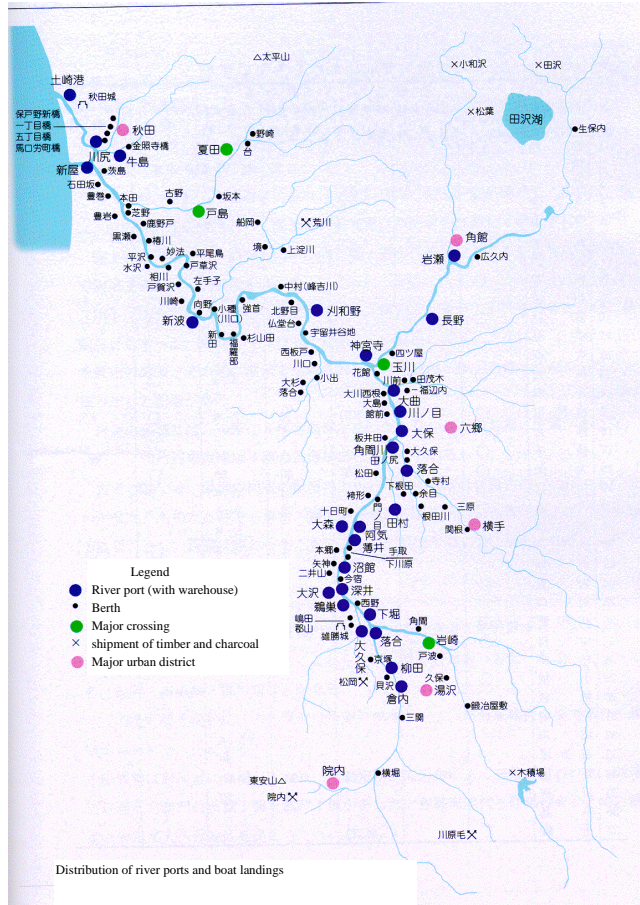


Traditional technique : Water transportation

Category : Ferrying/water transportation Sicle : 17th century

River : Omonogawa (Omono River)

Site : Akita City, etc. (Akita Pref.)



Distribution of river ports and landing places along the Omonogawa (Omono River)



Kakumagawa port, one of the busiest river ports in the days of water transportation (ca. 1907)

Source: Yasunori Saito, River Transportation on the Omonogawa (Omono River), Yuzawa Work Office, Ministry of Construction, July 1995

Description:

The Tsuchizaki area located on the right bank of the Omonogawa (Omono River) near its mouth developed, since before the Edo Period, as a hub in northern Japan of marine transportation for military and trade purposes. As the movement of goods increased during the Edo Period, landing places and human settlements spread upstream so that they were distributed along the entire length of the river. Water transportation of goods continued for some time even after World War II because the development of land transportation was relatively slow.