



Sea-Up

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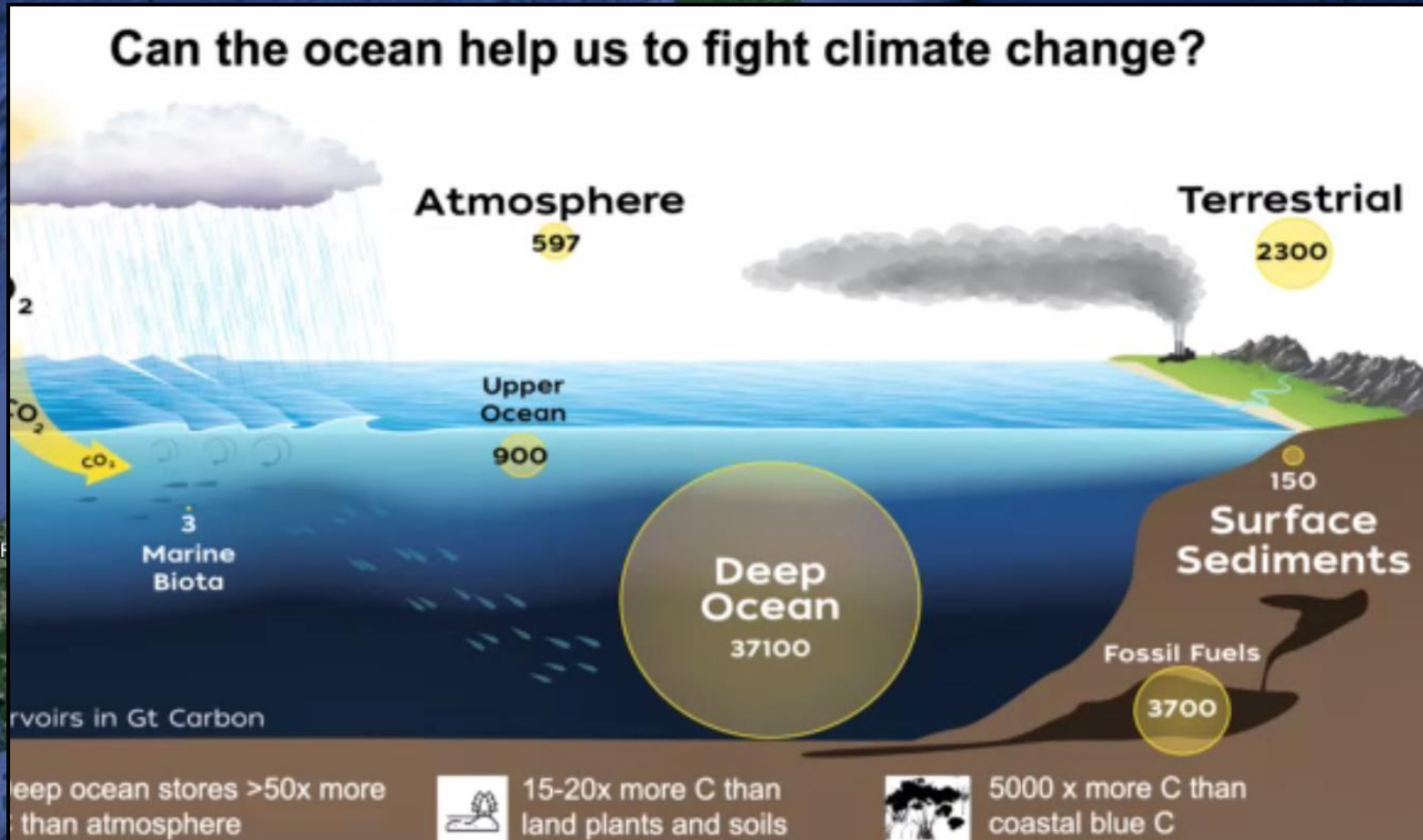
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**About**

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# Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal (mCDR).



Source: WHOI

# About Sea-Up.

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# Our Wave-driven Pump



# Production

**Buoy:** fiberglass shell, foam filled, steel backbone.

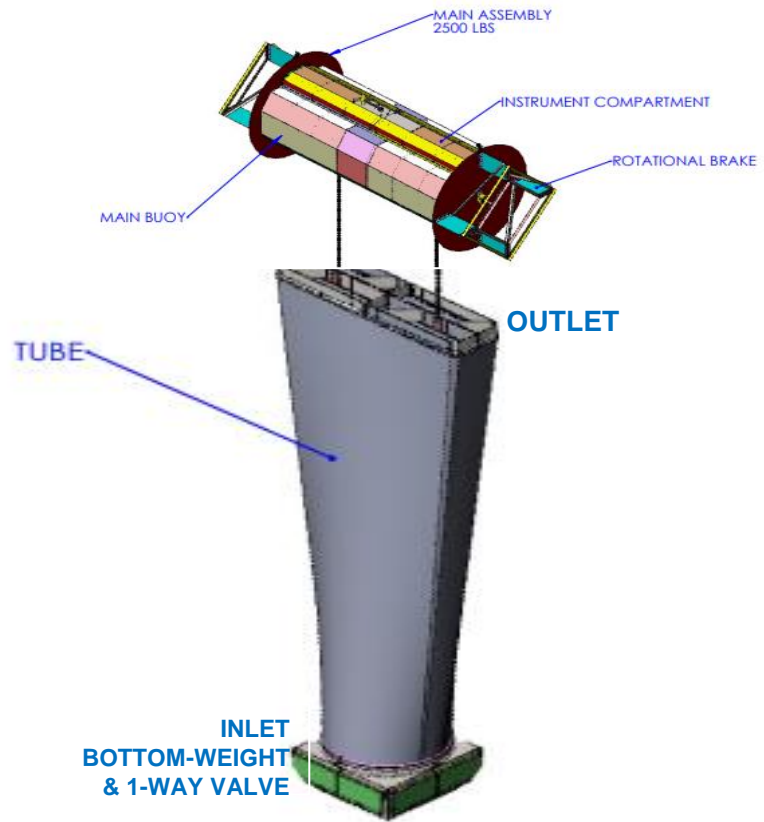
**Electronics:** Off-the-shelf parts, controller, standard assembly.

**Ropes:** Dyneema.

**Outlet:** sheet metal fabrication.

**Tube:** edge-stitched panels of Dyneema woven fabric.

**Bottomweight/valve:** sheet metal fabrication.

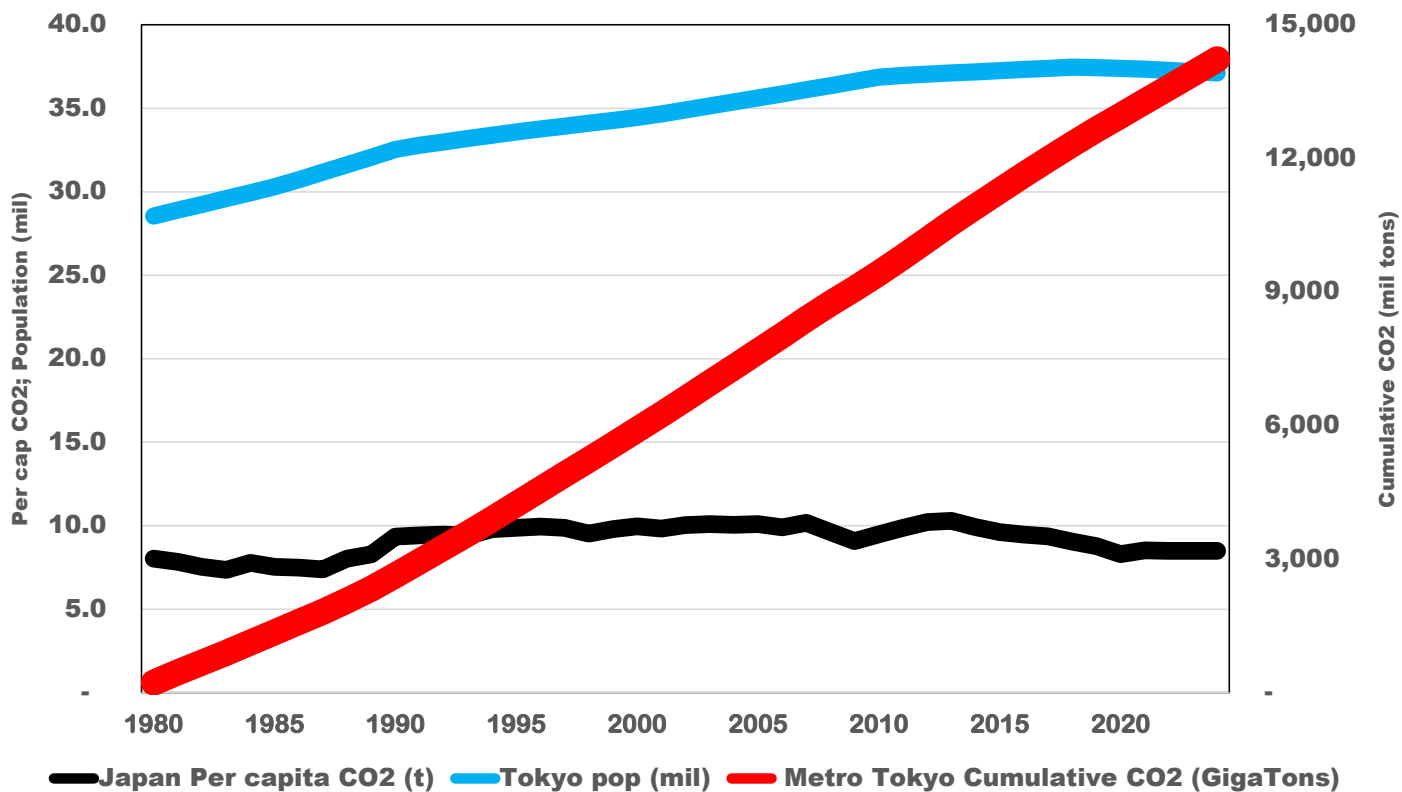


# The Problem

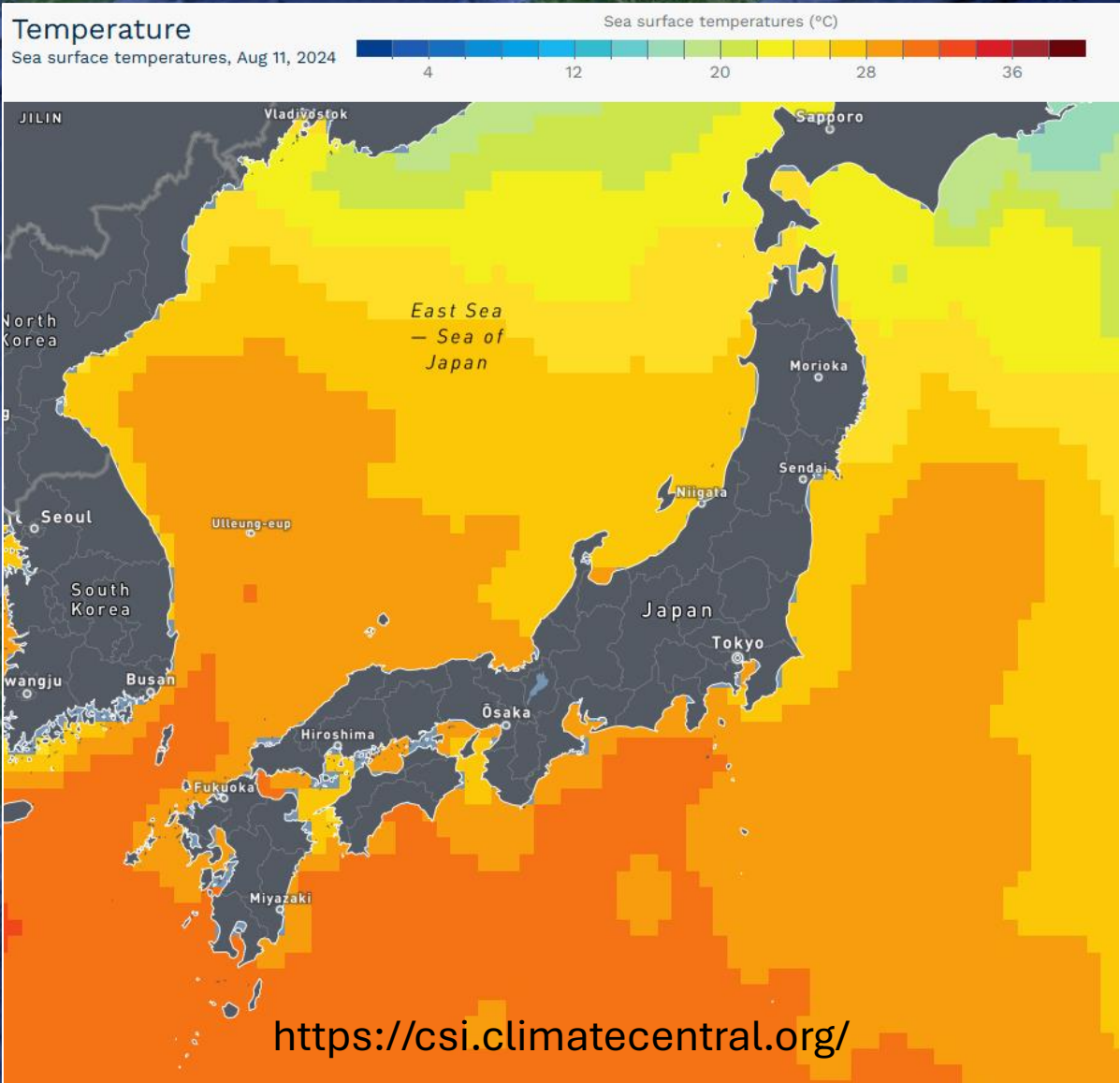


# Cumulative CO2

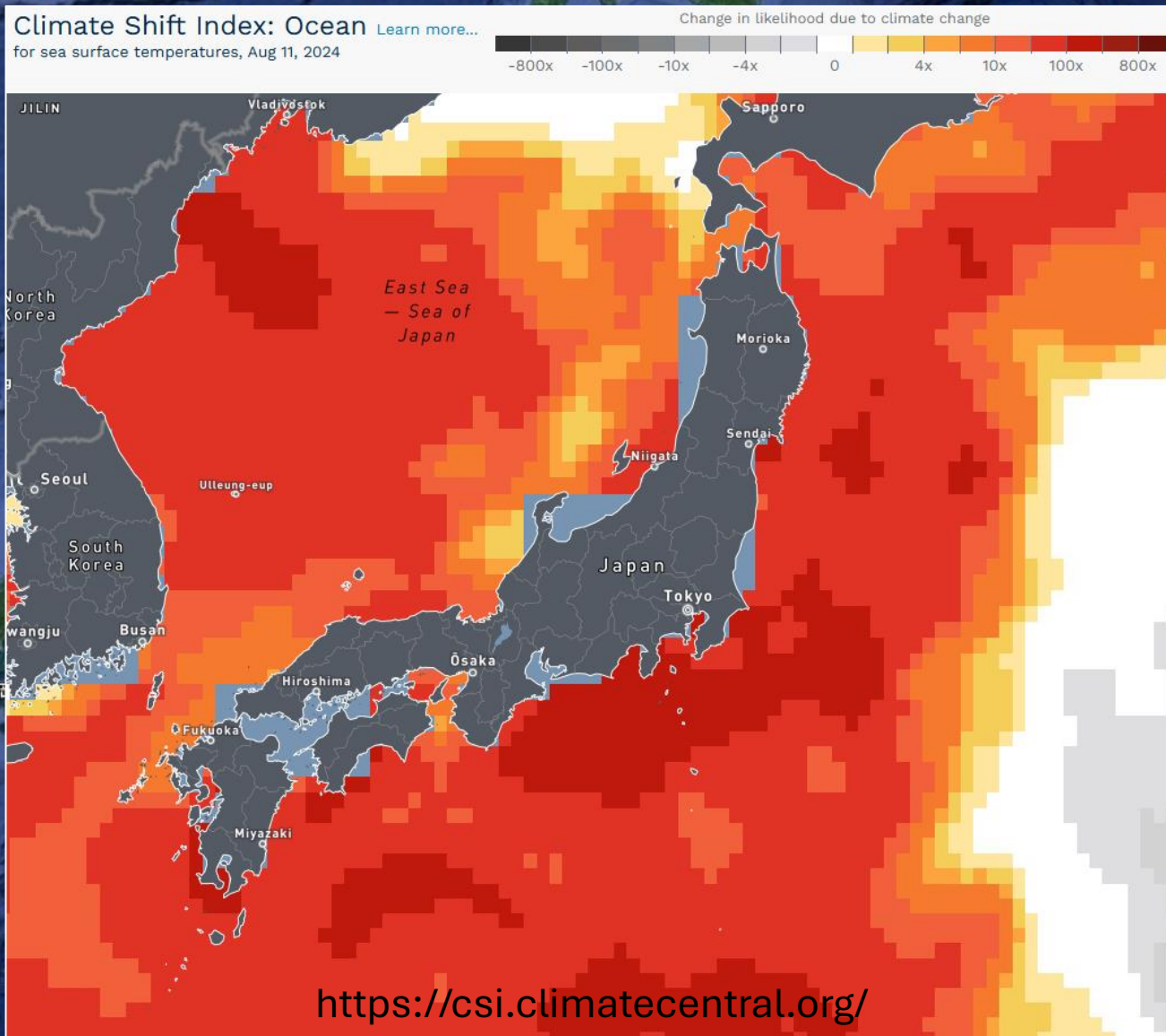
## Tokyo Cumulative CO2 Emissions 1980-2024



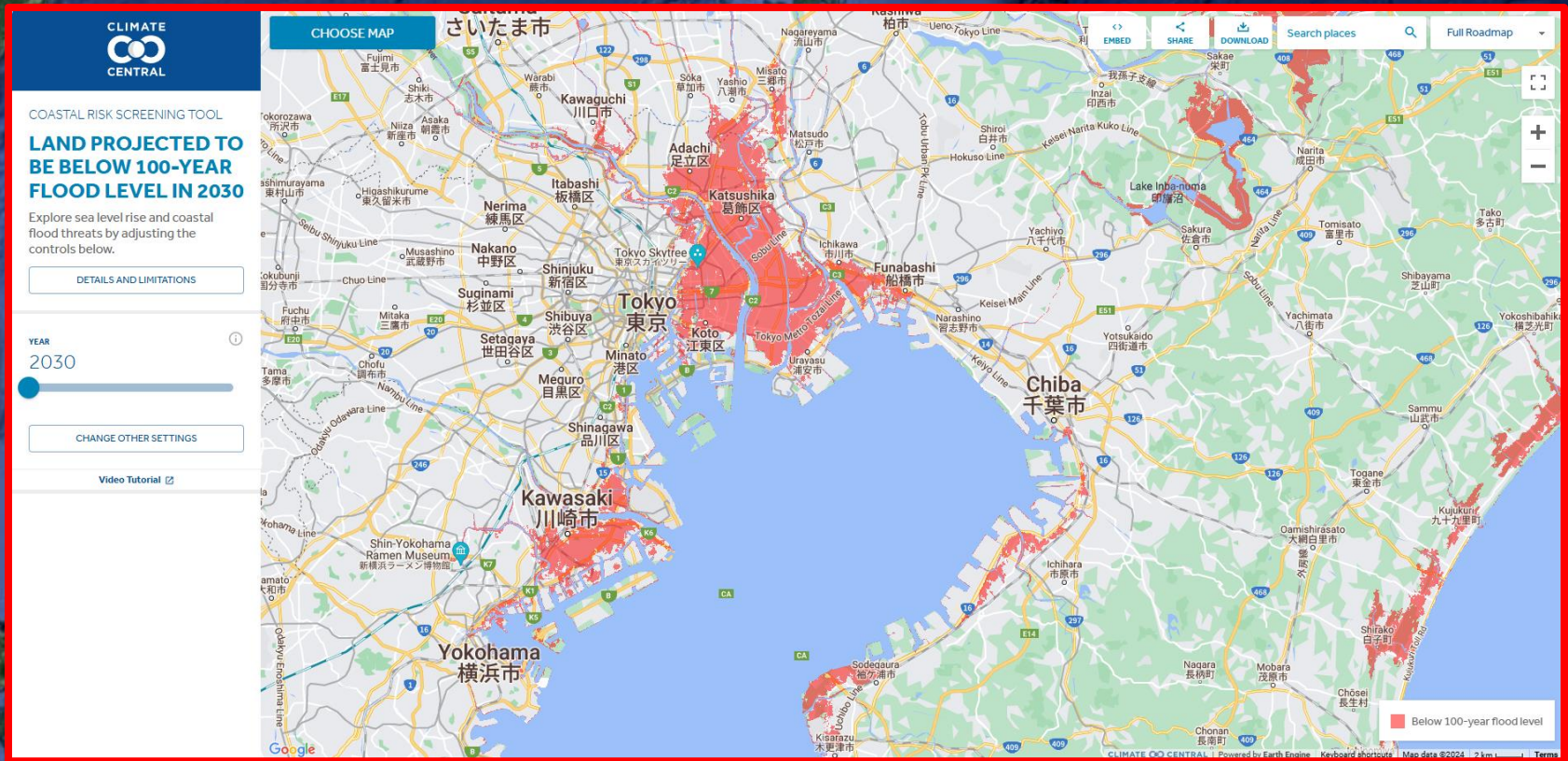
# SST



# Climate Index



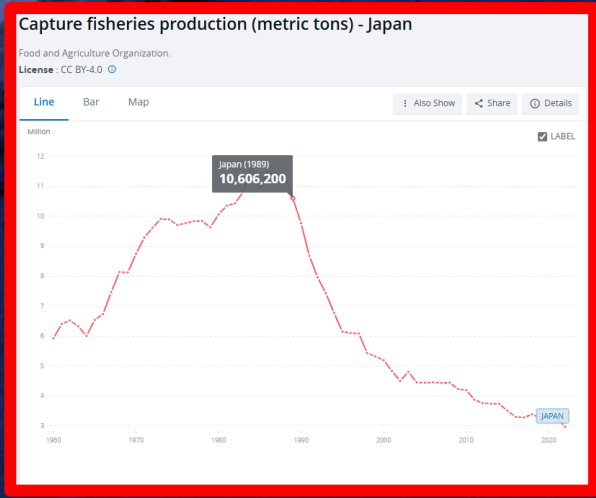
# Tokyo Flood Risk (2030)



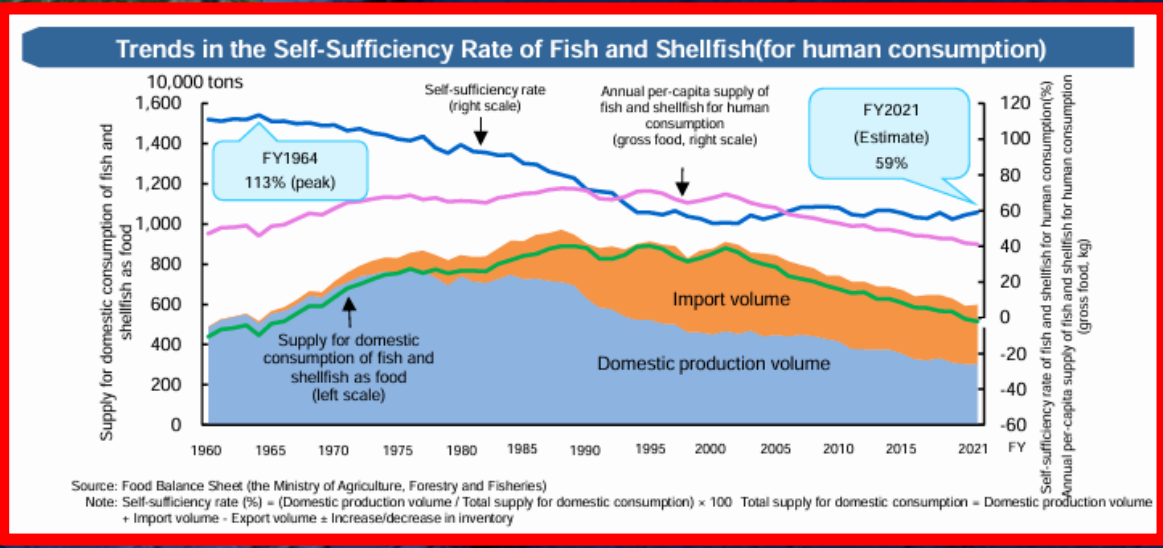
# Fishing 10.6MT <3.0MT

# Seafood Sufficiency

# 113% 59%



[index-220.pdf \(maff.go.jp\)](https://maff.go.jp/index-220.pdf)



Source: Food Balance Sheet (the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)  
 Note: Self-sufficiency rate (%) = (Domestic production volume / Total supply for domestic consumption) × 100  
 Total supply for domestic consumption = Domestic production volume + Import volume - Export volume ± Increase/decrease in inventory



# **Our Solution**

# Wave-driven Upwelling.

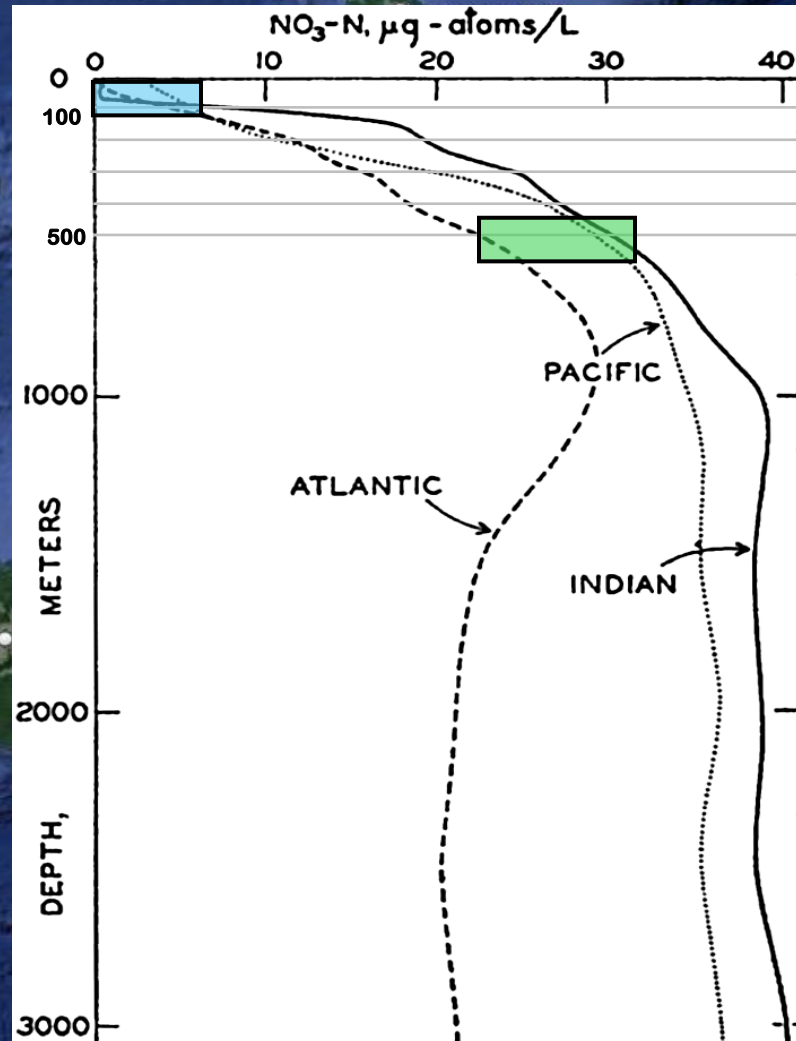
Inputs:

1. Ocean waves
2. Sunlight

2m diameter  
500m depth

1 moving part

# Nutrients/Depth Profile.





# Scientific Basis.

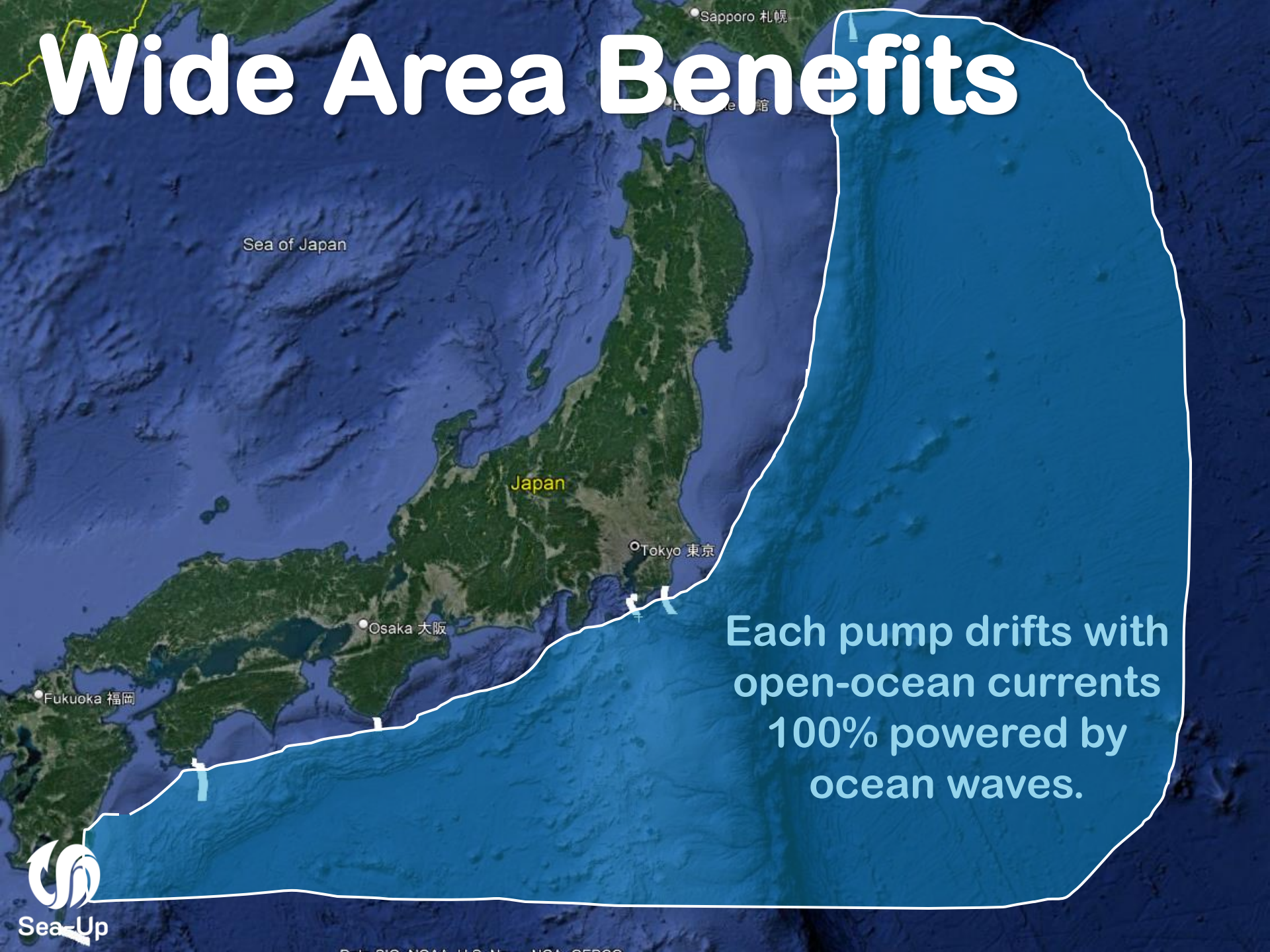
Reference

Tons CO<sub>2</sub> removed\*

Karl et al (2008): <b>Nitrogen fixation-enhanced carbon sequestration in low nitrate, low chlorophyll seascapes.</b>	156
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Wu et al (2023): <b>Carbon dioxide removal via macroalgae open-ocean mariculture and sinking: an Earth system modeling study</b>	141
Chen/Taylor (2024): <b>Modeling Carbon Dioxide Removal via Sinking of Particulate Organic Carbon from Macroalgae Cultivation</b>	1,233
The Climate Foundation ( <b>website</b> )	3,000

\*Per km<sup>2</sup>/year

# Wide Area Benefits



Sea of Japan

Japan

Tokyo 東京

Osaka 大阪

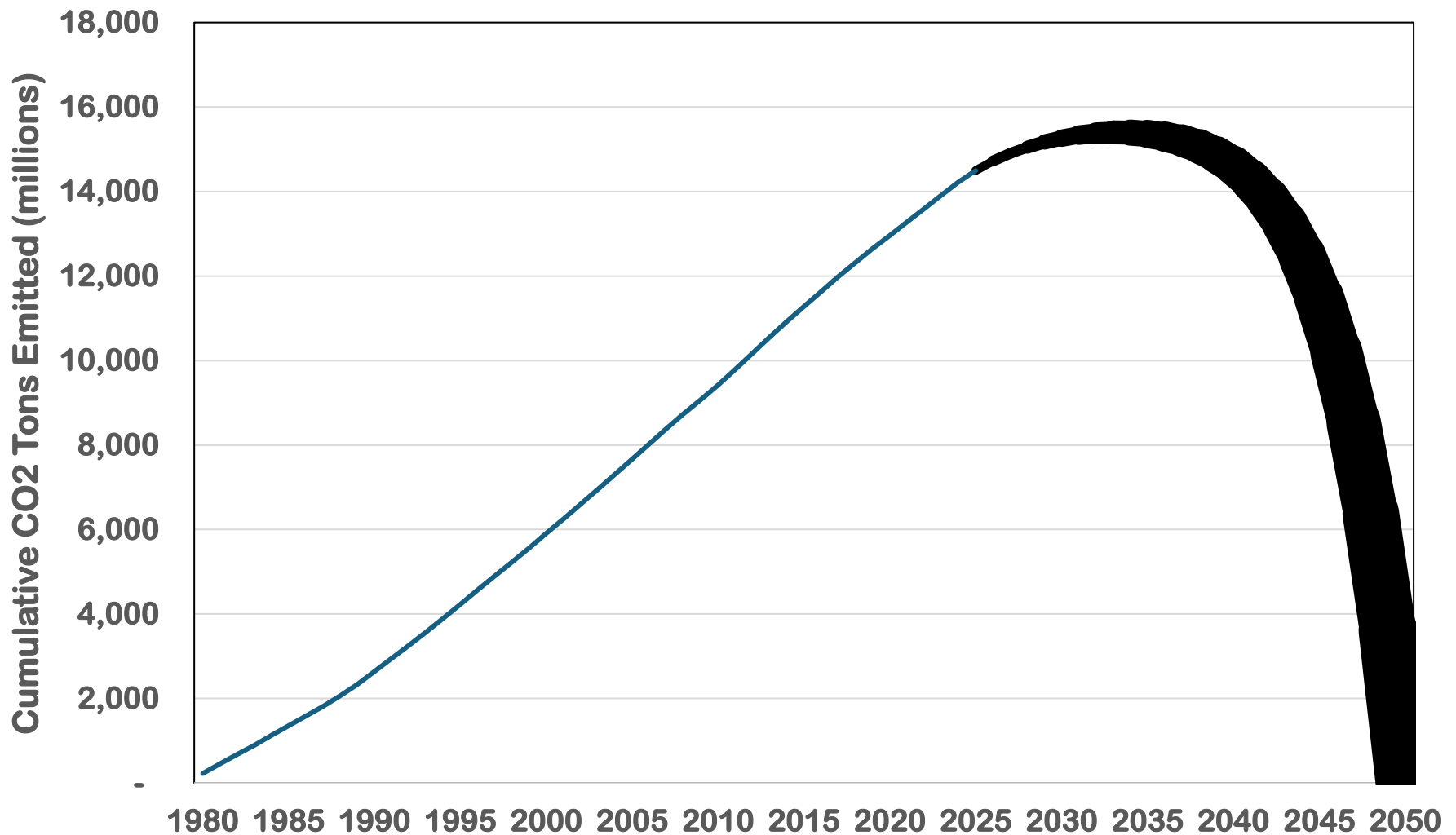
Fukuoka 福岡

Each pump drifts with  
open-ocean currents  
100% powered by  
ocean waves.

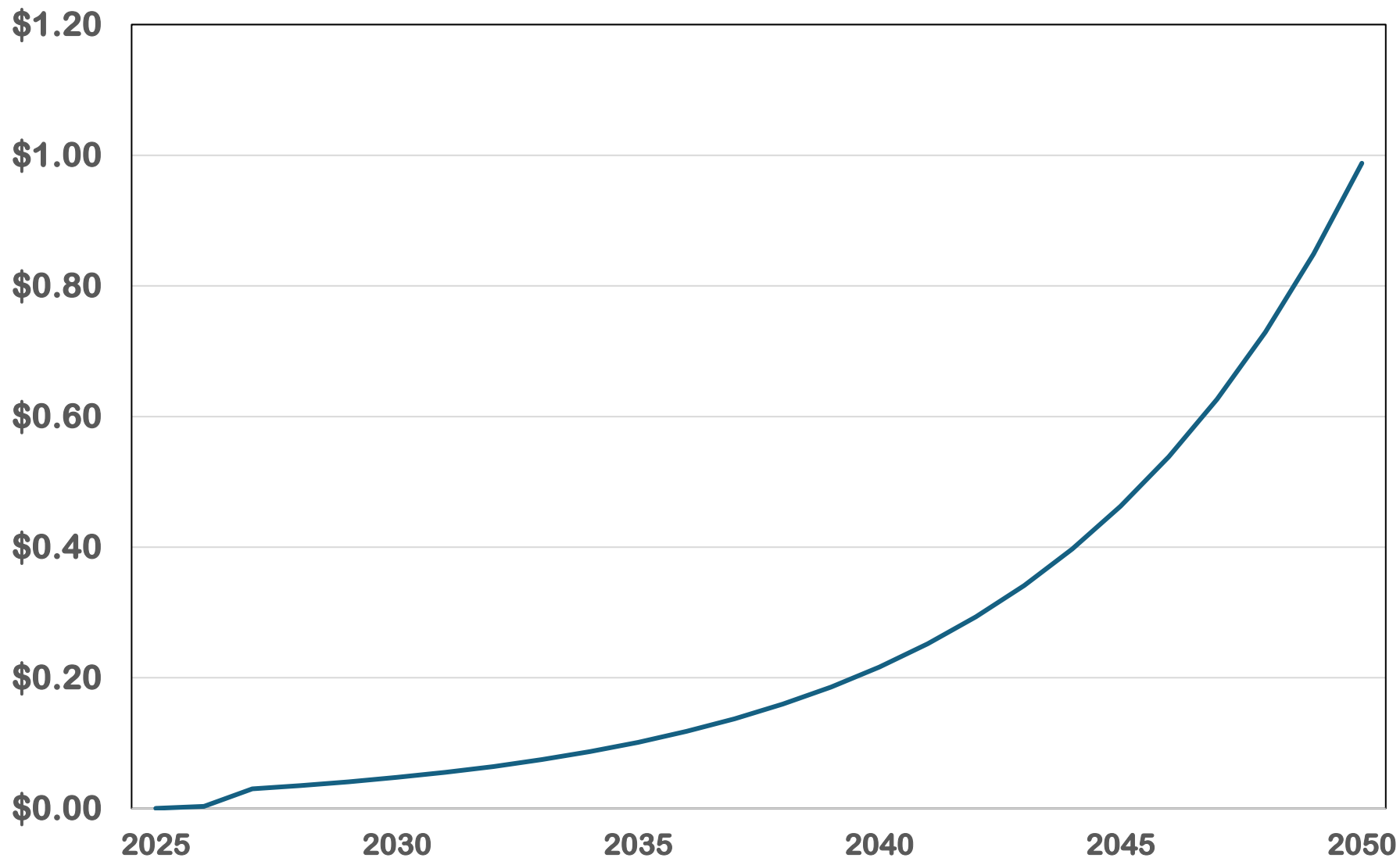


# Results

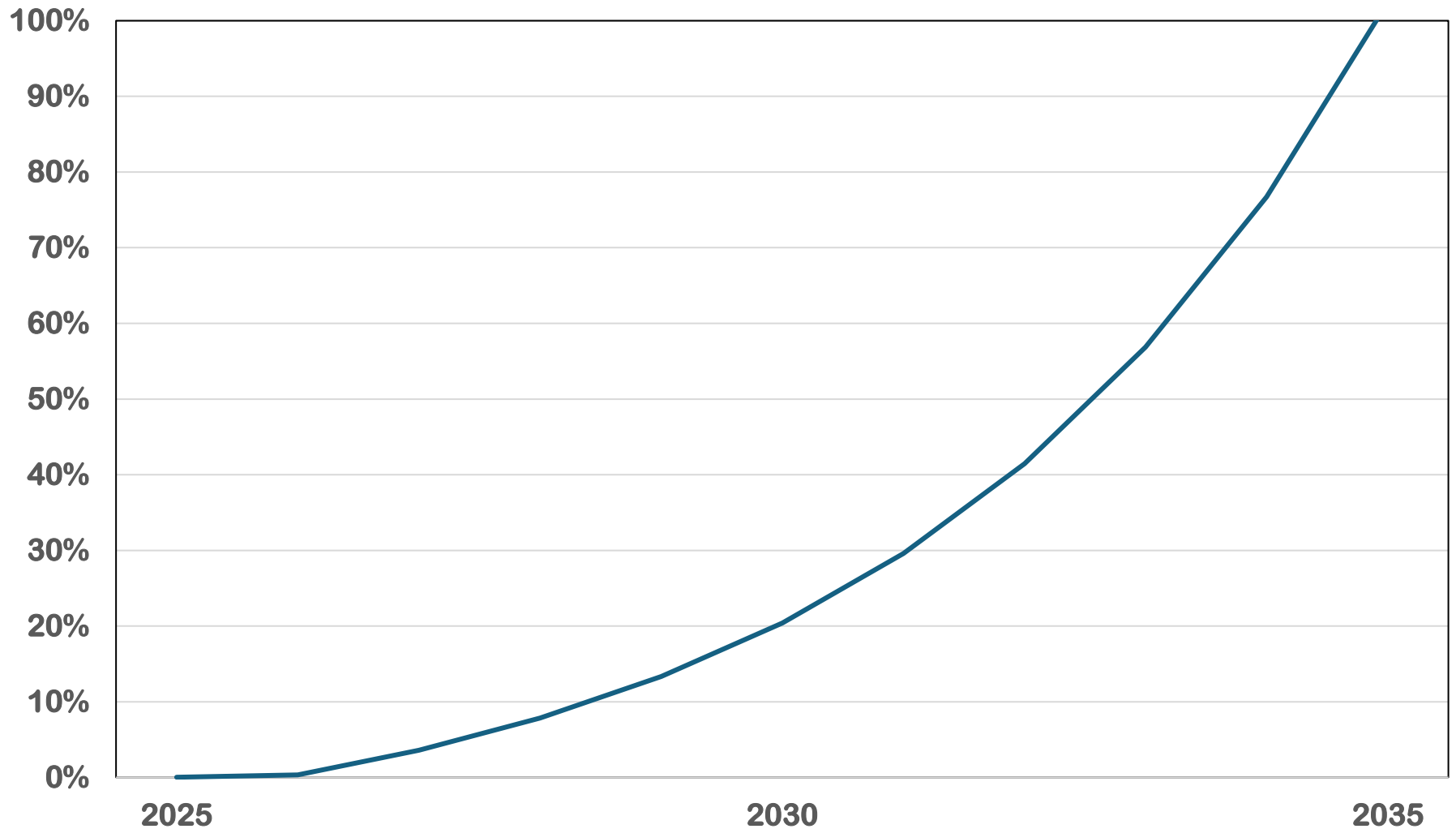
# Metro Tokyo Net-Zero 1980-2050!



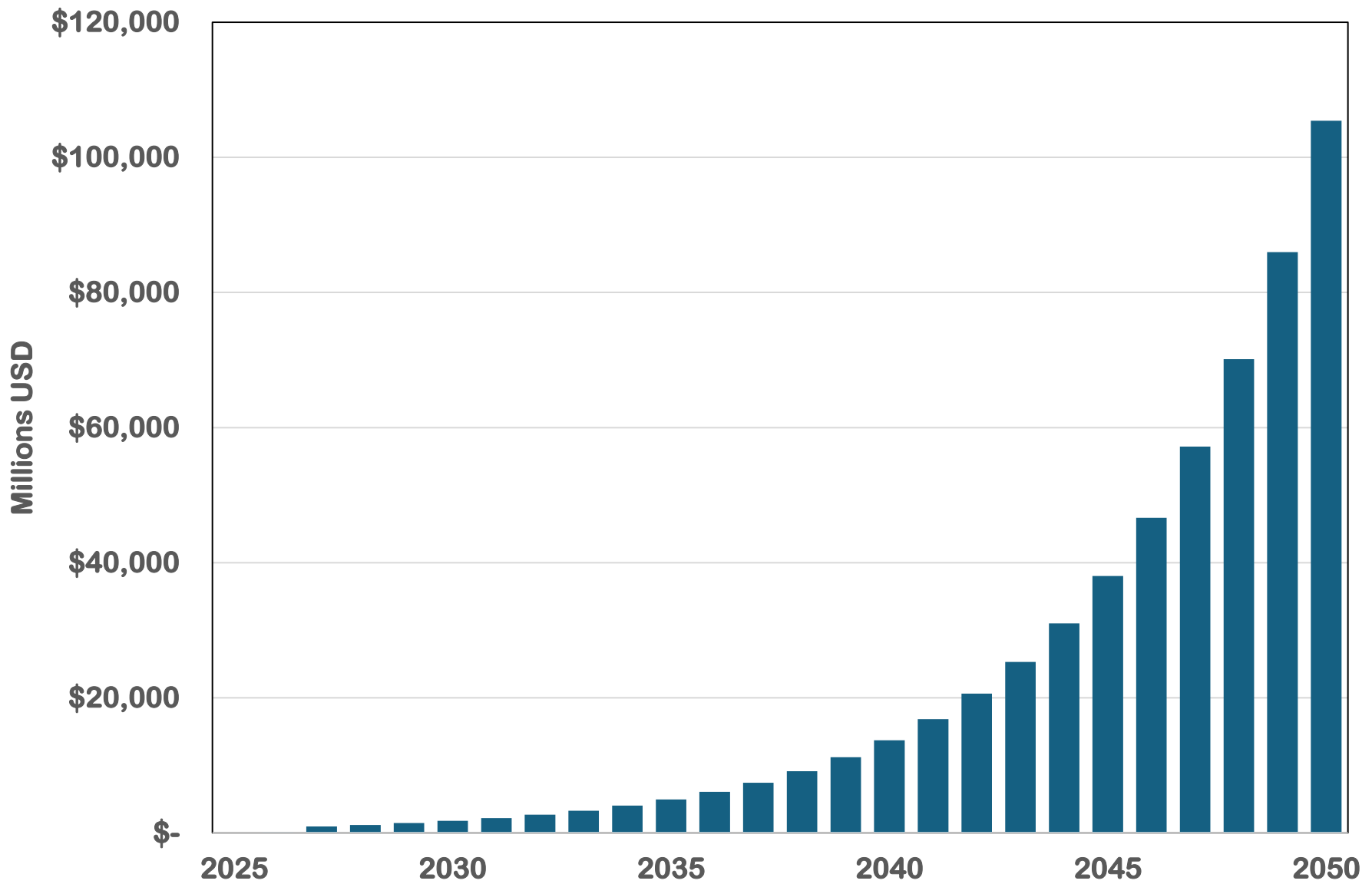
# Cost Per Person Per Day



# Percent Tokyo 1 serving fish per day



# Additional Personal Income



**Implementation**



# Deployment Sites



618 km

Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO  
Data LDEO-Columbia, NSF, NOAA  
Image Landsat / Copernicus

Google Earth

# Example: Kushiro Port (Hokkaido) >800m @ 30km



0, Avg, Max Elevation: -1019, -579, 0 m  
Elev Gain/Loss: 265 m, 20.8% Avg Slope: 3.8%, -2.9%

20 km to 800m



# **Financial Model**

# Tokyo Net Zero 2050

## REMOVE

### legacy CO2

- **The PEOPLE pay.**
- Cost-based fee.
- Monthly direct bank deduction.

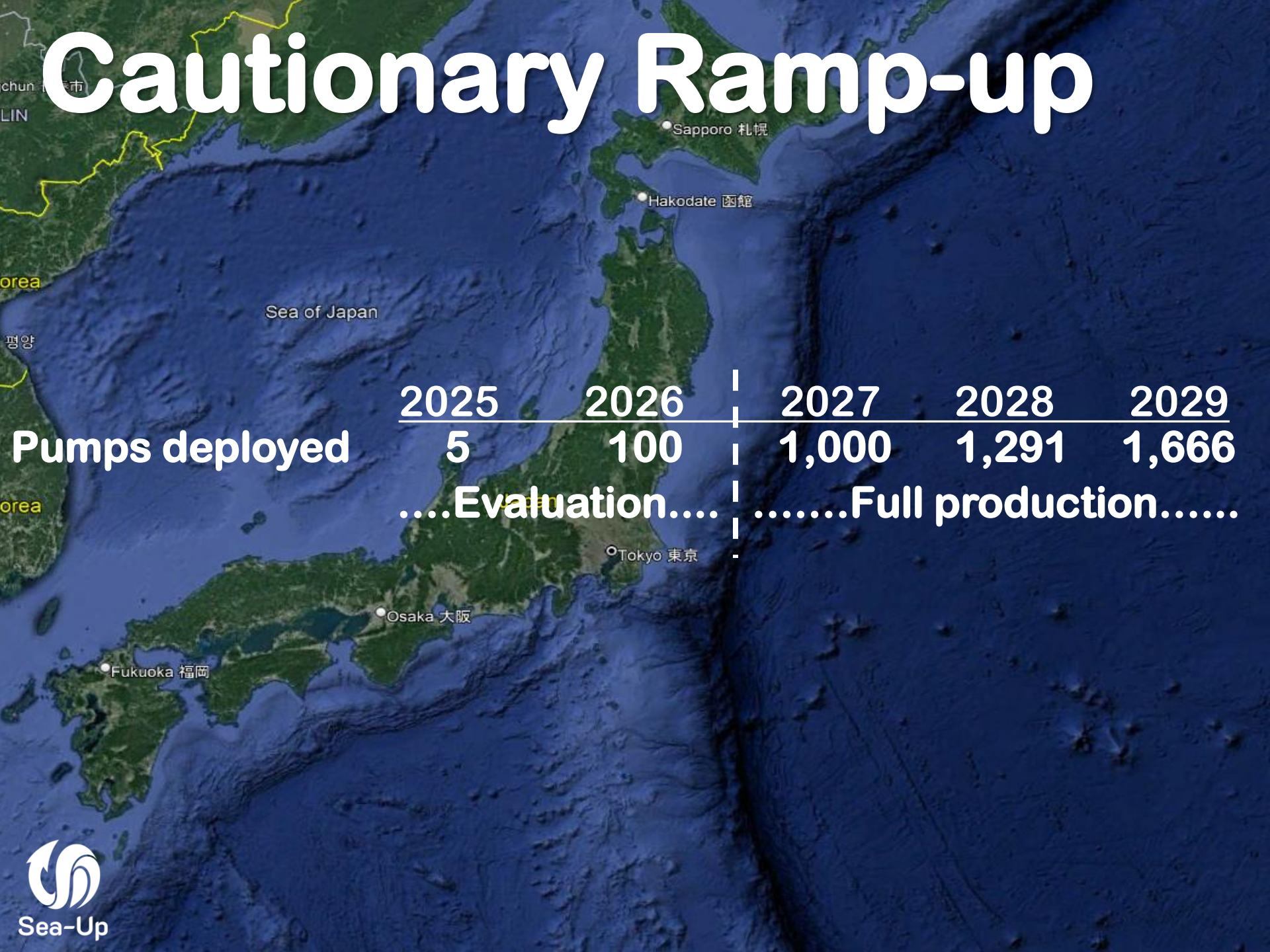
## REDUCE

### current CO2

- **BUSINESSES pay.**
- -15% annual CO2.
- Secured by Tokyo license to operate.



# Cautionary Ramp-up



	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Pumps deployed</b>	5	100	1,000	1,291	1,666
<b>....Evaluation....</b>			<b>.....Full production.....</b>		

**Urgency**

# The Tipping Points of Climate Change – and Where We Stand.

Johan Rockstrom

<https://youtu.be/Vl6VhCAeEfQ?si=z4cLVDQ5fFA1Dq98>

JULY 2024

SEATTLE

# Summary Statement



By implementing *Sea-Up*'s ocean wave-driven upwelling pumps, Metro Tokyo becomes the singular global leader in the fight to REMOVE and REDUCE CO2 causing climate change while restoring vast ocean areas to pristine productivity.

Our Mission is to achieve net-zero total accumulated CO2 for Metro Tokyo looking back to 1980 and forward to 2050 and negative CO2 thereafter. No other government anywhere in the world is yet to consider (much less, implement) such a far-reaching program as this!

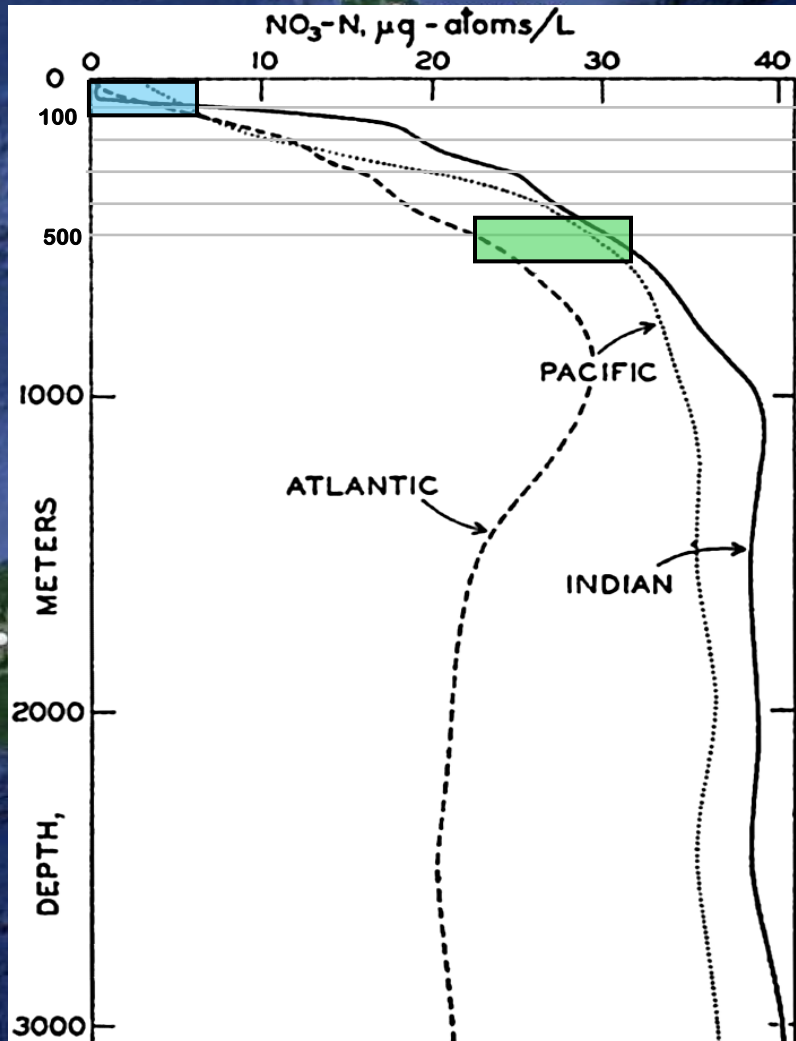
Operating through our Tokyo subsidiary, *Sea-Up* also will achieve food security from the sea, while creating more income both in Tokyo and Japan coastal communities.



**Technical**

**Details**

# Nutrients/Depth Profile.





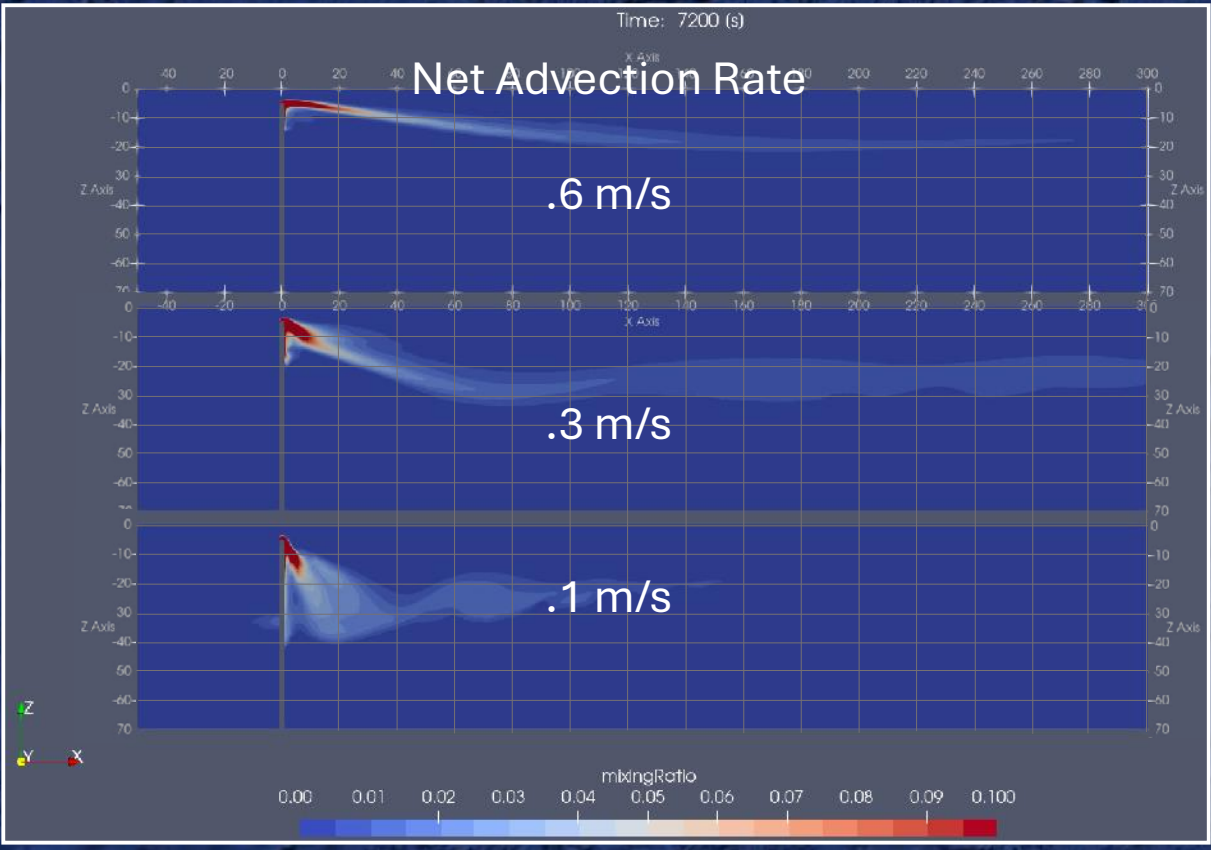
# Flow Rate ~ Wave Height/Period

wave ht	period	flow rate m3/s	vol/day/km ^2	Average
1.25	6	0.65	56,520	
1.5	7	0.67	58,135	
1.75	8	0.69	59,346	59,066
2	9	0.70	60,288	
2.25	10	0.71	61,042	
models	1cm/day/km^2			10,000





# Mixing

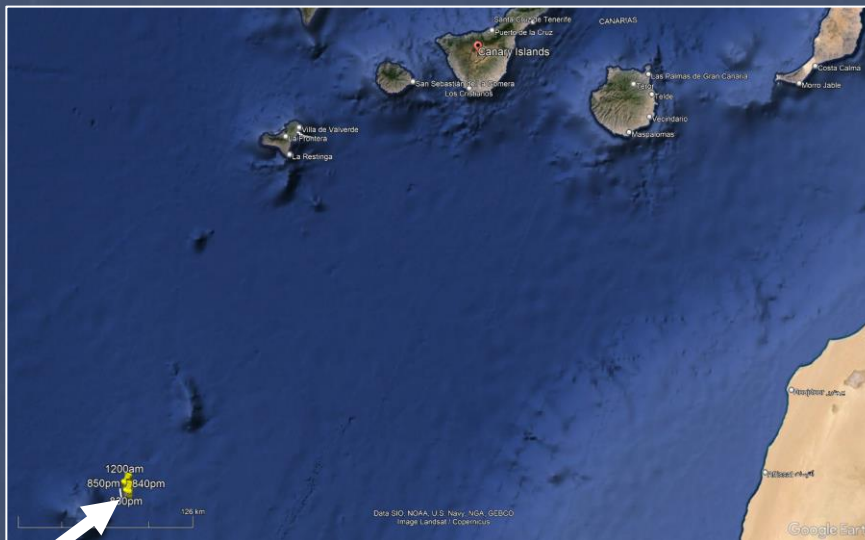


Source: personal email from Jost Kemper GEOMAR-Kiel



# Drifting Maximum Rate

11.5 km in  
5.67 hours  
(.56 m/s)



Source: GPS on buoy 11/18/22

200m depth pump



5.41 km

# Solubility Calculation.

## SCIENTIFIC METHODOLOGY.

Calculations to disentangle the biological carbon pump and the solubility pump via remote sensor measurements on the AU-pump.

Measurements needed for calculation:

- DIC surface (or calculated via surface CO<sub>2</sub> in atmosphere, temperature and salinity)
- DIC depth
- O<sub>2</sub> surface (or calculated via surface O<sub>2</sub> in atmosphere, temperature and salinity)
- O<sub>2</sub> depth
- NO<sub>3</sub> depth

Assumptions and limitations:

- Redfield ratio 106 C : 16 N : 1 P of organic matter.
- Response of solubility pump does not include changes in surface alkalinity or temperature.
- Response of biological carbon pump (any increase in primary productions, export production or deep ocean storage) is strongly dependent on pipe location.
- Any carbon or alkalinity contribution via the CaCO<sub>3</sub> counter pump is not considered.

Step by step calculation:

### (1) Calculating Apparent Oxygen utilization (AOU)

AOU gives the amount of oxygen consumed during remineralization of pipes source water.

$$\text{AOU} = [\text{max. O}_2 \text{ solubility at surface}] - [\text{O}_2 \text{ observed at depth}]$$

### (2) Disentangling total DIC and re-mineralized DIC (biological carbon pump)

Calculating C / O<sub>2</sub> ratio for remineralization without denitrification:



This equation now contains O<sub>2</sub> take up via denitrification. The ratio therefore changes to  $106 \text{ C} / 138 \text{ O}_2 = 0.768$ . Using O<sub>2</sub> consumption at depth calculated via AOU and applying C / O<sub>2</sub> ratio gives the amount of re-mineralized DIC included in total DIC concentration at depth.

$$[\text{O}_2 \text{ mol/L from AOU}] * [0.768] = \text{re-mineralized DIC mol/L}$$

### (3) Separation of preformed DIC from total DIC.

Preformed DIC concentration at pipe's source depth should be between preindustrial 275ppm and current 400ppm CO<sub>2</sub>. The difference between preformed DIC at depth and surface DIC indicates potential CO<sub>2</sub> uptake via the solubility pump.

$$\text{Total DIC}(\text{depth}) - \text{re-mineralized DIC}(\text{depth}) = \text{preformed DIC}(\text{depth})$$

Increase of solubility pump at surface ocean:

$$\text{DIC}(\text{surface}) - \text{preformed DIC}(\text{depth}) = \text{potential DIC uptake of surface water due to solubility pump}$$

### (4) Calculating theoretical biological carbon pump response at surface ocean

Use previously calculated re-mineralized DIC and apply Redfield ratio to calculate re-mineralized NO<sub>3</sub>.

$$\text{Total NO}_3(\text{depth}) - \text{re-mineralized NO}_3(\text{depth}) = \text{preformed NO}_3(\text{depth})$$

Convert preformed NO<sub>3</sub> via Redfield ratio into CO<sub>2</sub>. This is the amount of additionally stored CO<sub>2</sub> in algae bloom biomass assuming Redfield ratio. How much gets released into the atmosphere again due to shallow remineralization or how much is exported to depth is unknown without tracking and measuring the algae bloom.

# Instrumentation.

## Pump Components To Calculate SP CDR & MRV

### Top of buoy:

Solar panels, battery pack, GPS, Satcomm, Campbell Scientific processor, USCG light



Buoy  
Ropes

### Belly of buoy

DIC calculated via CO2 in atmosphere, surface water temperature and salinity (CTD). O2 (from World Ocean Atlas). Load cells top of ropes.

Outlet 5m

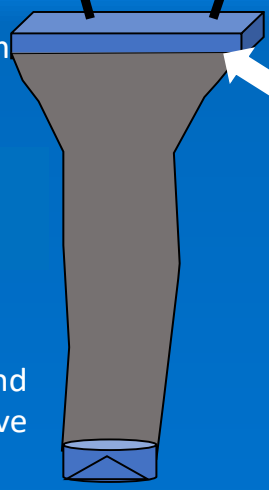
### Measured inside the pump outlet

(same water as 500m depth)

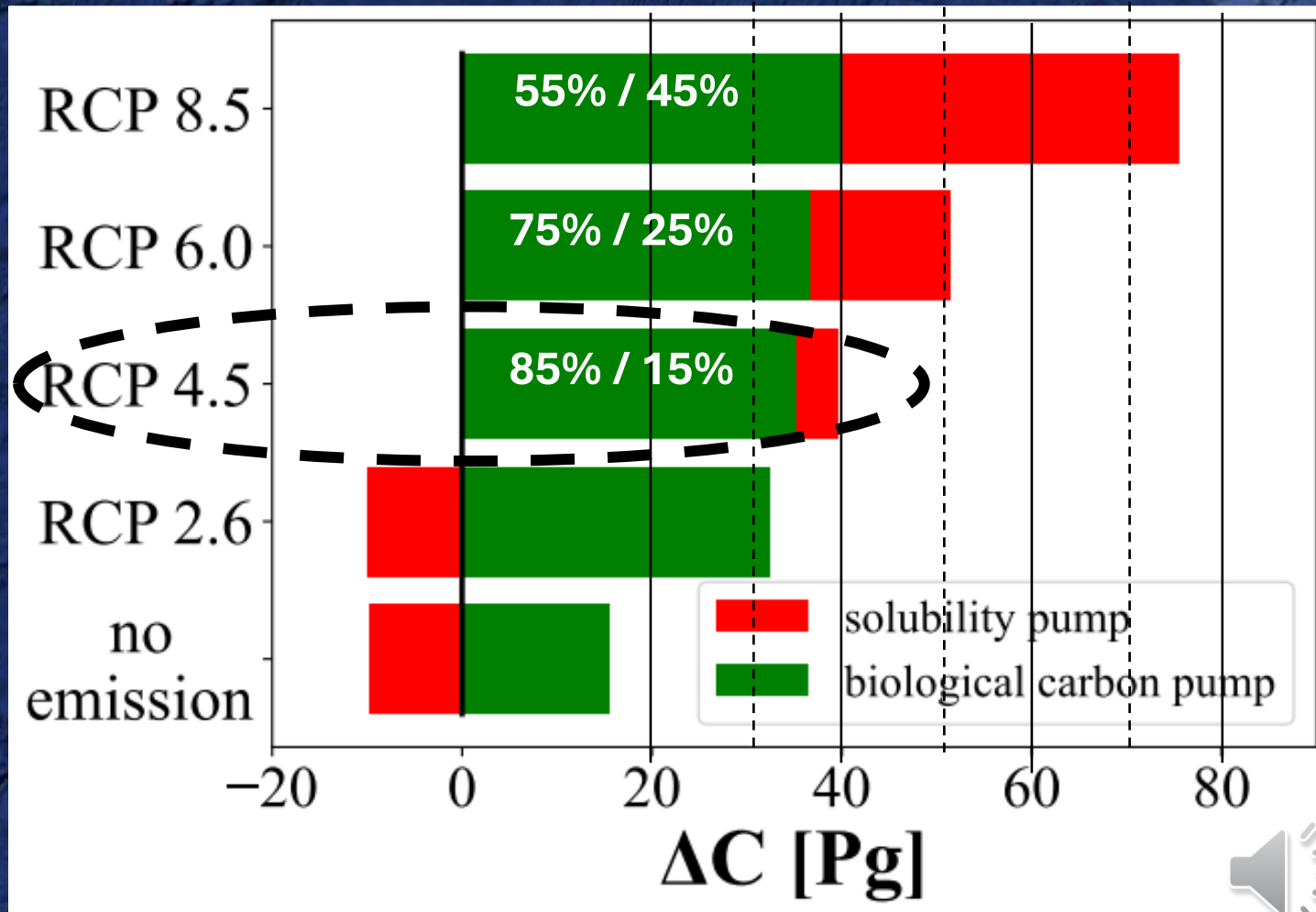
- Flowmeters (2)
- DIC (calculated)
- O2: **RBRcoda<sup>3</sup> T.ODO**
- pCO2 (**CO2-Pro**) + pH (**ANB**) (=TA)
- NO3 (**SUNA-V2**)
- Salinity (from **ANB**)
- Temperature (from Argo fleet or adjust from **RBRcoda<sup>3</sup> T.ODO**)

2m diameter by 500m depth

1.1 t Bottomweight and 1-way valve



# Estimating BCP.



Adapted from Jürchott, M., Oschlies, A., & Koeve, W. (2023). Artificial upwelling—A refined narrative. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 50, e2022GL101870. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2022GL101870>





# Caveats

The CO<sub>2</sub> equilibrium calculation requires T (e.g. 22° C.), pressure, and 2 of the following: alkalinity (e.g. 2428.3), pH, pCO<sub>2</sub> (e.g. 420). Results are highly sensitive to these inputs. [Prof. David Hodge]

How much [CO<sub>2</sub>] gets released into the atmosphere again due to shallow remineralization or how much is exported to depth is unknown without tracking and measuring the algae bloom. [Malte Jurchott]



# Comments.

I think your solubility pump with real-time sensors is exactly the kind of approach we were thinking about as we tried to explain the challenges of MRV in the WG5 document.

This is a key advantage of your proposed system compared to other mCDR approaches that have not fully considered how to do the MRV. The pH sensors we discuss would definitely be a part of this since you need the second carbon parameter.

We need a real-world demonstration that shows that you are properly capturing the signals from the pump and the resulting plume. I would anticipate that some will be skeptical of the modeled advection rate and mixing. It is important to capture those downstream signals. [Chris Sabine]

