# Inter-annual change of chlorophyll-a in Toyama Bay - Comparison of 1998 and 2003 

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## Introduction - Toyama Bay

## Sea Bottom Topography

## Geographical Location (2)

## Introduction - Toyama Bay

## Characteristic of Toyama Bay



- Many rivers flow into Toyama Bay

Consisting of three different layers

- Sea bottom landscape sharply drop


## Background - Water quality (COD) monitoring points in Toyama Bay Coastal Zone

## -COD

The quantity of oxygen used in biological and non-biological oxidation of organic matter in water; a measure of water quality.

Generally, the higher the chlorophyll-a concentration, COD tends to become higher


25 COD monitoring points in Toyama Bay

## Background Defining annual COD value

- Monitoring frequency
- Once per month
- Annual data
- $75 \%$ value defined by the environmental ministry of Japan was used
- Calculating 75\% value
- Laying out monthly data in ascending order
- Picking up a month data that comes in turns of
0.75 x
"number
of measurement"
) example

| Month | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COD | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.8 |

1. Layout monthly data in ascending order

| COD | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

2. Pick out the data that comes in turn of $0.75 \times 12$ (number of measurement)
$0.75 \times 12=9$

|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  | 6 |  | 7 | 8 |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
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## Background <br> - Annual Transition of COD

## Annual Transition of COD in Toyama Bay



Data Source: Tovama Prefecture

## Research <br> - Objective and Hypothesis

- Research Objective
- To compare this phenomena with remote sensing data
- Hypothesis
- If RS Chlorophyll-a data is higher in 1998 than 2003, COD is assumed to be increased in 1998 by Chlorophyll-a
- Otherwise, some other factors may be contributing to the increase of COD in Toyama Bay


## Research

## -Method and Data in this study

- Method
- Comparing remote sensing (RS) ocean color data of 1998 and 2003
- Sensor
- Orbview2/SeaWiFS
- Processing Software
- SeaDAS 4.6 (standard algorithm)
- Area
- 36.79 to 37.2 N
- 136.98 to 137.7 E
- Duration
- Jan 1 to Dec 31, 1998
- Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2003
- Resolution
- $1 \mathrm{~km} \times 1 \mathrm{~km}$
- Composite
- One month



## Research Result <br> - Comparison of monthly composite images

| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1998 | No reliable data exist |  |  | fe |  |  |
| 2003 |  |  |  |  | \% |  |
| Year | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| 1998 | $5$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2003 |  |  |  |  |  | No reliable data exist |

## Research Result <br> - Comparison of monthly composite data

- Method
- Averaging the individual value in monthly composite data with $95 \%$ CL
- Result
- Annual average Chl data
- 1998-1.65 $\mu \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{l}$
- 2003-2.02 $\mu \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{l}$


Comparison of monthly composite data

## Summary

## Summary 1

- There is one peak of Chlorophyll-a concentration in summer 1998, which is considered to be increased by influence of coastal zone


## Summary 2

- There are two peaks of Chlorophyll-a concentration in 2003 (Spring and Summer), considered to be increased by influence of outer ocean dynamics in Spring and influence of coastal zone in Summer


## Future Research

- Future research should be continued as follows;
- Analyzing other environmental factors including climate change, river discharge and SST
- Analyzing co-relation between in situ COD and Chlorophyll-a data as well as its inter-annual change
- Analyzing costal zone and outer ocean are separately
- Analyzing SeaWiFS data in other year


## Thank you for your attention

