



3.1 c) The seismic activity ($M \geq 1.5$) before M7.3 Tottori earthquake, from 1978 to the main shock. The epicentral area corresponds to the occurrence of several seismic swarms in 1989, 1990 and 1997. The epicenters of the main shock and of the largest aftershocks are marked by stars. Stars mark the earthquakes with $M \geq 5.0$.