## Dear Ather,

Thanks for your comment. We checked the links you mentioned. The Chinese National Realtime and Water Situation Database website can be fully accessed through Internet in China. The choice of web browsers or the restricted access for researchers outside of China may be the possible reasons for not able to opening it. Figure 1 provides a screenshot of the website.

For the Japanese link, it only brings you to parts of the dataset through direct links. Figure 2 to Figure 7 show the processes on how to access daily streamflow data for one Japanese gauge for one year, following the link we provided in the manuscript. Therefore, the general link <a href="http://www1.river.go.jp/">http://www1.river.go.jp/</a> could lead users to the entire dataset. For the Spanish dataset, the original link is indeed not straightforward as it directs users to all the yearbooks of Spain Annuario de Aforos. After checking, we decided that <a href="https://ceh.cedex.es/anuarioaforos/demarcaciones.asp">https://ceh.cedex.es/anuarioaforos/demarcaciones.asp</a> is a better link to the gauge information, which will be modified in the revised version of the manuscript.

Thanks again for your comment.



Figure 1 A screenshot of the Chinese National Real-time and Water Situation Database.



Figure 2 A screenshot on how to search for data for a Japanese gauge.

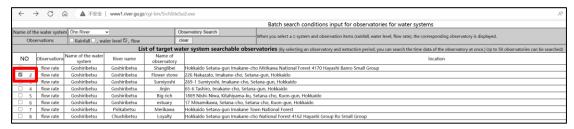


Figure 3 A screenshot on how to select a Japanese gauge.



Figure 4 A screenshot on how to access the details of a Japanese gauge.

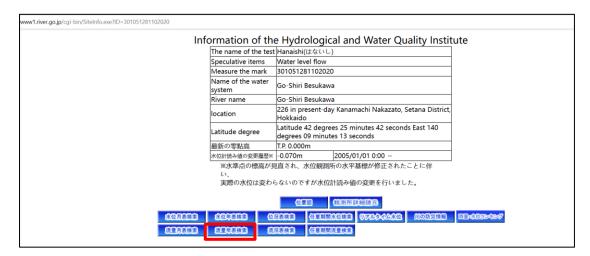


Figure 5 A screenshot on how to search for the hydrological variable-of-interest selected Japanese gauge.

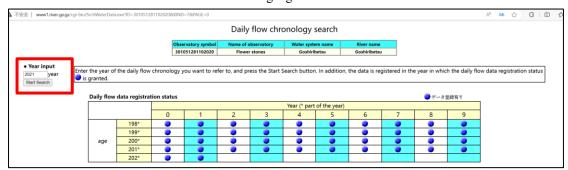


Figure 6 Decide the temporal extent.

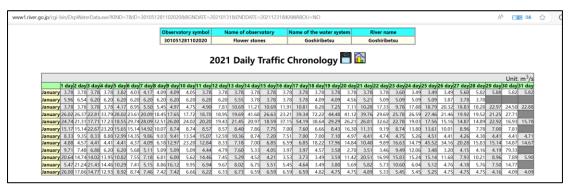


Figure 7 Access the flow data.