

# Future Potential of ICT in Agriculture

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# Case Study 1: “Paddy Watch”

- Monitoring of **rice fields**
- Works without a power supply (battery)
- docomo × Vegetalia × Akita Prefecture × Kubota



<Meeting with the representatives from nine regions throughout Japan>

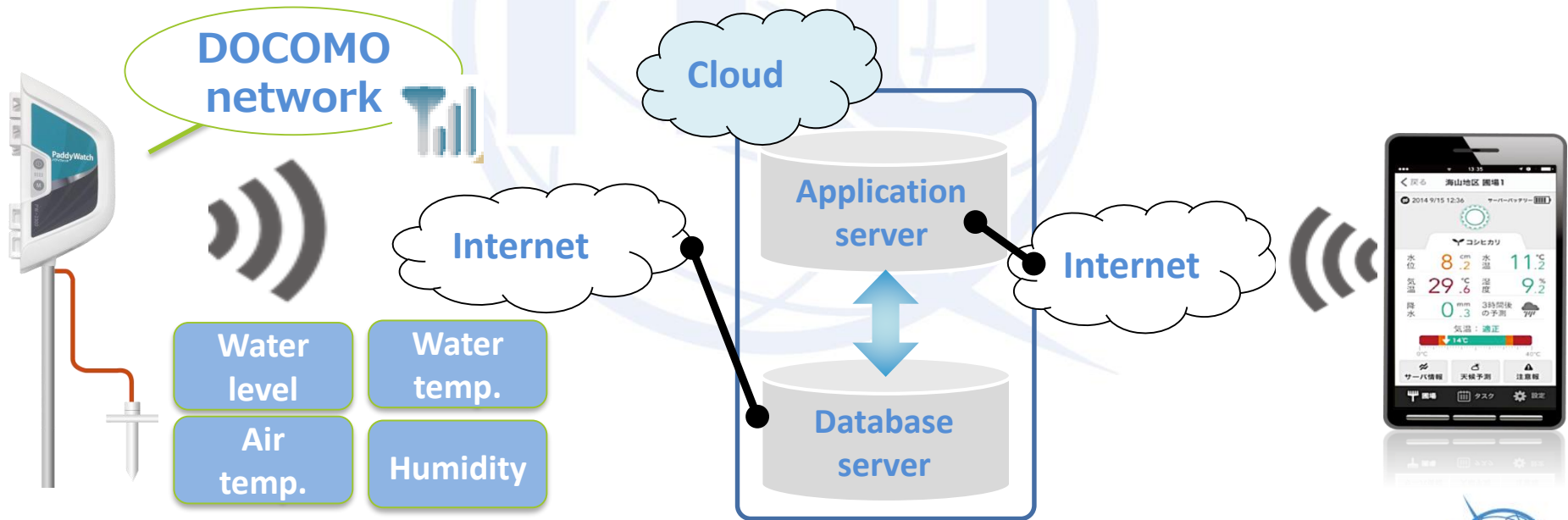


# System for rice-paddy water management

Remote monitoring via sensors

Sensors in paddies collect data on water level, water temperature, etc.

to enable anytime, anywhere monitoring

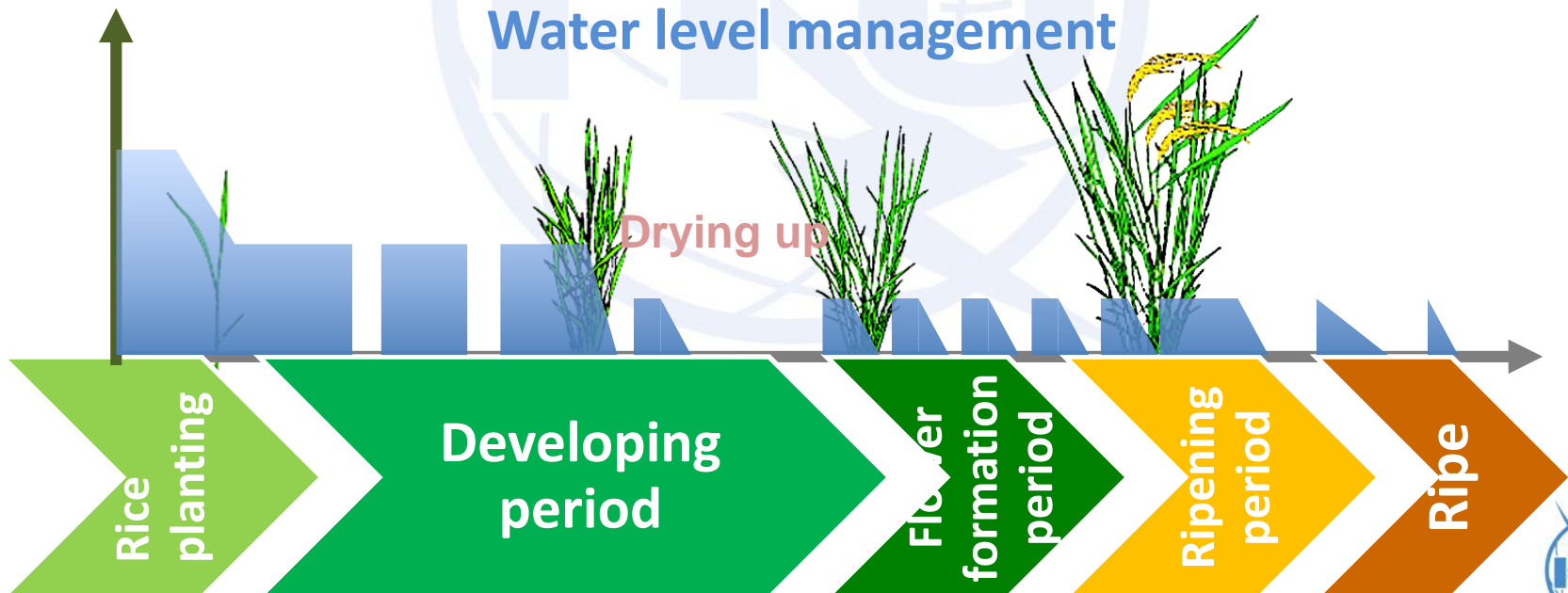


# Expected benefits of Paddy Watch

About 35% reduction  
of labor for  
inspecting paddy

Improved rice quality &  
taste through analysis of  
sensor-collected data

Water level



# Collaboration with Niigata city

**Paddy Watch trialed in Niigata area**  
**— One of Japan's major rice-producing regions —**

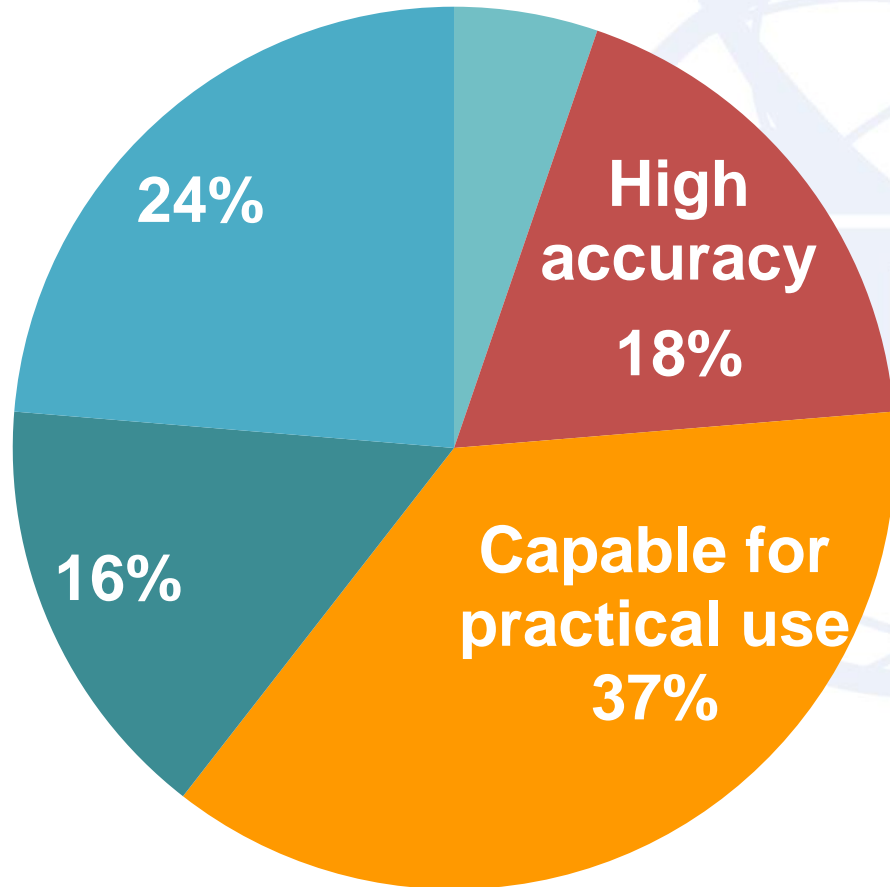
Niigata is designated as a strategic district for developing more competitive agro-business to help stimulate rural Japan.

460 hectares of rice paddies and 300 sensors installed in paddies.

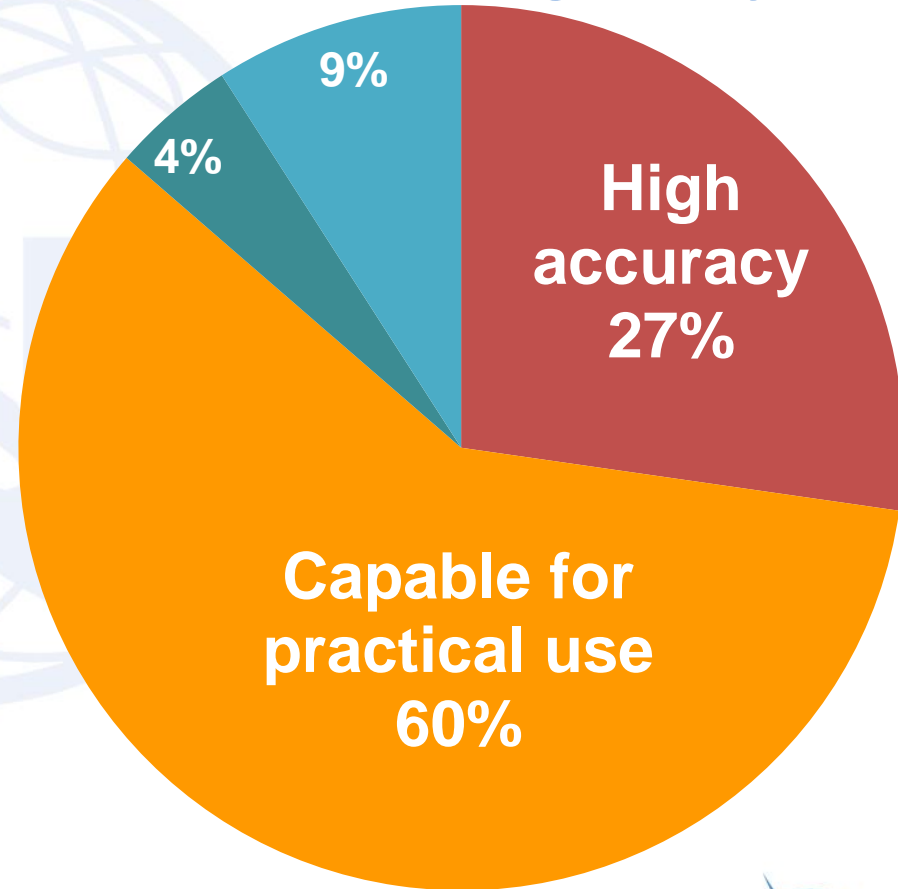


# Measurement Accuracy

Technology dissemination organizations in 36 prefectures nationwide



22 Agriculture corporations and private farmers in Niigata City



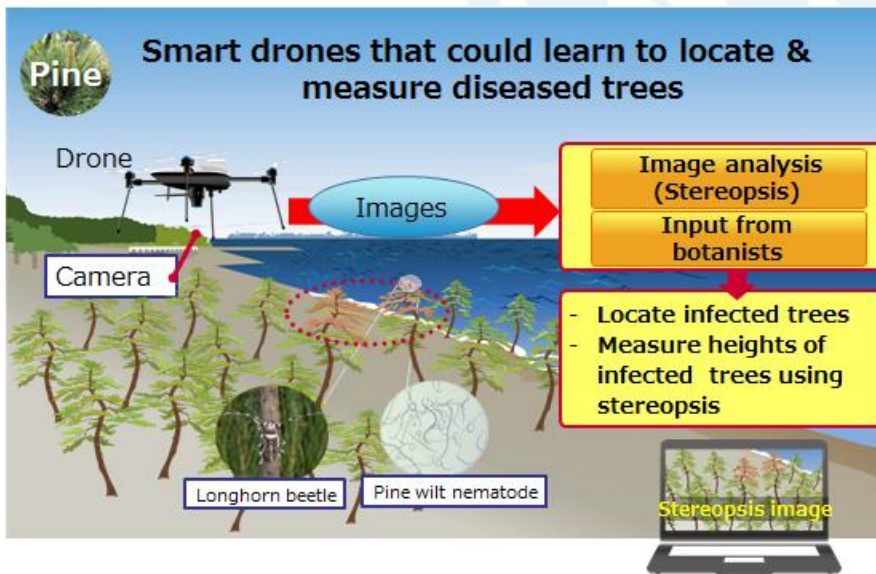
Evaluation of technical experts is a little harsh  
Satisfaction of producers is high

# Case Study 2: “Drones”

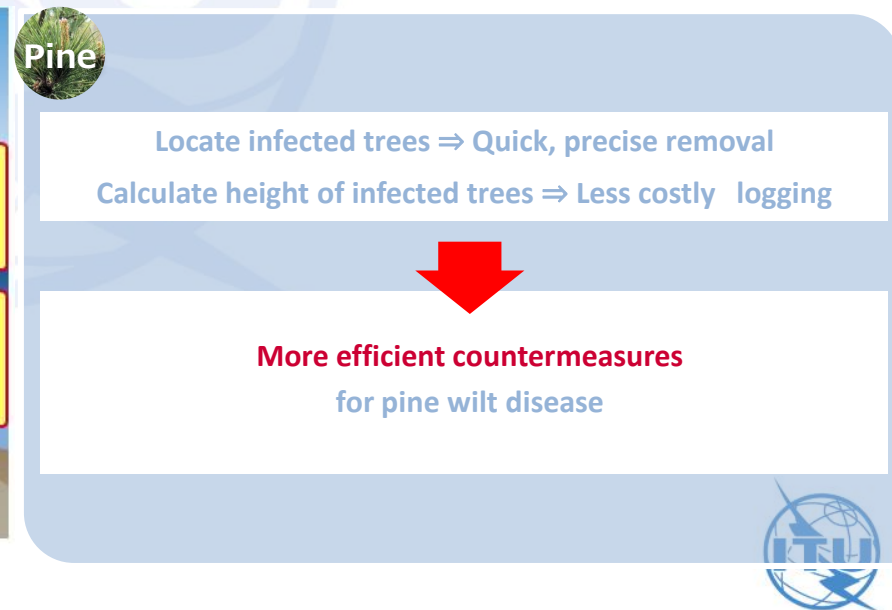
- Discovers and locates pine weevils\*
- Measures material volume
- docomo × Nigata-city × Aerosense

\*Destructive pest insects which attack and destroy pine trees

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## <Expected benefits>





# Sensor data +drone - captured images



Rice



Drone

Images



Paddy Watch

Mobile Communications

Internet

Cloud

Application server

Database server

Big data analysis

Input from botanists

Sensor-collected data

- Determine risks of insects & weeds
- Forecast best timing for fertilization & harvesting



# More economical rice farming

Rice

Determine risks of insects & weeds  
Forecast best timing for fertilization & harvesting



**Higher quality, bigger yields**  
and lower costs

# Remote sensing with drones



Pine

## Smart drones that could learn to locate & measure diseased trees

Drone



Camera

Images

Image analysis  
(Stereopsis)

Input from  
botanists

- Locate infected trees
- Measure heights of infected trees using stereopsis

Longhorn beetle

Pine wilt nematode

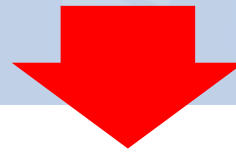
Stereopsis image

# Expected benefits



Pine

Locate infected trees  $\Rightarrow$  Quick, precise removal  
Calculate height of infected trees  $\Rightarrow$  Less costly logging



**More efficient countermeasures**  
for pine wilt disease

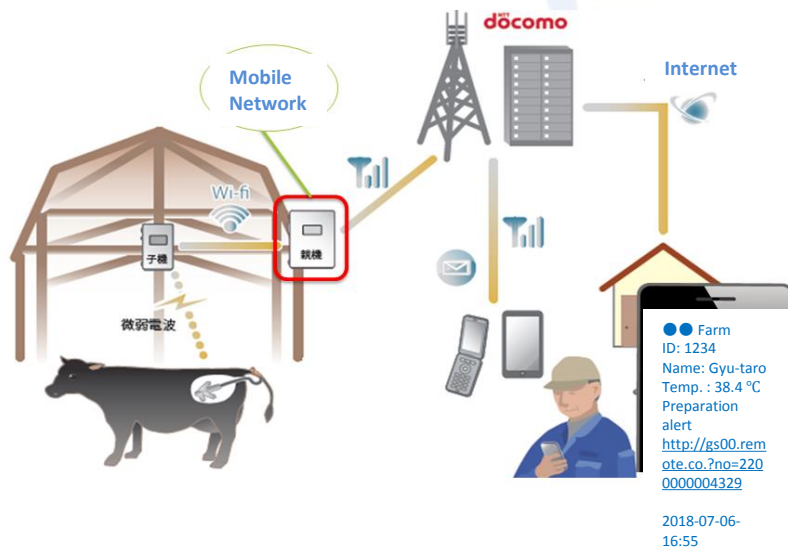
# Case Study 3: “Mobile Gyu-On-kei\*”

\*Calving Monitor

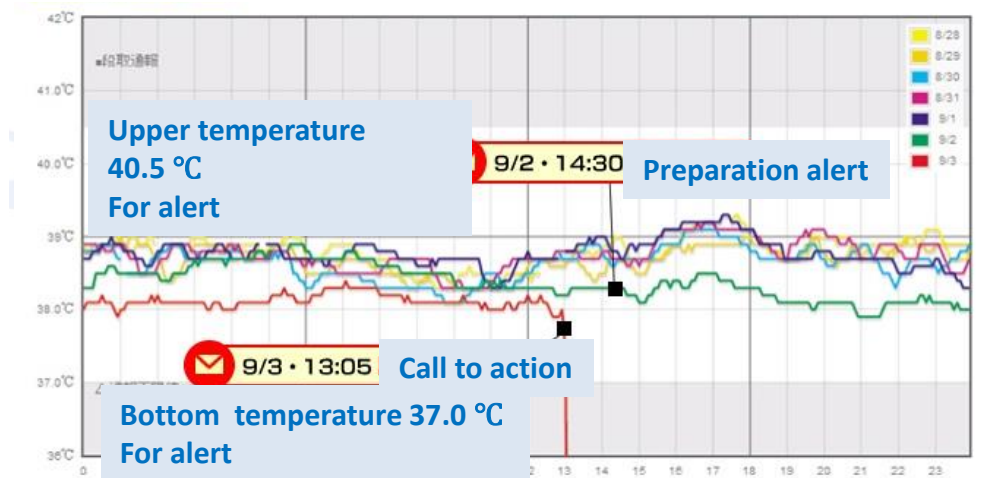
- Monitoring of **the delivery timing** of the mother cow
- Tied up with Japan Agricultural Cooperatives (JA)
- docomo × JA × Remote, Inc.



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<Temperature change graph>



# Mobile Gyu-On-Kei

(Cow Temperature Measurement with Benefit)

To measure the deep part reaction in every 5 second

To detect the 24 hours before delivery from a slight change in the body temperature

Body temperature change



Notice by mail

A typical sample of a mail

●● Farm  
ID: 1234  
Name: Gyu-taro  
Temp. : 38.4 °C  
Preparation alert  
[http://gs00.remote.co.  
?no=2200000004329](http://gs00.remote.co.?no=2200000004329)

2018-07-06-16:55

It is a simple sensor but various knowledge from the field is condensed into it

**Stopper**

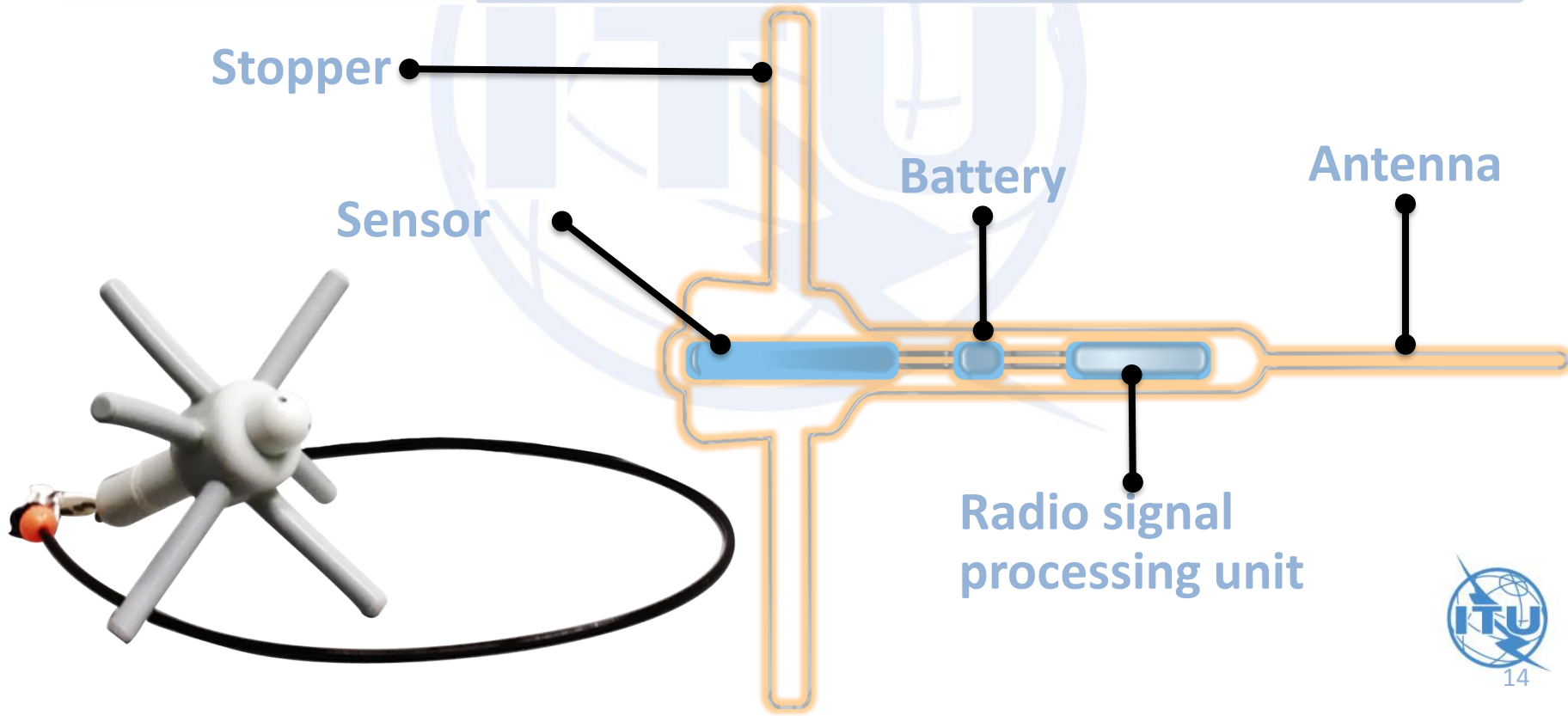
- Preventing probable dropping at the first water breaking

**Battery**

- A battery for 5 years (no need to change)

**Antenna**

- Winding the antenna to the tail





# To support the wagyu production nationwide

## Demonstration test for evaluating the performance

(by National Agriculture and Food Research Organization)

Number of  
delivery:

**167**

Notice on 24 hours before: **142** (Notice in  
the night: **99**)

Notice at the time of water breaking: **25**

## Sales Figure

About **900** sets

About **JPY 400,000,000**

(From June 2014 to MARCH 2017)



# Case Study 4: “Farm note Color”

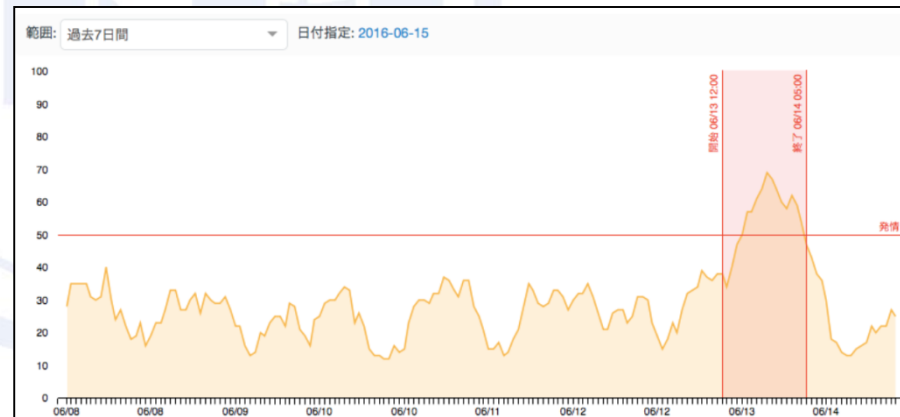
- Monitors **the sexual excitement** of female cows
- Commercially distributed by the JA group
- docomo × JA group × Farmnote

<Sensor image>



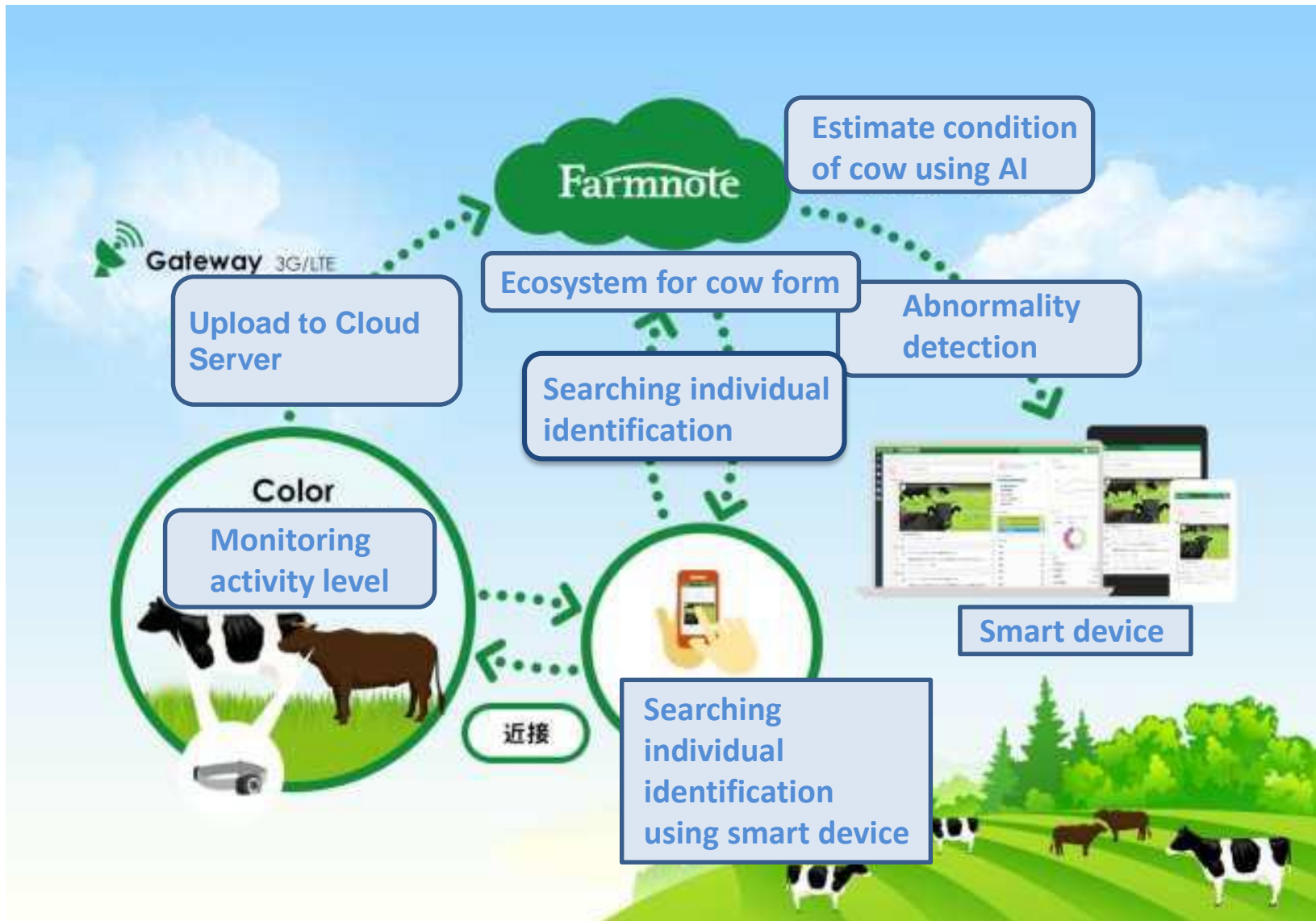
Using a motion sensor

<Sexual excitement graph>



Estrus Level, Activity Level

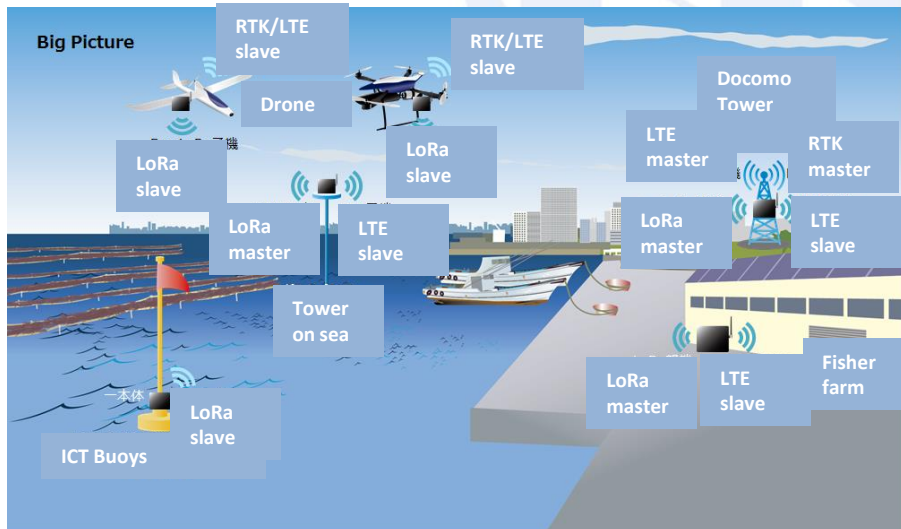
# Case Study 4': "Farm note ecosystem"



# Case Study 5 : “ICT Buoys & Drones”

- Understands the environment for seaweed and oyster farming
- Measures **sea water temperature** and **salinity**
- docomo × Saga-Prefecture × Optim × fishermen's association

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<Application image>



# Case Study 6: “Hog Raising (Trial) ”

- Measures the **weight of a pig** by using image recognition
- Reduction of production control cost
- docomo × Data-Horizon × Canon × Hirata ranch

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