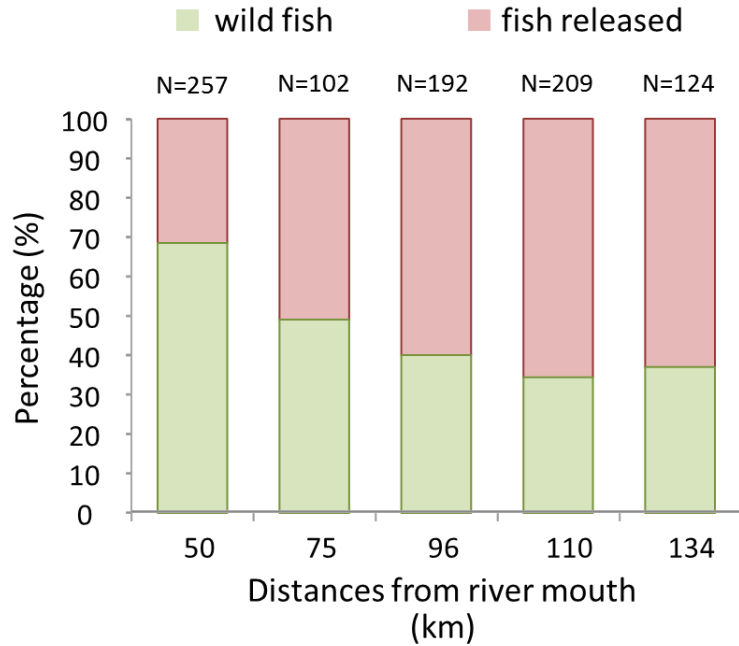


Efforts to conserve a wild ayu population

■ Importance of wild ayu

The right figure shows the relative contribution of wild and released ayu to fisheries catch in Nagara River. The contribution of wild ayu is about 45 % on average, but it is more important at its lower basin. Wild ayu can reproduce the next generation by self-sustaining. So, we can benefit from ayu production with a minimum effort. We think that the conservation of a wild ayu population has a high priority above all else.

The contribution of wild and released ayu to fisheries catch



■ Conservation efforts

Reserves for spawning



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Release of fertilized eggs



Activities by fishermen