

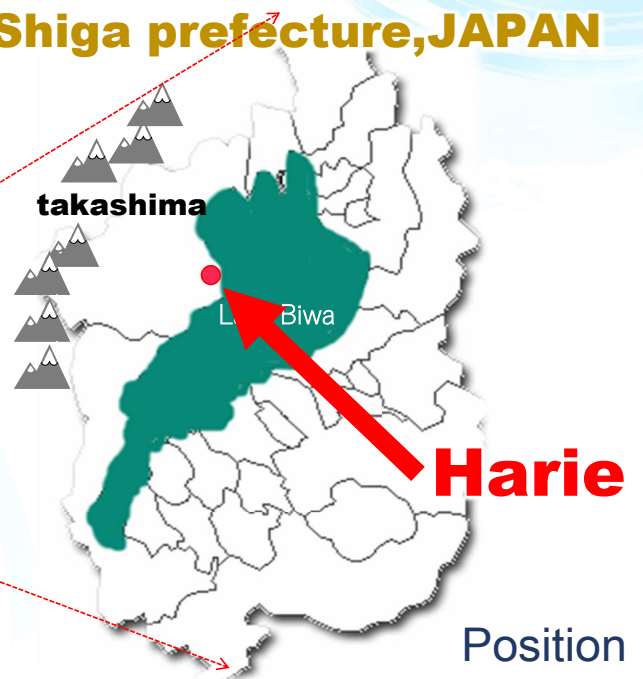
The Culture of Valuing Water

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水を大切にする文化～針江

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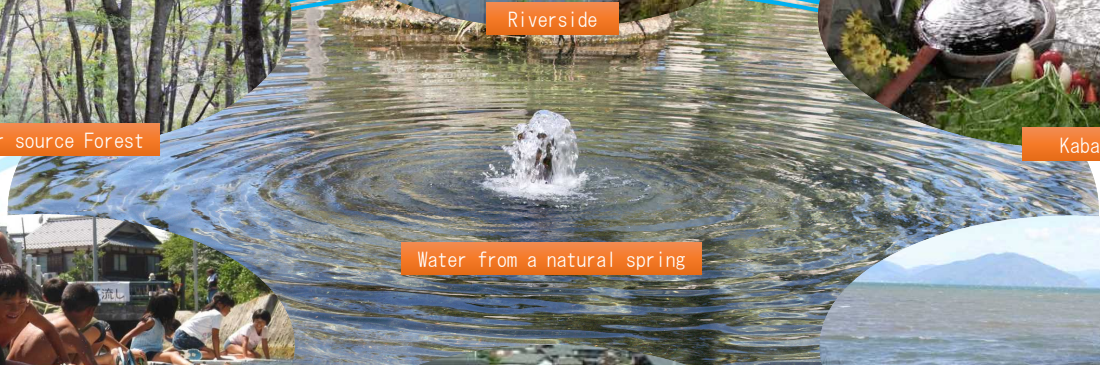
Water source Forest



Riverside



Kabata



Water from a natural spring



Children playing in the river



Harie O-kawa River



Lake Biwa

From Water Source Forest To Harie and Lake Biwa

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Kabata

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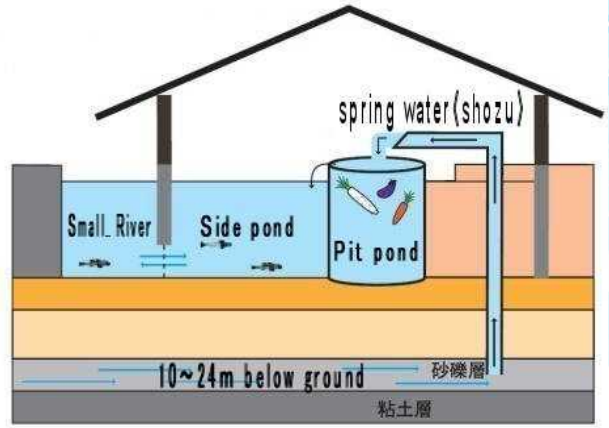
Shozu . . .
Pure spring water



Kabata . . .
a manmade series of pools whereby spring water
is channeled into the home and used for daily life



The Mechanism of Kabata



Children's Water Activities



Cleaning the River



Water Purification in Lake Biwa





Organic Farming



**Weeding
Without using agrochemicals
for sustainability**



Rice paddies where lake fish come to spawn



Passage for Fish



Adult Catfish



Baby Catfish



Laying Eggs

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Biodiversity = Coexistence with Creatures



Heron



Red Dragonfly



Whistling Swan



Daruma Pond Frog

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An agro-fishery mixed livelihood

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Okazu-tori (Catching fish to eat at home)

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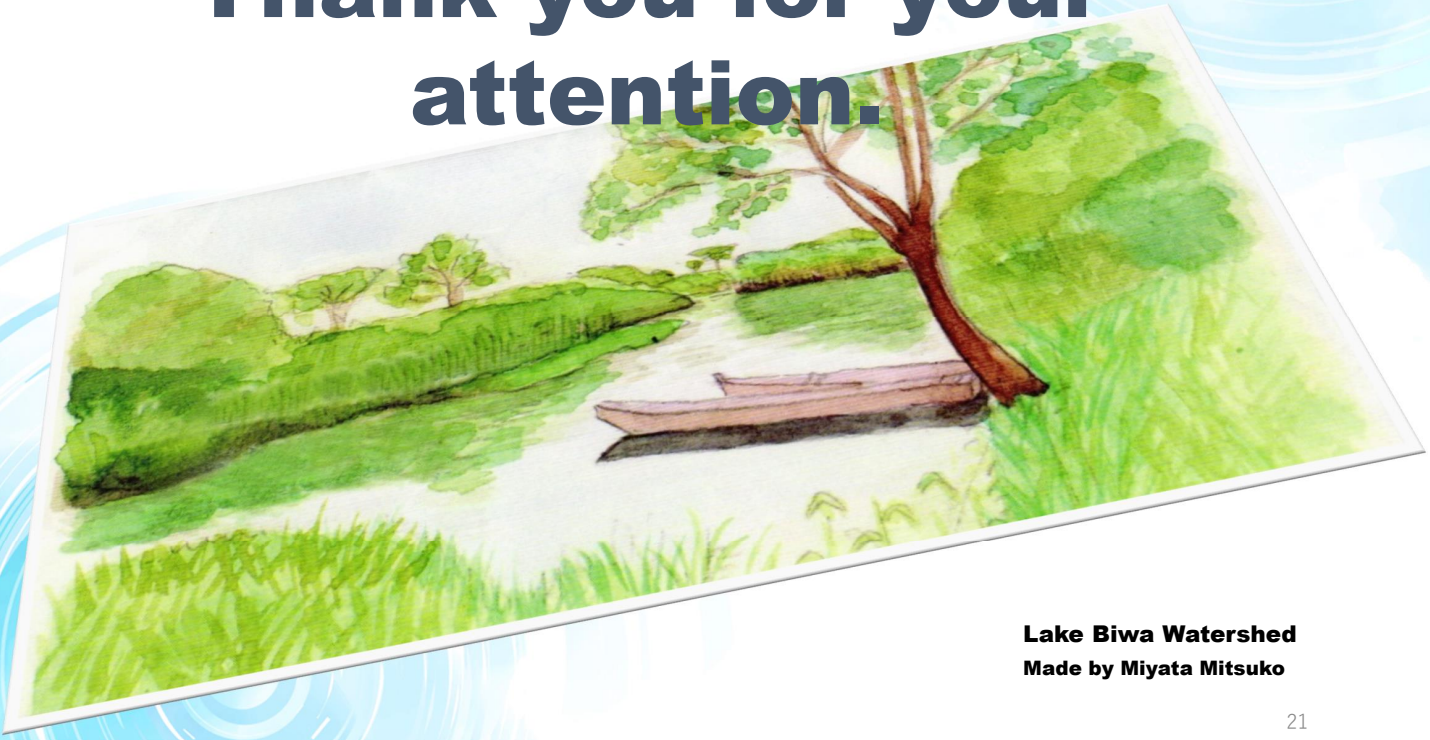
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