

Living in Harmony with the Stork



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Very gradual slope “Maruyama River”



Damages brought by Typhoon No.23 on October 20, 2004



Carnivorous bird...eats frogs, fish, insects and even snakes
Heavy eater...eating around 500 grams a day



catching prey in nearby rice paddies
and shallow parts of rivers



soil was built up to create higher
mounded rice paddies



In 1971, the Oriental White Stork
disappeared from Japanese skies

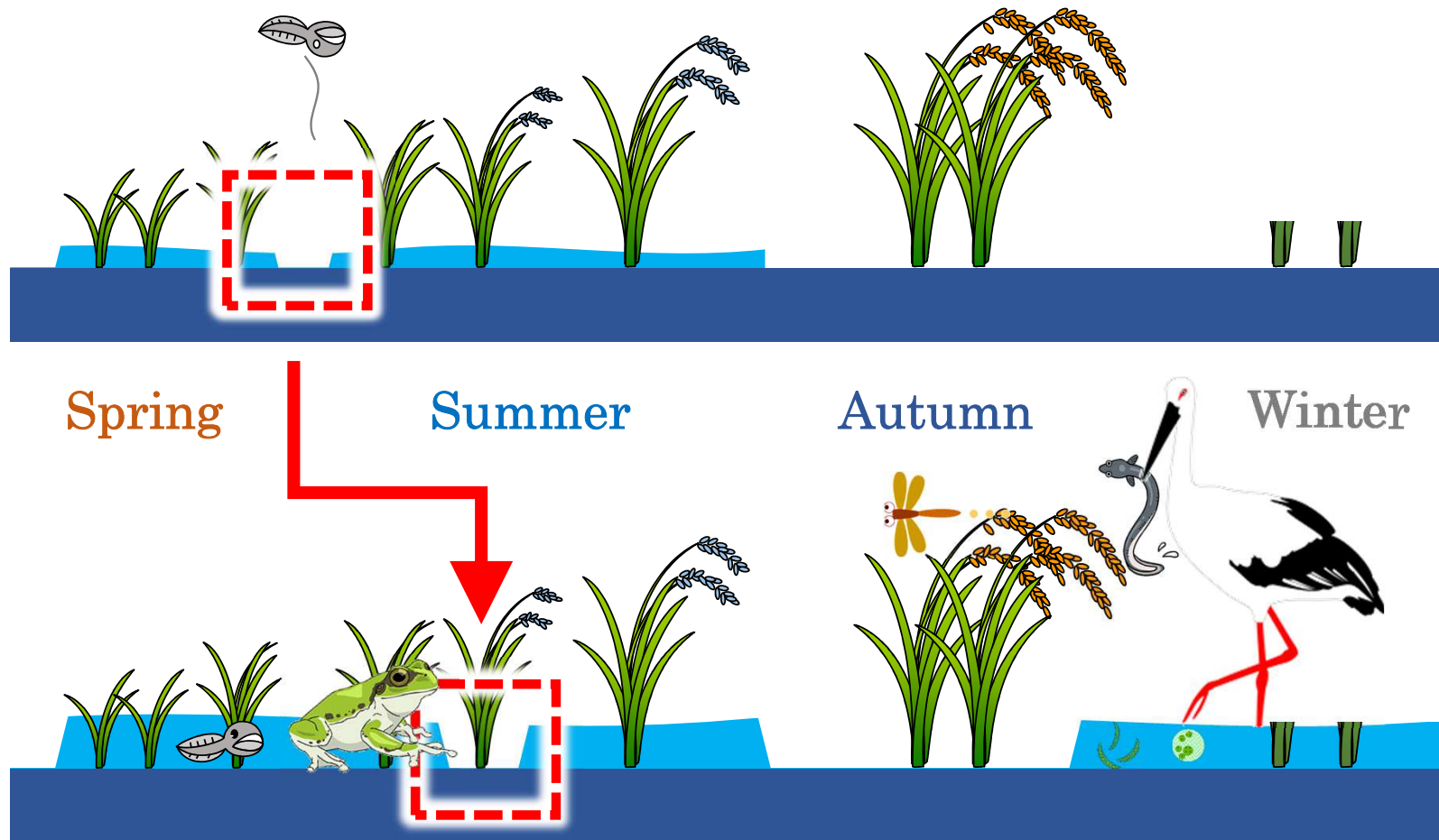


In 2005, release the storks back into the wild

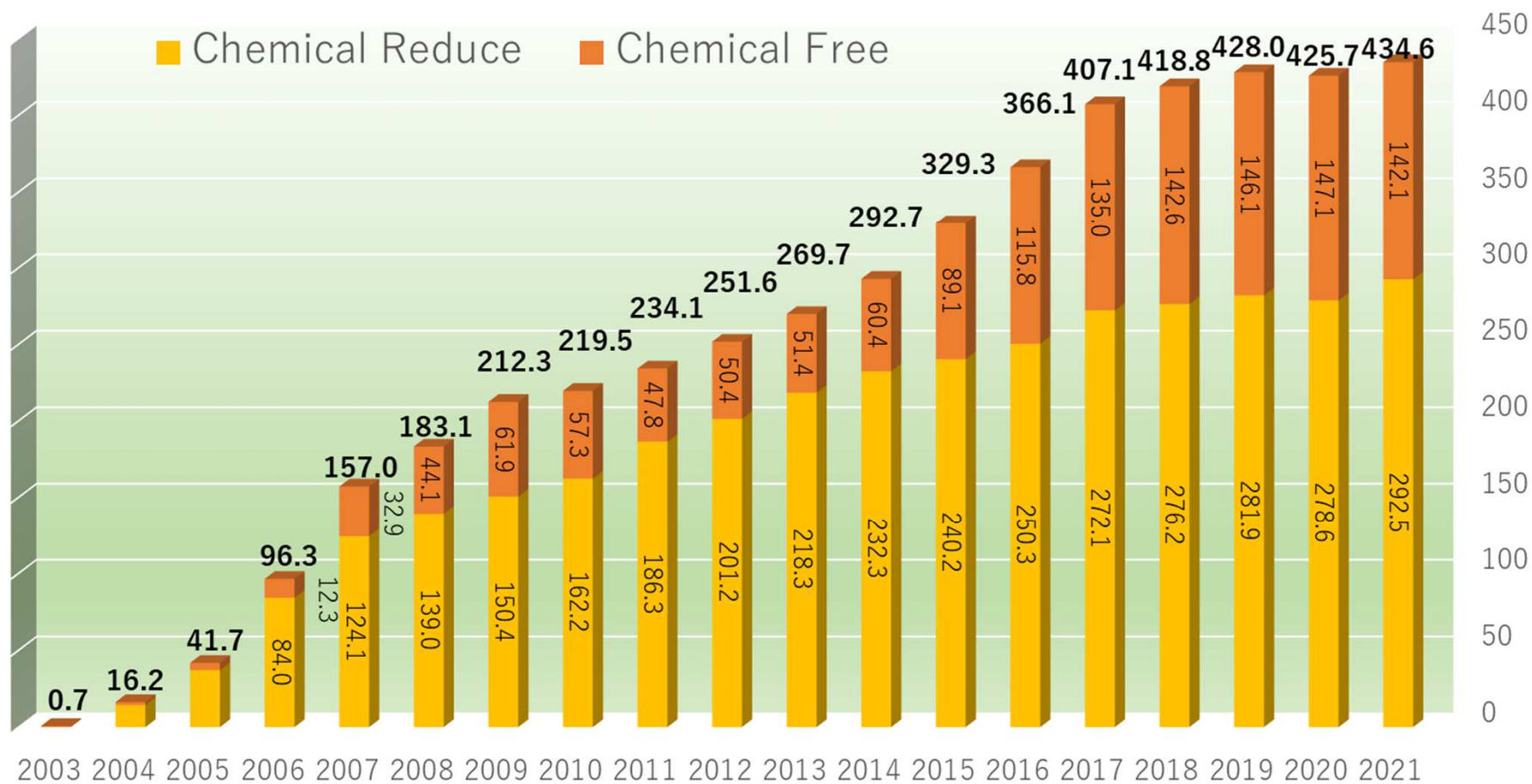


Stork Friendly Farming

Not to rely on chemical herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers



Delayed mid-season drainage allows tadpoles to turn into frogs so they can run away when water is drained from the paddies

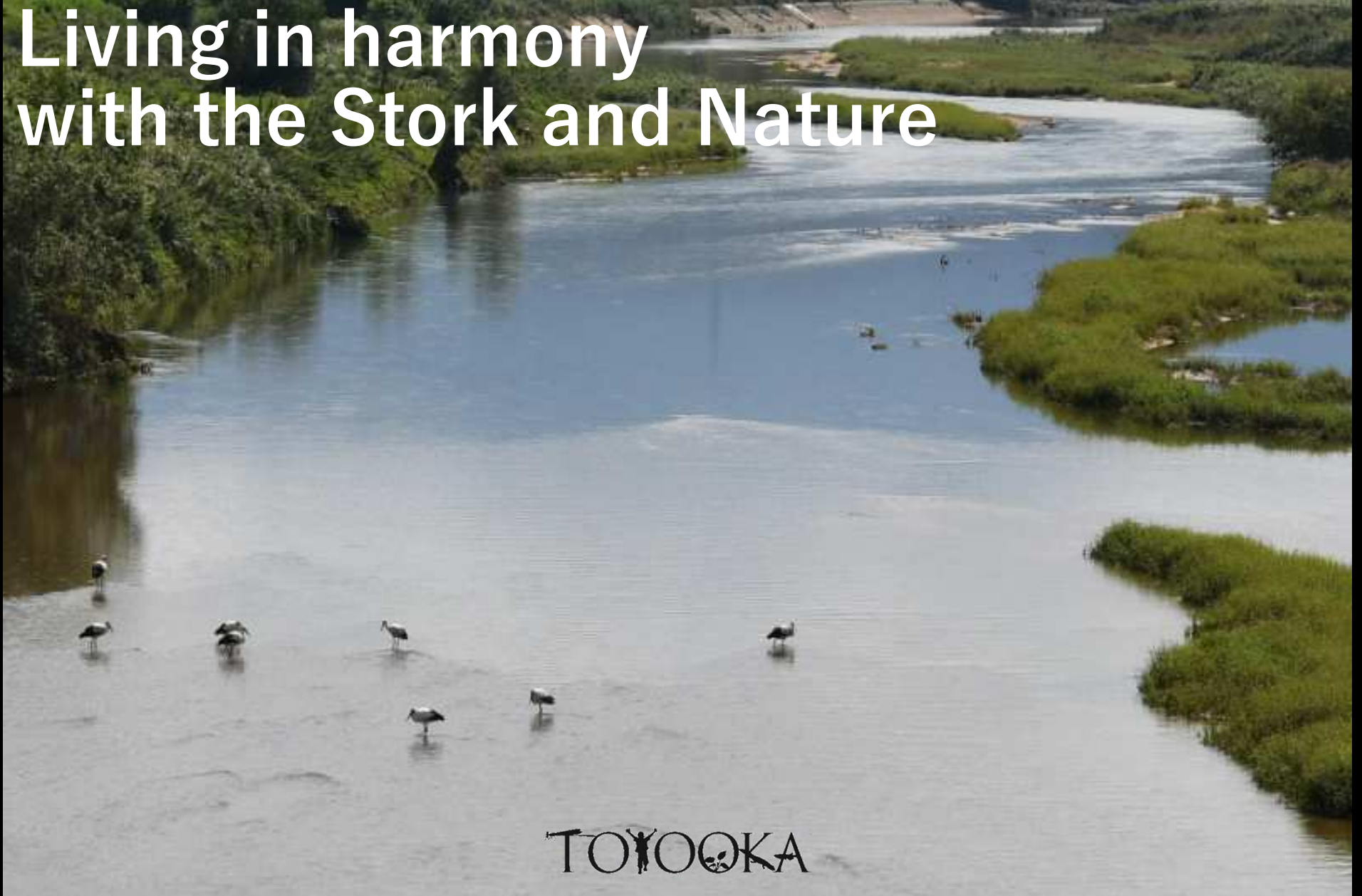


Change of the planted area (Rice)



Now, 16 years after their reintroduction back into the wild

Living in harmony with the Stork and Nature



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