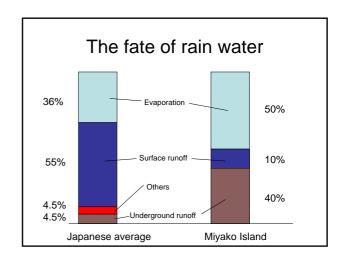


## Low Island and High Island

	High Island	Low Island
Mountains	Yes	No
Main Soil composition	古期岩類変成岩	琉球石灰岩
土壌	国頭マージ	島尻マージ
Water System	Rivers	Ground Water



In Miyako island, Okinawa prefecture, Japan, there are no rivers in this island. So ground water is the only source of drinking water supply.



To make good use of limited water resource, there are two big reservoirs of 80,000 m3.



To remove hardness (Ca2+), water softening facility was constructed in this island.



The removal of hardness

- HCO<sub>3</sub> → OH → CO<sub>3</sub> +H<sub>2</sub>O
- Ca<sup>2+</sup> + CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> ---- CaCO<sub>3</sub>

For softening water, crystallization process is used.



The crystal of CaCO3

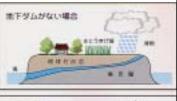


## The slow sand filtration process is used after the crystallization process



## Underground reservoirs were constructed for agricultural use of water

Without underground reservoirs



With underground reservoirs





The land of Miyako Island is extremely water permeable. That is why no rivers can be found in this island. Underground reservoir is considered to be one of the solutions to obtain stable water resource.





There is a window to display the underground reservoir to visitors.









