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**Afforestation of mountains to provide water  
supply**



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# General background, Population and distribution: Uzbekistan



**Total area - 447,000 km<sup>2</sup>**

**Population >35 mln.**

**Flat desert - 80% of the territory**

**Mountain and foothills – 20%**

**Climate – Continental, arid**

**- Annual temperature 13 °C**

**-Summer temperature 27°C, up to 40 °C**

**-Winter temperatures –2 °C, up to –30 °C**

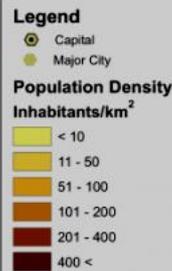
**- average annual rainfall 100 – 200 mm  
(desert part).**

**-June - September none or a small  
precipitation falls**

**-GDP \$69 235 billion/ \$1 983 per capita**

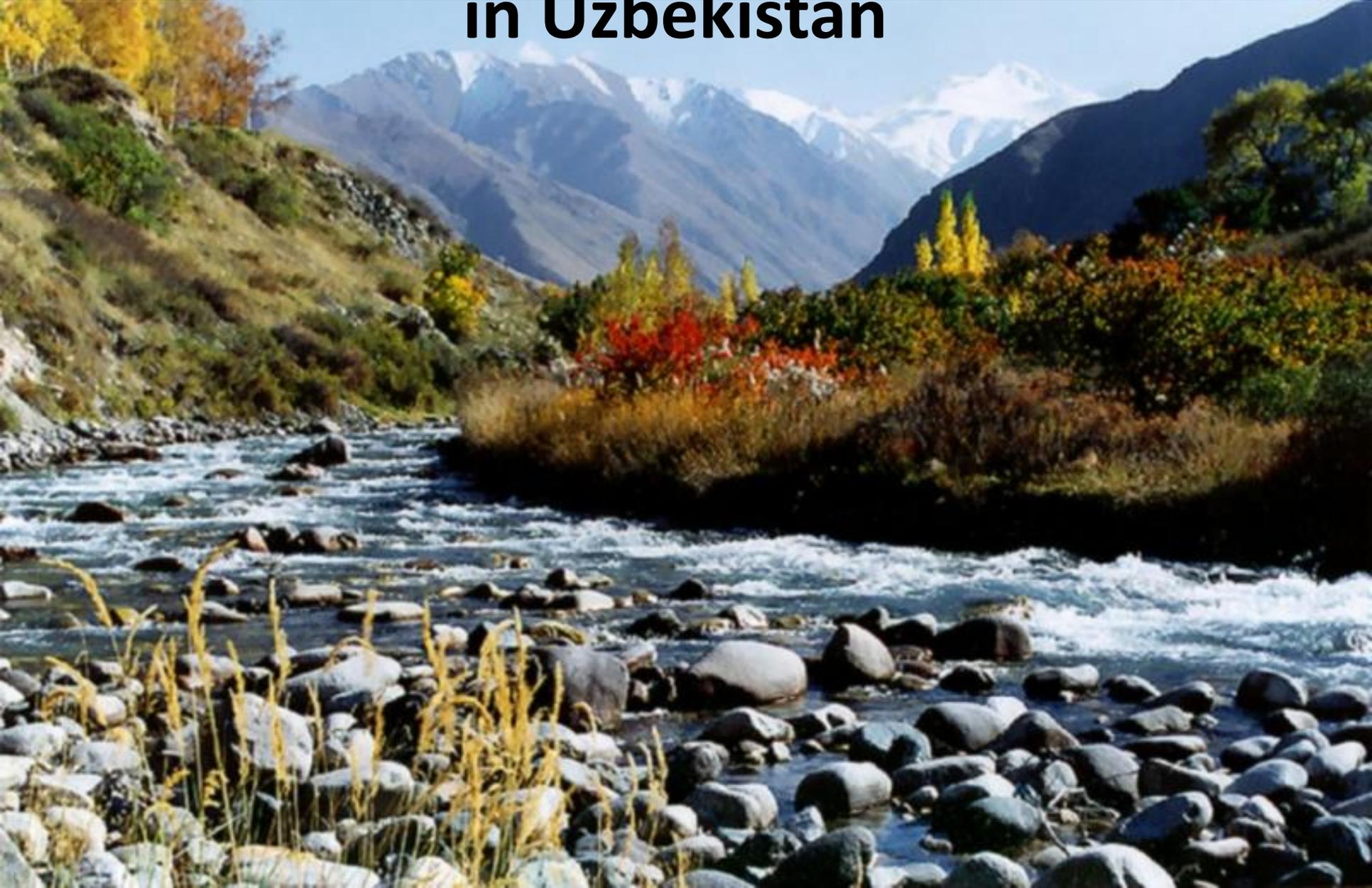
**- GDP PP \$264,7 billion**

Uzbekistan - population density  
16 December 2009



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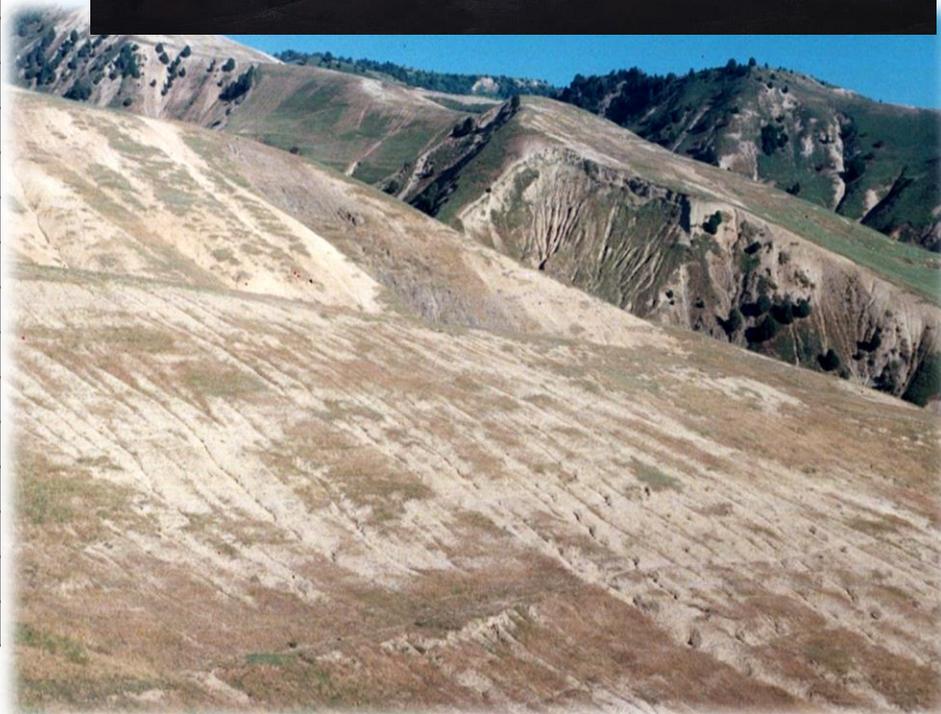
# **Mountains – is the only source of water in Uzbekistan**



# Snow and rain feeding of rivers on degraded mountain slopes

## Areas of eroded soils in the mountainous regions of Uzbekistan

Площадь	The degree of soil erosion	
	Total, thousand ha	B %
<b>Alpine zone</b>		
<b>The whole area</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Eroded</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Weak</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Strong</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Mid-high mountains</b>		
<b>The whole area</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Eroded</b>	<b>1226</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Weak</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Strong</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Low mountains and foothills</b>		
<b>The whole area</b>	<b>4128</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Eroded</b>	<b>4128</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Weak</b>	<b>1438</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Strong</b>	<b>1690</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>All mountain areas</b>		
<b>The whole area</b>	<b>6253</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Eroded</b>	<b>5806</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Weak</b>	<b>2053</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>1452</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Strong</b>	<b>2301</b>	<b>37</b>



# Water erosion of soil in the mountains is the cause of mudflows



# Forest as a factor in stabilizing soil fertility, regulator of hydrological regime



# Small watershed management by means of forest reclamation in Aktash.

Start of work – 1896

41°39'32.29"/N; 69°47'16.64"/E



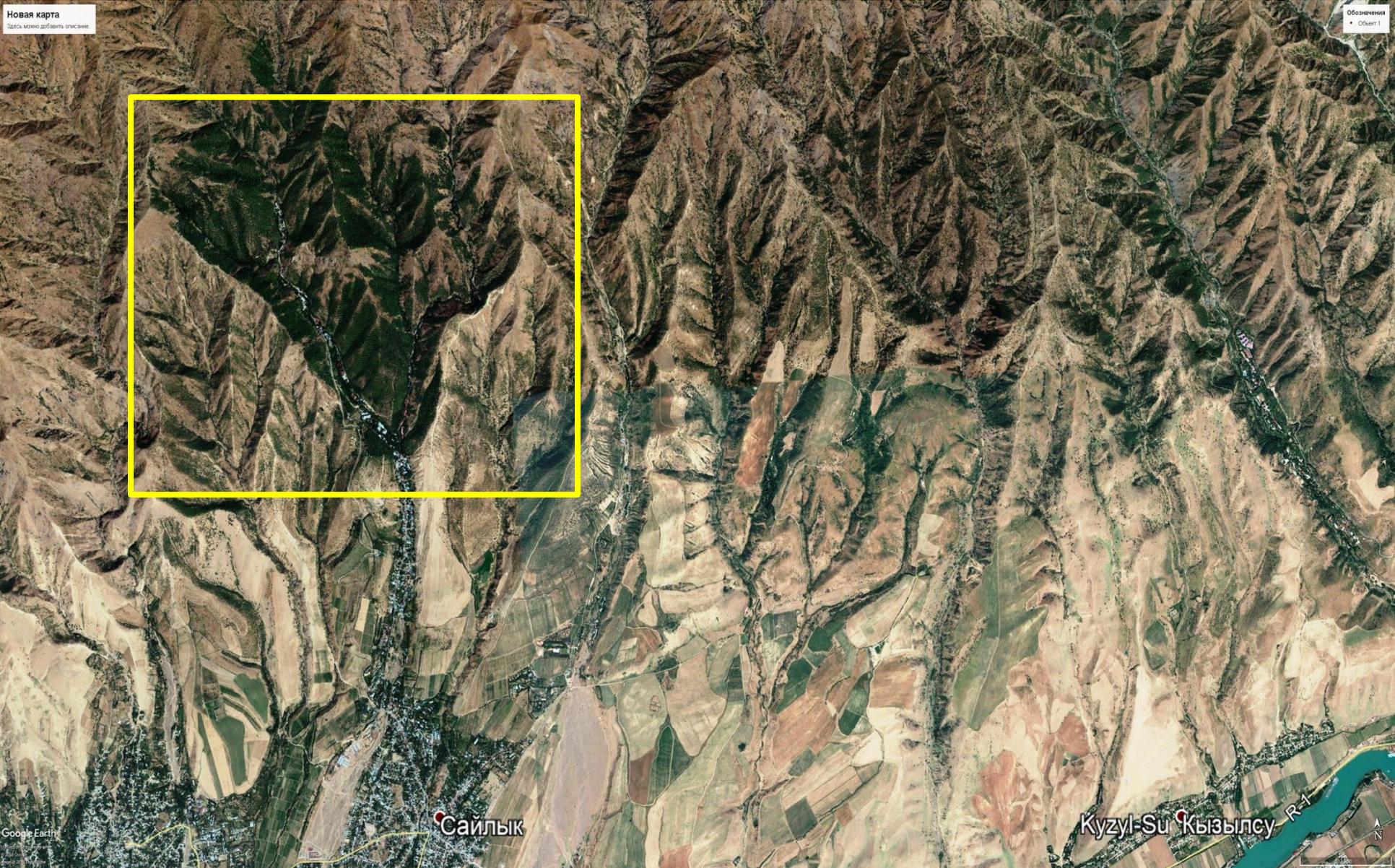
# Houses of local residents and boarding houses in the riverbed



River flow does not stop all year round.



# The only forested catchment area of the Aktashsay River



# Forest Water Assessment and F Techniques

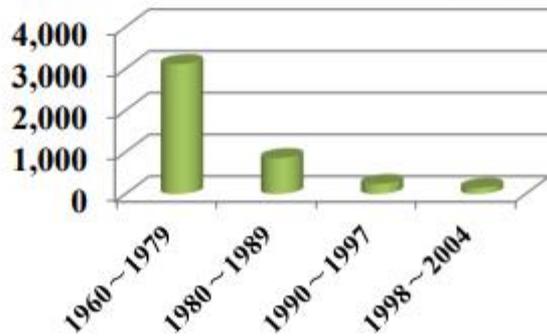
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Dr. Hyung  
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# Reforestation area of South Korea

(Unit: 1,000 ha)



From 1960s, Korea began its reforestation in earnest led by the government.

**Total reforestation area : 2.2 million ha**



**Denuded land**



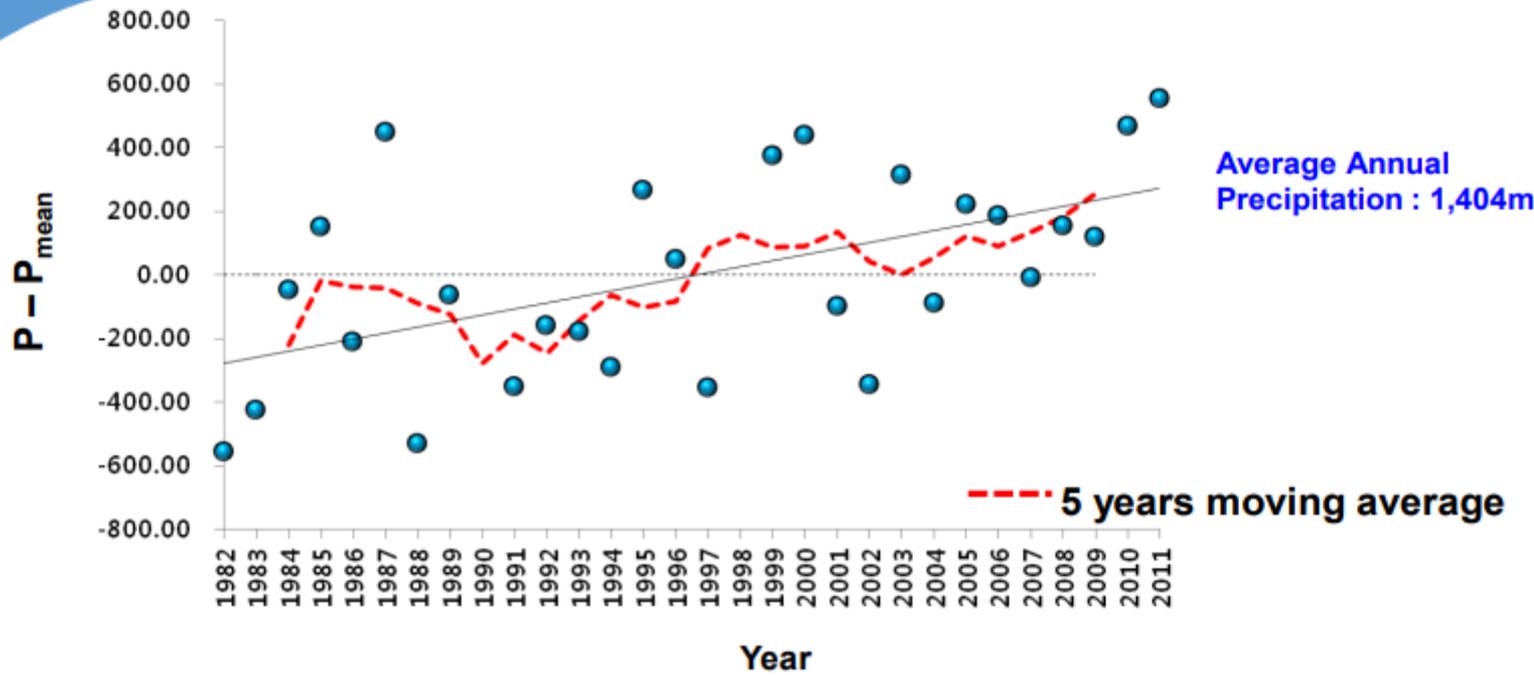
**Reforestaion**



- Japanese red pine forest
- Korean pine forest
- Japanese larch forest
- Pitch pine forest
- Broadleaf forest
- Mixed forest
- Coniferous forest

# 1. Change of annual precipitation

Annual precipitation increases 1.3% every years.



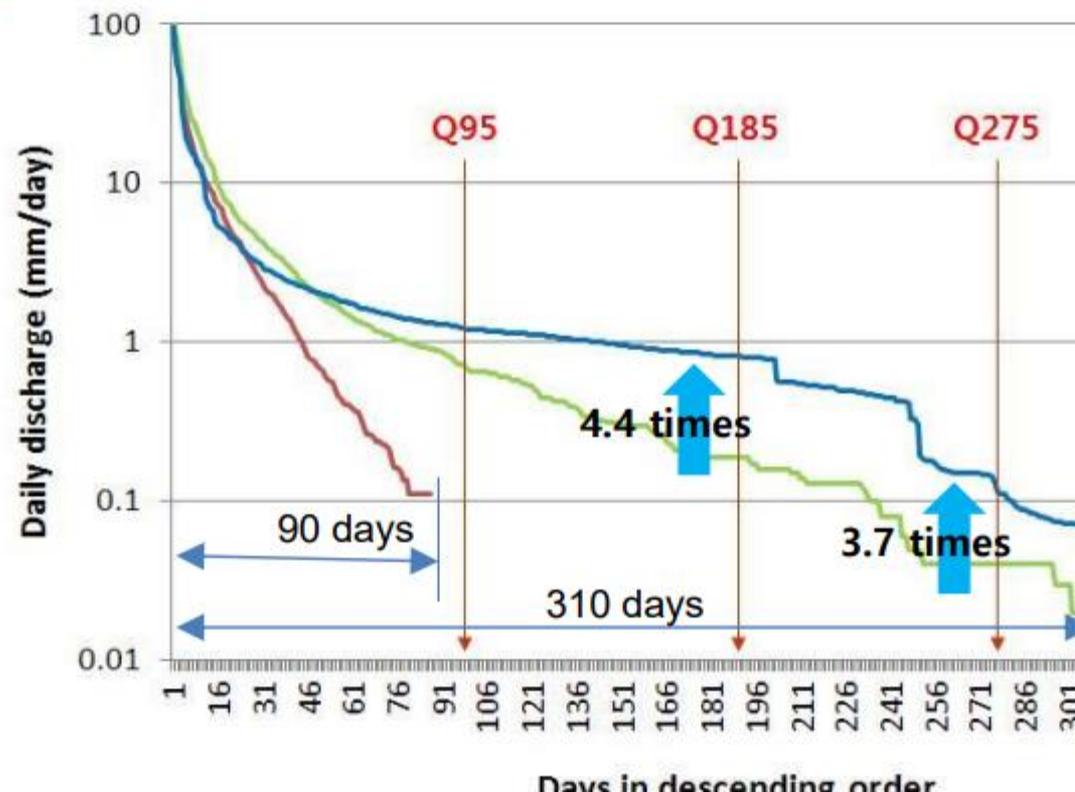
※  $P - P_{\text{mean}}$  = Annual precipitation - Annual average precipitation (1982~2011)

### 3. Change of the Flow duration curves

The Flow Duration Curve analysis shows that the flow duration period was increased, and the stream became a perennial stream.

This result implies that the reforestation of dense forest provided great assistance to increase the water supply.

Slide from Dr. Hyung Tae Choi presentation





**Thank you for your attention**

