ORGANISATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: LESSONS LEARNT FROM FUKUSHIMA

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GENERAL INTRODUCTION



In post-accident situations, the implementation of the **environmental monitoring is essential**:

- ➤ To **characterize** the radiological situation of the environement
- To help people to become actors of their own radiological protection

Feedbacks from Chernobyl: both institutional and non institutional actors come into play





And in Japan? What are the lessons learnt from Fukushima?



OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

Identify the environmental monitoring strategy implemented in Japan following the Fukushima accident

Highlighting local initiatives developed within the affected territories



Document reviews, analysis of public environmental data bases, etc



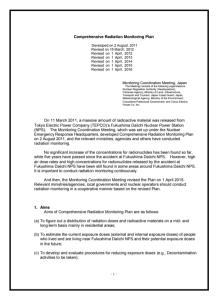
Interviews of both institutional and local actors involved in the environmental monitoring



The official environmental monitoring set up in Japan



Comprehensive Radiation Monitoring Plan (CRMP): a national environmental monitoring programme

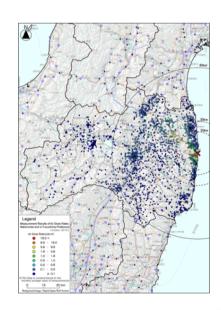


Some Generalities

- Created by the Japanese Governement in August 2011
 - Steered by the NRA since September 2012
- Based on the existing monitoring programme

Objectives

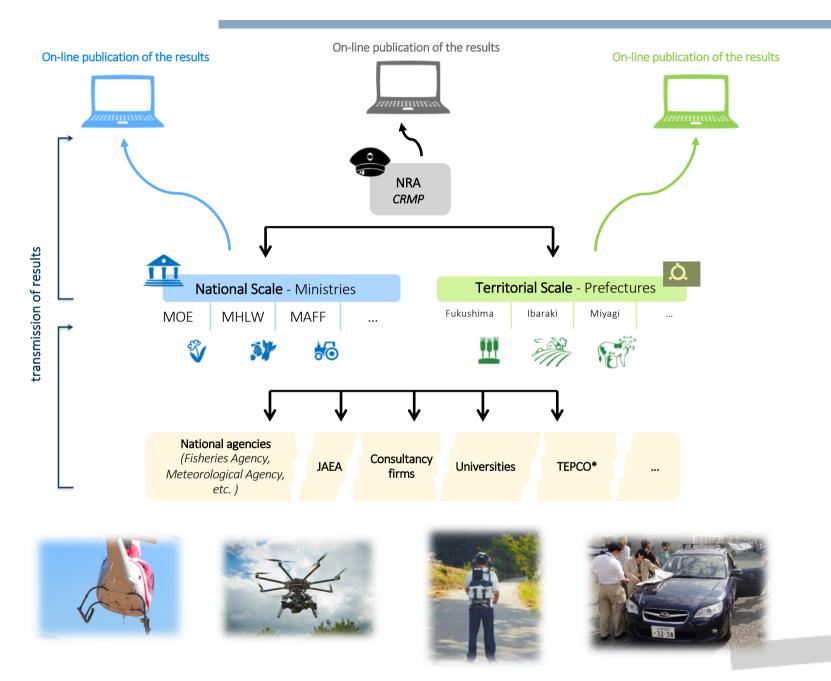
- Characterise the radiological situation of the environment throughout Japan
- Gradual intensification of monitoring (mesh, frequency, etc.) at 250 km to 20 km from the Fukushima power plant





Comprehensive Radiation Monitoring Plan (CRMP): various actors involved...

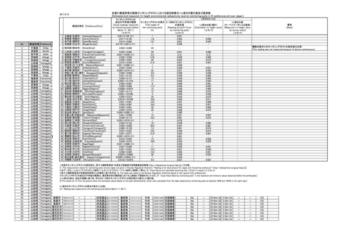
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Comprehensive Radiation Monitoring Plan (CRMP): dissemination of various results...

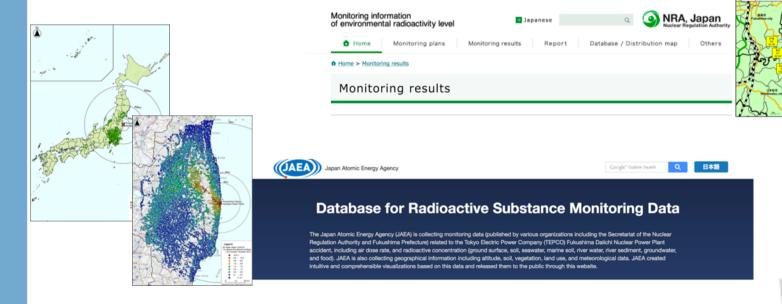
Tables of raw data



Interactive maps



Integrated maps





Local initiatives to measure the environmental quality



A multiplication of local initiatives

- Mistrust towards authorities, official institutions
- Various local initiatives implemented since 2011...
 - By municipalities and local communities:
 - Coordination of additional studies to check the results of the official environmental monitoring
 - Provision of monitoring devices to local populations, with support of RP experts



Contamination map – Suetsugi village

- By NGOS, citizen networks:
 - Campaigns to characterize the radiological situation of their own territory
 - Proposing paid measurements of environmental samples, WBC, etc.



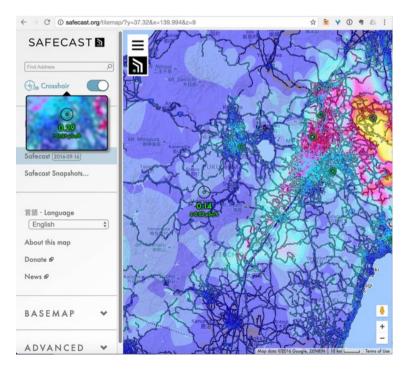


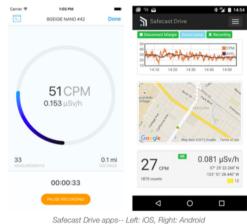


Some examples of local initiatives (1/3)

To measure the radiological situation of their environment –
 Exemple of the citizen network SAFECAST











Safecast's dataset now has over 43,000,000 data points from over 70 countries

https://blog.safecast.org/

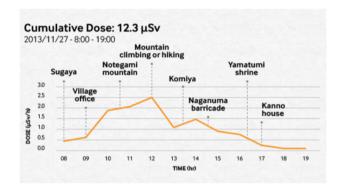


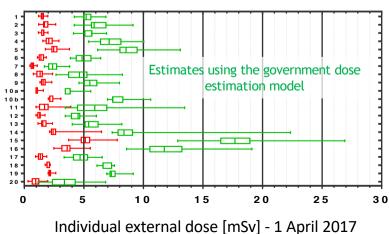
Some examples of local initiatives (2/3)

- To measure their own external exposure Exemple of the D-Shuttle personal dosimeter
 - Develop by Japanese experts from AIST.
 - To support local populations (schools, local communities, etc) with help and councelling from experts









Source: W. Naito et al., (2017)

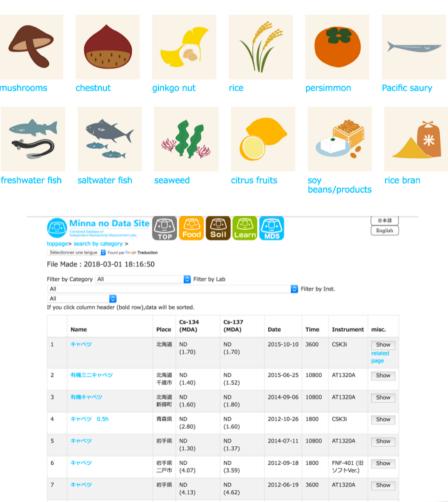


Some examples of local initiatives (3/3)

To measure their foodstuff –
 Exemple of the 'Mina No Data Site' database



http://en.minnanods.net



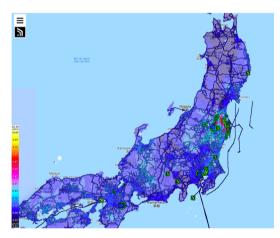


Conclusion

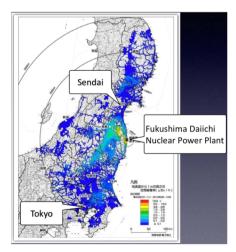


Main lessons learnt

- A national plan (CRMP) bringing together many actors
 - Various public platforms with heterogeneous data → Confusion for the users
- Various local intiatives in parallel
 - Results which have all the confidence of local populations
 - A real opportunity to regain control of their daily life
- A multiplication of measurements and actors...
 - Environmental monitoring which seems redundant
 - Lack of sharing and analysis between local or even local and national intiatives



Map made by the citizen network SAFECAST



Map made by the Fukushima prefecture thanks to the Gamma-Ray Survey KURAMA II



Remaining issue...



Role of the RP experts...

- How to help local population to legitimate their actions?
- How to coordinate institutional and non institutional initiatives to a common approach?
- Be aware and respect ethical values:
 - Ensure the autonomy of people Stakeholder participation and empowerment
 - How to serve some local communities or the entire population with limited means
 - Try to promote a sustainable vigilance



Thank you for your attention