

# The Role of the Business Sector for the Conservation and Wise Use of Wetlands

## -ALEPH's Activity on Rice Paddies-

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# 1-1. Aleph Inc. Corporate Profile

Established: December 1968

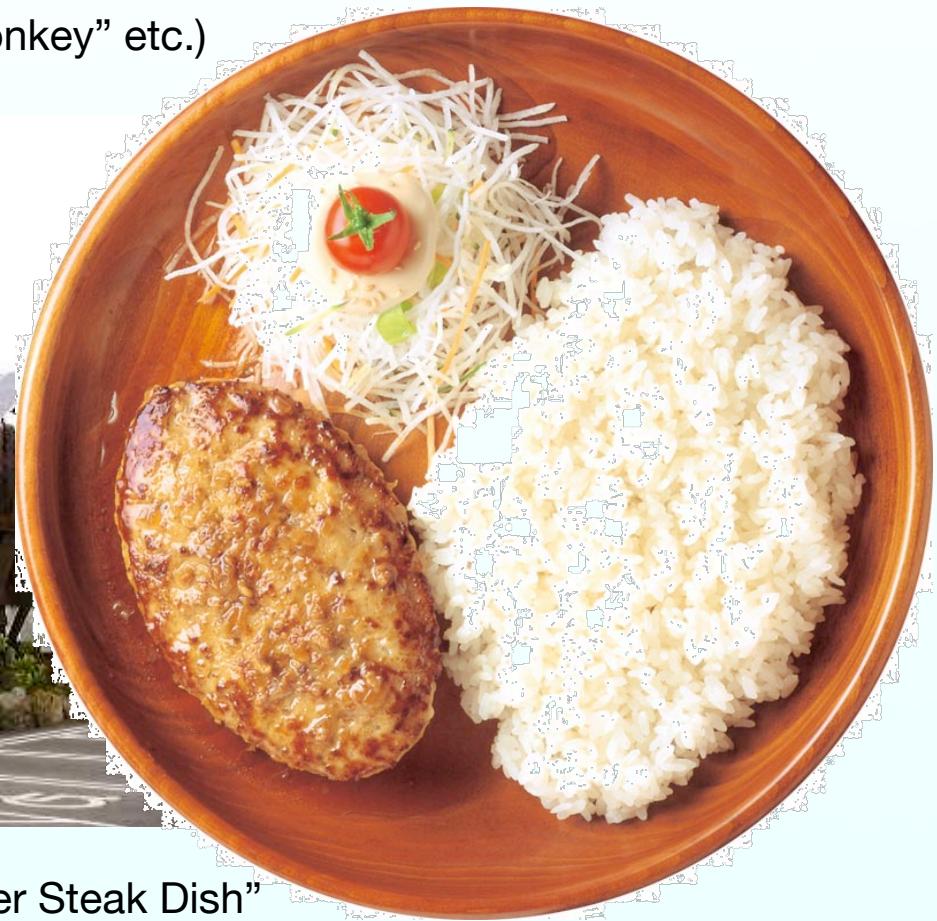
Head office: Sapporo, Hokkaido

Sales: 36.3 billion yen (2010 fiscal year)

Business: Management of Restaurant chain (300 shops ca.) in Japan  
(Hamburger restaurant “Bikkuri-Donkey” etc.)



“Bikkuri-Donkey”restaurant



“Hamburger Steak Dish”

## 1-2. Philosophy



“Food” or “Eat”

人

“Human being”

良

“Well” or “improve”

*...The food industry should  
make human being better.*

## 2-1. Fuyumizu-tambo project: Starting point



“Kabukuri-numa and the surrounding rice paddies” was designated (COP9, Uganda).



Pekul'neyskoye  
(breeding site)

Kharchinskoye  
(stopover site)

**the Flyway of  
Greater White-Fronted Geese  
(*Anser albifrons*)**

Deeply impressed

**Launching  
our Fuyumizu-tambo project  
(Winter-flooded rice paddies)**

Changwon

Miyajima-numa (stopover site)  
Kabukuri-numa,  
Izu-numa (wintering site)

## 3-1. Demonstration in Eniwa Paddy

Area: 1,000m<sup>2</sup>

Organic

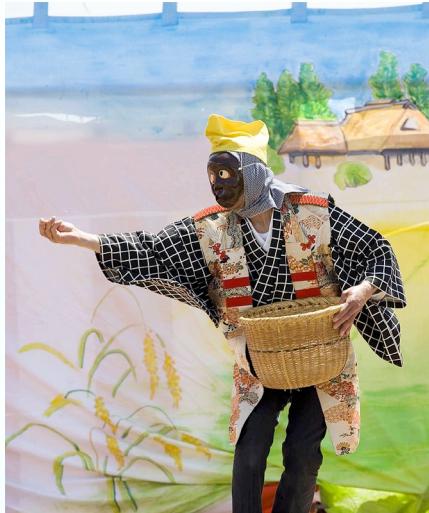
Made by hand

Regular investigations



---Totally over 3,000 participants for these 5 years.

## 3-2. Succession of Rice-growing Culture



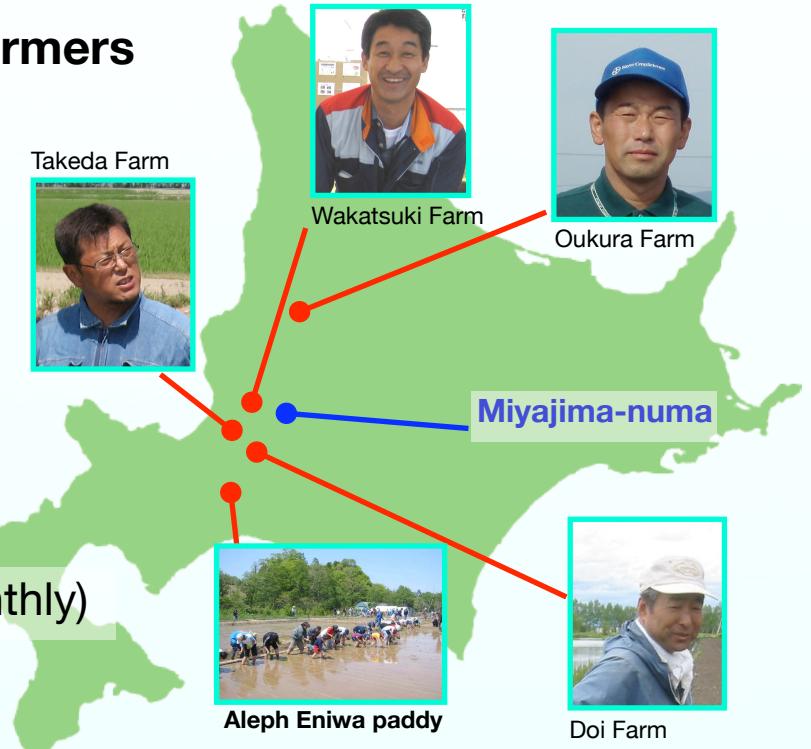
### 3-3. Dragonflies observed in Eniwa Paddy



## 4-1. Dissemination in Hokkaido

**Is winter- or long-flooded type organic method is really possible in Hokkaido?  
--- examination in collaboration with four farmers**

### 1. Holding forums



### 2. Holding study meetings and investigations (monthly)



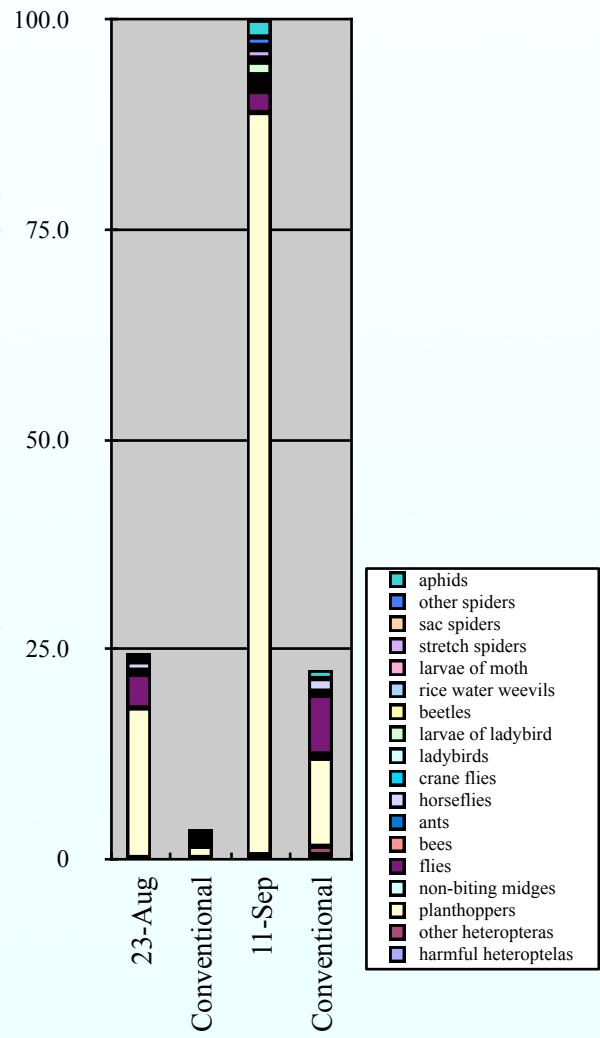
## 4-2. Comparative investigation



	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.
<i>Fuyumizu-tambo</i> (organic) 2007	938	4,300	5,950	6,050	2,750	3,250
<i>Fuyumizu-tambo</i> (organic) 2006	no investigation	3	12	95	453	33
Conventional (chemical use) 2007	no investigation	0	0	125	42	0

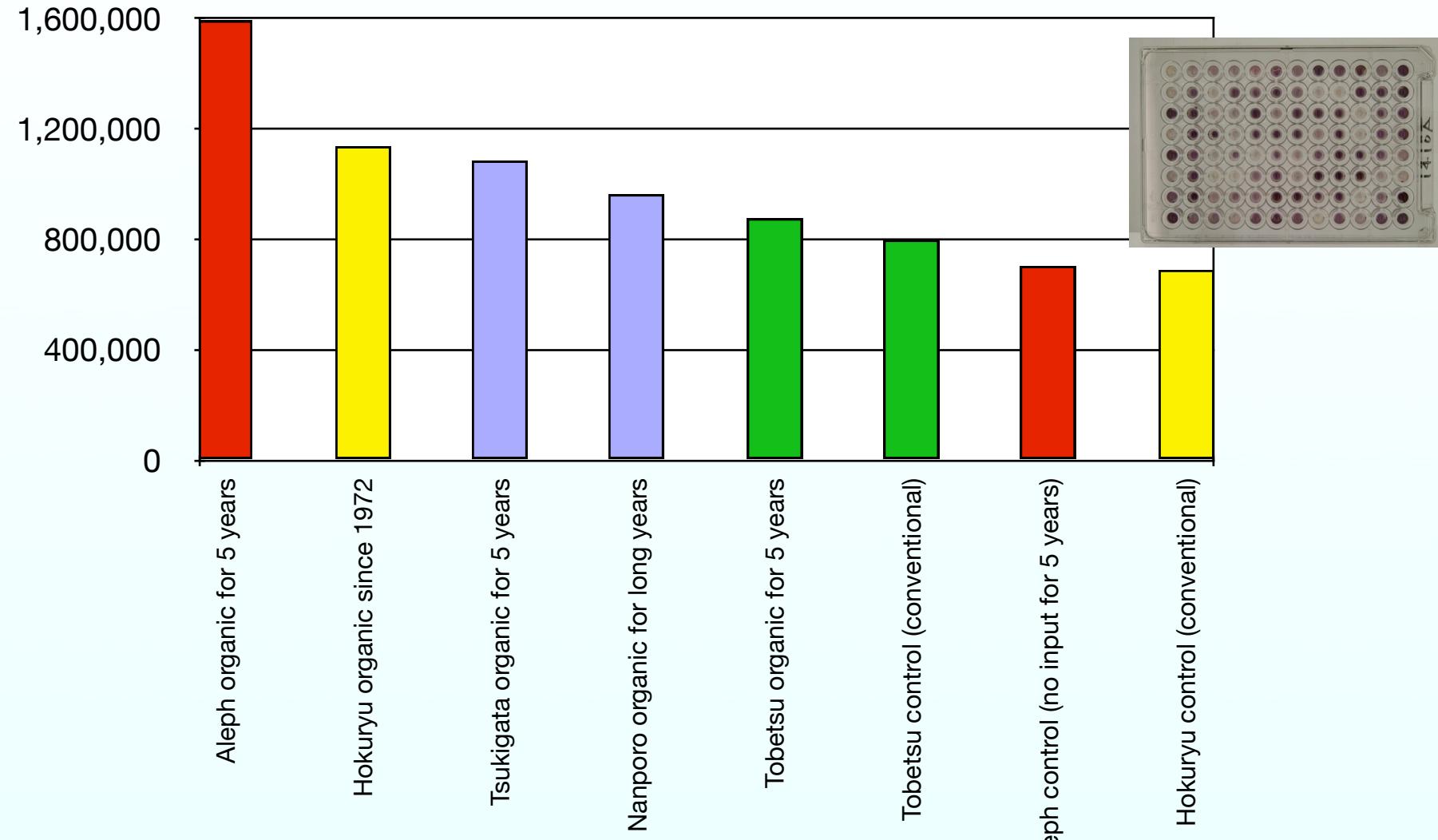
(thousands/1000m<sup>2</sup>)

**Sweeping investigation result of Takeda paddies (2007)**



## 4-2. Comparative investigation

### Soil Microbial Diversity Vitality Value\* of rice paddies of four farmers and Aleph



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## 4-3. Ecosystem assists Organic Farming.



## 4-4. Rare species observed



**Lefua nikkonis**

"Endangered" on Red List of Ministry of Environment, Japan(2007)  
"Endangered" on Red Data Book of Hokkaido(2001)

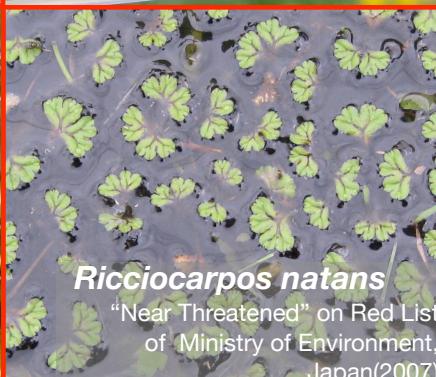
**Pungitius tymensis**

"Near Threatened" on Red List of Ministry of Environment, Japan(2007)  
"Rare" on Red Data Book of Hokkaido(2001)



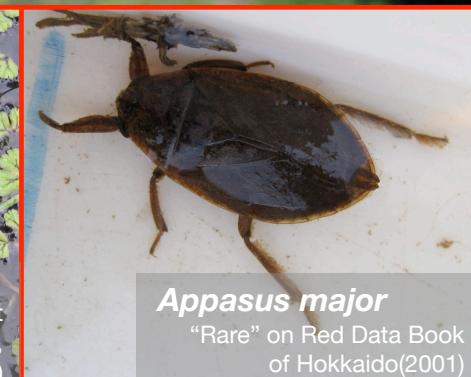
**Monochoria korsakowii**

"Near Threatened" on Red List of Ministry of Environment, Japan(2007)  
"Vulnerable" on Red Data Book of Hokkaido(2001)



**Ricciocarpos natans**

"Near Threatened" on Red List of Ministry of Environment, Japan(2007)



**Appasus major**

"Rare" on Red Data Book of Hokkaido(2001)



**Cercion sieboldii**

"Rare" on Red Data Book of Hokkaido(2001)



**Sympetrum darwinianum**

"Rare" on Red Data Book of Hokkaido(2001)

## 5. Contribution through Procurement

“Living-things-friendly” rice paddies project

since 2009



Farmers



Aleph



Customers

Living things and ecosystem  
of rice paddies



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### Requirements of “living-things-friendly” rice paddies:

1. Organic rice farming
2. Monitoring of living things by farmers
3. Production with environmental concerns about rice paddies and living things



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Aleph's target  
*Increaseing 100 hectares  
of "Living-Things-Friendly"  
rice paddies by 2012.*

