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Geographic Features of Yamba and Damage from Mudflows

The valley created by the erosion of the Agatsuma River is a beautiful scenic spot, but the curved terrain and narrow river width also contributed to the damage caused by the mudflow. The Tenmei mudflow generated by the eruption of Mt. Asama climbed up the narrow Agatsuma River and reached a village 30 to 60 meters above the riverbed. The mudflow that filled these villages was a few meters thick.