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Achievement Report of RJE3 Program

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**«To defend and improve the human environment
for present and future generations has become
an imperative goal for mankind»**

From Declaration of the UN Conference on Human Environment (Stockholm, 1972)



Environmental issues of Russian-Japanese relations

Purpose:

to analyze modern Russian-Japanese relations in environmental sphere

Objectives:

- to investigate current environmental problems of bilateral relations
- to examine possibility of international cooperation in this sphere (mainly in North-East Asia)
- to consider development of mutual cooperation in Russian Far East (environmental projects such as utilization of radioactive wastes , etc.)

Environmental Issues



Unregulated fisheries



Environmental cooperation in
North-East Asia



Disposal of liquid radioactive
waste in Russian Far East

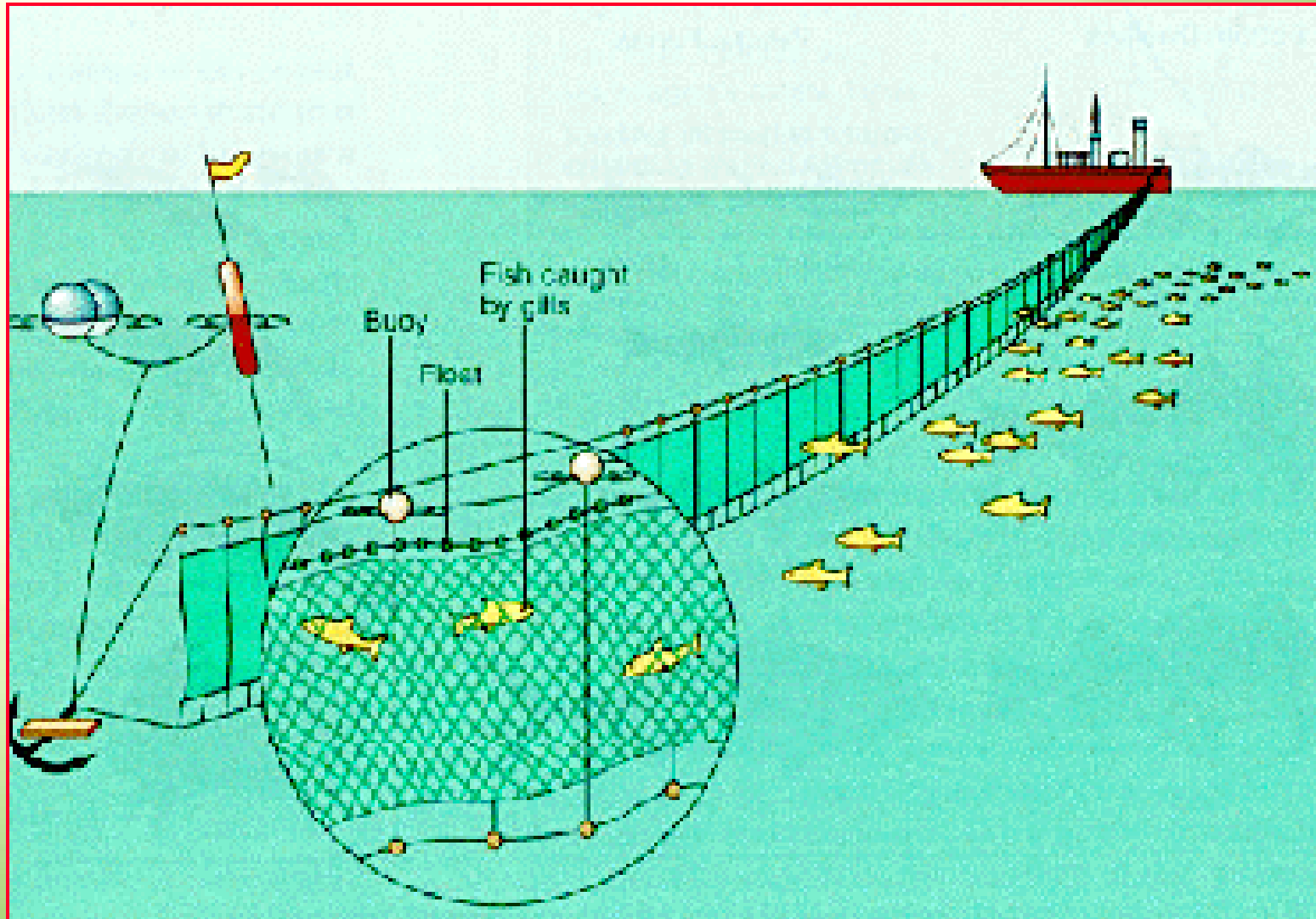
Unregulated driftnet fisheries

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Prohibition of
driftnet fishery in
Russian exclusive
economic zones



Driftnet Fisheries



Driftnet fisheries

- can include non-target fish, seabirds, sea turtles and marine mammals
- non-target catch often is thrown out, more than 50 % can't survive after getting into fishing nets
- reduce fish populations, stopping them on a way to a place of spawning



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The main fishery area - the Sea of Okhotsk



For the last twenty years driftnet fishery killed an enormous amount of salmon. Fishermen take only 10-30% of the catch - costly sockeye, and the rest of the catch is thrown out



As a result salmon populations near Kamchatka peninsula reduced more than five times



Study in Hokkaido University

- Special lectures on international relations, including Asia region's foreign policies
- Special lectures on environmental policy
- History
- Archeology
- Japanese language



Participation in seminars

- International policy seminar
- Arctic in Asia: discourses and best practices
- Seminar on Sustainable development



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Communication with foreign students and professors



Additional research topics

- Creation of a new environmental safety system in North-East Asia
– purposes and objectives.
- Chinese environmental catastrophe and Russian and Japanese responses to this problem
- International environmental law: does it work?

Additional research topics

- The project of Japanese support of dismantling nuclear facilities of the former USSR countries
- Joint cooperation in building of facility “Lily of the Valley” for the processing of liquid radioactive waste from old Soviet submarines
 - analysis of results

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Thank you for attention

