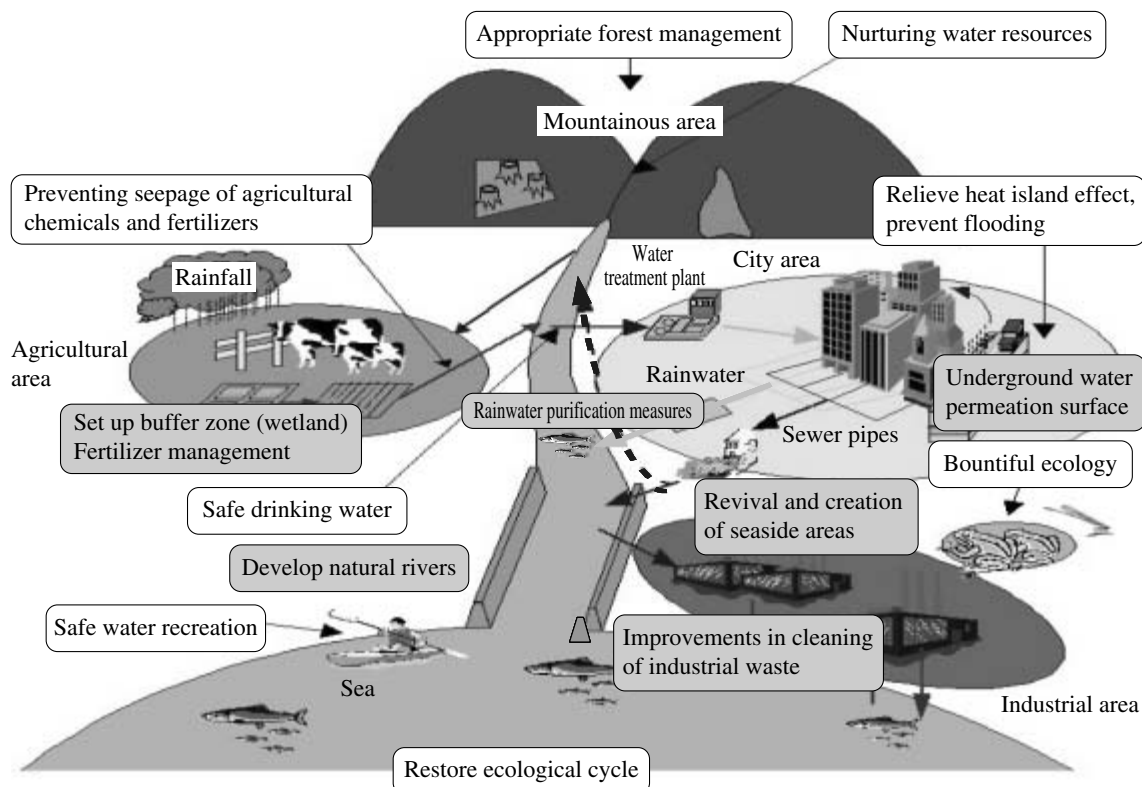


[System for promoting technological research & development]

In conducting technological R&D, we are trying to improve cooperation among relevant ministries and agencies, universities, independent administrative corporations and private enterprise in the various bureaus of MLIT, research institutions, local development offices, and the Hokkaido Development Bureau. As we gain their cooperation, we are promoting integrated technological R&D across field boundaries, and are aggressively attempting to activate and diffuse the results in new technology public works and in the construction and transportation industries.

145. (Development of infrastructure technology for coexistence with nature)



Restore and reduce the burden on the natural cleaning cycle

[Improving construction management techniques]

We are trying to employ the ISO management system in conjunction with improving integrating techniques in public works.

We are also promoting upgrading of construction equipment and environmental and safety measures to improve the efficiency of the construction industry.