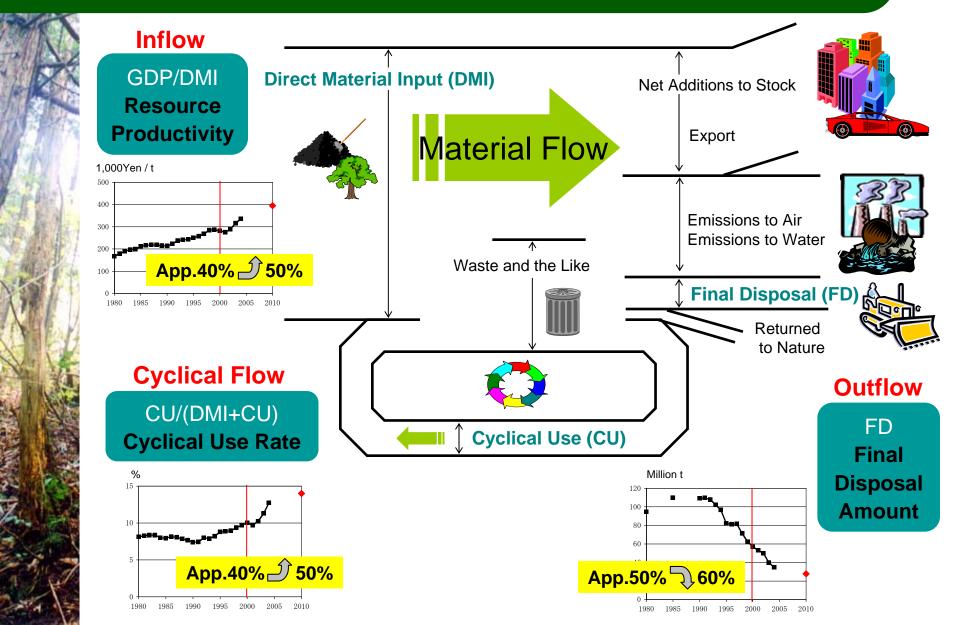


Source: Moriguchi and Hashimoto (2006) Material Flow Data Book - World Resource Flows around Japan - Third Edition (No. D040-2006) (http://www-cger.nies.go.jp/cger-e/e_report/r_index-e.html#2006)

Material flows in Japan (fiscal 2000)



MF indicators in The Fundamental Plan (2003 & 2008)

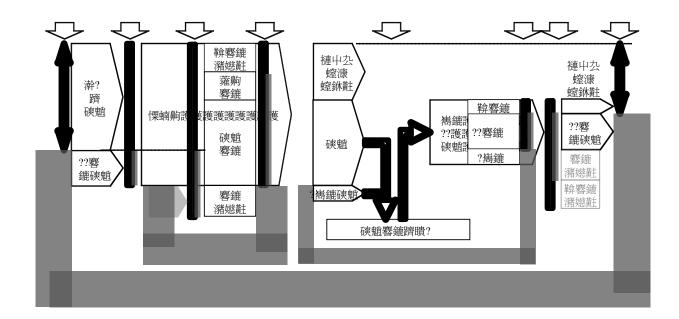


Background

- 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

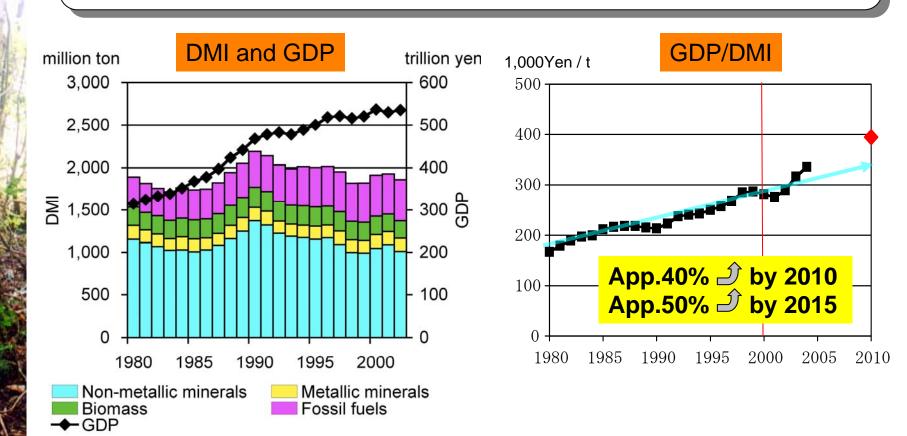
Inflow indicator

Resource Productivity

GDP (yen / ton)
Direct Material Input (DMI)

Dematerialization

More value-added with less materials



Outflow indicator



- "Junkan-gata society" is a society where the consumption of natural resources is restrained and the environmental load is reduced as much as possible
- CO₂ is the biggest emissions to the environment
- CO₂ 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)

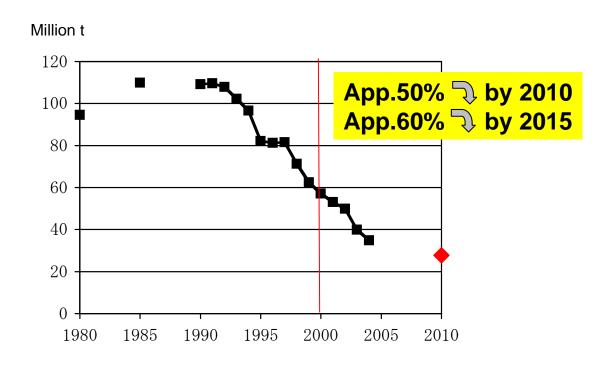
Waste disposed of in the fiscal year (volume/year)

Outflow indicator

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

- Reuse and recycling
 Waste output

 No Reuse and recycling
 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-of-coastline 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

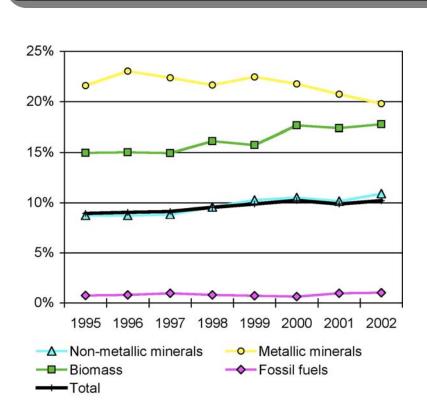
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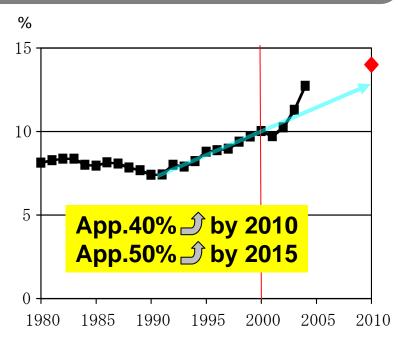
Cyclical use rate

Cyclical use (reuse and recycling)

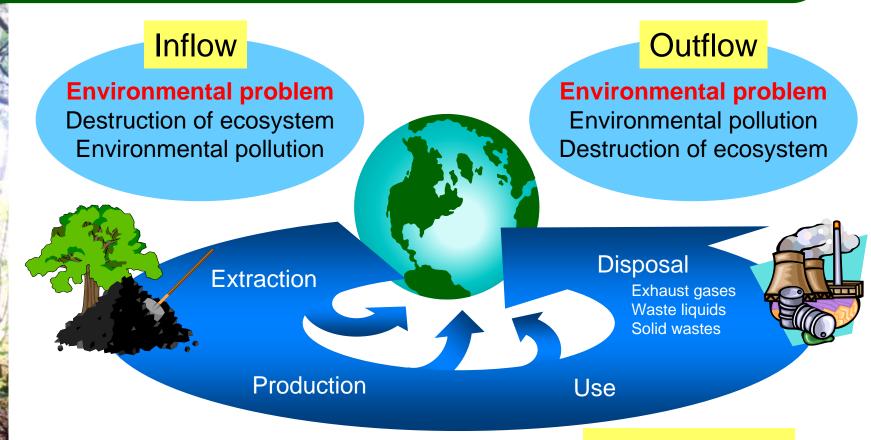
Cyclical use (reuse and recycling) + Direct Material Input (DMI)

Substitution of reused and recycled materials for primary resources





Problems associated with material flows



Socio-economic problem

Shortage of resources (depletion and inequitable distribution of resources)

Accumulation

Environmental problem

Destruction of ecosystem Environmental pollution

Inflow

GDP/DMI Resource Productivity



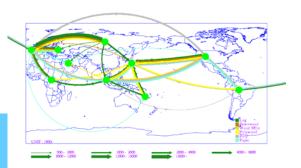
Viewpoint of indicating environmental problems

- Is simple summation of weight of materials appropriate?....①
 - ✓ 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.

Inflow

GDP/DMI Resource Productivity

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.

Inflow

GDP/DMI Resource Productivity





- Is simple summation of weight of materials appropriate?....
 - ✓ 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.

Inflow

GDP/DMI Resource Productivity

Cyclical Flow

CU/(DMI+CU)
Cyclical Use Rate

Outflow

FD Final Disposal Amount



Viewpoint of promoting responses to the problems

- How should individual effort be assessed and connected to national MF indicators?.....4
 - Connection between individual effort and macro MF indicators should be structured.
 - Indicators for individual item and entity based on a common methodology are necessary.
- How should stocked materials as potential wastes and secondary resources be managed?.....5
 - ✓ Management of materials accumulated in the society will be important in the future.

Inflow

GDP/DMI Resource Productivity

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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?
 - Trade of recyclables need to be captured accurately.
 - 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?.....4
 - 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

- How should stocked materials as potential wastes and secondary resources be managed?.....5
 - Basic information is required. Stocks are considered potential wastes and secondary resources, but not all stocked materials become wastes and secondary resources.

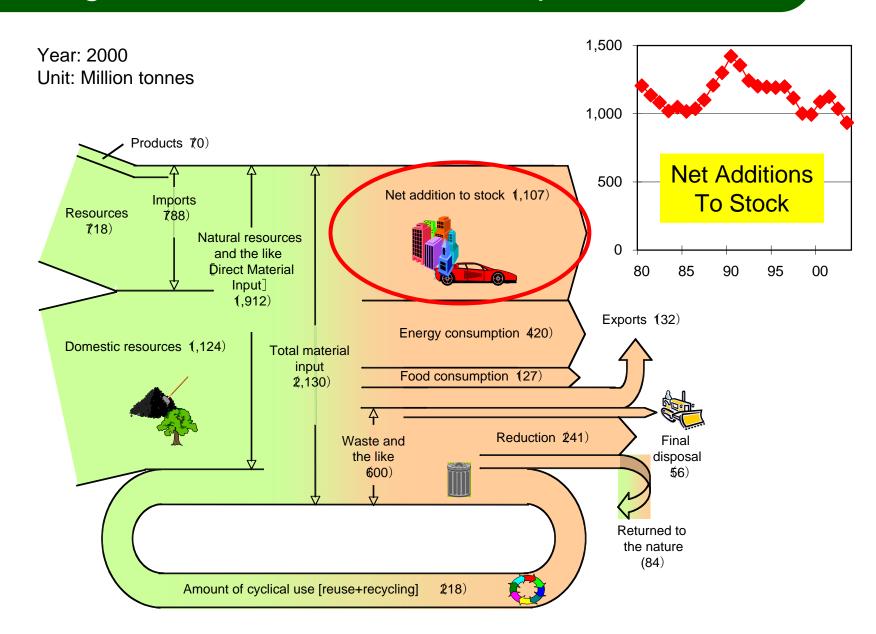
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MFA for Construction Minerals

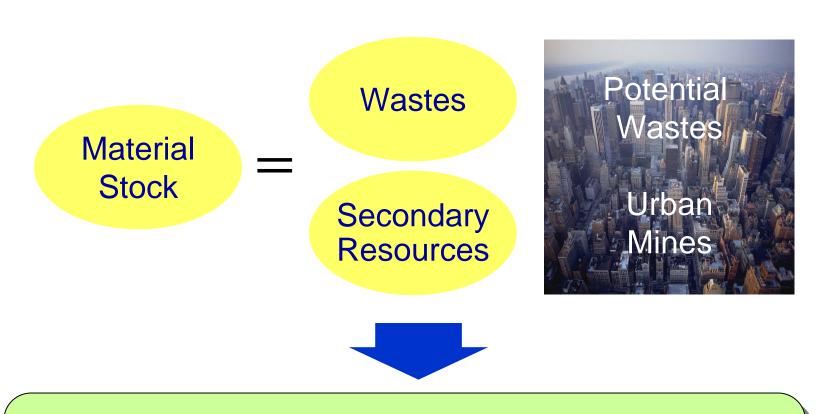


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Background: Material flows in Japan



Background: Meaning of NAS



For proper disposal and reutilization of wastes in the future, it is important to accurately estimate the amount of 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



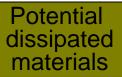
 Representative materials that accumulate as potential wastes (or as non-potential wastes)

Framework: Classification of materials

Potential wastes

Materials that have a high probability of emerging as wastes

or secondary resources after use



Materials that have a low probability of emerging as wastes

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

Dissipatively used materials

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

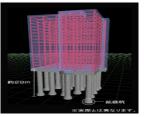




e.g. building, asphalt concrete layer







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





e.g. roadbed, land development

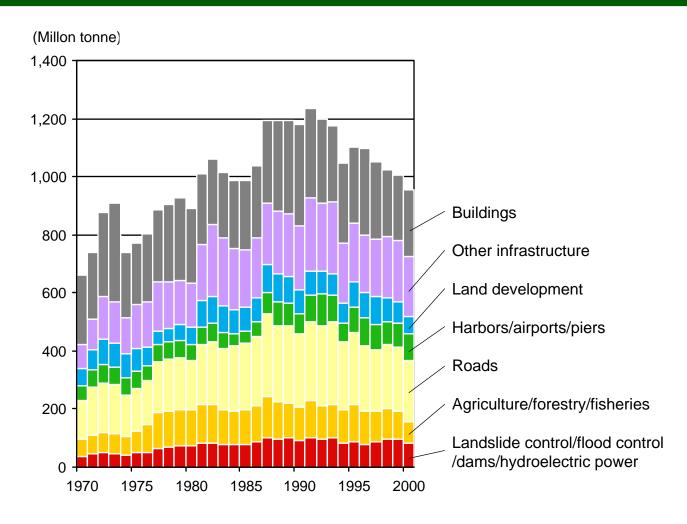






e.g. tunnel, dam, hill slope stabilization

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

Determination of ratios: Buildings

Construction minerals used for buildings

Application

Concrete structure Superstructure

Foundation piles

Subsurface structure

Ground leveling



Classification

Potential wastes

Potential wastes

Potential wastes

Dissipatively used materials

Potential dissipated materials

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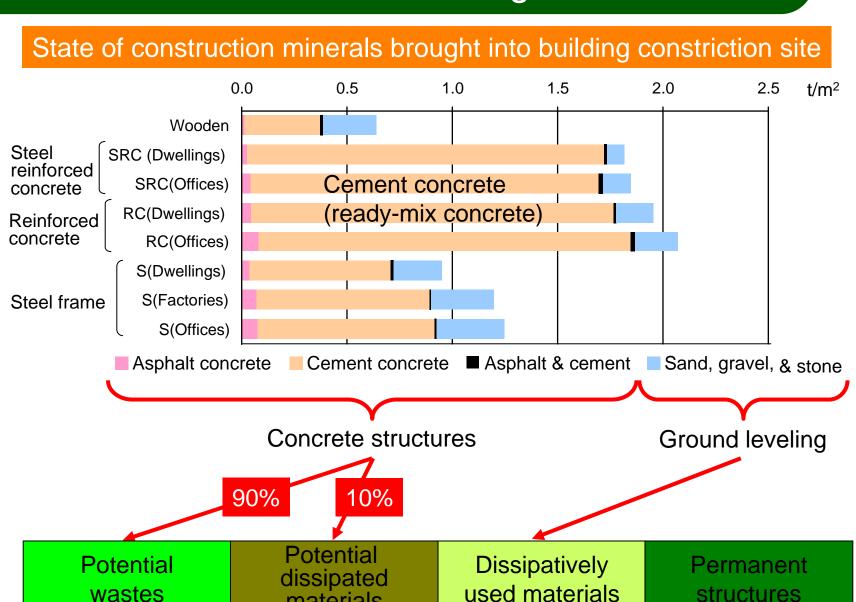
Potential dissipated materials



structures

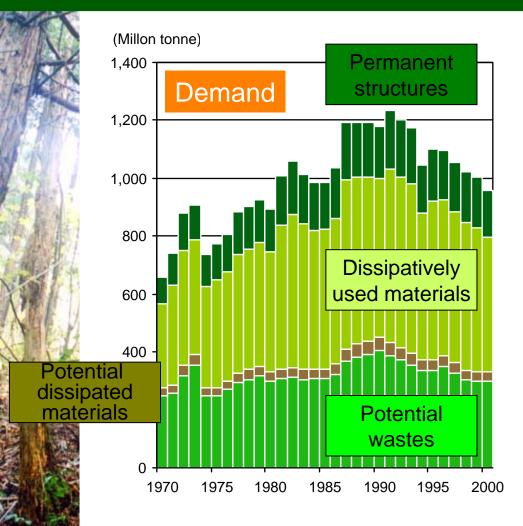
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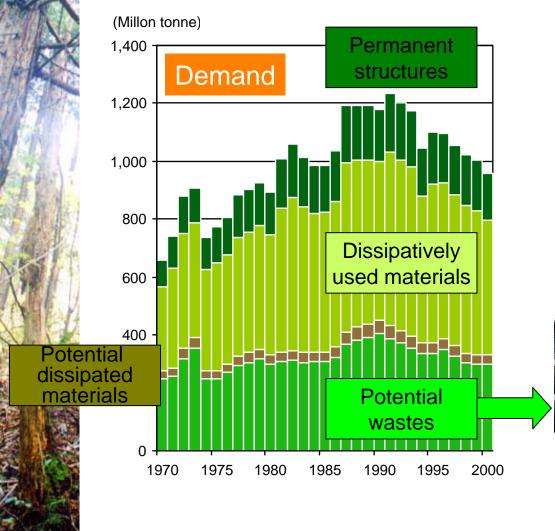
materials

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

Estimation method for waste generation



For buildings:

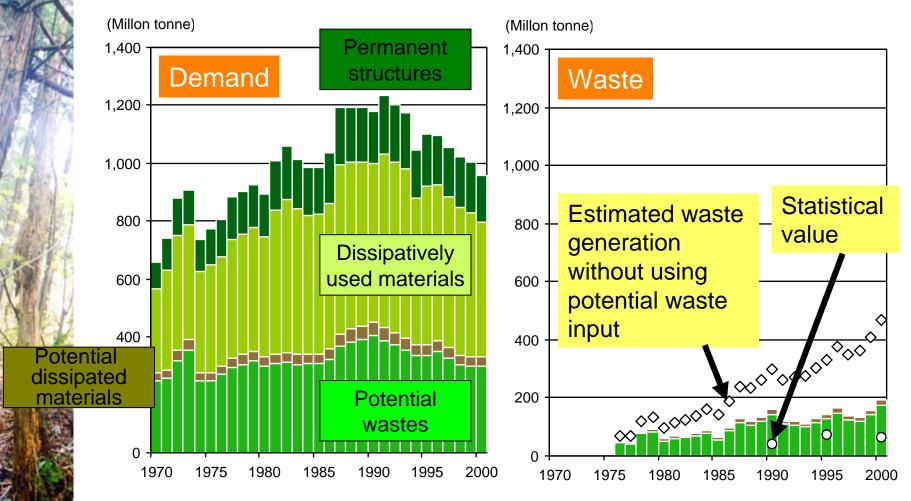
- Physical data are available for floor space of construction and stock
- Estimated floor space of demolition × potential waste input per floor space
- ✓ 8 types of buildings



For infrastructure

- Dynamic modeling was applied (potential waste input and lifetime)
- 20 types of infrastructure

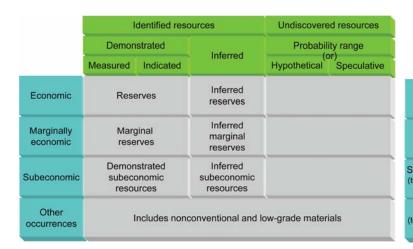
Estimated generation and dissipation of wastes



- 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



	Products		Wastes in	Dissipated
	Emerging in a year	Not emerging in a year	managed landfill sites	resources or substances
Economic	Secondary reserves in a year	Secondary reserves in future		
Marginally economic	Marginal secondary reserves in a year	Marginal secondary reserves in future		
Subeconomic technologically feasible)	Subeconomic secondary resources in a year	Subeconomic secondary resources in future	Subeconomic secondary resources	Subeconomic secondary resources
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

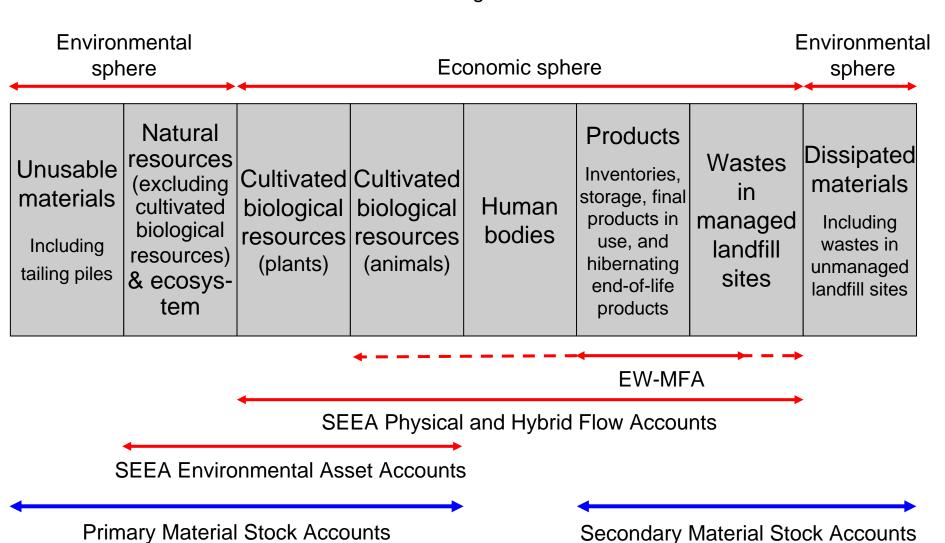
Objectives

- 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

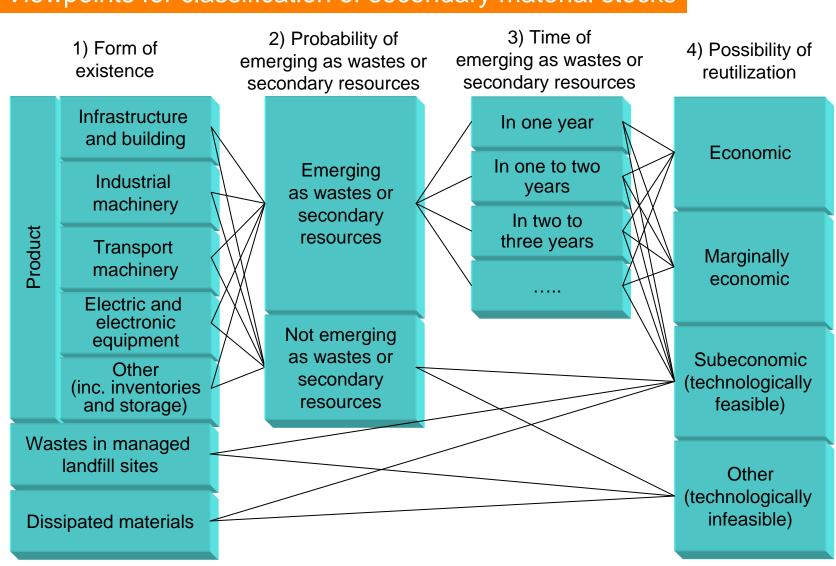
cf. EW-MFA: Economy-Wide Material Flow Accounts SEEA: Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounts



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.

Viewpoints for classification of secondary material stocks



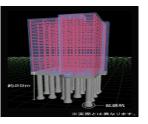
Materials not emerging as wastes or secondary resources

Potential dissipated materials

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Classification of products for waste management

3) Time of emerging as wastes or secondary resources

as wastes Forms of existence emerging secondary 2) Probability of

		Products		
		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	Emerging	Emerging in a year	Emerging in future	
machinery	Not emerging		Not emerging	
Electric and electronic	Emerging	Emerging in a year	Emerging in future	
equipment	Not emerging		Not emerging	
Other (inc. inventories	Emerging	Emerging in a year	Emerging in future	
(inc. inventories and storages)	Not emerging		Not emerging	

Classification of secondary material stocks for resource reutilization

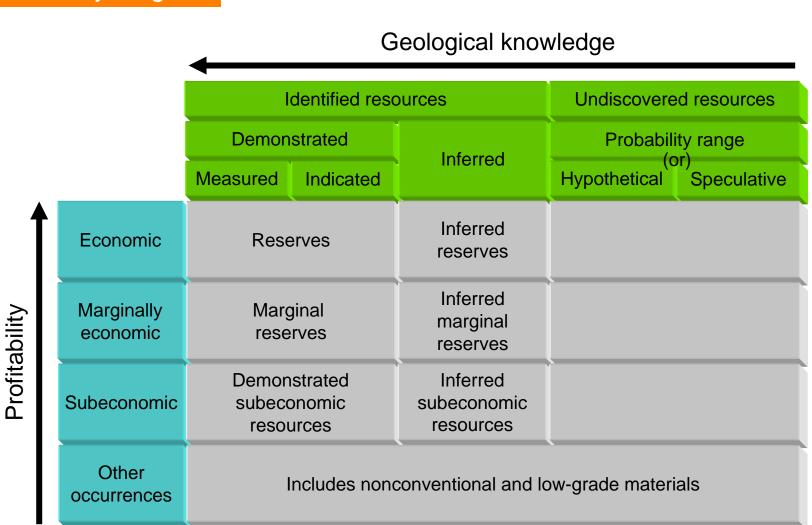
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reutilization

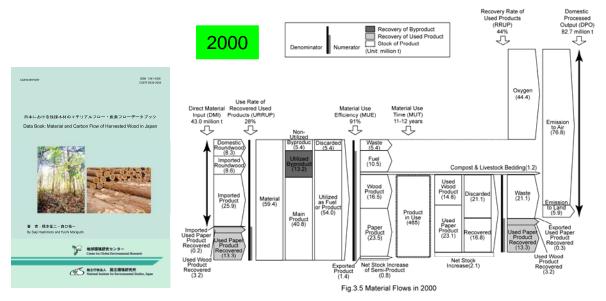
Possibility

	Products		Wastes in	Dissipated
	Emerging in a year	Not emerging in a year	managed landfill sites	materials
Economic	Secondary reserves in a year	Secondary reserves in future		
Marginally economic	Marginal secondary reserves in a year	Marginal secondary reserves in future		
Subeconomic (technologically feasible)	Subeconomic secondary resources in a year	Subeconomic secondary resources in future	Subeconomic secondary resources	Subeconomic secondary resources
Other (technologically infeasible)	Unrecoverable materials	Unrecoverable materials	Unrecoverable materials	Unrecoverable materials

McKelvey diagram



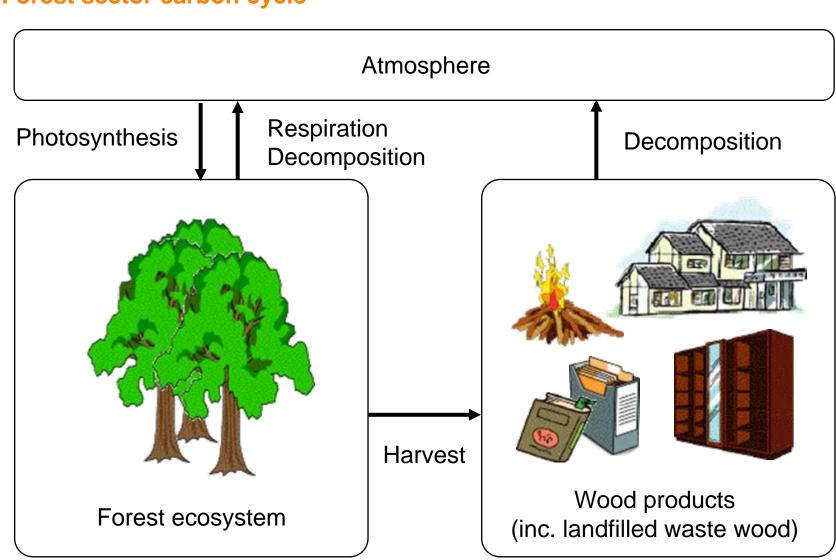
MFA for Wood



This section is based on Hashimoto and Moriguchi (2004) Data Book: Material and Carbon Flow of Harvested Wood in Japan (No. D034-2004) (http://www-cger.nies.go.jp/cger-e/e_report/r_index-e.html); Hashimoto et al. (2004) Six indicators of material cycles for describing society's metabolism: application to wood resources in Japan. *Resources, Conservation & Recycling* 40(3), 201-223; and Hashimoto et al. (2002) Wood products: potential carbon sequestration and impact on net carbon emissions of industrialized countries. *Environmental Science & Policy* 5(2), 183-193

Forest sector carbon cycle

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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)

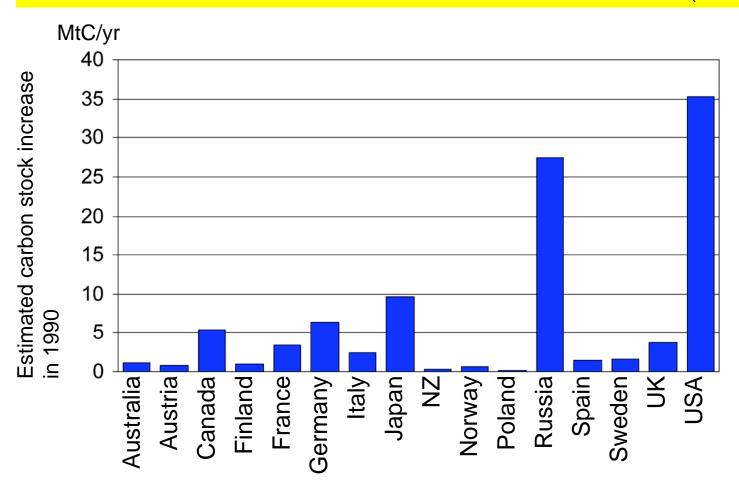
Less than 1% of 2,300,000 Mt of global carbon stock in vegetation, soil, and detritus

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

Carbon stock increase in wood products

Estimation based on FAO data

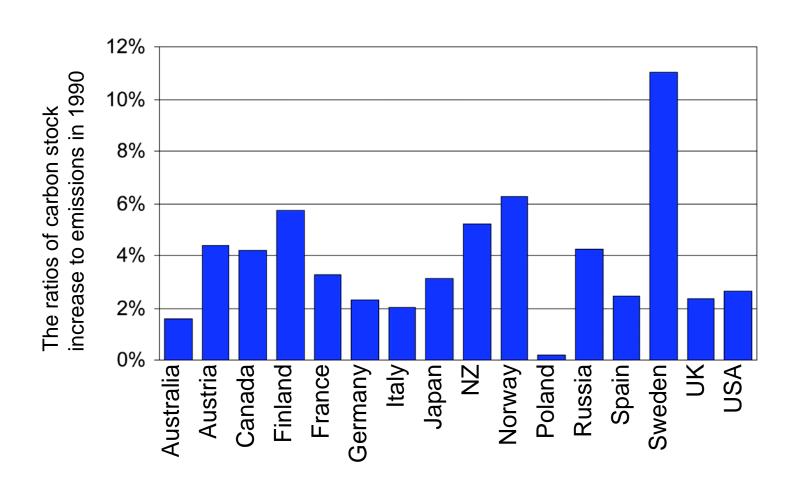
Estimated carbon stock increase in 16 industrialized countries (1990)



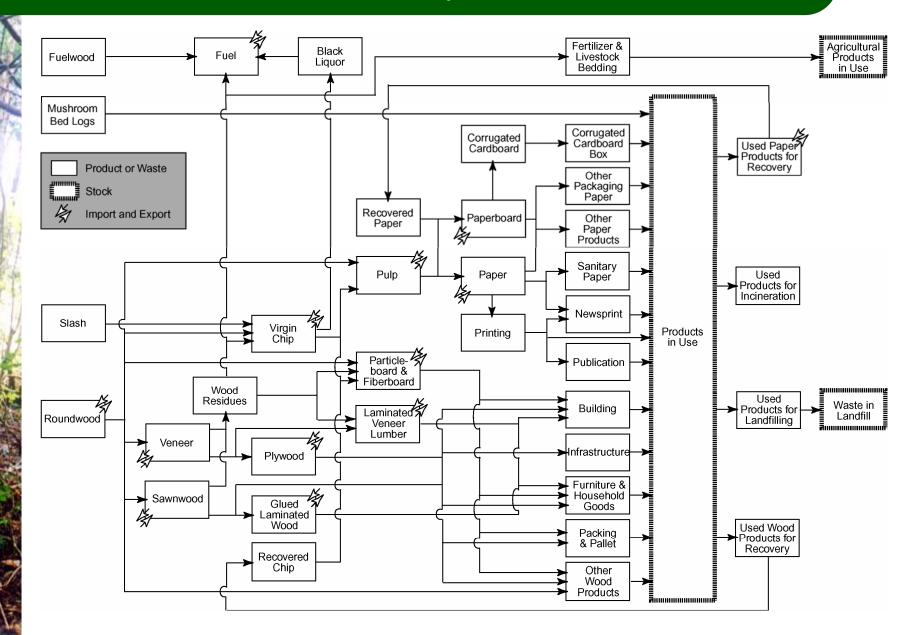
Carbon stock increase in wood products

Estimation based on FAO data

The ratios of carbon stock increase to emissions (1990)



Estimated flows of wood in Japan

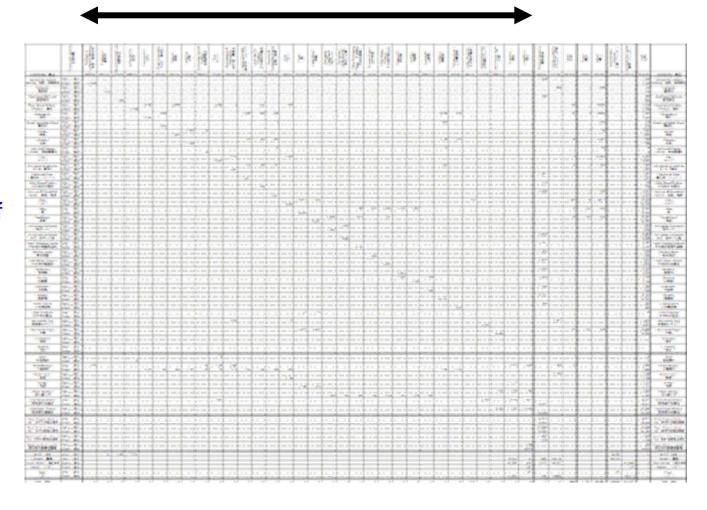


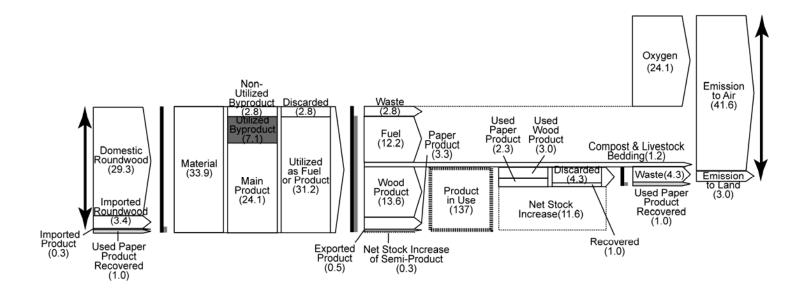
Developed data base for wood

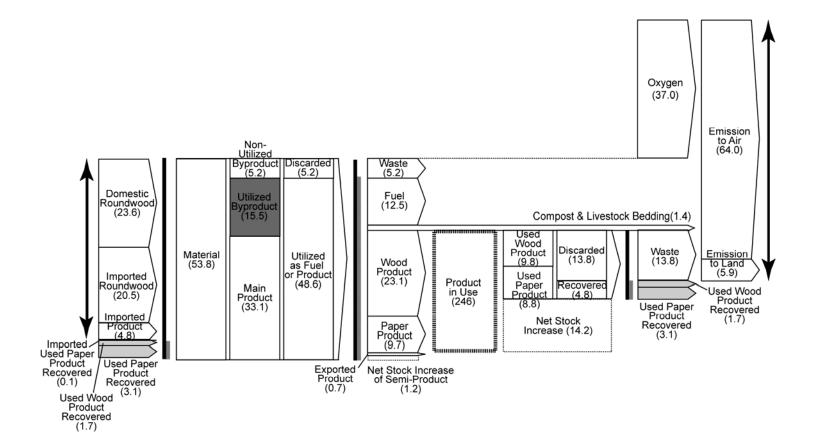
Matrix presenting material and carbon flows

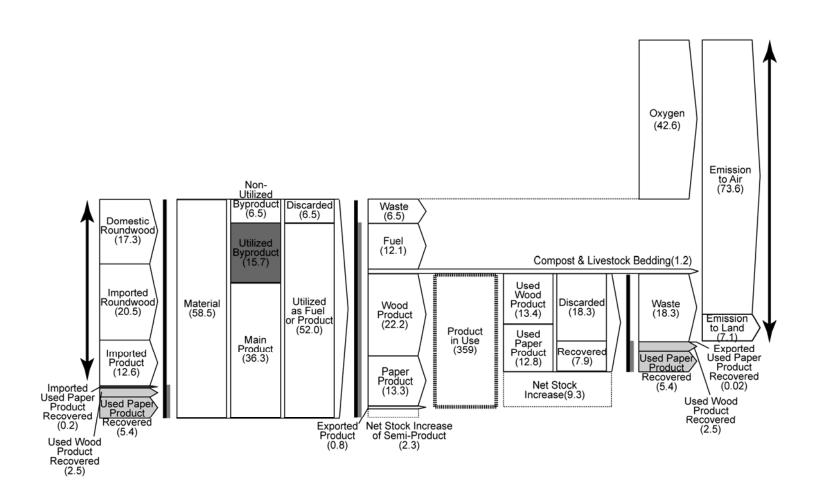
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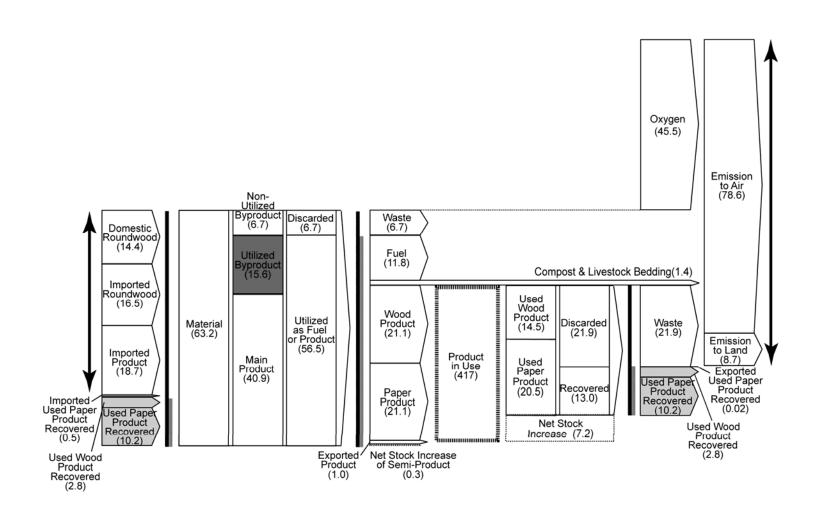
48 sectors of products, byproducts, wastes, and resources

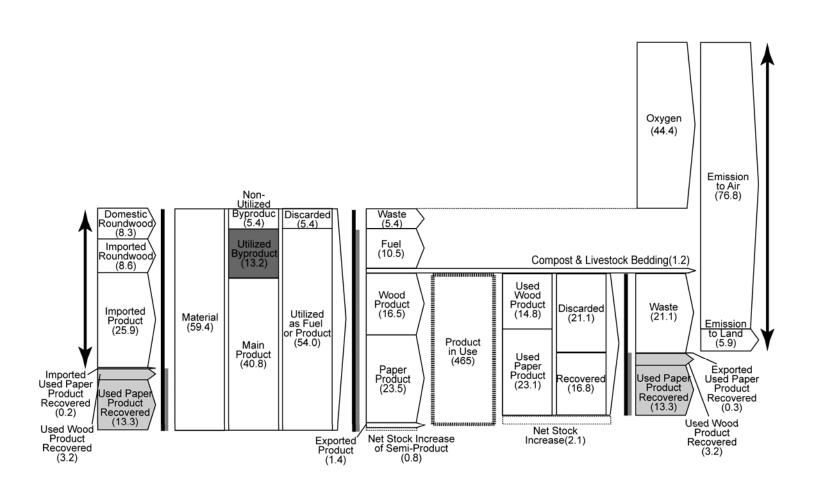










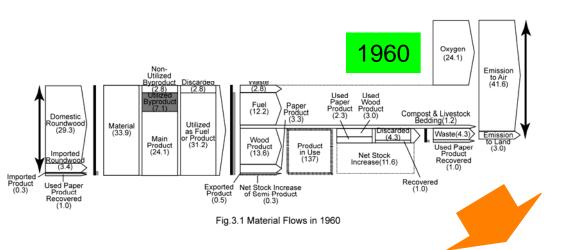


Oxygen

Detailed material and carbon flow data for Japan



Overview of transition of wood use



Increased use as paper
Increased emissions
to the environment
Increased recycling

Increased use of
wood resources
Increased import of
roundwood and products

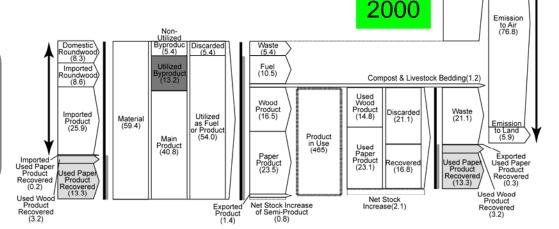
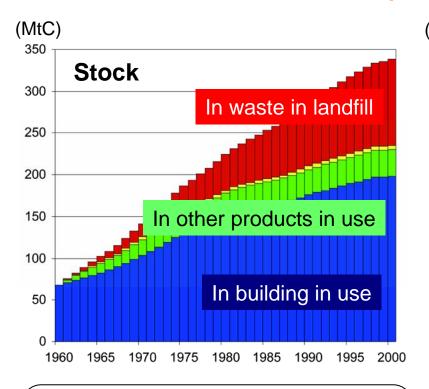
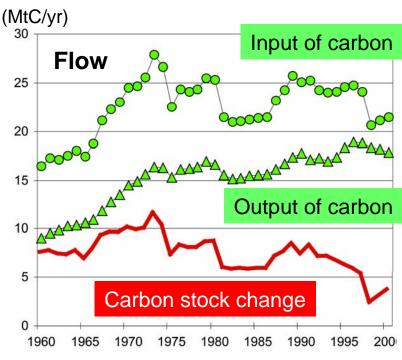


Fig.3.5 Material Flows in 2000

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)

Today's talk



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- Topic 3: Classification of stocked materials
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- As a case for carbon accounting

Thank you for your kind attention!



