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The RCE Greater Sendai: The Regional Sustainable Development, Contribution to the Ecosystem Diversity and Their Interlinkage, Deep-Forest, Satoyama-Forest, Urban area, Rice Paddy and Sea Coast Ecosystems.

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Deep Forest Ecosystem  
Sichigasyuku AREA

Urban Ecosystem  
Sendai city AREA

# Focus on Wetland and Rice paddies

豊葦原瑞穂の国

Toyoashihara, mizuhonokuni

**In ancient period,  
Japan is called “the country of  
rich reed and rice”.**



# Typical Japanese Country side



Rice paddy field  
Tajiri, Osaki city, Miyagi

# Reed grass: *Phragmites*





# Registered wetlands under Ramsar Convention in Japan

37 sites (2008/11)



ラムサール条約湿地	
登録湿地数	37ヶ所
総面積	131,027 ha

# Location of Kabukuri-numa, and the surrounding rice paddies

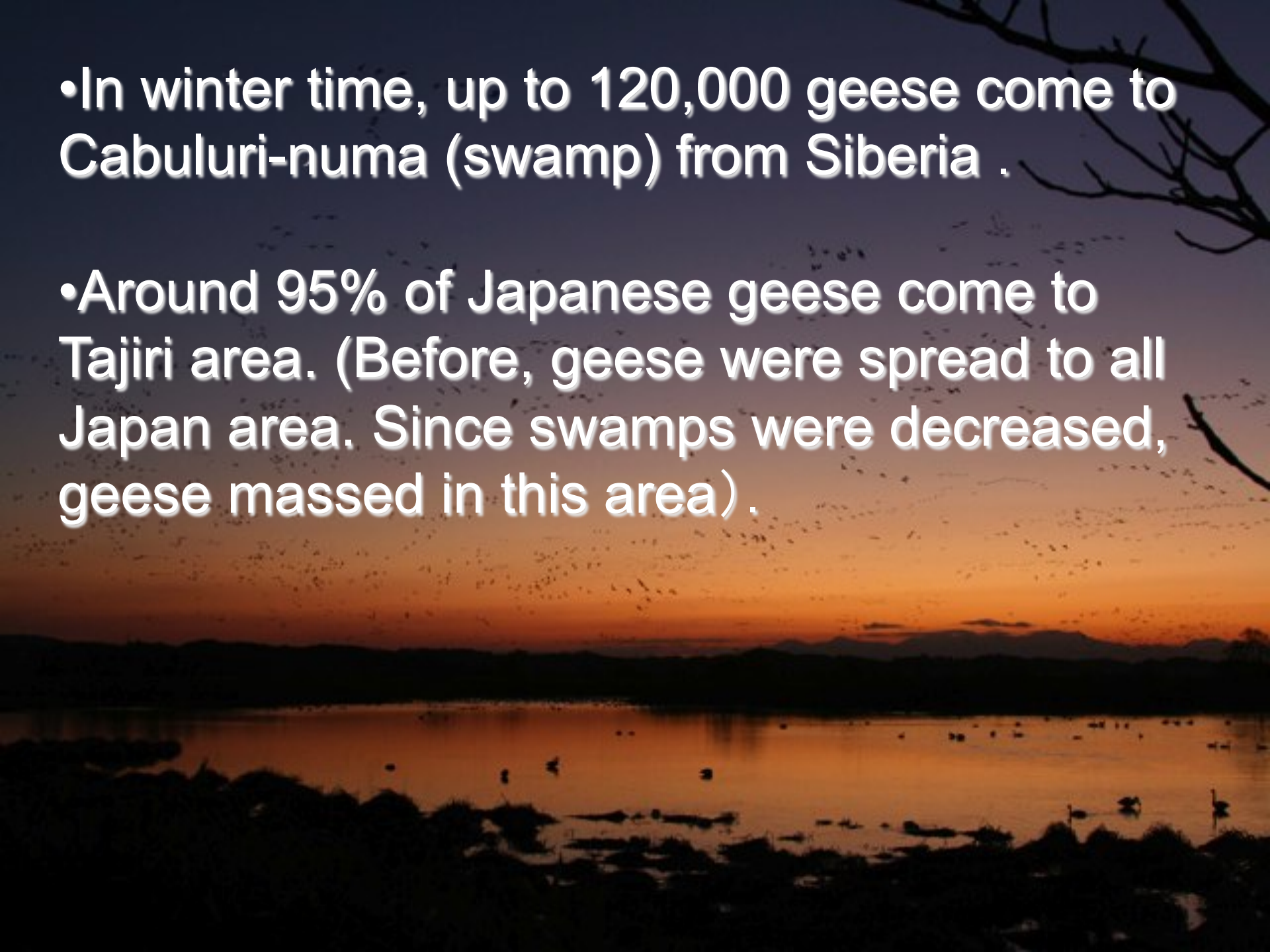
**Kabukuri-numa and the surrounding rice paddies Ramsar Site since 2005**



Miyagi prefecture

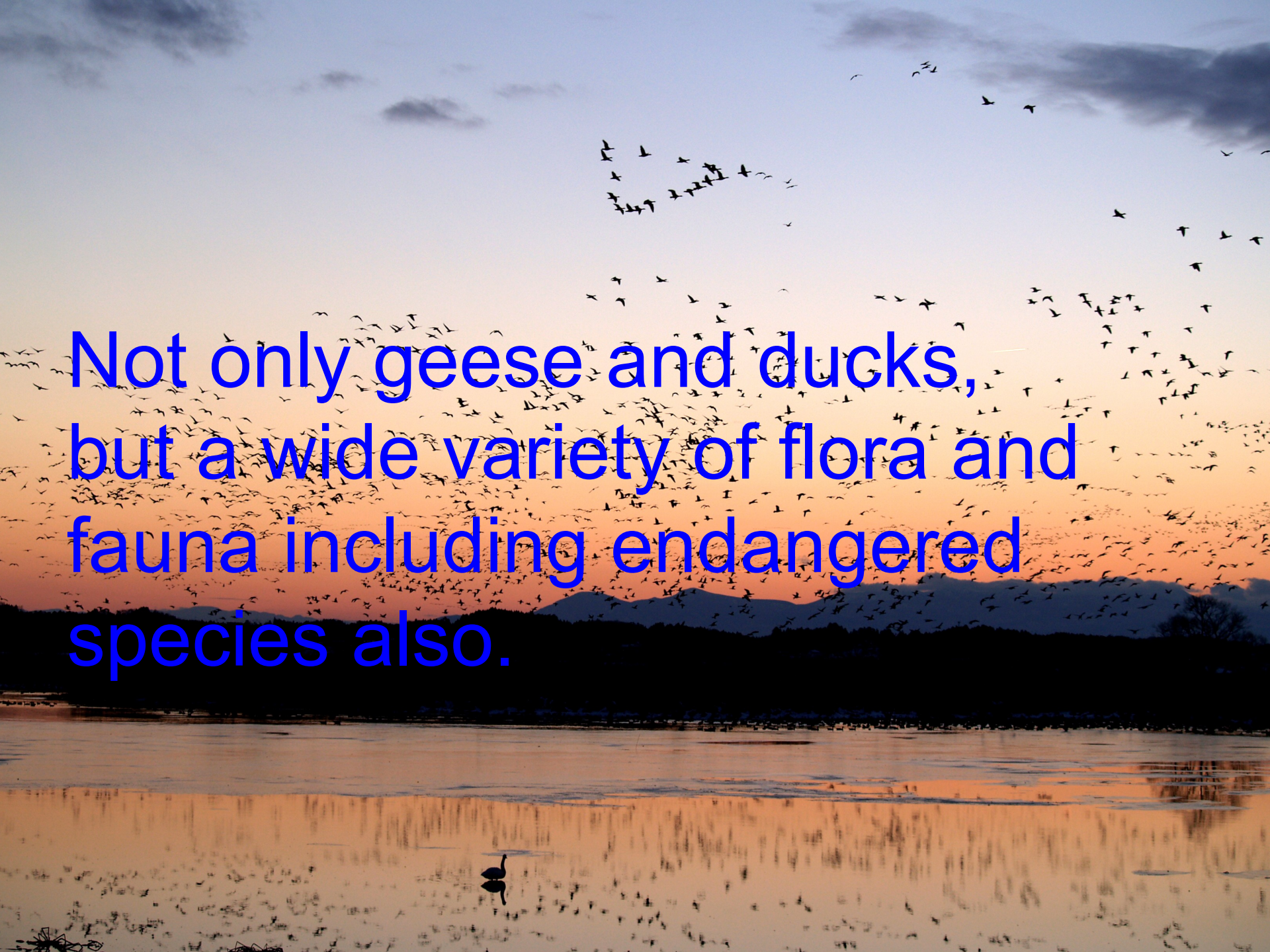


- In winter time, up to 120,000 geese come to Cabuluri-numa (swamp) from Siberia .
- Around 95% of Japanese geese come to Tajiri area. (Before, geese were spread to all Japan area. Since swamps were decreased, geese massed in this area) .







A large flock of birds, likely geese or ducks, is captured in flight over a body of water during sunset. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with the sun low on the horizon. The birds are silhouetted against the bright sky, and their reflections are visible in the water below. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Not only geese and ducks,  
but a wide variety of flora and  
fauna including endangered  
species also.

# Ramsar Convention

since 1971, Iran



Wise use of wetlands is the maintenance of their ecological character, achieved through the implementation of ecosystem approaches, within the context of sustainable development.

Developing Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) as a powerful tool for the conservation and wise use of wetlands



Following the first CEPA Resolution, VII.9, adopted at COP7 in 1999, and the second, Res VIII.31, adopted at COP8 in 2002

## “Wetland CEPA program”



10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the  
Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

*“Healthy wetlands, healthy people”*

Changwon, Republic of Korea,  
28 October-4 November 2008

### Resolution X.8

The Convention’s Programme on communication, education,  
participation and awareness (CEPA) 2009-2015



# “Fuyumizu-Tambo” (Winter flooded rice paddy, with organic management)

The famous word “Fuyumizu-Tambo” was made  
in Tajiri area



dispartition



Winter flooded enhanced soil  
ecosystem (decompose etc.)









foot print of ducks in rice  
paddy in winter time



# Rice paddy in summer time



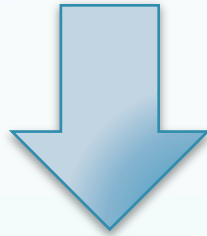
Earthworm



Egret

# Understanding and willingness of FARMERS

- Investigation of biodiversity by farmers themselves.



- Value-added on their rice
- Steady demand on their rice





米	産年	使用割合
	平成18年	100%





Investigation of local farmers  
about earth worms



Seminar about  
culturing  
technique







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Harvest in rice field in Tajiri, Osaka



In Autumn, harvest of rice









# 蕪栗沼のヨシの利用





A group of middle school students in blue uniforms are participating in a rice planting activity. They are wading in a muddy field, holding bundles of young rice seedlings. One student in the foreground is bent over, planting a seedling into the mud. Other students are visible in the background, some holding seedlings and others standing. A man in a dark jacket and shorts is also present, possibly supervising. The background shows a traditional Japanese house with a tiled roof and utility poles under an overcast sky.

Students of middle high school stayed  
in the local farmers house















# Eco-tourism





# Meeting with consumers and farmers





# GEESE



- Harmful birds

(poor understanding by local farmers)

**ESD/CEPA change  
life of farmers and life of geese.**

- Assistant and Friends
- Value-added on their rice  
(well understanding by farmers, and )





Thank you very much!