

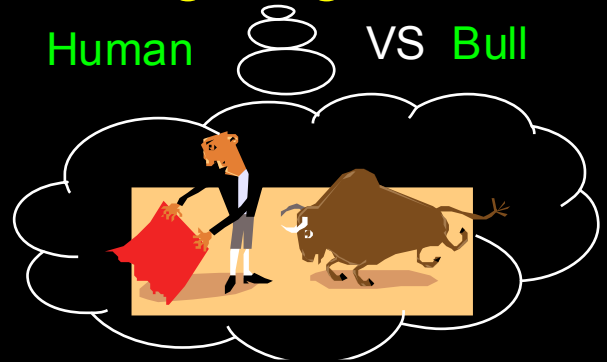
Actors of Bullfighting and Their Social Relations in the Oki Islands



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Bullfighting.....?

Human VS Bull



Japanese Bullfighting

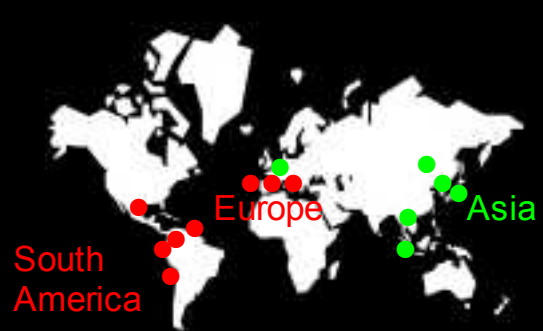
Bull VS Bull



Motivator

Bullfights of the world

● Human VS Bull ● Bull VS Bull



Japanese bullfighting

- Type: Bull VS Bull
 - Loser: Run away-bull
NOT DIE
 - Origination:
agricultural
amusement
-

Japanese and cattle

- Cultivation
- Carrying
- Compost



Bullfighting...
a mass
entertainment
of farmer's leisure
season

The aim of the study

clarification

- How bullfighting is **continued** ?
- What is its **significance** in the Oki Islands?

↑
on the **social relations**
created by bullfighting

The Background of Study

Many Japanese traditional event

Social change

on the verge of
extinction

But !

Bullfighting is alive.

Why ?

How ?



Reference

Geertz

People fight
through animal's fight.

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My study focus on

- **Actors** of Bullfighting
- the **social relation** created by bullfighting

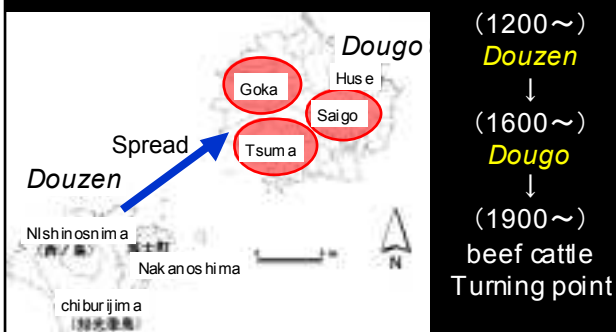
Definition of Actors

Bull's **owner**
Bull's **motivator** + Owner's **Family**
Owner's **neighbor**

- significance of the bullfighting in the region
- succession to the next generation

The Oki Islands and bullfighting

Population: 25,000 people



Comparison

Tradition

● Tsuma village

● Goka village

● Saigo town



Tourism

Administration and school

- Public office... One of three large events in Oki local revitalization, resources for tourism → economical support
- School... children learn how to raise bulls.



↑ Public bull shed

The Activity of the bull's owners

the number of owner: 45
owner's job: NOT related to livestock

2~3hours/1day for bull

Affection on bulls



Father, son and bull

Trade a bull

qualification of owner > Bull's Price



purchaser

Please sell Your bull !

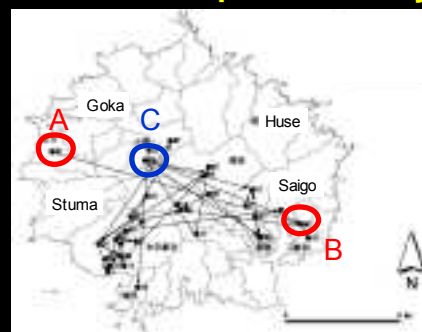


owner



Bull's value = Owner's value

Relationships created by bulls



Trade



Become Friends

Bulls create bond of people.

Schedule of Bullfighting

before and after the event



1 month	decide of combinations
2 weeks	distributes the list of matches
10 days	go shrine
Pre day	Previous party
The day	bullfighting, celebration party 1
Next day	celebration party 2

Gift

Name of Bulls on a list of matches

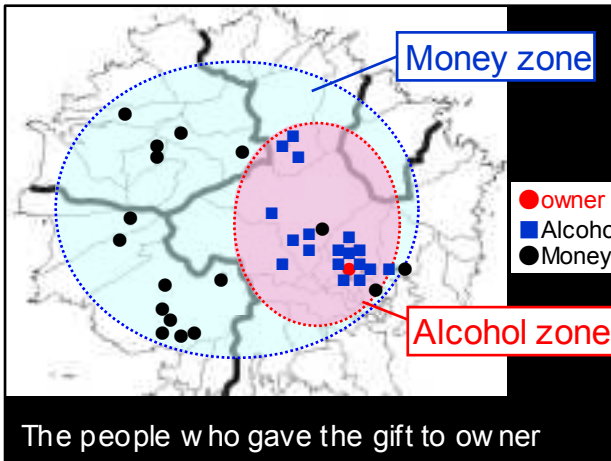
① Owner's Name + their living place

② Name of Bull

- Relate to their family
- Family's occupation

Name of bull
express their family





Owners and their neighbor

Return to the gifts · · · party, lunch
People enjoy party, and be close friends

Bond created by bullfighting

The family helps The owner.

Borrowing a bull system

Everyone can **borrow** a bull.
Include gift and party
↓
Aid system for owner

Gift for Wakatora association

Bullfight's club

=Some owners + their fan
Giving information, **instructions**

Student, builder, SS staff, official, rice dealer, marine transport, carpenter, Shrine priest

Different Job Residence. Age... **BUT** Having passion For bull in common.

Exchange bulls with Uwajima Dist.

They take all bull to the market as a beef cattle
↓
1965 : friendly game between Oki and Uwajima
↓
Start to trade

Oki 0~5,6years (youth) → **Uwajima** 7,8years~ (mature)

Conclusion

Factors for Continuation of bullfighting

- 1. Relationship by bulls**
Owners make close friends.
→ entire district of Oki Island
- 2. Relationship by bullfighting**
Owner, his family, and their neighbor make strong ties.

The bullfight is tying people with blood and territorial relation.

One of the greatest discovery (1)



@Hamburg University

Vending machine



One of the greatest discovery (2)



Restaurant
At University

