

# Sediment-related disasters and sabo-related facilities

- 「The 2011 off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku Earthquake」  
(March 11<sup>th</sup> 2011)
- 「The Northern Nagano Prefecture Earthquake」  
(March 12<sup>th</sup> 2011)
- 「Fukushima Prefecture Hamadori Earthquake」  
(April 11<sup>th</sup> 2011)

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# 1. Summary of sediment-related disasters

(Information as of April 21<sup>st</sup> 2011)

- The 2011 off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku Earthquake  
81 disasters (19 deaths)
- The Northern Nagano Prefecture Earthquake  
22 disasters
- The Eastern Shizuoka Prefecture Earthquake  
3 disasters

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**106 disasters (19 deaths)**

- Besides the above, many landslides occurred
- Wildfire occurred along the coastal area in Iwate Prefecture

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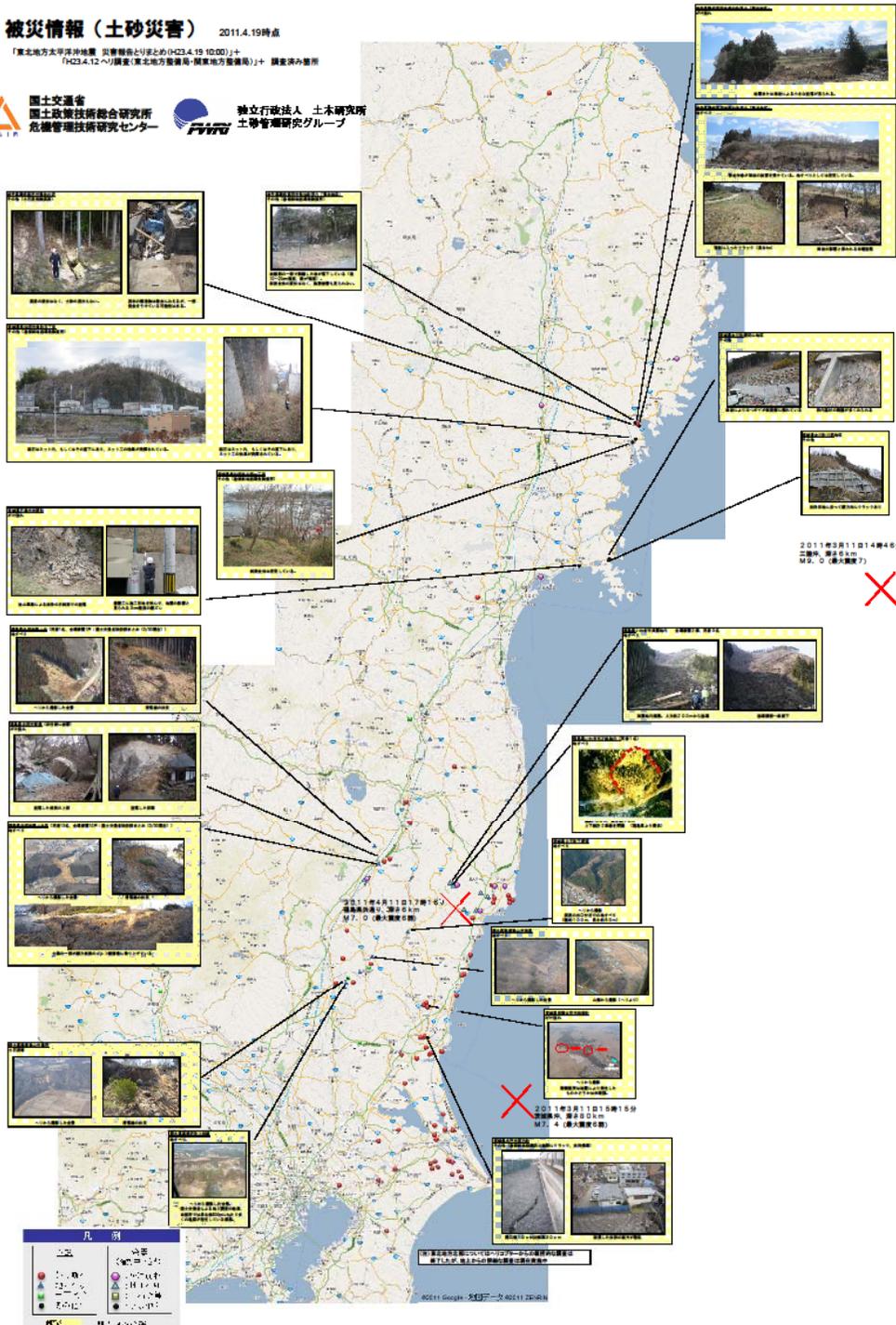
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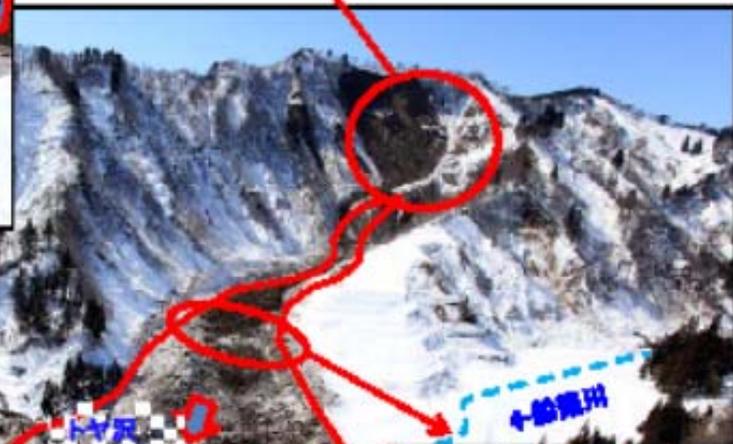


# Map of sediment-related disasters (as of 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011)

# Landslide destroyed 1 house and caused 1 death in Taishin-Kumado (Okanouchi) area in Shirakawa City, Fukushima Prefecture



# Debris flow disaster at Tatsunokuchi area in Tsunan Town, Niigata Prefecture caused by the Northern Nagano Prefecture Earthquake on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2011



- 被害状況
- ・発生日時：3月12日
  - ・災害原因：長野県北部の地震  
(地点最大震度：6弱)
  - ・被害：国道353号、倉庫2棟  
全壊
- 対策工により守られる保全対象
- ・国道158号、宿泊施設1棟
  - ・水力発電関連施設

○ No large deformation was observed for the landslide dams generated by the Iwate-Miyagi Nairiku Earthquake in 2008 and the Mid Niigata Prefecture Earthquake in 2004

○ No large landslide dams were formed by the earthquakes including aftershocks (as of April 11<sup>th</sup> 2011)



**Picture of landslide dam site (Yubama area in Miyagi Prefecture) caused by the Iwate-Miyagi Nairiku Earthquake in 2008**  
(The surface of the landslide slope in 2008 was thinly collapsed)

## 2. Distribution of sediment-related disasters

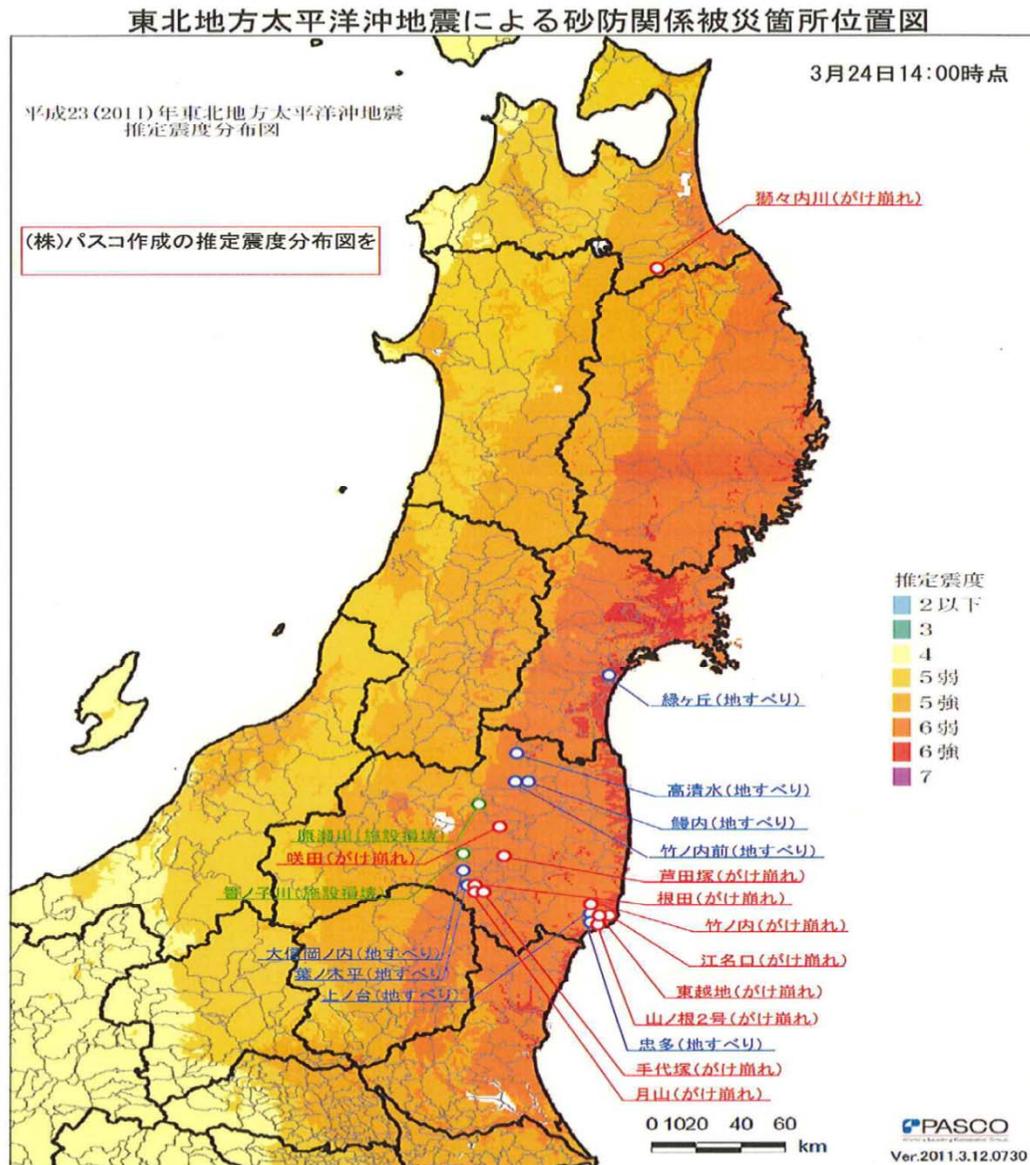
### Features

1. The number of landslides was small although strong shock (Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) seismic intensity of over 5 upper) was felt in many areas

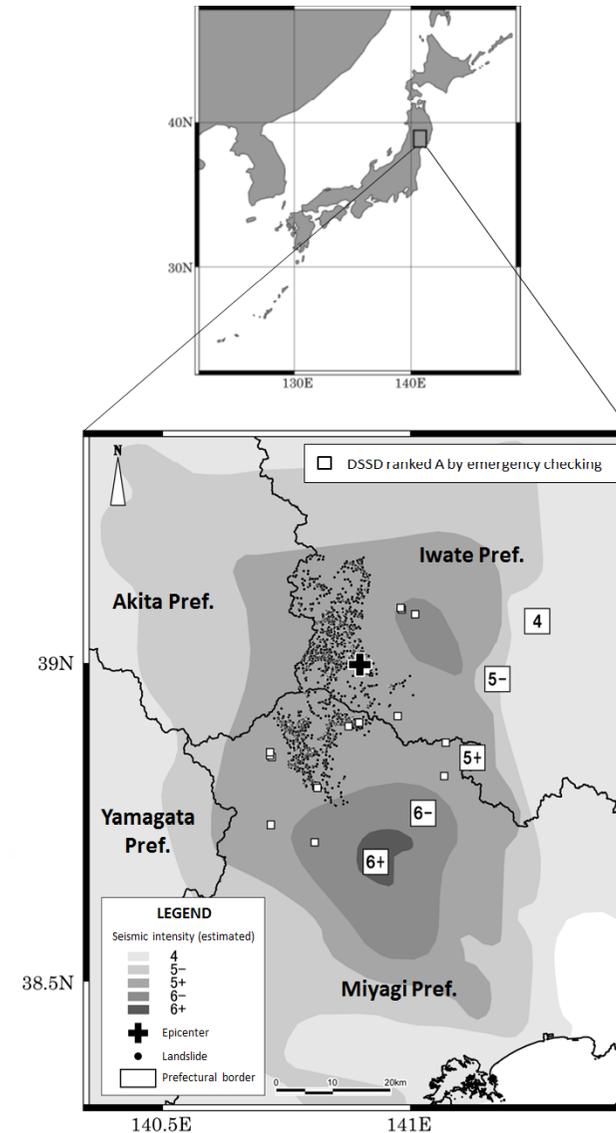
(The Iwate-Miyagi Nairiku Earthquake in 2008 caused approximately 3,500 landslides)

2. The density of sediment-related disasters did not necessarily correspond to the seismic intensity distribution

# Location of sediment-related disasters as of 14:00 on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 (based on disaster reports)



# Location of landslides caused by the Iwate-Miyagi Nairiku Earthquake in 2008



# ○ Sediment-related disasters caused by intraplate-type aftershocks on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

- 17:16 on April 11<sup>th</sup> Hamadori, Fukushima Pref., JMA seismic intensity of 6 lower**
- 17:17 on April 11<sup>th</sup> Hamadori, Fukushima Pref., JMA seismic intensity of 5 lower**
- 17:26 on April 11<sup>th</sup> Hamadori, Fukushima Pref., JMA seismic intensity of 5 lower**
- 20:42 on April 11<sup>th</sup> Northern Ibaraki Pref., JMA seismic intensity of 5 lower**
  
- 07:26 on April 12<sup>th</sup> Northern Nagano Pref., JMA seismic intensity of 5 lower**
- 08:08 on April 12<sup>th</sup> East Off Chiba Pref., JMA seismic intensity of 5 lower**
- 14:07 on April 12<sup>th</sup> Hamadori, Fukushima Pref., JMA seismic intensity of 6 lower**

**Landslide in Joban-Fujiwara, Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture (height: 100 m, width: 120 m) blocked the Prefectural Highway 14**

④いわき市常磐藤原町（県道14号）



**Landslide in Tabito, Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture  
(height: 170 m, width: 50 m) caused a landslide dam  
(height: 15 m, volume of stored water: 1,000—2,500 m<sup>3</sup>)**

①いわき市田人町石住



# Sediment-related disasters

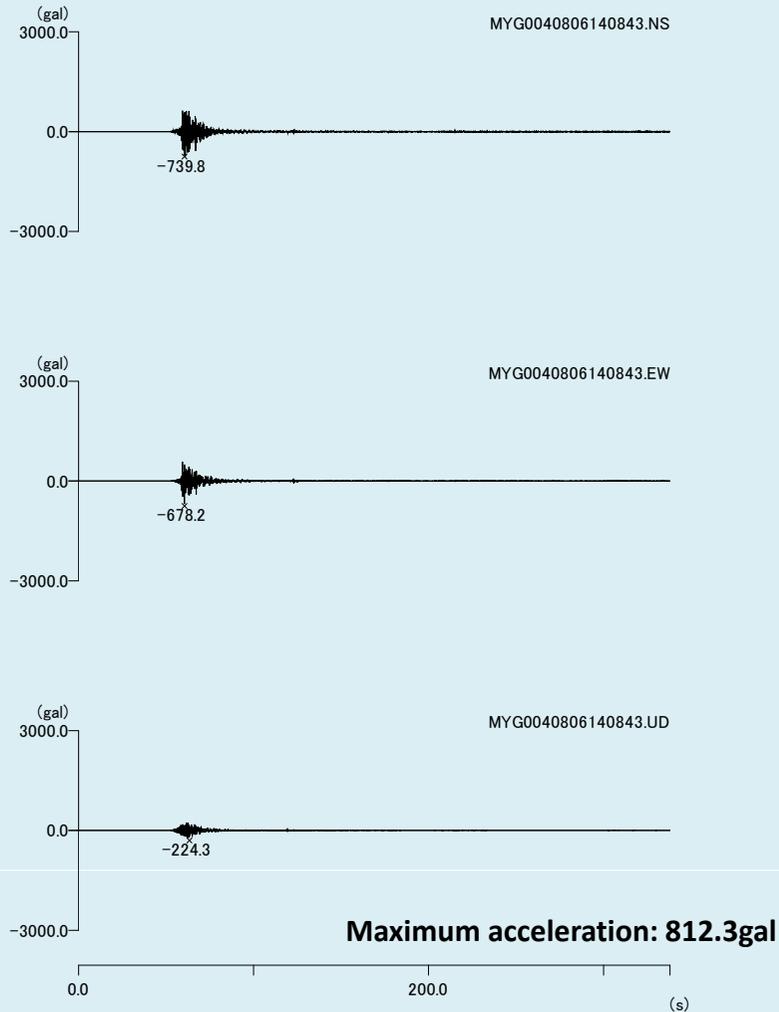
- Landslide destroyed 3 houses and caused 3 deaths in Tabito, Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture
- Sediments blocked the stream flow (Channel was already excavated)



# Tsukidate, Miyagi Pref.

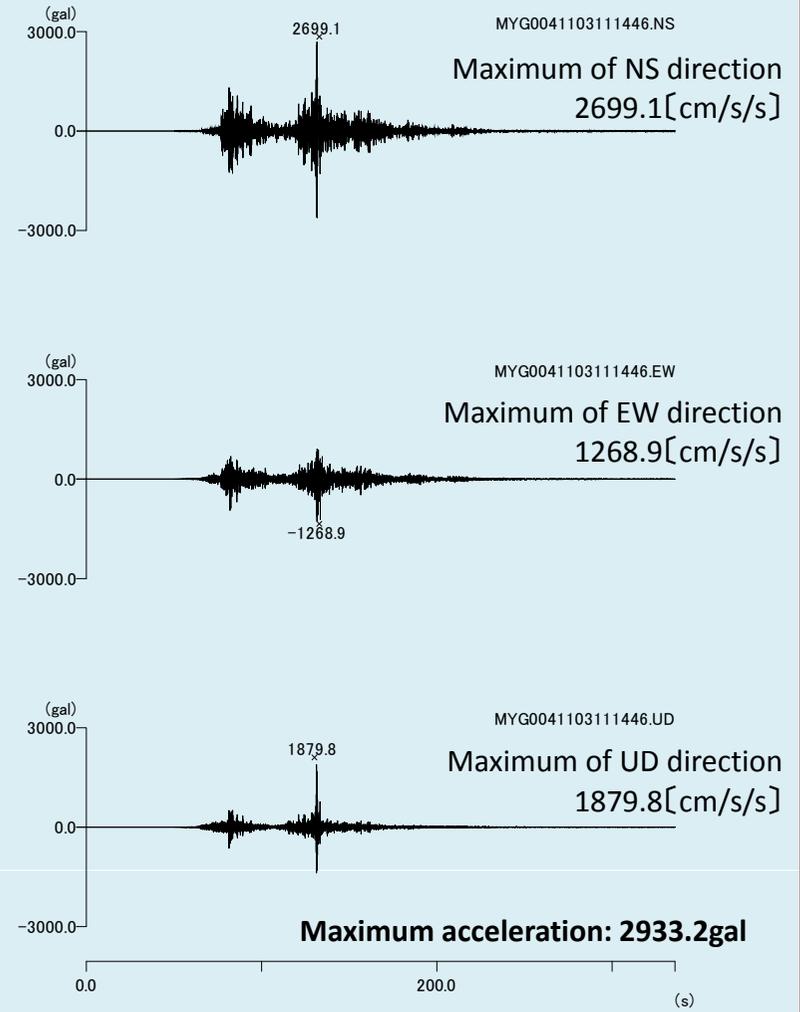
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## The Iwate-Miyagi Nairiku Earthquake in 2008 (June 14<sup>th</sup>)



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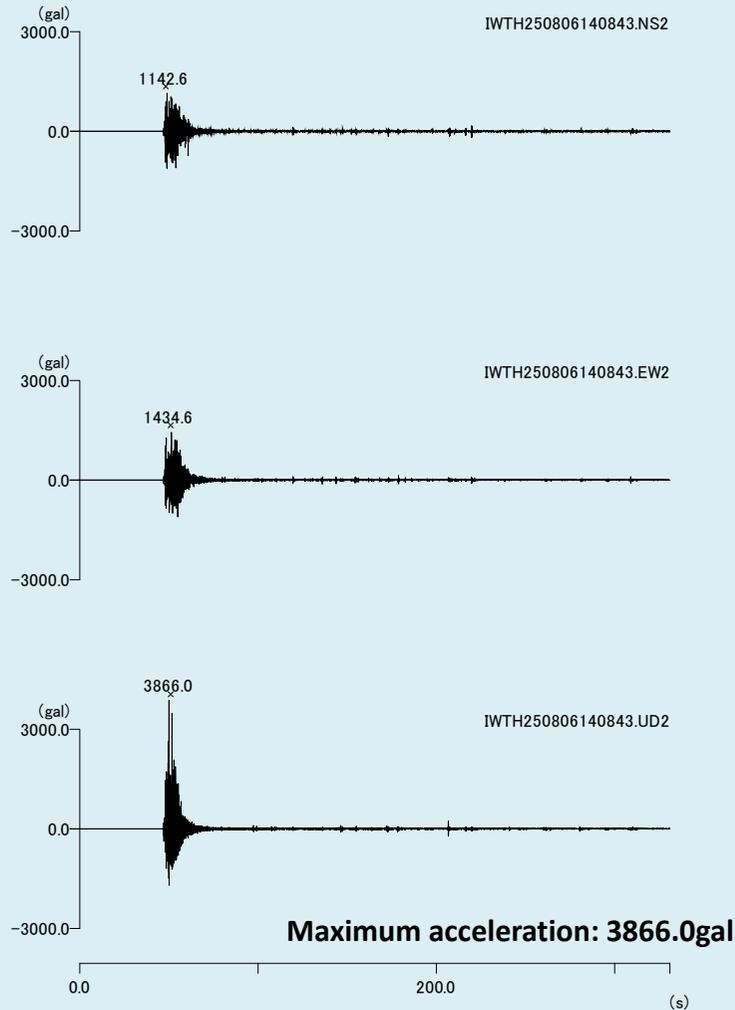
## The 2011 off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku Earthquake (March 11<sup>th</sup>)



# Western Ichinoseki, Iwate Pref.

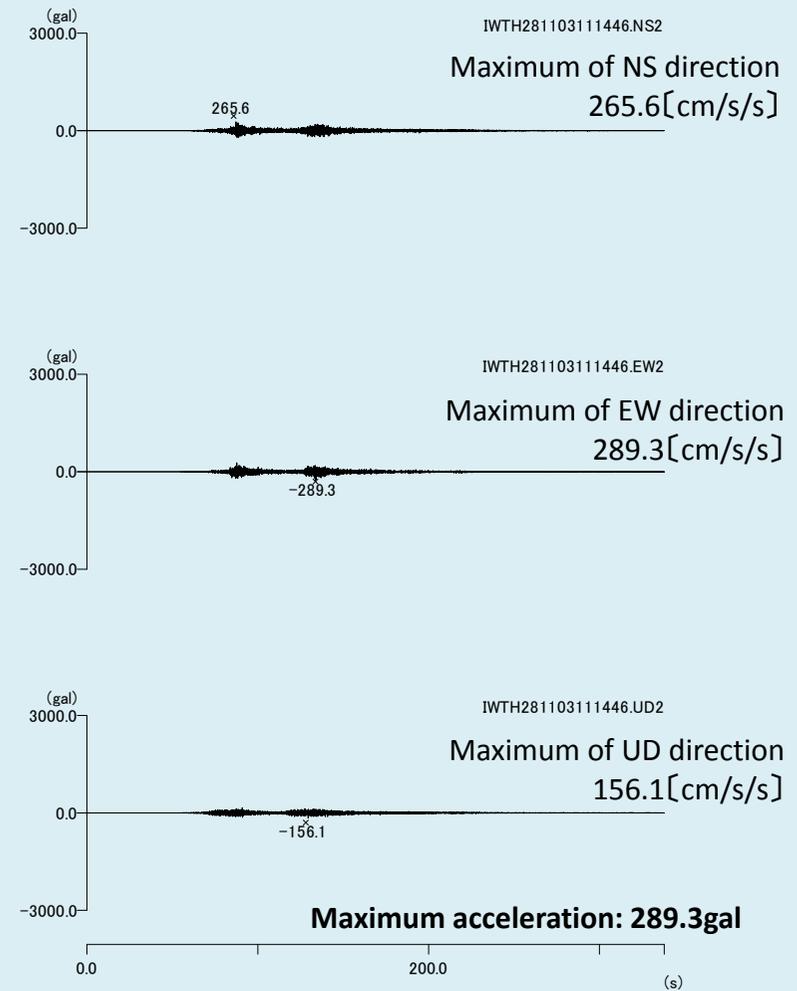
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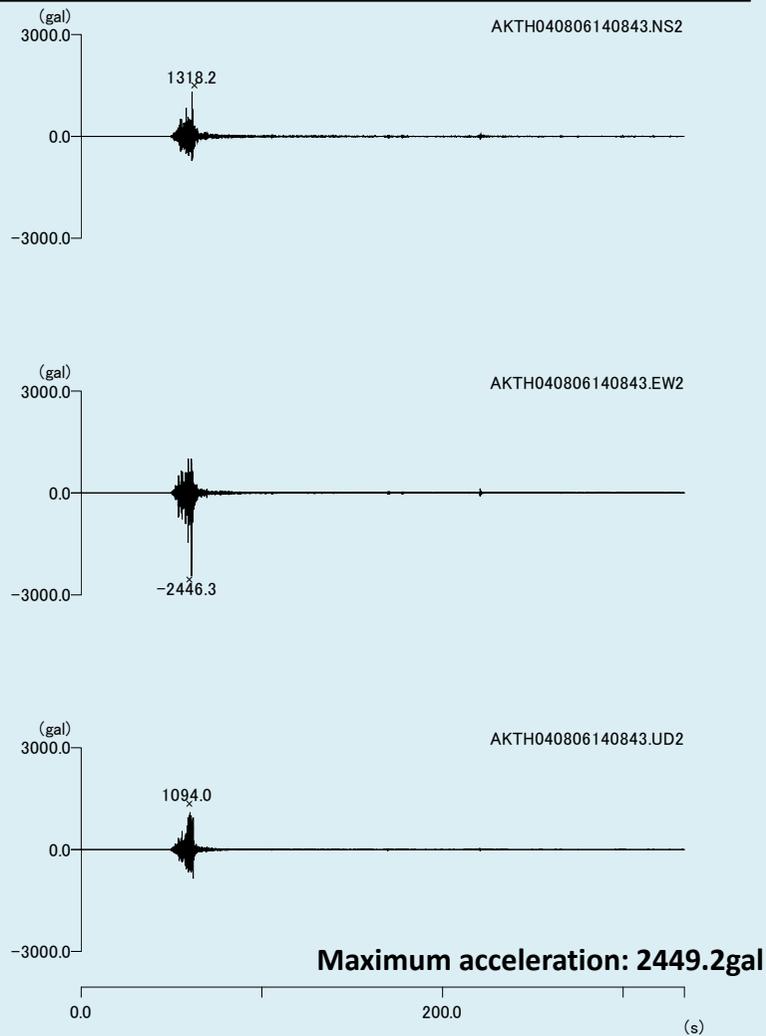
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# Eastern Naruse, Akita Pref.

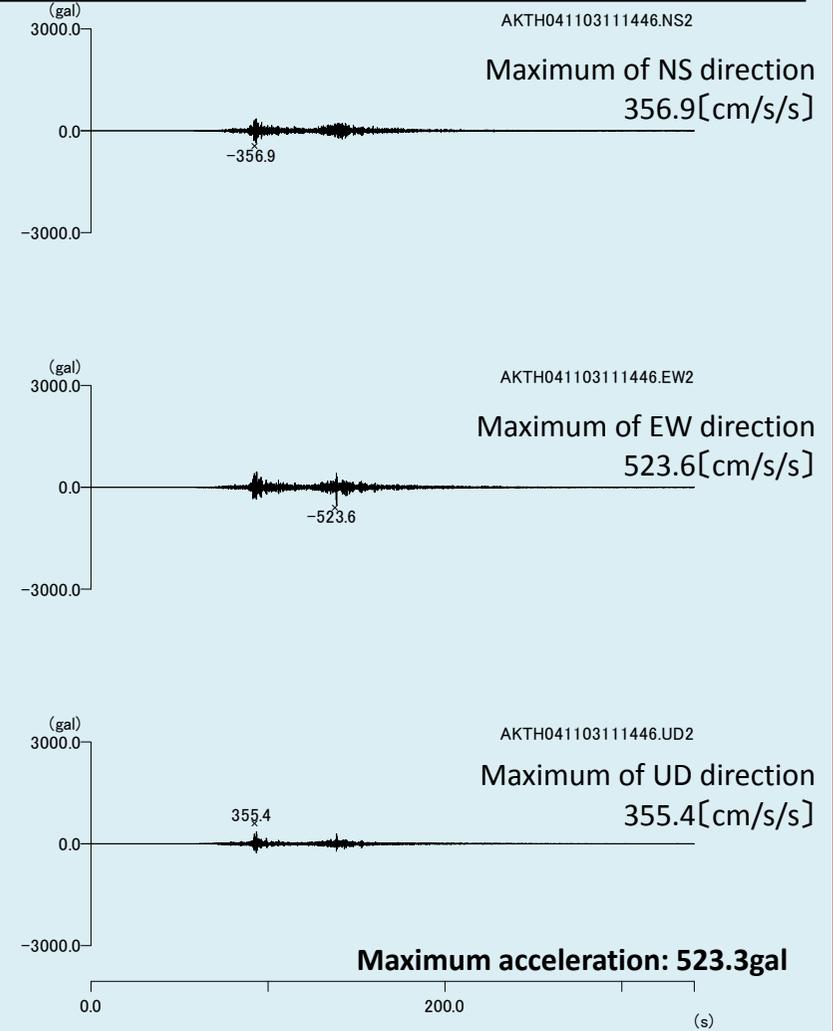
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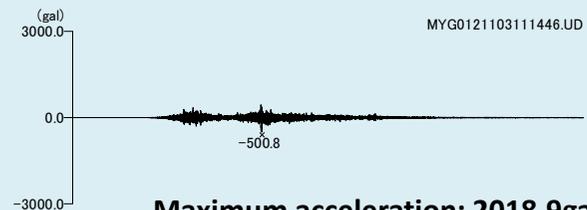
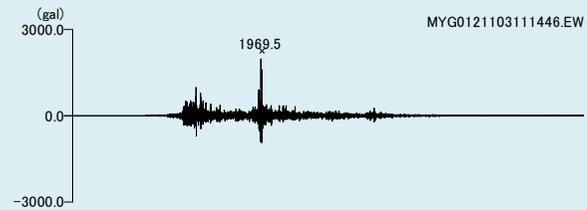
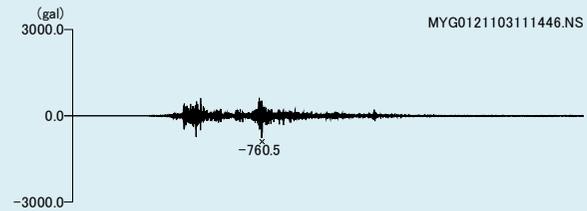
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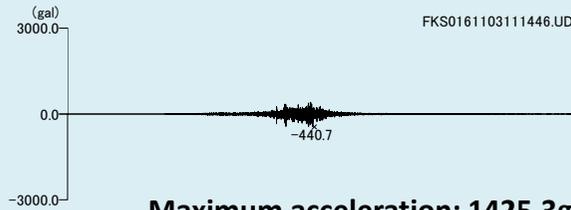
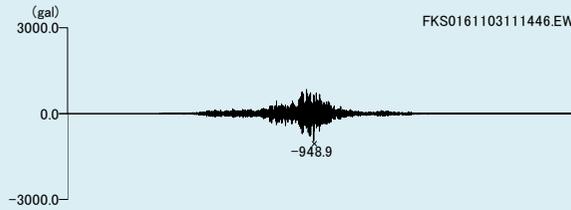
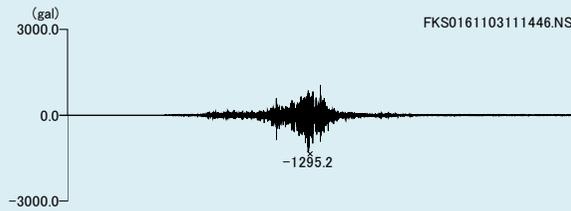
# The 2011 off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku Earthquake (M9.0)

**Shiogama City,  
Miyagi Pref.**



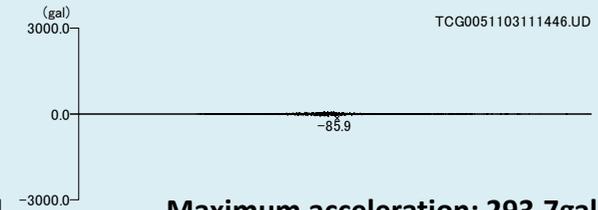
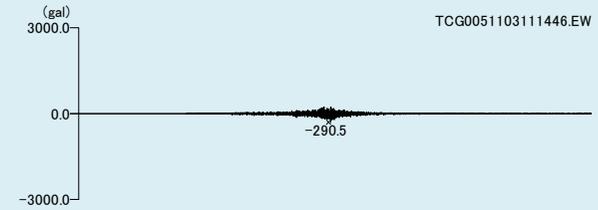
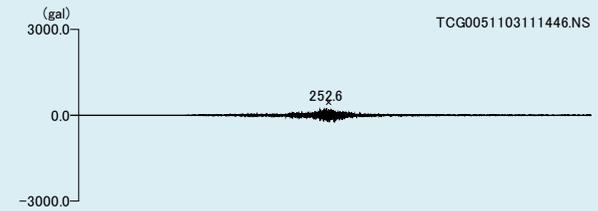
**Maximum acceleration: 2018.9gal**

**Shirakawa City,  
Fukushima Pref.**



**Maximum acceleration: 1425.3gal**

**Yaita City,  
Tochigi Pref.**

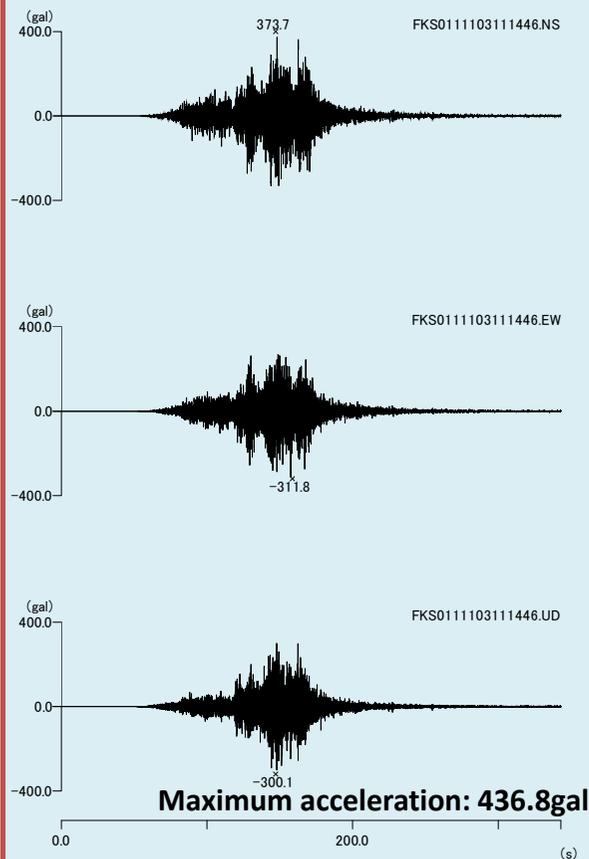


**Maximum acceleration: 293.7gal**

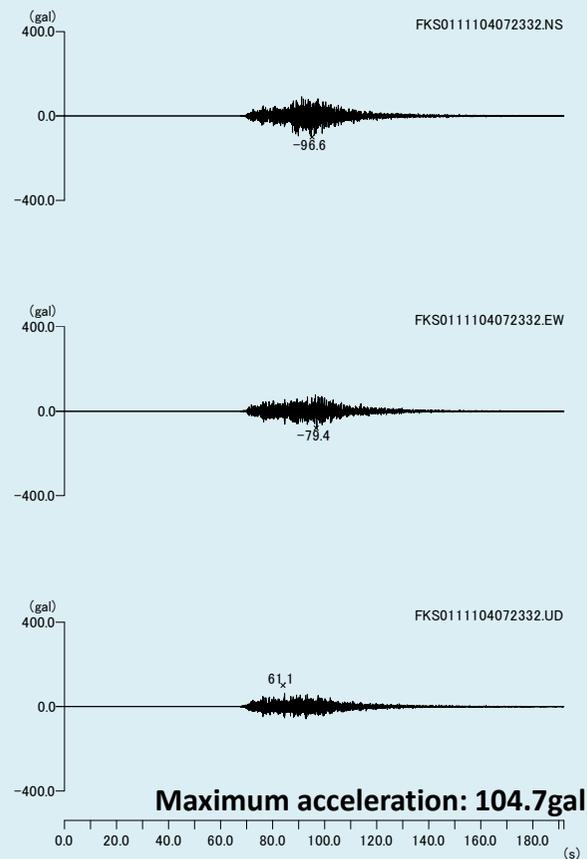
# Iwaki City, Fukushima Pref.: Main quake on March 11<sup>th</sup> and aftershocks on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

(vertical axis: 400gal)

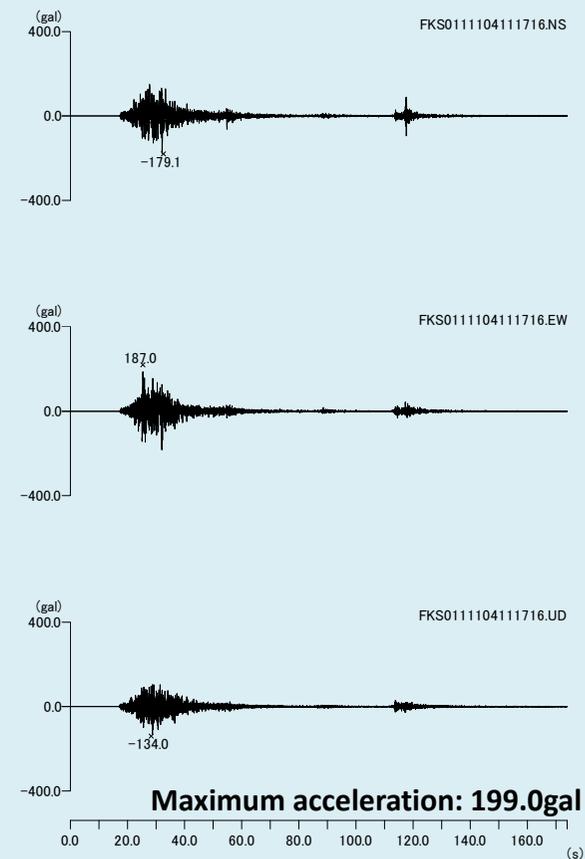
## Main earthquake on March 11<sup>th</sup>



## Aftershock on 7<sup>th</sup> April



## Aftershock on April 11<sup>th</sup>



### 3. Damage to sabo-related facilities

No damage was observed for almost all facilities examined

MLIT work offices: 1,952 locations → No damage

17 prefectures: 4,029 (/4,352) locations → **Partial damage**

#### Feature

- Damaged facilities were generally slope failure prevention facilities affected by tsunami.

- Damage included loss of foundation ground of crib works, cracks along joints of crib works, loss of base spray material of crib works, buckling of rockfall prevention fence on retaining wall, and scratch mark on retaining wall.

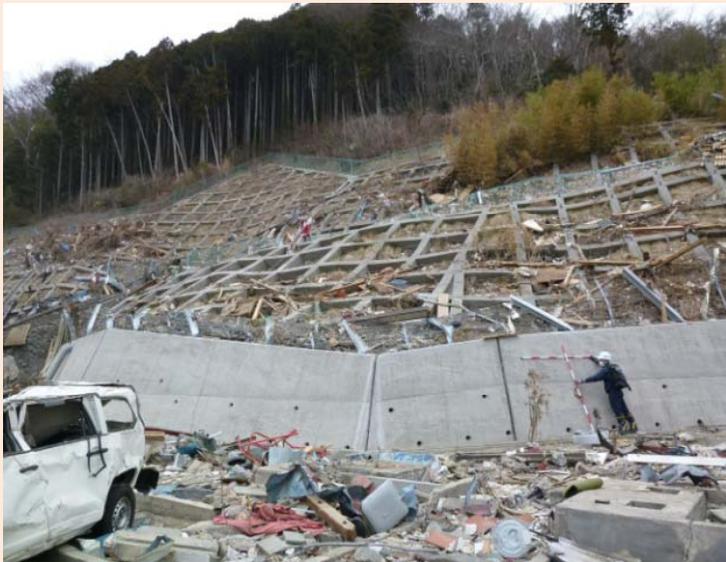
(All damage observed does not affect the function of slope failure prevention.)



Loss of foundation ground of crib works (Kawajiri area)



Cracks along joints of crib works (Kawajiri area)



Buckling of rockfall prevention fence



scratch mark on retaining wall

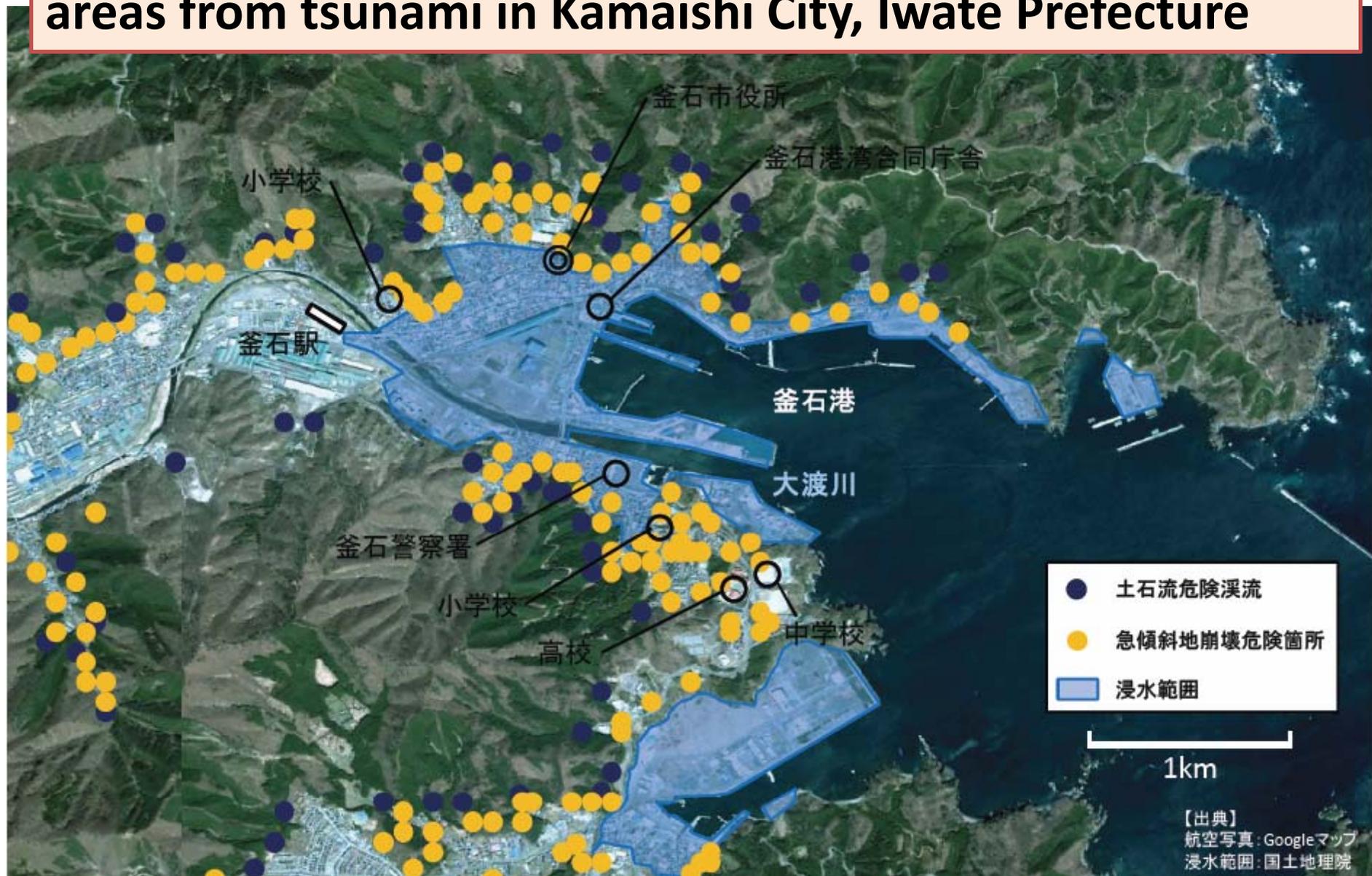


**Onagawa Town, Miyagi Prefecture**



Steel stairs for evacuation from tsunami

# Sites prone to sediment-related disasters and flooded areas from tsunami in Kamaishi City, Iwate Prefecture





**Damage in southern part of Horikiri-Yama  
in Onagawa Town, Miyagi Prefecture**

## 4. Summary and remarks on sediment-related disasters

- More than 90% of sediment-related disasters caused by the earthquake were slope failures and landslides, but debris flows were generated at sites where meltwater made the sediment condition wet.
- Landslides were observed mainly at ridge-type slopes, planar slopes, and embankment slopes. This was similar to the general trend of landslides caused by earthquakes.
- Areas of high density of landslides were not necessarily the areas of strong seismic intensity caused by the main shock.
- Some landslides were caused by smaller seismic intensity (acceleration) by intraplate-type aftershock.

- Since landslide caused by earthquake often occurs at ridge-type slope and sometimes becomes large in scale, attention should be paid for locations without designation of location prone to general sediment-related disasters.
- Since it can be assumed that repeated quakes raised the potential of failure of steep, weathered slope even by the small seismic intensity (acceleration), attention should be paid for slope failure caused also by rainfall.
- Currently damage to the sabo-related facilities is small, but the repeated quakes can make the damage larger. Monitoring of sites prone to sediment-related disasters should be continued.
- It is desirable that quakes critical to landslides are analyzed and the efficiency of checking of sites prone to sediment-related disasters is thereby increased.