"inition of "Satoumi "

A new concept for coastal sea management called "Satoumi" is defined as the coastal sea under the harmonization of sustainable wise use with conservation of appropriate natural environment and habitat conditions (Yanagi, 1998).

The concept of "Satoumi" is based on the idea of "Sato-yama", the forest near mountain where people live. "Sato" means "area where people live", and "umi" means "sea" in Japanese. Successful establishment of "Satoumi" through human interaction is expected to provide higher biological diversity as habitat and higher biological production as fishing ground.

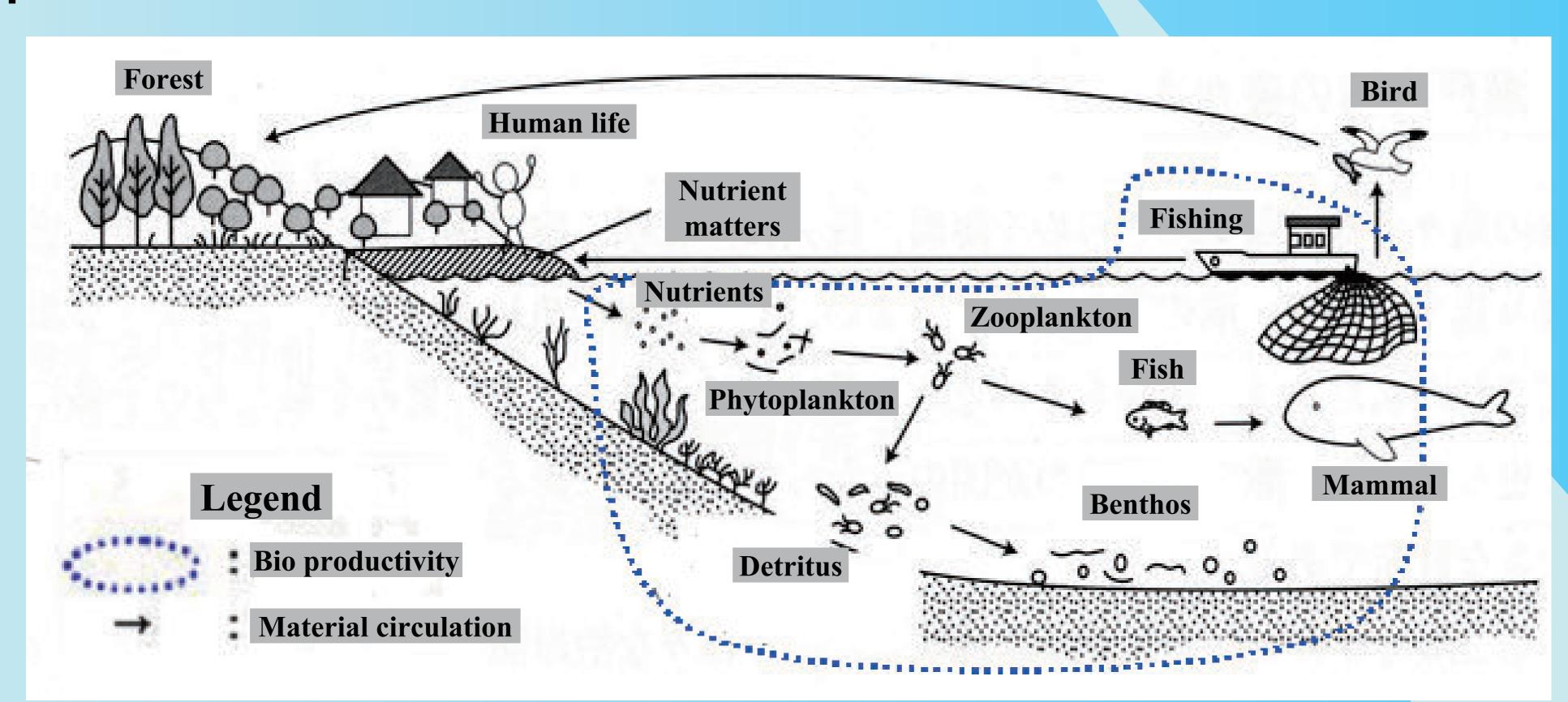


Key Parameters of "Satoumi"

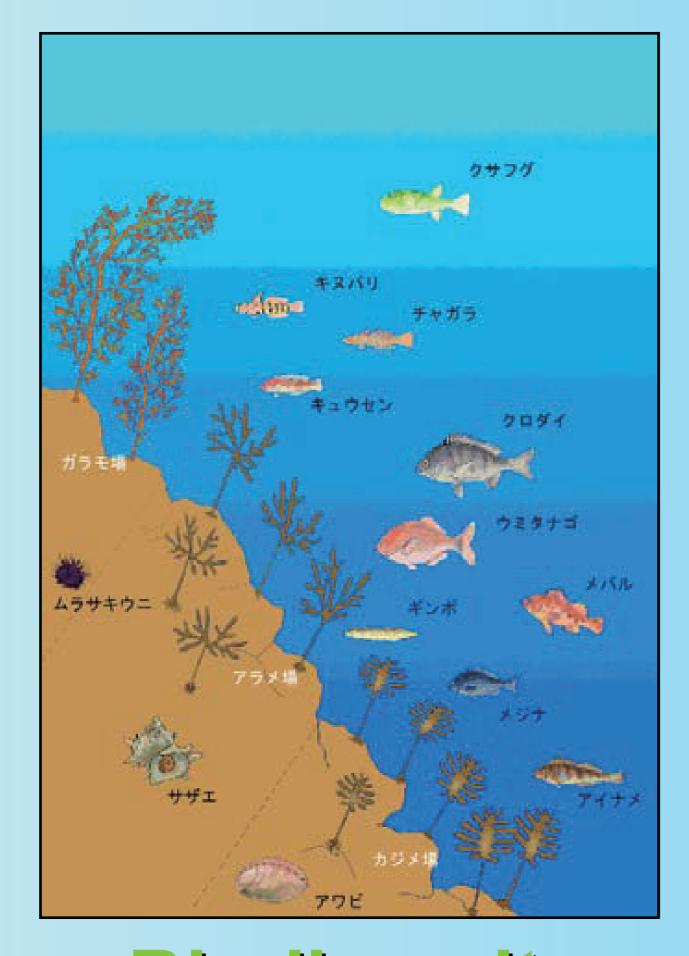
To establish "Satoumi", it is necessary to realize comprehensive material circulation in coastal sea. In order to achieve high aquatic biodiversity, we have to keep nutrients concentrations moderate.

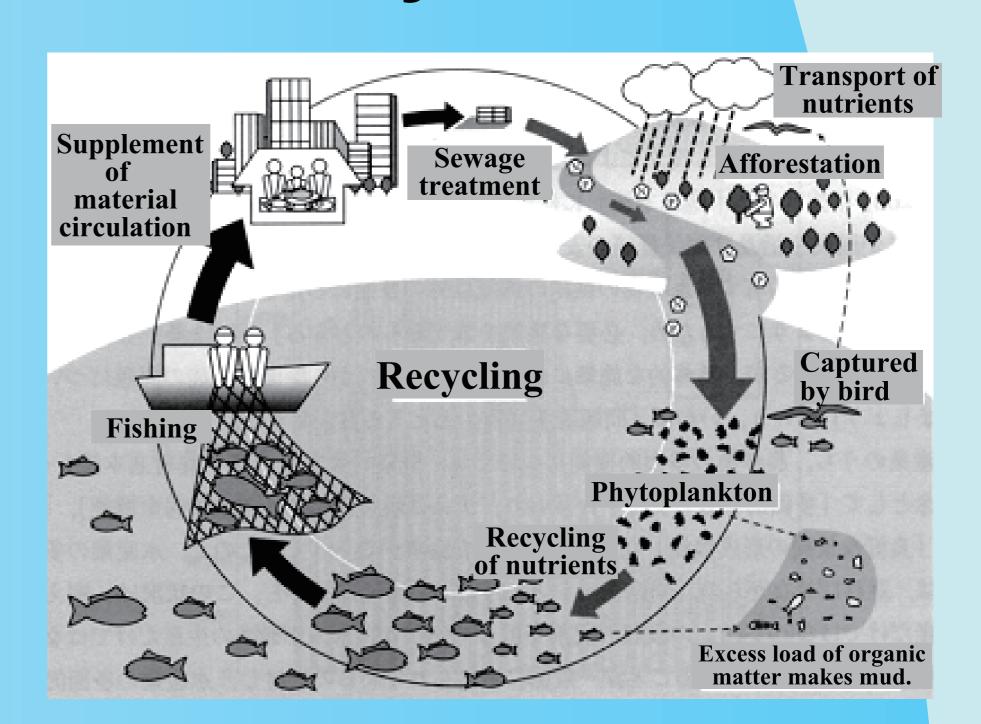
Appropriate management of aquatic resources is important to obtain high biological productivity in "Satoumi".

Material circulation, biodiversity and biological productivity are key parameters of "Satoumi".



Biological Productivity





Material Circulation

