

Change in the seismicity in the Japanese islands during long period

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We investigated change in the seismicity in the Japanese islands in long period using Usami (1996), Utsu(1985) and JMA catalogue. It is estimated that almost all earthquakes with magnitude 7 or larger have been detected since 1500, but that cannot be said for M6 earthquakes. We newly found that seismic activity in a wide region had been significantly low during about 20 years before the 1891 Nobi earthquake.