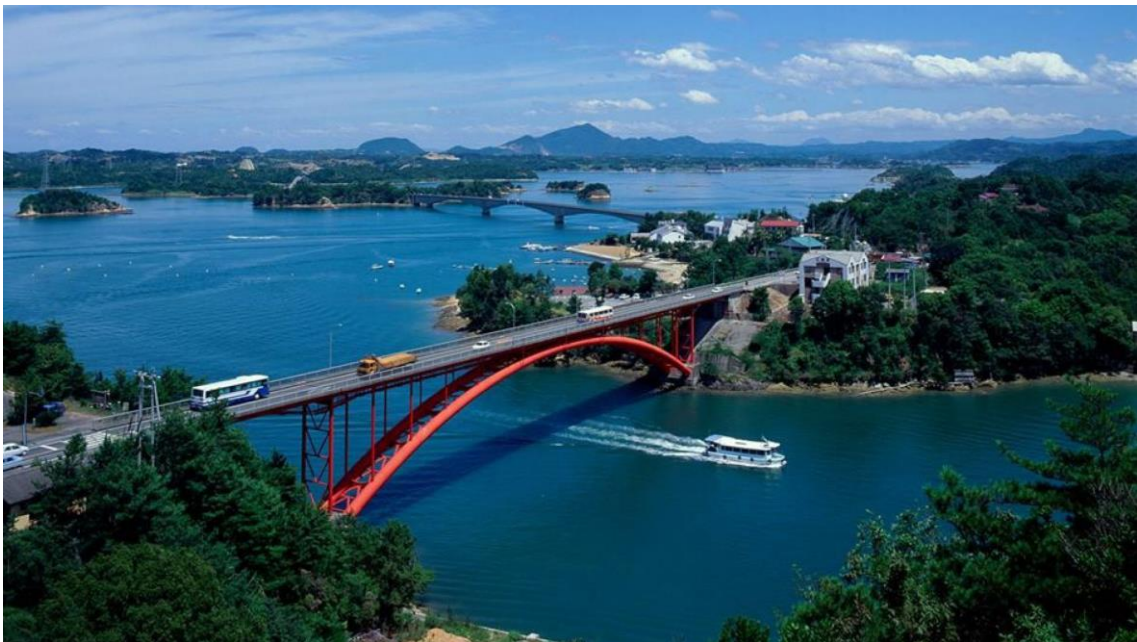


Let's experience the works of nature by touching with the skin, breathe together with animals and plants, and then think about the issues of environment.

I think it is nonsense to talk about the issues of environment without entering the sea, without playing in the river, or without knowing about the creatures that live there in the sea or river, and even without knowing about the names of the flowers and trees in the forest or without knowing the name of the birds by hearing their barking or singing.

During my age of late 30s, failing in business in Osaka I spent a whole year by doing fishing in a small boat in my hometown Amakusa! I didn't miss even a day during this one year.



**In the sea of this area I knew everything about fishing where what kind of fish can be caught. The mountain seen far away is Mt. Unzen.**

Amakusa is an archipelago with islands only, and even during a typhoon, the backside of the island is quiet. Greenling, snapper, rockfish, gnomefish, scorpion fish, black sea bream, horse mackerel, grunt, octopus, squid, etc. are the fishes one can fish here all the year round. In about three months, "I was able to understand where the rocks amounting like a car are on the seabed, how far the seabed continues, and the state of the surrounding seabed without looking at the chart. After catching 100 fish, I used to go home and my wife used to hand the fishes out to the neighborhood. I continued such a day for 365 days.

Actually, I imitated Mr. Matsunaga, the Great Electric King.

I wanted to wash away the cloudy business stains in Osaka by looking at the sea from morning till



**Puffer fish favorite to the Japanese**

night.

At one point, the head of the fishery union invited me for dinner. He was the commander of the Maritime Self-Defense Force Omura Education Corps and his name was Mr. Kuroda.

He was a bony fish and a man of personality. He cuts puffer fish and makes *sashimi* in the garden.

Next to that is a beloved cat.

Mr. Kuroda gave the cat the internal organs of the puffer fish.

The cat ate without knowing that it was very poisonous. "Mr. Kuroda! Then the cat will die?"

I asked anxiously.

He laughed and said, "Oda, come tomorrow morning and I'll show you something interesting." I visited Mr. Kuroda the next morning.

The cat I was worried about, was playing in good health.

Mr. Kuroda took me to a part of the garden and said, "Look at this," and showed the pollutants spit out by the cat.

I looked carefully, and there was a blue leaf in the filth.

It was a leaf of cluster amaryllis.

It is said that if the sap gets on the skin, it will "wear".

The cat instinctively knew, "If you eat this leaf, you can spit it out."

In Kumamoto, there is a villa site of Mr. Hosokawa called Kamisuien.

There was a pond of about 1000 square meter where colored carps of 50 cm, even 1 m large were swimming in groups. I thought so many fishes would gather thinking that they would get feed if the people come to the shore. But, when I went to the pond side after a long time, all the carps scattered making a loud noise and disappeared.

When I asked a hotel staff why the fishes did it, he replied, "Once a boy tied a big hook to the vinyl string and When he stabbed a piece of bread and threw it in, a big carp bite it and he did something like tug of war for a while.

However, the carp cut the string and ran away."

Since then, the carp seems to have escaped when it sees people. How do "Cat and carp" know the danger?

Humans originally had a self-defense instinct, but I think that their instinct deteriorated because they relied too much on science.

As I grew up in the countryside, I definitely have the sense to understand vegetables with residual pesticides and foods that are spoiled.

Wouldn't environmental problems bring a big danger if we didn't understand the works nature of nature with our heart?

Today's story is all my life experience. Is it the same for pet cats?

※ I will publish a video on underwater fine plastics and technology for responding to crude oil spill accidents in the ocean on March 1.

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*Sashimi of puffer fish*