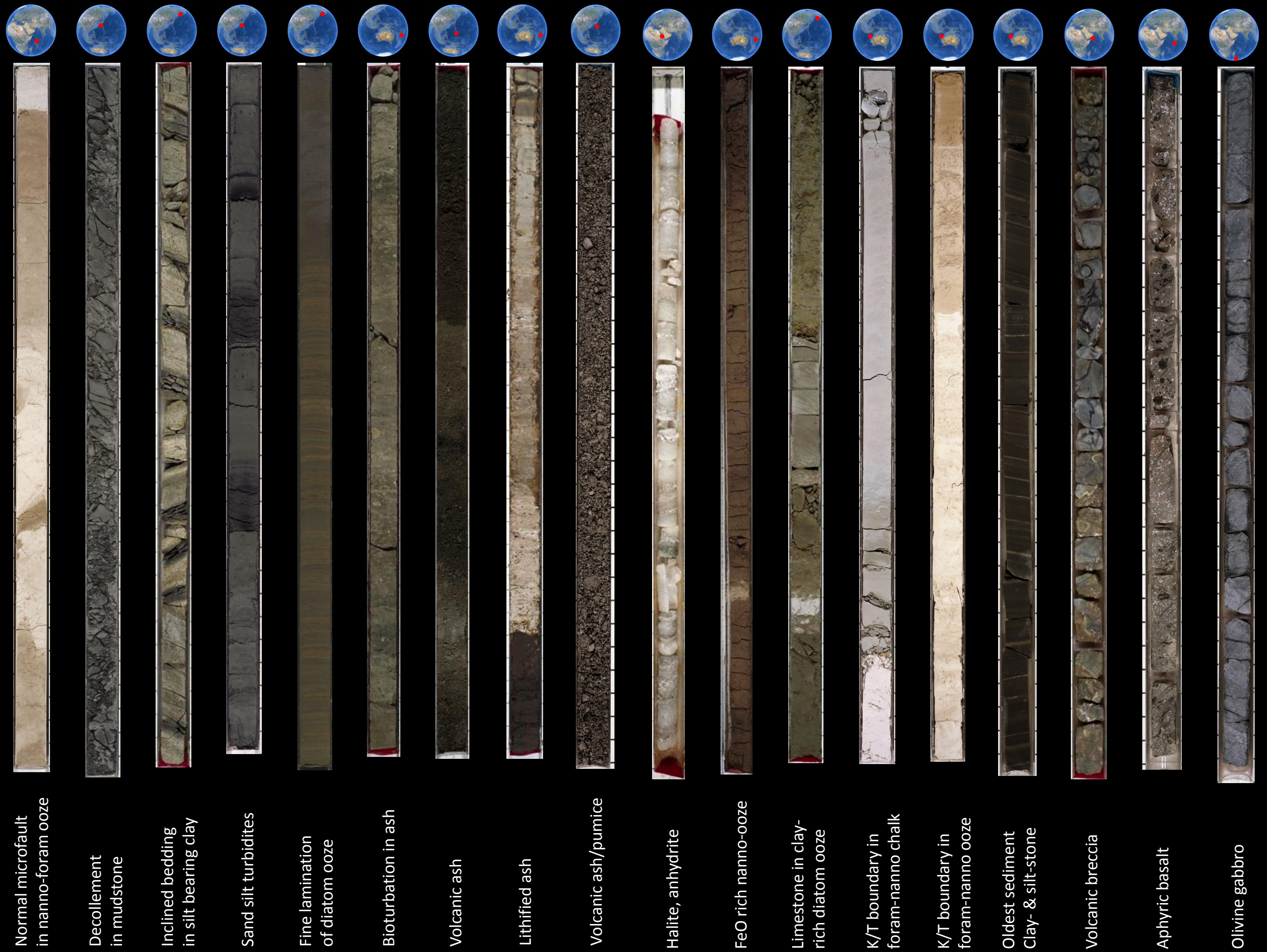
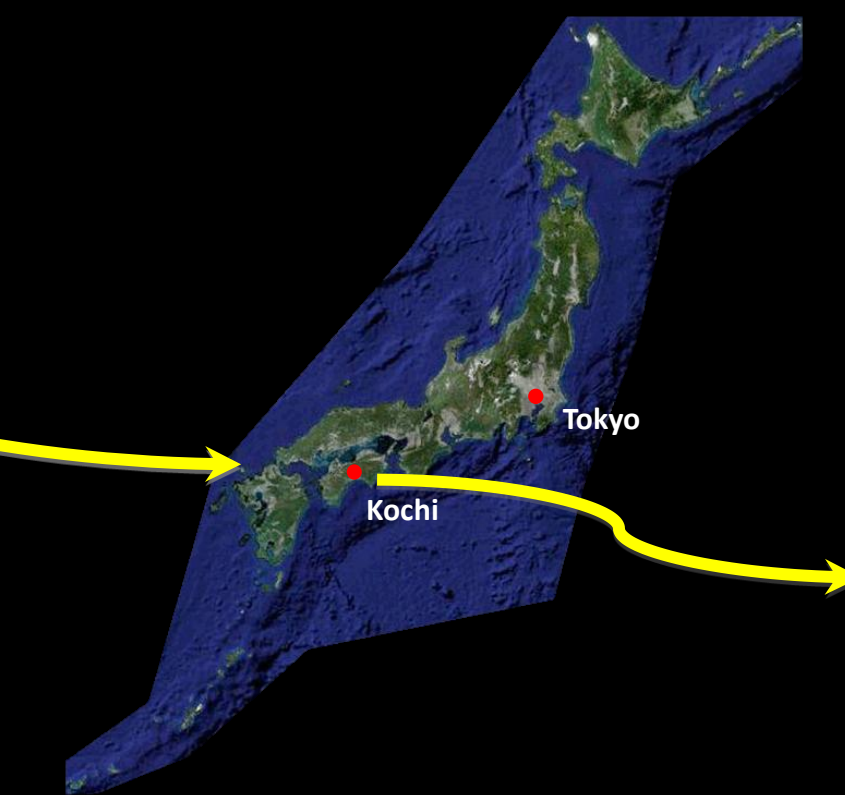
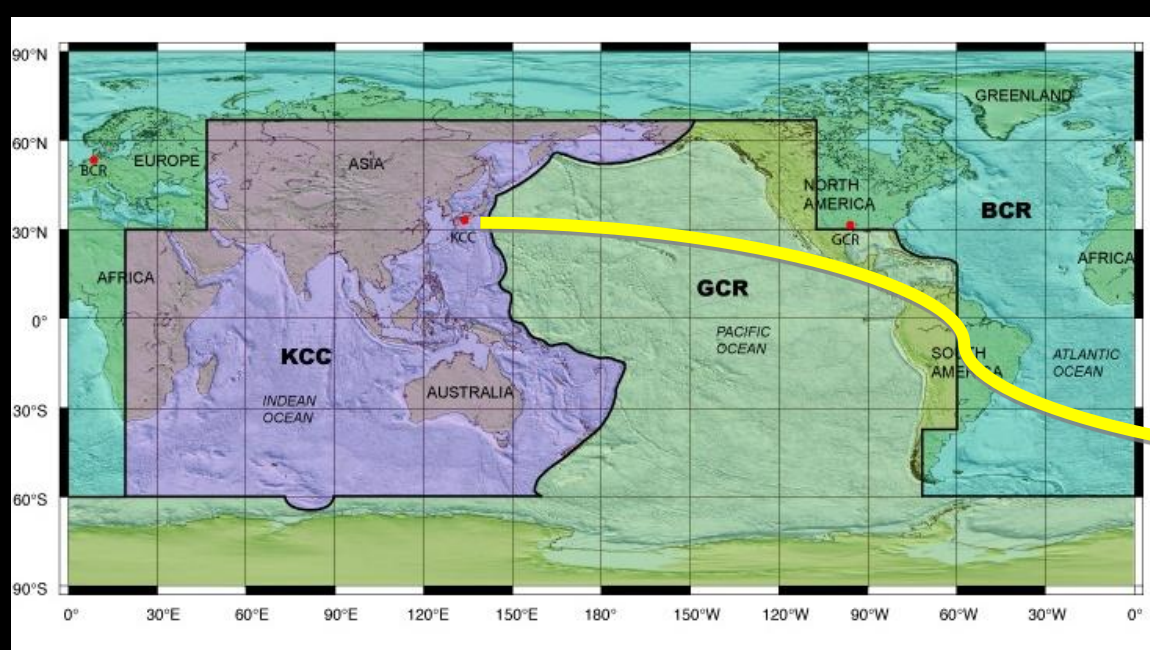


# A library of the Earth

Wide variety of marine core collection makes what we call the "Library of the Earth", because each core is like a book, keeping record of environmental history of the earth over geological time scale. Drilling location of the cores portrayed below is shown by a red dot in the earth map.



Kochi Core Center (KCC), Japan is one of the 3 IODP core repositories\* in the world. Core samples are freely available for research and education to expand our current understanding of the Earth.



KCC is curating the IODP cores obtained from the oceanic area shown by purple color.

\* the other 2 repositories are :  
BCR = Bremen core Repository, Bremen University, Germany  
GCR = Gulf Coast Repository, Texas A&M University, USA

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