Intelligence journey up the Amur River, 1809 : Mamiya Rinzo's observations

東韃地方紀行:上中下卷. 文化7年[1810]

間宮林蔵口述; 村上貞助編篡.

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間宮林蔵 Mamiya Rinzo (1780-1844)

- Born in Hitachi Province (Ibaraki prefecture) to a peasant family.
- From 1800 worked as a surveyor for the shogunal administration in Ezo (Hokkaidō) and the southern Kuril Islands 蝦夷地御用雇.
- Studied cartography under Ino Tadataka 伊能忠敬.
- In 1807 a Russian ship raided Etorofu (Iturup) island while he was on duty.
- In 1808 Matsuda Denjiro and Mamiya were dispatched to Kita Ezo (Sakhalin) to survey the region. They confirmed Sakhalin was an island.
- In 1809 Mamiya returned Sakhalin and crossed over the strait, then sailed up the Amur River to the Qing outpost Deren.
- Official reports (including maps) on the survey trips were presented to the shogunal office in 1811.
- Contributed in Ino's mapmaking, and traveled extensively on various assignments that were often related to national security at the time.

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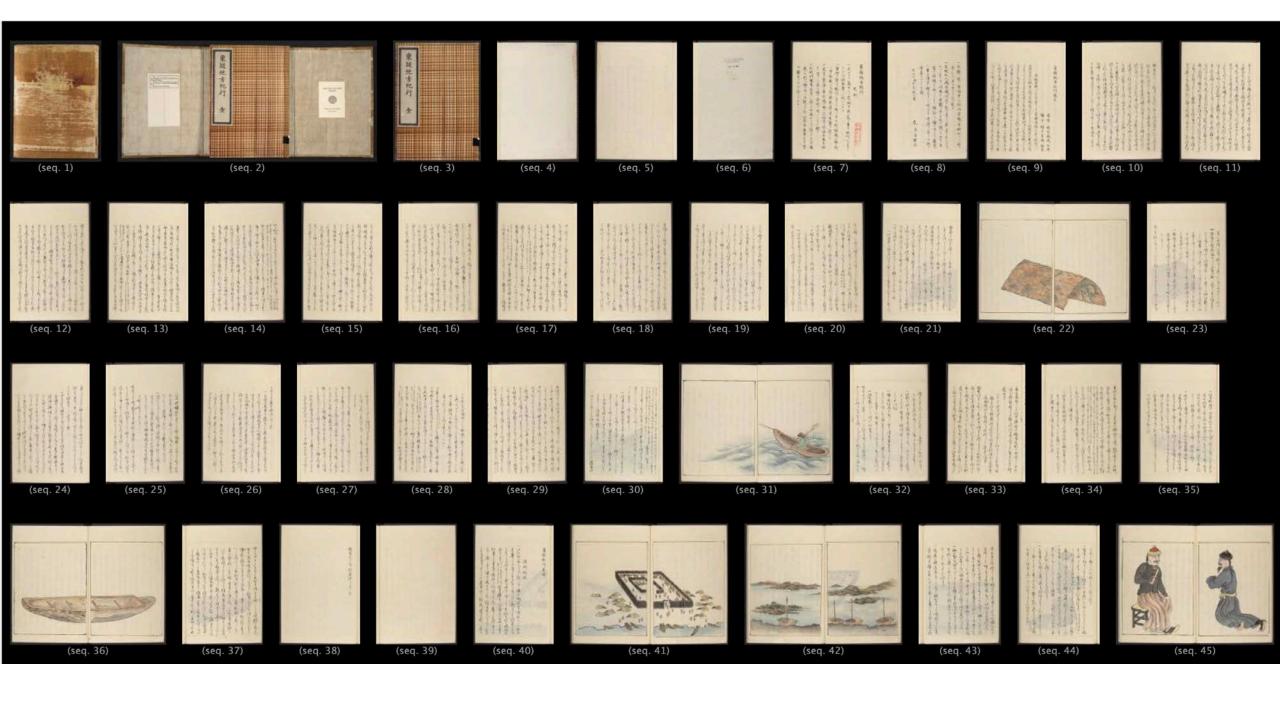
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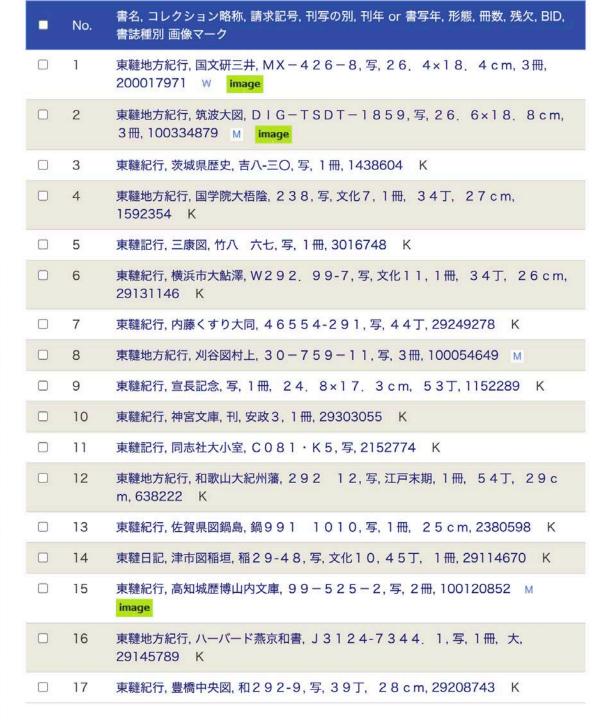




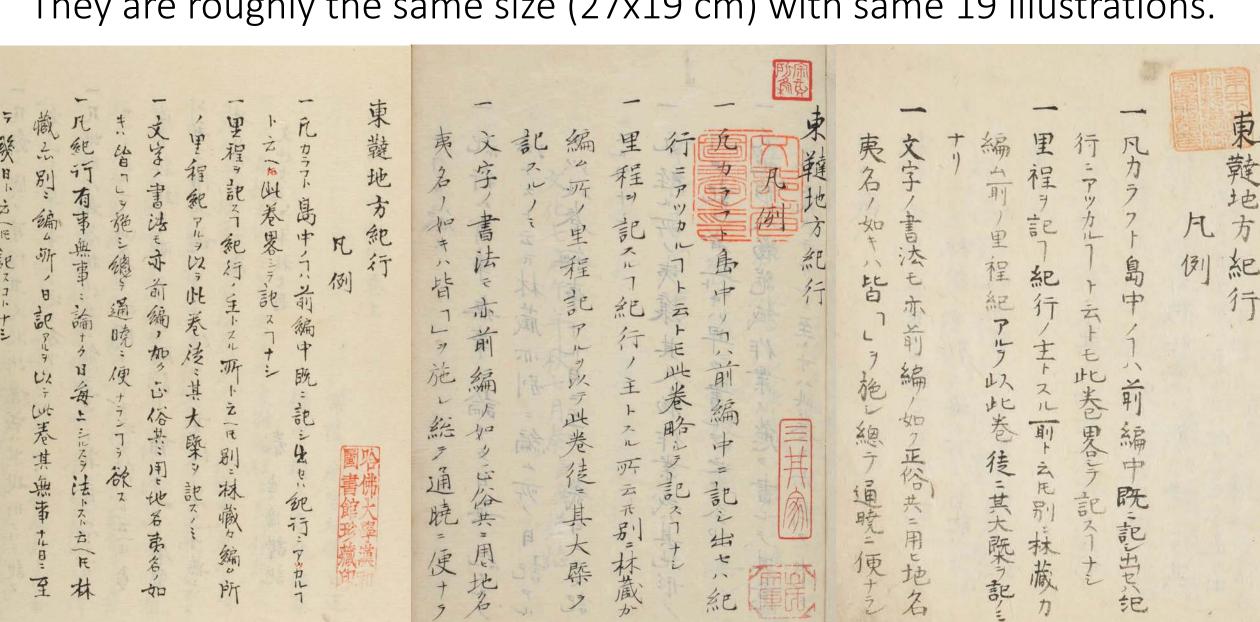
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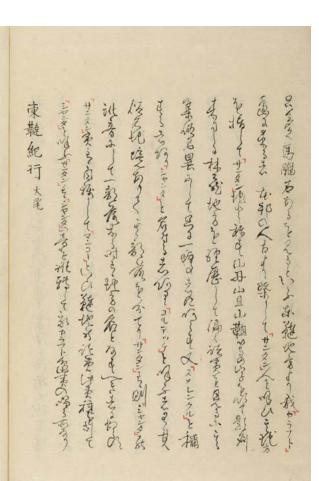
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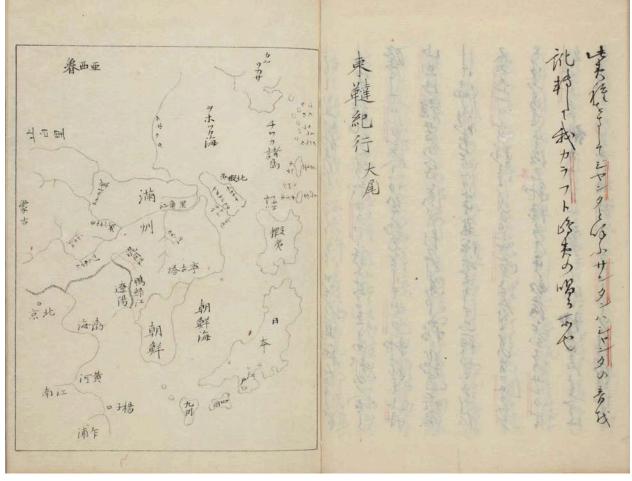


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「間宮林蔵北蝦夷等見分関係記録」(全14帖7鋪)

Documents related to Mamiya Rinzo's expeditions in Sakhalin and other area (14 volumes and 7 sheets in total)

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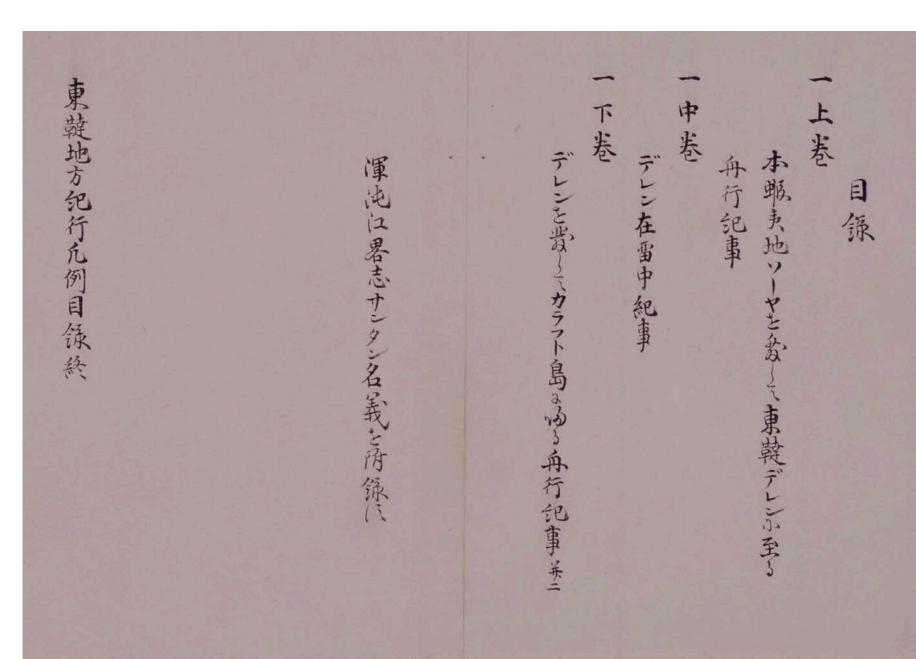
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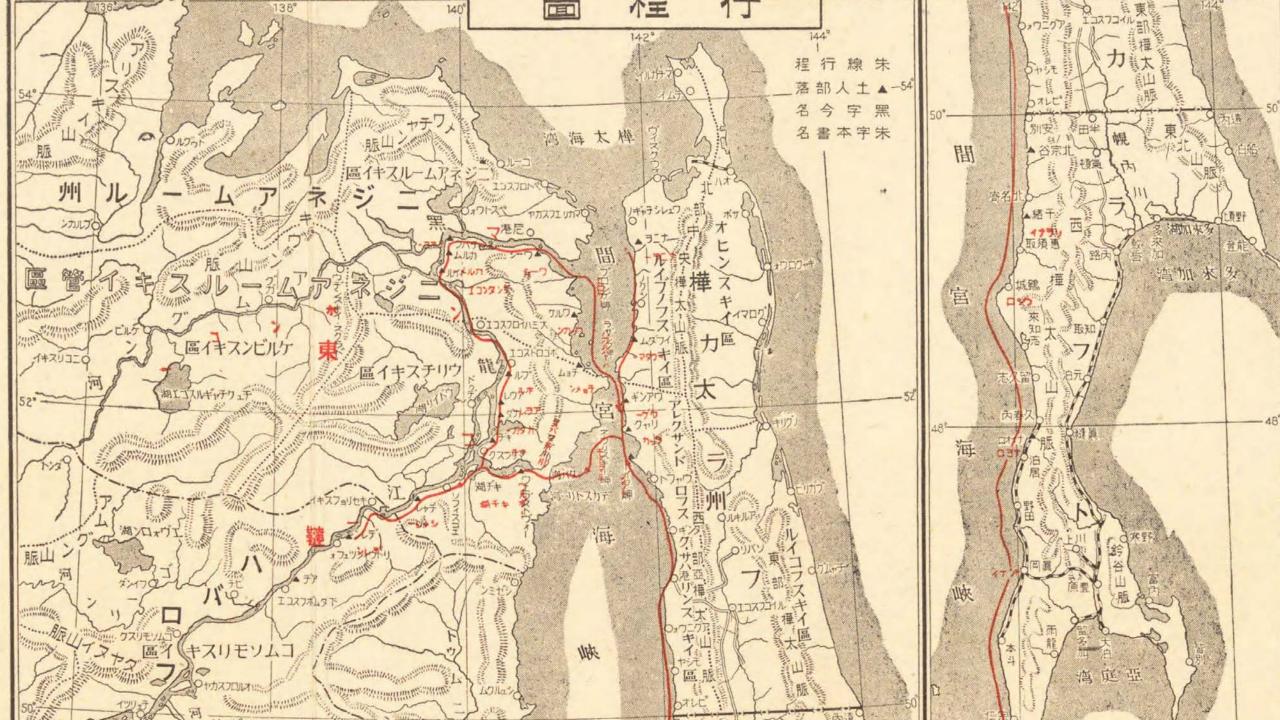
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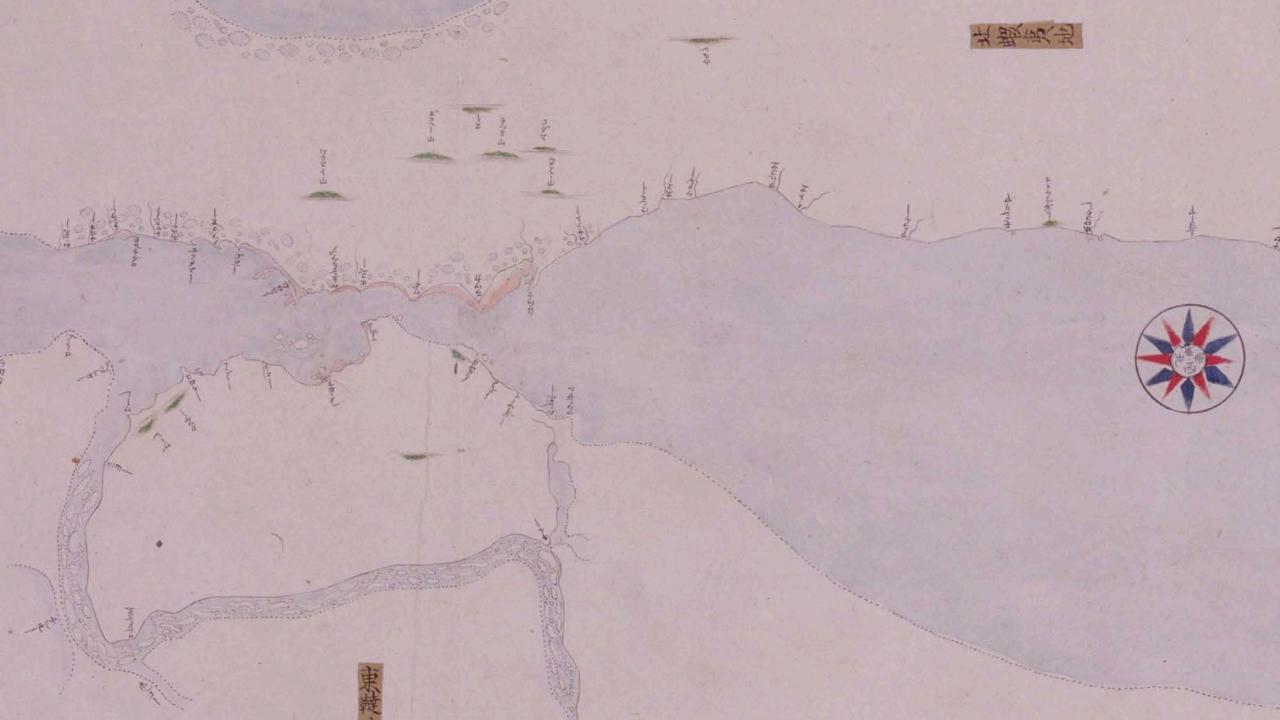
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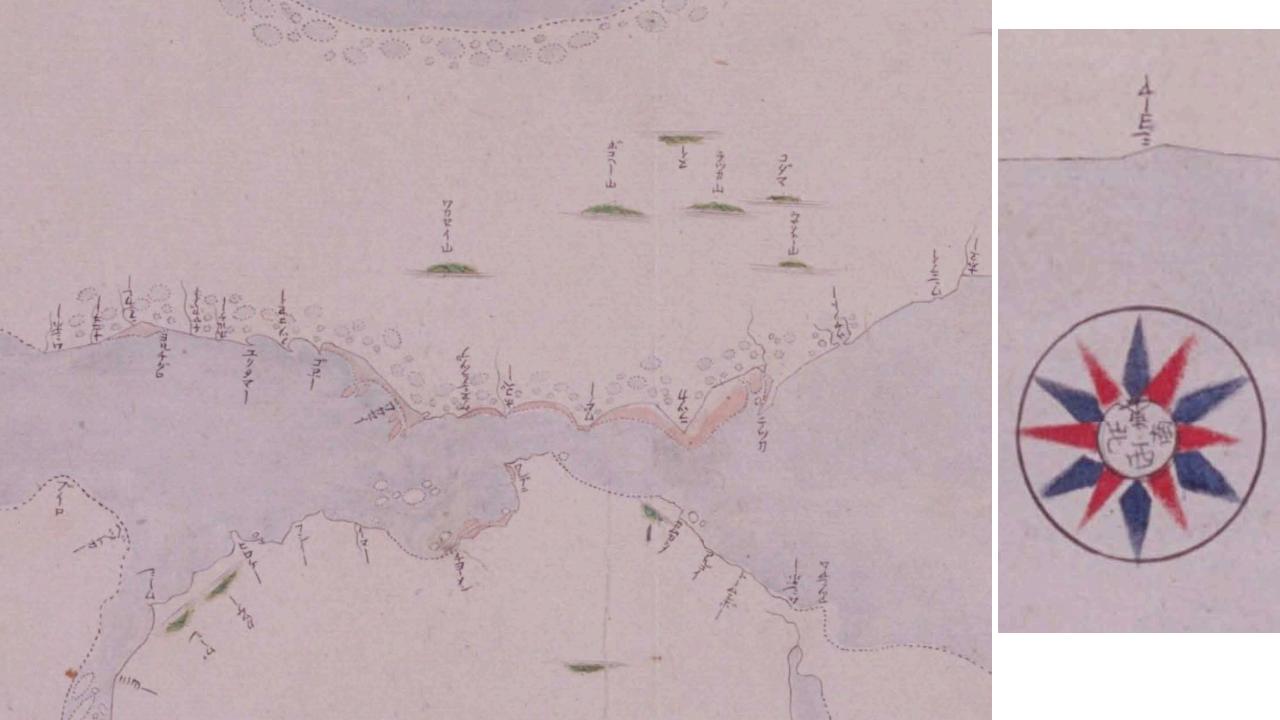
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Rinzo's travel to Sakhalin (Kitaezo) and Eastern Tartar (Todatsu)

- Departed Soya in Ezo on the 13th day of the 7th month in Bunka 5 (early September, 1808), landed at Shiranushi in Sakhalin island.
- After reaching Riyonai, headed back to the south on the 14th day of the 9th month, and stayed in Tonnai through the winter.
- Departed Nodeto on the 8th day of the 5th month (in 1809), arrived at Nanio, far north of Sakhalin, on the 12th day.
- Stayed with Koni, a Nivkh chief in Nodeto for several months, while learning local customs and geography.
- Departed Nodeto on the 26th day of the 6th month (1809) joining Koni's tributary visit to Deren in Todatsu with 6 others. They entered in Kiji Bay and navigated up the Amur River and arrived at Deren, Qing trading outpost along the river, on the 11th day of the 7th month. They headed back on the 17th day of the same month. Rinzo parted with Koni at Nodeto, and returned to Soya via Shiranushi on the 28th day of the 9th month.







Vol. 1 Sailing From Soya to Deren

- Departed Soya in Ezo alone on the 13th day of the 7th month in Bunka 5 (early September, 1808), landed at Shiranushi in Sakhalin.
- Hired six Sakhalin Ainu guides at Tonnai, the northernmost Japanese fishery on the west coast. At Riyonai they were attacked by Santan Ainu on the 16th of the 8th month. Guides were too afraid to move other's territory.
- Because of a lack of provisions they headed back to Tonnai on 26th day of the 11th month, and stayed there through the winter.
- Departed **Tonnai** on the 29th of the 1st month in 1809.
- Arrived at Nodeto in the 9th of the 4th month.
- Arrived at Nanio with the Santan boat on the 12th day of the 5th month, only to return to Nodeto due to rough weather and unwilling guides.
- Stayed with Koni, Nivkh chief, who shared local stories with him. Rinzo gained friendship and trust from Koni who allowed him to join his tributary trip to Qing outpost **Deren**.
- Before the departure to Deren on the 26th day of the 6th month, Rinzo sent a written reports and draft maps to Tokugawa officials.

「北夷分界余話」1. Nature





Tonakai (Reindeer).

Rikunkamoi

「凡そカラフト島中の事は前編(北夷分界余話)中既に記し出せば、紀行にあづかる事といへども、此巻略してしるす事なし。」





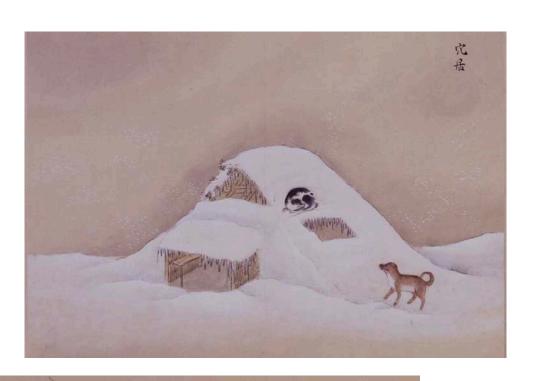
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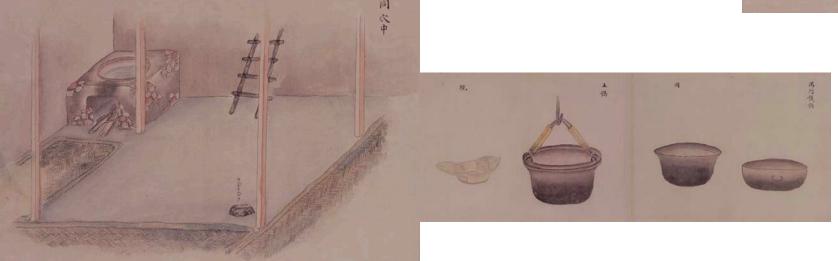


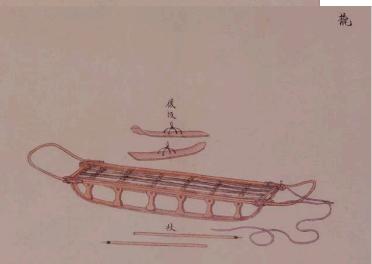


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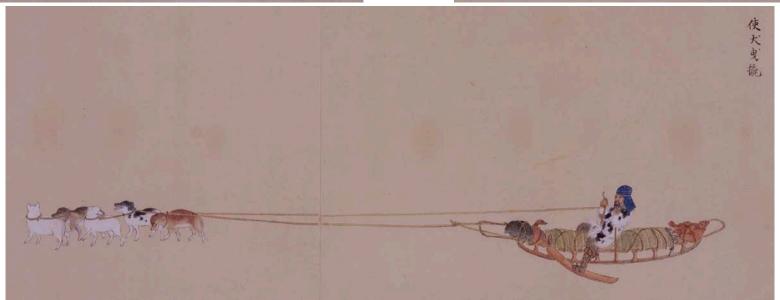












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Departed Nodeto on the 8th day of the 5th month (in 1809), arrived at Nanio, far north of Sakhalin, on the 12th day.

Cape Tuiku, north of Nodeto village

- Rinzo stayed for two months in Nodeto, where Koni, a Nivkh chief taught him local history, customs and geography.
- Local Ainu leaders
 like Koni received titles
 haraida (head of the
 group), or gashanda
 (village elder) from
 Qing officials and made
 tributary visits to the
 Qing outpost.

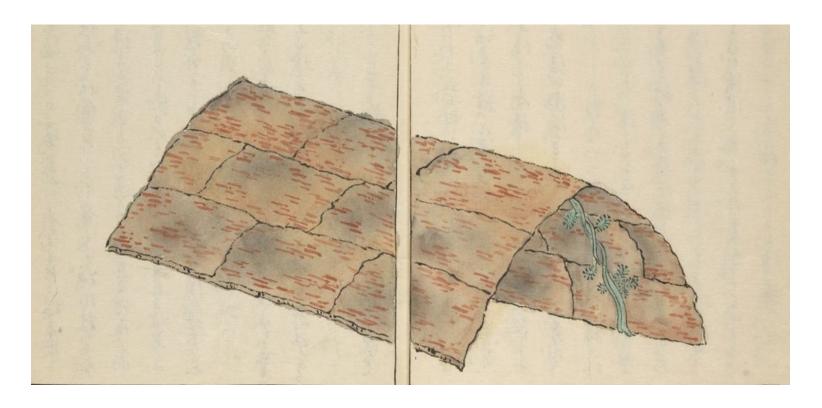


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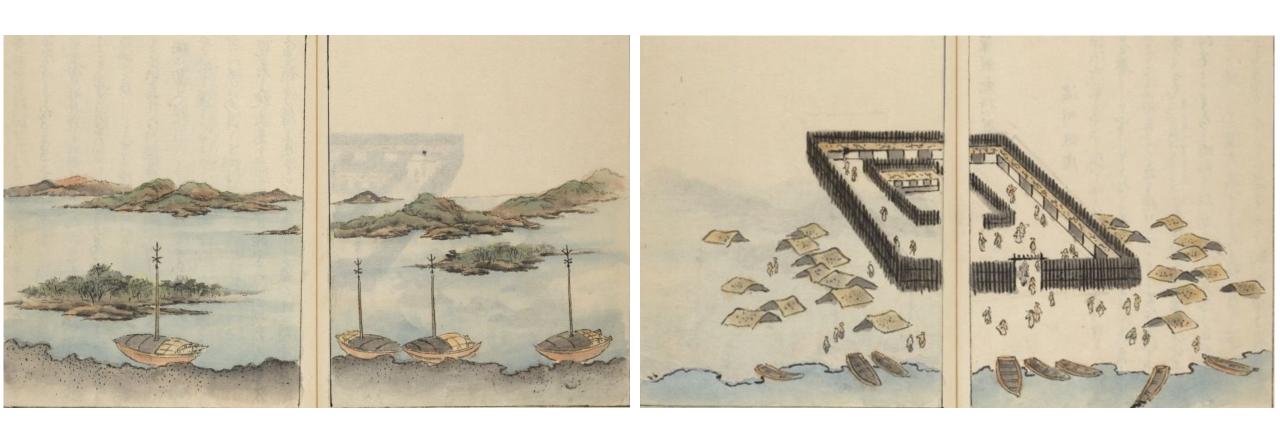




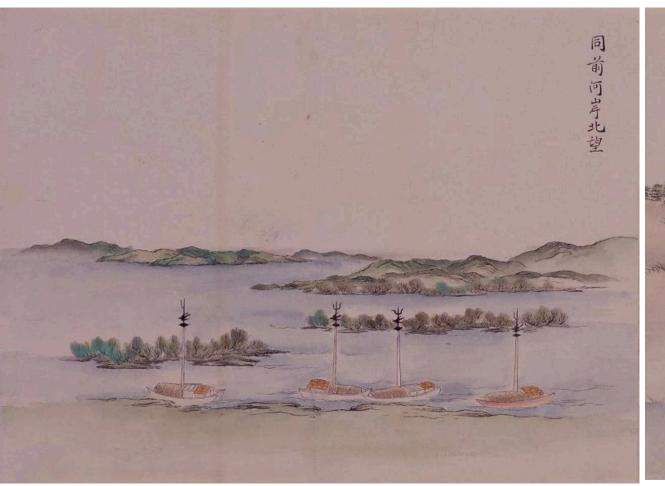
They camped on the beach using willow branches and tree barks. They portaged over the mountain to reach the river. This land route was frequented with many visitors. Rinzo spotted 8 or 9 boats parked on the river. They resumed sailing on the river and entered **Kiji lake** on the 6th day of the 7th month. On the 8th day, they reached **the Amur river** which impressed Rinzo by its scale. On the 11th day, they arrived at **Deren**. Rinzo was the first shamo (Japanese in Ainu) many locals encountered, and they showed intense interest in him by touching boldly.

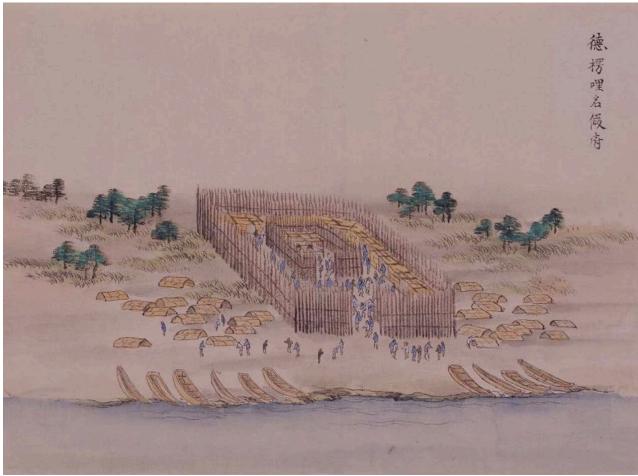


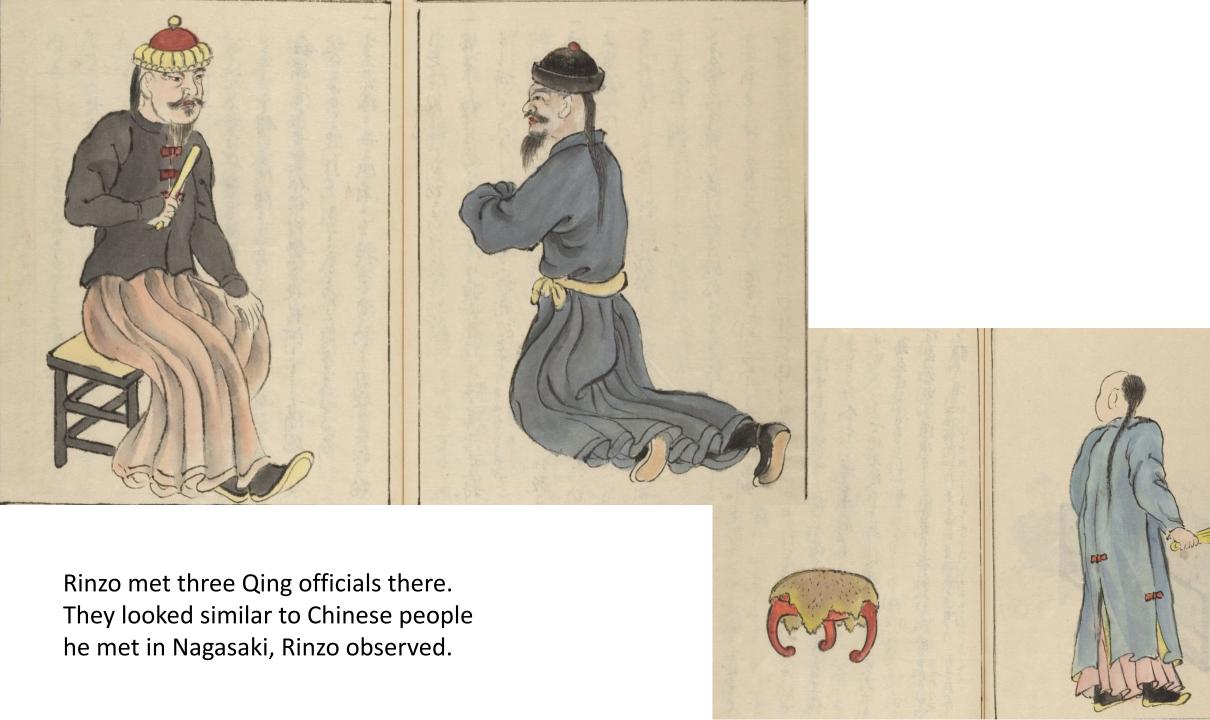
Vol. 2. Seven days in Deren 満州仮府



At this temporary trading post, many people from all over the region (current Korea and Russia) gathered and traded their products. Rinzo saw some 500-600 people staying there. Qing officials were sent to open the post around June and close the place in the fall. Officials would not stay year-round, but return to their home.

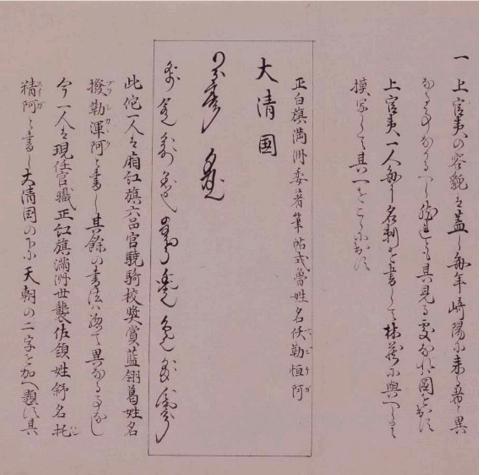








Qing officials showed Rinzo their name cards which he copied as below.



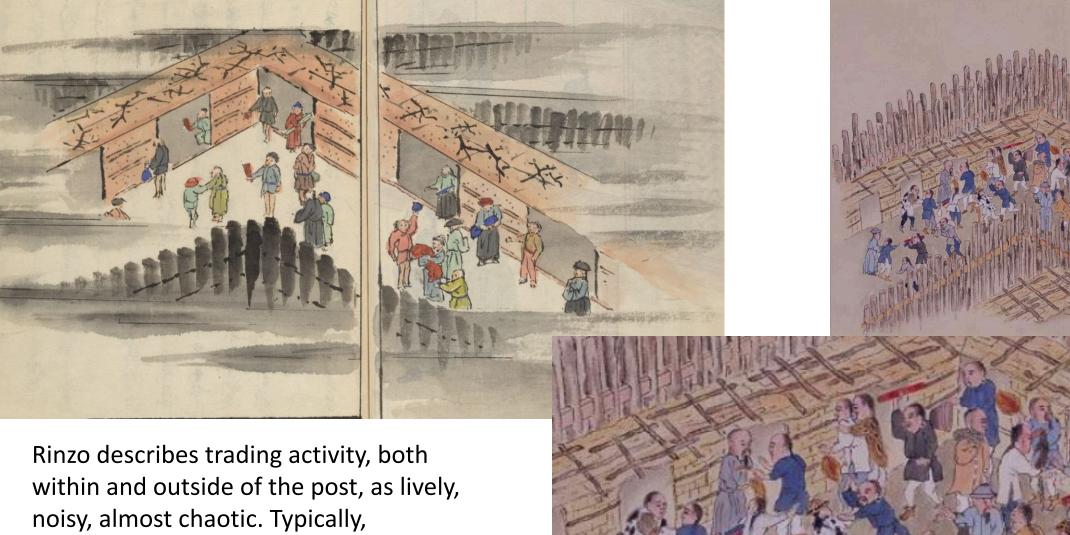


Officials came to the temporary office every day and received tributary gifts, one fur of 黒貂 (black Sables) per each household, presented by a group representative such as Koni. In return, heads of the group received a roll of 錦 (colorful brocade), and village elders received 繻子(satin); other attendants received lesser items such as cotton cloth and needles.

Officials returned to their residential boat and the gates of the trading post were closed every night.



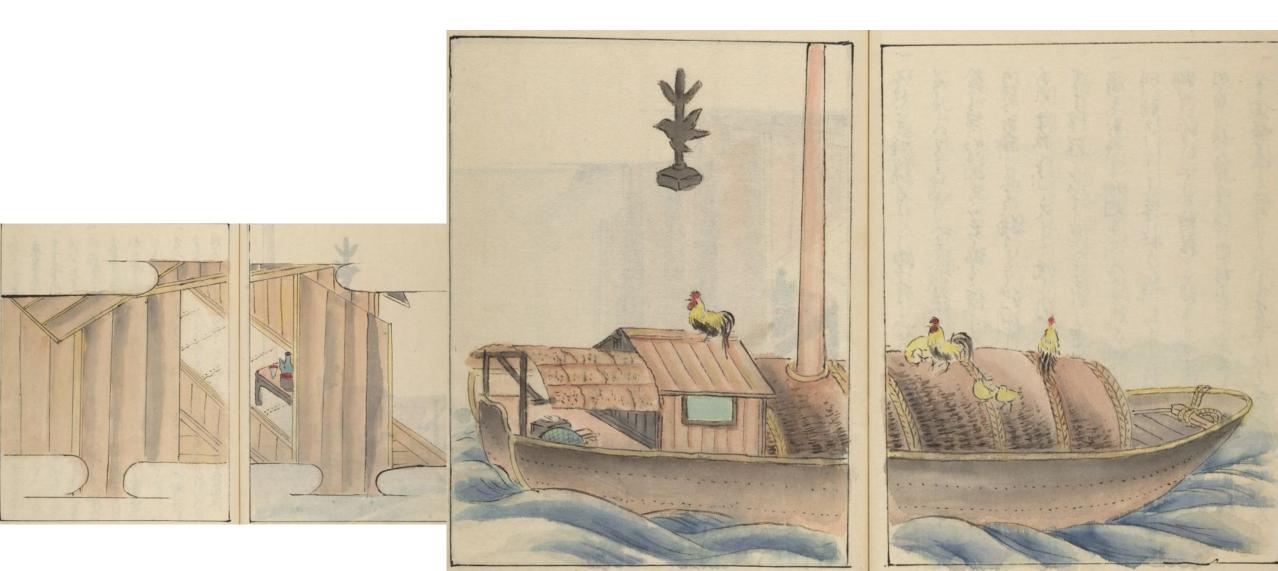
Visitors camped around the trading post.

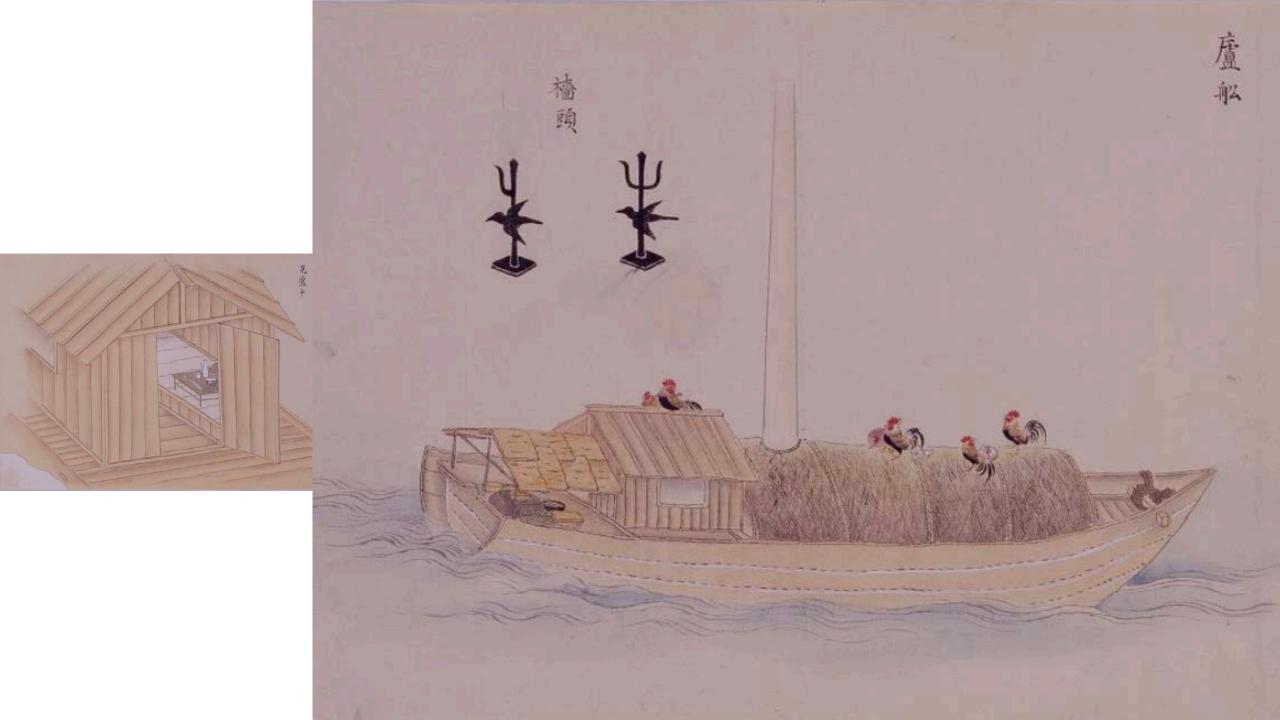


Rinzo describes trading activity, both within and outside of the post, as lively, noisy, almost chaotic. Typically, Manchurians want animal fur brought in by regional tribe members, who in turn want items like alcoholic drinks, tobacco, cloth, and ironware.

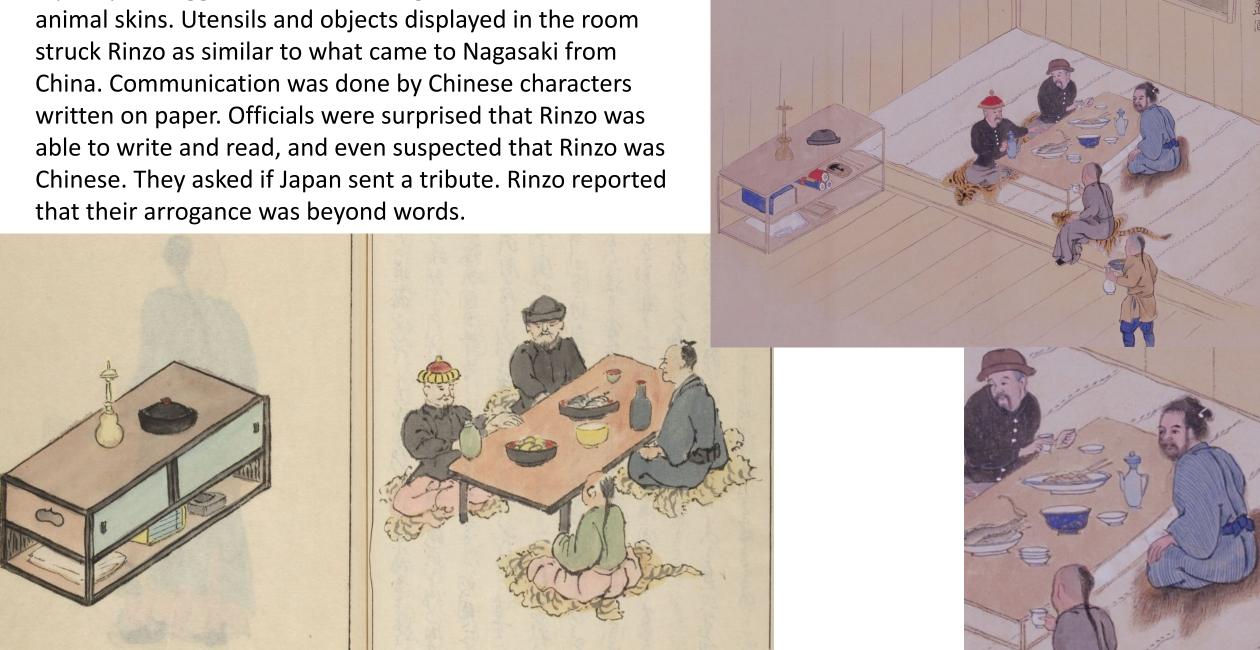


In some cases, Manchurians were so eager to get fur that they traded the clothes they were wearing, as depicted here. Kenjobon (the official edition) modified the scene, somewhat.





Rinzo was invited to the officials' boat where he was served liquor, pork, eggs, river fish, and vegetables. All sat on



Rinzo witnessed a farewell event for one of the Qing officials. The departing official hugged all attended as if no hierarchy among them, which was quite shocking for him. When the official tried to hug Rinzo, he declined the hug telling "It's not a custom to hug each other in my home country." So the official only lowered his body.

Rinzo observed that people there interacted rather casually, with little regard to social rank.

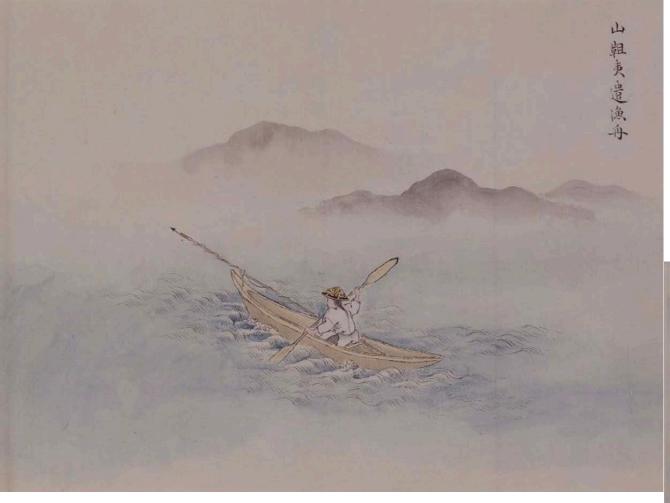




Vol. 3. Sailing from Deren to Sakhalin

Rinzo's group of eight members completed their trading. They packed the boat and headed back on the 17th of the 7th month. They took the Manko river (mouth of Amur) route to the north. On the 23rd day, they reached Santangoe.





Fisherman using net to trap salmon from the upper stream.

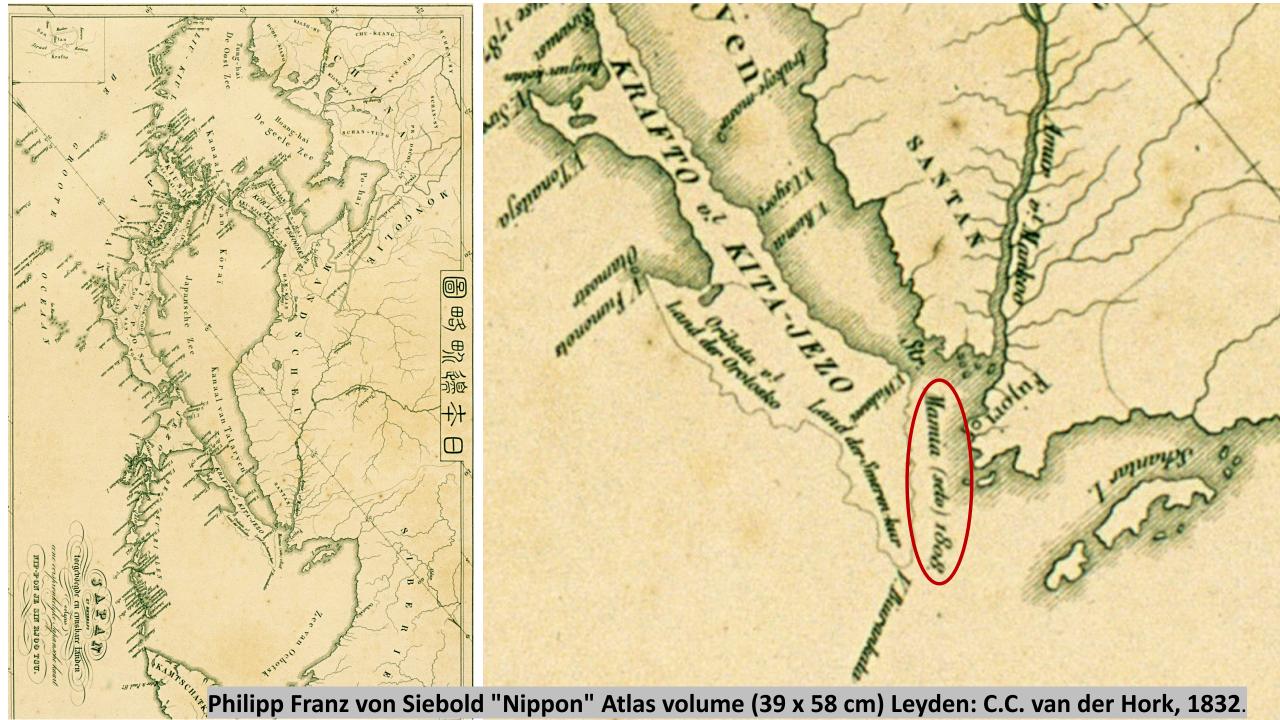
Santangoe man heading to fishing spot.

Rinzo spotted many white whales near the mouth of the Amur.



Rinzo's expedition reports

- From Rinzo's dictation, his colleague and friend Murakami Teisuke wrote and drew Rinzo's expedition reports in 1810. Murakami had never been to Sakhalin. The final documents (kenjobon) made by Murakami were presented to the shogunal office in Edo in early 1811.
- It is said that Rinzo kept lengthy field notes (野帳) during his expeditions, but none of these have been located so far. It is most likely that Rinzo's field notes contributed to Murakami's detailed and rich drawings, and writings throughout the process of making the final documents. It was a miraculous collaboration.
- Rinzo's assignment was to survey the border region between Russia and Qing China, in Sakhalin island. It was at some personal risk that he entered the continent. He reported that most of Ainu and other local tribal groups in Sakhalin sent tribute to Qing dynasty. This was new and critical information for the Tokugawa regime.



黒竜江中州並天渡(間宮林蔵) 文化7年(1810)80×39cm



Brett L. Walker, Mamiya Rinzo and the Japanese exploration of Sakhalin Island: cartography and empire. 2007.

- Once alarmed, they [Tokugawa officials] sought to deploy maps and ethnographies as a means to project national borders between Japan and the Qing and Russian empires.
- Their travel literature both cartographies and ethnographies anticipated Japanese empire-building in the early twentieth century.
- Because maps played a critical role in the establishment of European empires, the creation of universally comprehensible cartographic renditions of Sakhalin proved critical to the national security interests of Japan as well as to the imperial ambitions of Russia and other European powers.
- Mamiya's maps reveal Japan's early commitment to modernization in the face of Western encroachment well before the Meiji Restoration and, in turn, how cartography mastered in the periphery of calculation could be used to foil Western imperial design.