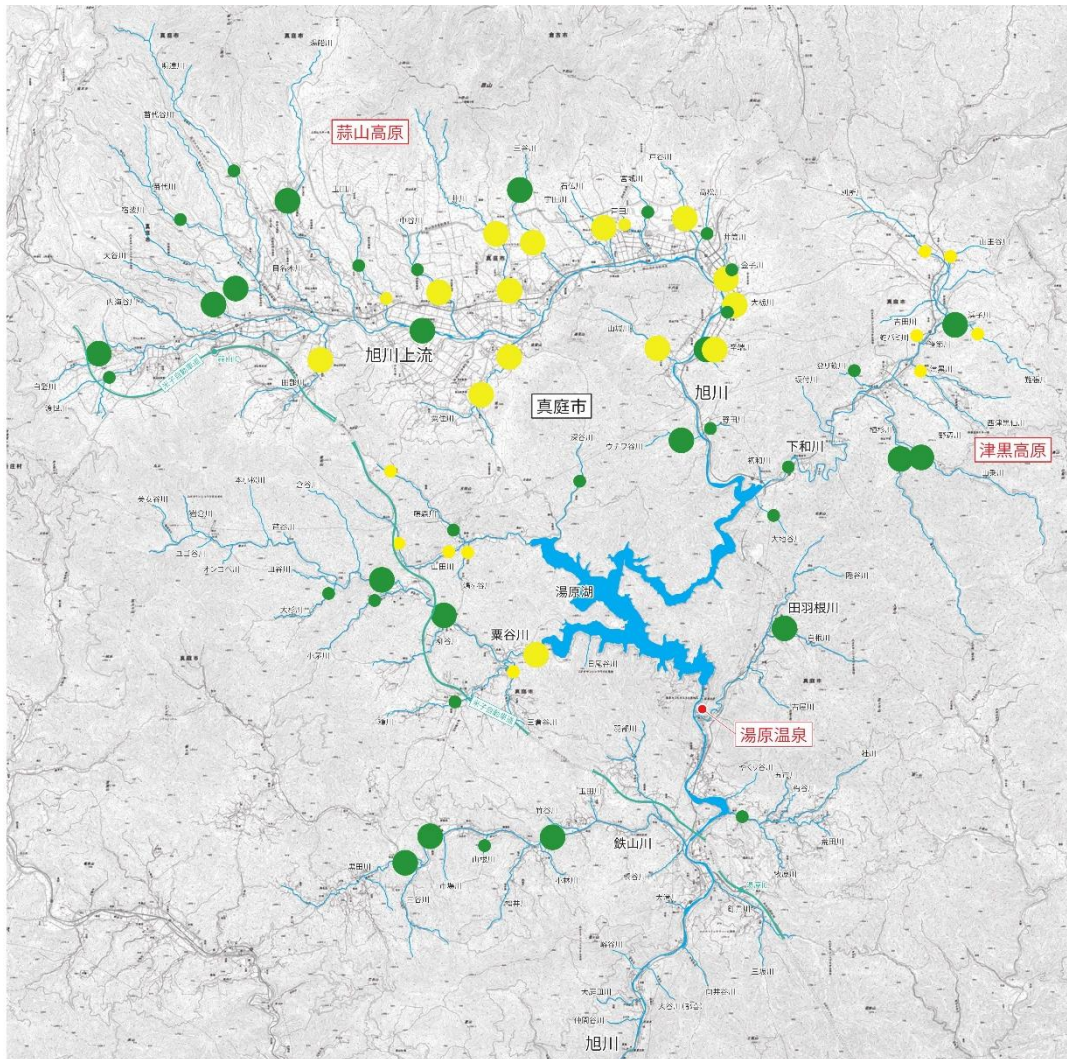


Living Map of Giant Salamander, “Hanzaki” in Maniwa

- Habitat in 2000
- Habitat going for worse in 2000
- Habitat confirmed after 2013
- ✕ River not confirmed salamander after 2013 reseach
- Confirmation of breeding



Sause of the data

The 2000 survey report : Research Report on the Living Environment of the Giant Salamander Habitat,
a protected Natural Monument.

Investigative Committee on the Living Environment of the Giant Salamander Habit.(2003)

Survey results since 2013 : Survey Report of the Okayama Giant Salamander Society.

Maniwa's Yubara region (formerly Yubara Town) in the north of Okayama Prefecture, is known as a "hometown for Giant Salamanders", and in 1927, alongside the areas of Chuka, Yatsuka and Kawakami (all now part of Maniwa), was designated one of the country's protected species breeding grounds as a habitat of these Giant Salamanders.

However, due to rapid development and modernization, leading to a change in the local environment, some have said that you can no longer find any Giant Salamanders in the area.

This Living Map was created using a report that had been conducted by Okayama Prefecture, the former 4 towns with habitats, and specialists from 1995-1999 on the environment of the habitats for the Giant Salamanders, a protected species, and also surveys taken from 2013 onwards, to create a basic image of the conditions of the breeding habitats within Maniwa city.

As the surveys continue, the map is being edited and updated in real time.



Stone commemorating the designation of Yubara Town (now Maniwa City) as a protected breeding ground (stands within the borders of the Shrine)



The Tabane River, running through Yubara's streets