

Preface


The Center for Global Environmental Research (CGER) of the Environment Agency of Japan's National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES) provides research support facilities such as a supercomputer and databases for global environmental research activities. CGER's supercomputer is open to researchers internationally for any global environmental research applications. Users need to be authorized every fiscal year. CGER is responsible for efficient allocation of supercomputer resources for each research subject, such as CPU time and memory, sufficient for the research plans recommended by the Supercomputer Steering Committee, consisting of 12 scientists.

NIES's Environmental Information Center (EIC) manages routine operations of the supercomputer system. This system is operated with close and cordial communications between users and the managing staff including daily consultation by the system engineers.

Progress in selected research projects is presented at an annual workshop, which also offers opportunities for communication among users and discussion of the results obtained with scientists of the global environmental area.

This report is the third publication of activities by the supercomputer facility, and aims to describe selected research progress from FY 1994. We hope it contributes to further progress in global change research and efforts for global environmental conservation.

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