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22 Abstract

23 Provenance studies of widely distributed tephras, integrated within a well-defined temporal 24 framework, are important to deduce systematic changes in the source, scale, distribution and 25 changes in regional explosive volcanism. Here, we establish a robust tephro-chronostratigraphy for a total of 157 marine tephra layers collected during IODP Expedition 352. We infer at least 26 27 three major phases of highly explosive volcanism during Oligocene to Pleistocene time. 28 Provenance analysis based on glass composition assigns 56 of the tephras to a Japan source, 29 including correlations with 12 major and widespread tephra layers resulting from individual 30 eruptions in Kyushu, Central Japan and North Japan between 115 ka and 3.5 Ma. The remaining 31 101 tephras are assigned to four source regions along the Izu-Bonin arc. One, of exclusively 32 Oligocene age, is proximal to the Bonin Ridge islands; two reflect eruptions within the volcanic front and back-arc of the central Izu-Bonin arc, and a fourth region corresponds to the Northern Izu-Bonin arc source. First-order volume estimates imply eruptive magnitudes ranging from 6.3 to 7.6 for Japan-related eruptions and between 5.5 and 6.5 for IBM eruptions. Our results suggest tephras between 30 and 22 Ma that show a subtly different Izu-Bonin chemical signature compared to the recent arc. After a ~11 m.y. gap in eruption, tephra supply from the Izu-Bonin arc predominates from 15 to 5 Ma, and finally a subequal mixture of tephra sources from the (palaeo)Honshu and Izu-Bonin arcs occurs within the last ~5 Ma.

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42 volcanism

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44 Introduction

Highly explosive eruptions and their related products in the deep sea are integral to arc 45 46 volcanism, particularly in ocean-ocean subduction zone settings where subaerial outcrops are sparse or absent. At convergent margins, ash layers are well preserved in marine and lacustrine-47 48 depositing environments where they may provide detailed records of explosive volcanism over 49 long time periods [Carey and Sigurdsson, 2000; Carey, 2000; Keller et al., 1978; Kutterolf et al., 2008a; Ledbetter, 1985; Schindlbeck et al., 2016a; 2016b]. Ash layers represent excellent 50 51 stratigraphic marker beds in marine sediment sequences owing to their widespread distribution, potentially variable facies, near-instantaneous emplacement, distinctive and correlative chemical 52 53 signatures, and the presence of phenocrysts suitable for radiometric dating (e.g., [Kutterolf et al., 54 2008b; 2008d; 2008a; 2008c]). Such sediments can also provide constraints on the temporal evolution of both the volcanic source region and the ash-bearing sediment facies [Schindlbeck et 55 al., 2016c; Scudder et al., 2016]. In the forearc setting investigated here, tephra layers and 56 57 intercalated volcaniclastic sediments are compositionally variable and so can provide important temporal and spatial information concerning volcanism in several geographically separate arcsystems.

60 The Izu-Bonin-Mariana (IBM) system holds the key to understanding the formation of 61 oceanic crust immediately following subduction initiation at around 50 Ma [Bloomer et al., 62 1995; Cosca et al., 1998; Stern, 2004]. Subsequent subduction lead to the onset of typical calc-63 alkaline arc volcanism <45 Ma [Ishizuka et al., 2011; 2006]. Marine tephras recovered from 64 sediment cores and dredge samples help to document the regional arc development. The supra-65 subduction zone crust of the IBM system is overlain by an exceptionally intact and mostly unaltered, mainly volcanogenic sequence, which reflects regional calc-alkaline arc volcanism 66 [Pearce et al., 2013] and provides the basis of the present study. 67

Several ODP (Ocean Drilling Program) expeditions (Legs 125, 126, 132, 185; Fig. 1) explored the IBM forearc and used geochemistry of sediments and volcanic deposits as an indication of local to regional-scale arc magmatism, tectonic development and subductionrelated processes (e.g., [*Gill et al.*, 1994; *Straub*, 2008; *Straub et al.*, 2010; 2004]). International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) Expeditions 350, 351, 352 (Fig. 1), which comprise the IBM project, took place during 2014.

74 In this paper, we will first establish detailed and accurate correlations between marine ash 75 beds that were recovered from four IBM forearc drill sites during IODP Expedition 352. We utilize a large set of major and trace element chemical data for ash samples to identify potential 76 77 source volcanoes in the IBM and Japan arc systems, while taking into account age constraints 78 provided by biostratigraphy and paleomagnetism. Our results provide a reference tephro-79 chronostratigraphy for the wider IBM/Japan region, refine shipboard age models for the drill 80 sites, allow insights into the evolution of explosive arc volcanism from Oligocene onwards and 81 support palaeogeographic and palaeotectonic interpretations of the background hemipelagic 82 sediments [Robertson et al. in press].

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Geological background 84

The modern IBM arc extends over 2800 km, from the Izu Peninsula (Japan) in the north, 85 where it is currently colliding with the Honshu arc (Japan), as far as Guam (USA) in the south. 86 The arc formed by subduction of the Pacific Plate beneath the eastern margin of the Philippine 87 88 Sea Plate in the Western Pacific (Fig. 1), beginning ~50 Ma ago (e.g. [Stern et al., 2003]). The 89 IBM subduction zone has a multi-phased history including back-arc spreading (~30 to ~15 Ma), 90 formation of marginal basins (e.g., Shikoku Basin), amalgamation to the Honshu arc of Japan 91 mainland, and also episodes of volcanic quiescence and reactivation [Arima and Stern, 1997; Müller et al., 2016; Stern et al., 2003; Wu et al., 2016; Yamazaki and Stern, 1997]. 92

93 The initial phase of subduction around 50 Ma was associated with the westward subduction 94 of the Pacific Plate beneath the eastern margin of the Philippine Sea Plate [Hochstaedter et al., 95 2001; Taylor, 1992]. A reorganization of plate boundaries throughout the Pacific is proposed 96 around this time [Hall et al., 2003; Hall, 2002; Okino et al., 2004; Whittaker et al., 2007]. During subduction initiation (~52–47 Ma) igneous activity produced MORB-like forearc basalts 97 98 ("FAB") [Reagan et al., 2010], low-Ca boninites, low-K tholeiitic to calc-alkaline arc basalts, 99 and subordinate low-K rhyodacite within the subsequent forearc area. Typical arc and reararc 100 volcanism, represented by the Kyushu-Palau arc, initiated during the Eocene to Oligocene, 101 shedding volcanic materials into the modern IBM forearc [Ishizuka et al., 2011, 2006; Reagan et 102 al., 2017; Ryan et al., 2017; Taylor, 1992].

103 At around 25 Ma, rifting along the length of the Kyushu-Palau arc opened the Shikoku 104 Basin, splitting former reararc and arc-front volcanoes. The northerly IBM arc-front magmatism 105 declined or ceased during opening of the Shikoku Basin but resumed as basaltic to dacitic magmatism (at ~17 Ma) within the Izu reararc area (eastward of the arc) at ~15 Ma, slightly west 106 of its Eocene to Oligocene position [Ishizuka et al., 2011; Taylor, 1992]. Reararc magmatism 107 108 subsequently migrated ENE towards the arc front, producing a series of large seamounts until ~3 109 Ma. The Ouaternary Izu volcanic front is constructed on ~20 km-thick crust [Suvehrio et al.,

110 1996]. The subducting slab is composed of basaltic crust of inferred Jurassic age, covered by
~400 m-thick Mesozoic and Cenozoic pelagic sediments including arc-derived ash [*Plank*,
112 2001].

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114 Explosive volcanism from Japan and IBM arcs

Explosive subduction-related volcanism is reported from the IBM arc as early as the Eocene/Oligocene boundary [*Arculus et al.*, 2015; *Reagan et al.*, 2015], and from the (Paleo-) Honshu, Ryukyu-Kyushu, and IBM arcs at least since the Miocene [*Ito et al.*, 1989; *Nakajima et al.*, 1995; *Sato*, 1994; *Taylor et al.*, 1992; *Yamamoto*, 1992].

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120 Quaternary explosive volcanism

121 The volcanoes of the Honshu arc, formed from subduction of the Pacific Plate and/or the 122 Philippine Sea Plate beneath the Eurasian Plate (Fig. 1) are known for large-scale explosive 123 eruptions [Machida, 1999]. Of the 16 Quaternary calderas recognized on Honshu, the majority 124 are located in central and northern Honshu [Machida, 1999], with only two in southwest Honshu. A tephrostratigraphy has been established for 80 widespread tephra layers of 125 126 Quaternary to Late Pliocene age, in and around Japan [Kimura et al., 2015; Machida, 1999; 2002]. The northern part of Honshu is characterized by caldera-forming eruptions, whereas the 127 128 central to western volcanic centers on Honshu and the IBM arc are typified by stratovolcanoes, 129 only some of which are associated with caldera formation [Machida, 1999].

Quaternary volcanism of the northern Izu-Bonin arc comprises eight submarine calderas and eleven island volcanoes [*Tamura et al.*, 2005]. Volcanism is generally bimodal with basalt and volumetrically-dominant island volcanoes, as well as rhyolite-dominant calderas (e.g., [*Tamura and Tatsumi*, 2002]). Volcanic intensity at the IBM arc increased around 2 Ma and became strongly rhyolitic before second-stage backarc rifting began [*Gill et al.*, 1994]. 135

136 Neogene volcanism

Based on available evidence from sparse subaerial outcrops and ocean drilling data, a significant increase in explosive volcanism appears to occurred within the frontal arc, backarc and forearc areas of the Izu-Bonin arc at around 17 Ma [*Taylor et al.*, 1992].

140 Previous studies [Ito et al., 1989; Sato, 1994; Yamamoto, 1992] suggested that caldera-141 forming felsic volcanism in the NE Japan arc began at ~13 Ma in response to enhanced 142 subduction of the Pacific Plate beneath the North American Plate, including Japan (Fig. 1). 143 Caldera volcanoes cluster every 40-80 km along the main part of the arc in NE Honshu where 144 six Neogene centers existed, each comprising 3 to >10 calderas [Yamamoto, 2009]. Most of the 145 caldera-forming eruptions took place during the early Late Miocene to Pliocene volcanic phase 146 [Acocella et al., 2008]. Ten widespread tephra layers are identified in central Japan within the 147 Plio-Pleistocene Hokuriki Group [Tamura and Yamazaki, 2004]. This dataset is complemented 148 by geochemical characterization of 17 Late Pliocene tephras from caldera-forming eruptions of 149 the (Paleo-) Honshu arc [Kimura et al., 2015, Satoguchi and Nagahashi, 2012].

The Neogene IBM volcanic front is spatially restricted to a few volcanic centers that are characterized by bimodal basaltic-andesitic and dacitic-rhyolitic eruptions. North of 31°N, six pairs of volcanic centers are identified with a uniform ~74 km spacing between them [*Taylor*, 1992]. The volcanic front and the backarc rift both migrated northwards at variable rates during the Neogene, during which time the extent and scale of explosive volcanism waxed and waned [*Stern et al.*, 2003; *Yamazaki and Stern*, 1997].

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157 **IBM Expedition 352 forearc sediments**

158 Shipboard investigations during IODP Expedition 352 [*Reagan et al.*, 2015] indicate that the 159 Oligocene-Recent sediments were deposited in extensional fault-controlled basins at three sites (Sites U1439-U1441), whereas condensed sedimentation, affected by current reworking, accumulated on a nearby fault-controlled basement high (Site U1442) (Fig. 2). Two of the sites (U1439 and U1442) were drilled on the upper forearc slope at a water depth of ~3150 m and the other two (U1440 and U1441) on the lower forearc slope at ~4800 m. One to five lithological units are defined at each site depending on the recovery and lithological variability (Fig. 2; [*Reagan et al.*, 2015]).

166 The oldest drilled sediments are characterized by Oligocene pelagic carbonates, accompanied 167 by abundant tuffaceous sediments that accumulated in response to both gravity-controlled and 168 air-fall processes [Reagan et al., 2015; Robertson et al. in press]. Early Miocene time was 169 characterized by radiolarian-bearing mud and silty clay with hydrogenous metal-oxide 170 precipitation with minimal tuffaceous input [Reagan et al., 2015; Robertson et al. in press]. 171 Subsequently, during the Middle Miocene to Early Pliocene, pinkish nannofossil-bearing silty 172 clays accumulated together with pinkish nannofossil ooze and minor amounts of air-fall tephras 173 [Reagan et al., 2015; Robertson et al. in press]. During Early Pliocene to Recent time, 174 sedimentation was characterized by weakly calcareous clay/claystone/mudstone, and nannofossil 175 ooze with abundant air-fall tephras [Reagan et al., 2015; Robertson et al. in press].

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177 Methods

178 Sampling, reworking and preparation

Expedition 352 drilled four sites in the IBM forearc (Sites U1439, U1440, U1441, U1442) (Fig. 1). Detailed description of drilling operations, recovery, laboratory methods, and core description are given in *Reagan et al.* [2015], including smear-slide observations of tephra. On this basis, 249 marine ash samples were initially selected for shore-based analysis. As an initial step it was necessary to separate primary fallout ash horizons from reworked ash. This was achieved using a combination of the shipboard data and postcruise assessment of chemical composition. Heterogeneous glass compositions that do not show a clear magmatic 186 differentiation trend were classed as reworked and excluded from the data set. However, some 187 layers are more difficult to interpret. First, some of them show clear evidence of flow processes 188 (e.g. graded bedding, parallel lamination). These layers are interpreted as the result of local 189 reworking of primary fallout ash and so were included in the database. Secondly, some ash occurs as discontinuous sub-parallel remnants, termed ash pods, within the background 190 191 hemipelagic sediments. Based on shipboard visual inspection, some of the ash pods were 192 interpreted as primary tephra fallout that later underwent reworking or bioturbation (Reagan et 193 al. [2015]). Those ash pods that have homogenous glass compositions are confirmed as primary 194 eruptive layers and are therefore included in the data base (indicated as pod layers in Electronic 195 Supporting Information Table1). Applying this approach 157 out of 249 samples have been 196 identified as primary ash horizons.

For analytical treatment, ash samples were wet-sieved into different grain size fractions (63– 125 μ m, 125–250 μ m, >250 μ m and where necessary 32-63 μ m). The 63-125- μ m fraction of the samples was embedded using epoxy resin into 12 pre-drilled holes on acrylic tablets and polished to facilitate measurements with electron microprobe (EMP) and a Laser Ablation Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (LA-ICP-MS). All of the resulting major and trace element data and their respective errors are listed in supplementary Tables 1 to 3.

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204 Chemical analysis

205 Electron microprobe (EMP)

Glass shards (~2,700 in total) were analyzed for major and minor elements on 189 epoxy embedded samples using a JEOL JXA 8200 wavelength dispersive EMP at GEOMAR, Kiel, utilizing the methods of *Kutterolf et al.* [2011]. A calibrated measuring program was used based on international standards. Accuracy was monitored by standard measurements on Lipari obsidian (Lipari rhyolite; [*Hunt and Hill*, 2001]) and Smithsonian basaltic standard VGA. Sixty 211 individual glass shard measurements were bracketed by two standard measurements per 212 standard. Standard deviations of measured elements are <0.5% for major and <10% for minor 213 elements (with the exception of P_2O5 and MnO_2 in samples >65 wt% SiO₂). All of the analyses 214 were normalized to 100% in order to eliminate the effects of variable post-depositional hydration 215 and minor deviations in focusing of the electron beam. Analyses with total oxides <90 wt% were 216 excluded from the data set to avoid the effects of alteration that can affect all of the elements. 217 Around 2500 microprobe analyses finally passed the quality checks, which also excluded 218 accidental shots on microcrystals. The acceptable analyses of each sample were then averaged in 219 order to characterize the elemental compositions of each individual tephra.

220 *Laser Ablation-Inductively Coupled-Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS)*

221 The trace element concentrations of ~300 glass shards (106 samples) were determined by 222 LA-ICP-MS during February 2016 at the Academia Sinica in Taipei, Taiwan. The LA-ICP-MS instrumentation comprises a laser beam (193 nm excimer laser) set to a spot size of 16 to 30 µm 223 (using 5-10 J/cm² energy density at 4-10 Hz repetition rate), coupled to a high-resolution ICP-224 225 MS. Following 45 seconds of blank acquisition, typical ablation times were around 75 seconds. Data reduction was performed using Version 4.0 of "real-time on-line" GLITTER© software 226 227 [van Achterberg et al., 2001], immediately following each ablation analysis. Silica and calcium 228 concentrations, measured by EMP, were used as an internal standard to calibrate the trace 229 element analyses. An international glass standard (BCR-2g) was measured every five to eight 230 samples in order to monitor accuracy and to correct for matrix effects and signal drift in the ICP-231 MS, and also for differences in the ablation efficiency between sample and reference material 232 [Günther et al., 1999]. The concentrations of NIST SRM 612, needed for external calibration, 233 were taken from Norman et al. [1996]. The limit of detection (LOD) for most trace elements was 234 generally <100 ppb. For REEs, the LOD is generally around 10 ppb. The analytical precision is 235 generally better than 10% for most trace elements.

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Correlation techniques

Ash-layer correlations are mostly based on chemical glass compositions, supplemented by modal compositions (e.g. crystals, lithic fragments, biogenic matter), sedimentary structures, textures of the pyroclasts, and stratigraphic relationships. Supporting data include the shape, vesicularity and vesicle texture of glass shards and pumiceous fragments, and also the mineral content of the ash layers as determined in smear slides, both onboard [*Reagan et al.*, 2015] and postcruise.

For each of the ash layers identified, 15 EMP analyses and 2-5 LA-ICP-MS analyses of 244 245 individual glass shards were carried out on each sample. Individual ash layers were correlated with eruptive events within the Japan arc utilizing the tephra compositions of Kimura et al. 246 247 [2015] and references therein. The onshore-offshore correlations were achieved by comparing 248 the average composition of each analyzed marine ash bed with documented terrestrial ash beds. 249 Ash beds are defined as being correlative when their compositions overlap, within the error for 250 each sample and for each element analyzed (gray bars in diagrams). The correlations are thereby 251 constrained by multiple geochemical overlaps of major elements and, where appropriate, also 252 trace elements (see Figs. 6, 8, 10). In addition to analytical errors, possible correlations are 253 limited by alteration effects, especially for the older (i.e. Neogene) marine and terrestrial data in 254 which diagenesis may have altered some but not all of the element concentrations. Accordingly, 255 we utilize element ratios that effectively minimize the influences of both analytical errors and 256 alteration.

Ash beds/layers that can be correlated across different sites and/or with tephras on land are defined as a "tephra layer" (CIB0 – 30; CIB for correlation "Izu-Bonin"). Thus, a "tephra layer" that represents a single volcanic eruption may include multiple "ash beds/layers" that occur in several drill holes at one or more sites. The numeric order of the "tephra layer" increases with age.

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263 **Tephrochronology**

264 Age models from biostratigraphy

The biostratigraphic component of the age model was constructed primarily using calcareous 265 nannofossil assemblages, with additional age constraints from radiolarian assemblages, as 266 267 reported elsewhere [Robertson et al. in press]. Calcareous nannofossils were identified in smear 268 slides that were made using standard techniques [Reagan et al., 2015]. The samples were 269 examined using a light microscope with an oil immersion lens in both plane-polarized and crosspolarized light at 1000x magnification. The standard nannofossil zonations by Martini [1971], 270 271 Bukry [1973; 1975] and Okada and Bukry [1980] were utilized in order to evaluate nannofossil 272 age datums. The website Nannotax (www.nannotax.org/) was consulted for updated nannofossil 273 genera and species ranges. The zonal scheme of *Martini* [1971] was selected for the biozones. 274 and this zonal scheme was correlated with the geological timescale of *Gradstein et al.*, [2012].

275 Where calcareous nannofossils are rare or absent, additional samples were taken for 276 radiolarian biostratigraphy. Radiolarian-bearing samples were processed following the method 277 outlined in De Wever et al., [2001]. Once processed, sived residues were transferred to crucibles 278 and dried in an oven at 60°C. The residues were viewed under a binocular microscope and well-279 preserved radiolarian tests were transferred to a SEM stub and mounted on carbon tape. Stubs 280 were placed in a SEM at the University of New England, Armidale, and photomicrographs were 281 taken of the tests. These images were compared to published photographs of known species and 282 the age and distribution of these species were used to determine an assemblage age for each 283 sample (see [Robertson et al. in press]). The biozones of Kamikuri et al. [2009] were used as the 284 primary reference for this study.

285 **Tephra ages**

Biostratigraphic datums provide age constraints for the drilled sediments (see methods). Additionally, as shown below, 22 marine ash beds in several of the Expedition 352 sites can be geochemically correlated with 12 specific deposits that resulted from eruptions of known ages in Japan within the last 3.5 Ma. These tephra layers provide additional time lines that can be usedto optimize age models based on micropaleontology.

Using the combined timelines, the intervening thicknesses of marine sediments were converted to (hemi-)pelagic sedimentation rates (see also [*Robertson et al.* in press]). The sedimentation rates inferred between two "age anchors" are necessarily averages resulting from linear interpolation. The calculated sedimentation rates allow estimates of the ages of the other tephra layers, assuming that sedimentation rates remained constant within the intervening time intervals. The ages obtained from the calculated sedimentation rates provide additional support for ash correlations in cases where geochemical correlations are uncertain.

298 The tephra ages can have errors up to 14% of their calculated age, which result from 299 uncertainties in the determination of sedimentation rate (cf. [Kutterolf et al., 2013]). Compaction 300 and drilling disturbance especially in the deeper parts of the holes, may cause differences in age 301 determinations as a result of overestimation or underestimation of sedimentation rates. Another 302 source of error is the thickness of the ash beds, which may obscure the true background 303 sedimentation rate due to near-instantaneous emplacement [Kutterolf et al., 2008c]. A further, 304 although minor, potential source of error is variable admixing of volcanic ash particles in some 305 background intervals which would lower calculated ages. Such limitations are discounted here 306 because the cumulative thickness of the ash beds amounts to only $\sim 0.7\%$ (U1442) to $\sim 2.8\%$ 307 (U1440) of the total sediment thickness, with an average of 1.7% for all of the recovered 308 sediments.

Overall sedimentation rates of 2–62 m/Ma on the upper slope (U1439/U1442) and 1 to 360 m/Ma on the lower slope (U1440/U1441) are inferred, although the apparent sedimentation rates may vary with depth [*Robertson et al.* in press]. The ages estimated for the ash layers encompass the Late Eocene–Early Oligocene to later Pleistocene. The youngest recovered ash bed has an estimated age of ~30 ka at Sites U1441 and U1442, whereas the oldest ash bed at Site U1439 is estimated to have an age of 32.3 Ma (Table 1, Supporting Information Table 1). 315

316 **Tephra inventory**

In the following shipboard observations (e.g. core description, shipboard petrography; [*Reagan et al.*, 2015]) are combined with the new compositional data from the analytical methods, complemented by re-assessment of core pictures and smear slides to provide a comprehensive tephra inventory in the Expedition 352 sediments.

Of 157 identified distinct ash layers, horizons of ash pods (i.e., discontinuous layers or inclusions), and dispersed intervals of ash ranging from 0.5 to 41 cm in thickness (Fig. 3; [*Reagan et al.*, 2015]), 102 (64%) are light gray to white (pinkish) felsic ashes, 27 (17%) are gray layers suggesting intermediate composition, and 28 (18%) are black layers of mafic composition.

In general, the ash layers are massive and have a sharp basal contact with the underlying marine sediments, which is most obvious in sediments drilled with the APC (advanced piston coring) system. These ash layers are commonly well sorted to very well sorted, show normal grading in grain size and also a several-centimeter-thick transition to the overlying sediment (Fig. 3). A minority of the ash beds show moderate to poor sorting, variably developed crosslamination or convolute bedding, basal erosional features, and also density grading of minerals and juvenile clasts, especially in the Oligocene section of Site U1439.

333 The average grain size within individual ash layers ranges from coarse silt to medium sand 334 (i.e., 32 to 500 µm). The ash beds are generally non-bioturbated or weakly bioturbated in 335 contrast to the interbedded sediments. Some ash layers are significantly indurated compared to 336 their host sediment as a consequence of diagenetic processes. Unconformable and/or inclined 337 bedding of ash beds, caused by drilling disturbance, erosion, creep, slumping or tectonic tilting 338 are locally present, especially at Sites U1441 and U1442. However, such features were also 339 largely obscured by RCB (rotary core barrel) drilling of the sediment column at these two sites 340 (Fig. 3). Some ash layers are disseminated throughout adjacent sediment by drilling or in-situ

reworking (Fig. 3). Within these intervals the dispersed glass shards have homogenouscompositions and textures suggesting that they can be correlated with primary eruptive events.

The felsic ash layers are dominated by transparent volcanic glass with rare but persistent occurrences of plagioclase, and variable occurrences of quartz, amphibole, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, and traces of biotite. The mafic ash layers contain (light-)brown and red-brown glass - if tachylitic (microcrystalline) dark pyroclasts – together with common feldspar and trace amounts of pyroxene and olivine. The mineral contents of the ash beds range from mineral-poor (1-5 vol%) to mineral-rich (up to 50 vol%). Crystal-rich intervals particularly occur at the base of some coarse ash beds indicating the presence of normal density grading.

350 The relative abundances of glass shard colors, textures, and vesicles define six overall tephra 351 texture groups that are recognized at the different marine sites: (1) colorless glass shards that are 352 characterized by predominant dense, blocky, and commonly cuspate shards together with 353 common tubular vesicular pumiceous clasts; (2) transparent, highly vesicular pyroclasts 354 exhibiting predominantly pumiceous and fibrous clasts with tubular-shaped vesicles, and 355 common dense and cuspate glass shards with elongated vesicles; (3) a transitional group with 356 colorless to light brownish pyroclasts of tubular and elongate vesicle-rich pumiceous clasts 357 together with less abundant cuspate and blocky-shaped, predominantly dense glass shards; (4) a 358 mostly light brown pyroclast group made up of a mixture of abundant cuspate and blocky, predominantly dense glass shards together with less abundant highly vesicular, tubular 359 360 pumiceous grains; (5) mostly crystal-rich ash layers with nearly equal mixtures of brown or colorless pumiceous, blocky, and cuspate pyroclasts having a bimodal distribution of the 361 362 predominant vesicle types with numerous rounded and elliptical forms together with abundant 363 tubular vesicles; and (6) dark gray to black ash containing a mixture of predominantly blocky, 364 brownish, mafic glass shards of moderate vesicularity and mostly rounded and elliptical gas 365 bubbles (Fig. 3).

366 Taken as a whole, the analyzed glass shards of 136 ash layers encompass basaltic andesitic to 367 rhyolitic compositions (Fig. 4) with rare trachytic exceptions. Additionally, eight of the ash beds 368 show mixing between dacite and rhyolite, two between basalt and dacite; there are also 11 ash horizons where bimodal compositions can be observed. Comparing the individual drill sites. 369 370 three of these (U1439, U1440, U1442) contain between 75%-85% of ash layers with $SiO_2 >$ 371 65wt%, consistent with the general trend described above. In contrast, Site U1441 encompasses 372 an exceptionally large number of ash layers (68.4%) in the tephra inventory with <65 wt% SiO₂, 373 confirming the shipboard smear slide observations (Fig. 5).

374 From the texture and appearance of all of the ash layers and combined with their chemical 375 homogeneity we infer that they all represent primary volcanic events. The ash beds were 376 dominantly emplaced by air-fall (e.g. well-sorted, normal graded). In addition, a small number of the ash layers, of exclusively Oligocene age, are interpreted as having accumulated from 377 378 pyroclastic density currents (e.g. cross-laminated, poorly sorted examples). These deposits are 379 characterized by cross lamination and in the uppermost part by concentrations of fine, rounded, 380 relatively low-density pumice lapilli, whereas the base of the beds shows relatively dense 381 mineral concentrations. The pyroclastic material erupted on land or beneath the sea and was the 382 transported by gravity-flow processes (mostly turbidity currents) to their present position.

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384 **Correlations and provenance**

385 The geochemical compositions of all 157 identified ash layers recovered from four
386 Expedition 352 sites can be used for regional correlation and provenance ananlysis.

Correlations can be established between the marine ash layers at the different sites, and also with possible parental terrestrial tephra deposits and source volcanoes. We use well-tested major and trace element variation diagrams, that have been found by extensive application to be useful for chemical correlation using the Expedition 352 tephra inventory (e.g. [*Bryant et al.*, 1999; 391 *Clift and Blusztajn*, 1999; *Kutterolf et al.*, 2008a; 2016; *Lowe*, 2011; *Lowe et al.*, 2008; *Pearce et al.*, 2007; 1999; *Schindlbeck et al.*, 2016a; *Westgate et al.*, 1994]).

Reflecting the wide range of chemical compositions, separate "panels" were created to show 393 394 the mafic and felsic compositions for major elements (i.e., major elements: total alkali, K₂O, or TiO₂, or CaO, MgO versus SiO₂, FeO_t, and CaO; Fig. 6A-F). Trace elements and trace-element-395 396 ratio diagrams complement the major-element plots by further distinguishing tephras and establishing robust correlations (Figs. 6G and H; e.g. Zr/Nb versus Rb/Hf, Rb/Nd versus Ba/La). 397 398 As a result, we are able to established 31 marker tephra layers (CIB0 to CIB30), comprising 62 399 individual ash layers that correlate between the Expedition 352 drill sites and/or with known eruptions in Japan, as discussed below. 400

401 Ash-layer correlation between holes and sites

For all four drill sites, we are able to establish 24 site-to-site correlations using the chemical discrimination diagrams (Fig. 6) (see also Supporting Information Table 1). One tephra layer (CIB3) can be correlated between all four sites, six tephra layers (CIB 5, 6, 14, 18, 20, 25) between three sites, and seventeen tephra layers between two sites (CIB 0, 4, 9–10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 21–24, 26–30) (Table 1). The correlated tephra layers provide tie lines, and the time markers when correlated with onshore deposits (see below), needed to generate a complete tephrochronostratigraphy across the sites.

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The analyzed marine ash layers can usefully be divided into an 'island arc-like type' versus a "continental arc-like" type. The former has an IBM arc/backarc origin and the latter a Japan origin. This interpretation was achieved by comparing a series of ratios (e.g. *Schindlbeck et al.*, accepted), namely SiO₂/CaO, La/Sm, Zr/Nb, Th/Yb, Ta/Yb, Rb/Hf, Ba/La, U/La, Ba/Th and K₂O ratios (Fig. 7;) with equivalent ratios available for IBM volcanic matter in the literature (e.g., [*Amma-Miyasaka and Nakagawa*, 1998; *Arculus and Bloomfield*, 1992; *Bryant et al.*, 2003; *Fiske et al.*, 2001; *Fujioka et al.*, 1992; *Gill et al.*, 1994; 1992; *Hamada and Fujii*, 2007; 417 Hochstaedter et al., 2001; Ishizuka et al., 2007; 2006; Nakano and Yamamoto, 1987; Rodolfo et 418 al., 1992; Shukuno et al., 2006; Straub, 2003; Straub et al., 2009; 2010; 2017; Tamura et al., 419 2009; 2007; 2005; Tani et al., 2008; Taylor and Nesbitt, 1998; Togashi and Terashima, 1997; 420 Tollstrup et al., 2010; Yuasa, 1995]) and also Japanese volcanic rocks (e.g., [Hirose et al., 2014; 421 Ikehara, 2015; Kimura et al., 2010; 2015; Machida, 1999; 2002; Moriwaki et al., 2008; 422 Nagahashi and Kataoka, 2014; Nagahashi et al., 2003; 2004; Nakano and Yamamoto, 1987; 423 Satoguchi and Nagahashi, 2012]). The analyzed ash layers at Sites U1439-U1442 can be divided 424 into 101 ash layers that are likely to have originated from an oceanic arc-related source like 425 IBM, and 56 of inferred continental arc provenance (high U/la, Rb/Hf, La/Sm, Th/Yb, K₂O), 426 probably from Japan. For the latter category, variable trace element ratios are grouped into 427 clusters, which probably reflect subtly different Japanese arc provenances. Using the same 428 literature data, further discrimination is possible between potential origins from North-East Japan 429 (NEJ), Central Japan (CJ), South-West Japan (SWJ) and Kyushu (KY) origins (Figs. 8A and B). 430 We also take account of the provenance fields for major volcanic centers such as Aso Volcano 431 on Kyushu, Ontake Volcano in Central Japan and Daisen Volcano in South-West Japan. Most of 432 the marine tephras assigned to a Japan origin show a clear overlap with the Kyushu and Central 433 Japan provenance field (e.g., high Rb/Hf and La/Yb), or with North East Japan provenance field 434 (e.g. low Ba/Zr, Rb/Hf and La/Yb). A few tephras can also be assigned to a Southwest Japan 435 provenance.

Some of the marine ash layers of inferred Japan mainland provenance can be further assigned
to specific eruptions using the database of *Kimura et al.* [2015] (utilizing the colored correlation
fields). Correlations of major element compositions are shown in Figure 8C-F. Where possible,
we complement the data with additional average compositions from the literature (e.g. [*Ikehara*,
2015; *Machida*, 1999; 2002; *Moriwaki et al.*, 2008; *Nagahashi et al.*, 2003; *Satoguchi and Nagahashi*, 2012]. Twelve correlations (tephra layers CIB 1-5, 7-8, 10-11, 13, 16, and 18) can be
established between the marine ash layers and the specific Japanese eruptions, ranging in age

443 from 0.119 Ma to 3.5 Ma (Figs. 8C-F; Table 1). As a result, at Site U1440, we can identify a 444 marine equivalent of the Nanko-I and BT51 tephras that erupted 119 ka and 216 ka ago from an 445 unknown source (correlation CIB1 and CIB2). Tephra layers CIB 3 and CIB 4 correlate with the 446 well-known Ata-Th eruption (238 ka, Ata Caldera) and the potassium-rich Aso-1 (249 ka; Aso 447 Caldera) eruption; these ashes occur at Sites U1439, U1440, U1441, and U1439 and U1442, 448 respectively (Figs. 8C-F; Table 1). Ortho- and clinopyroxenes in both tephra layers, as well as 449 additionally some amphibole in tephra layer CIB3, as in their land equivalents, assist the 450 correlations (e.g., Machida, 1999). Tephra layer CIB 5, which occurs at Sites U1439, U1440 and 451 U1442, correlates with the 250 ka Onikoube-Ik tephra from Onikoube Caldera. Tephra layer CIB 452 7, as found at Sites U1439 and U1442, correlates with the 349 ka Naruohama-IV tephra, from an 453 unknown source (Figs. 8C-F; Table 1). Tephra layer CIB 8, identified at Site U1440 corresponds 454 to a 540 ka Kb-Ks tephra from South-Kyushu. This contains biotite and amphibole similar to the 455 equivalent on land (e.g., Machida, 1999).

456 The above correlations indicate widespread dispersal of ash of Japan arc origin to the IBM 457 sediments ~1000 km away from 0.5 Ma onwards (Figs. 8C-F; Table 1). Two tephra layers, CIB 458 10 and CIB11 (at Sites U1441, U1442 and at Site U1439 respectively), dated at 1.95 and 2.0 Ma, correspond to the Kry1-HAS (unknown Kyushu caldera) and Bnd2-O1 (unknown North Central 459 460 Japan caldera) eruptions, confirming the occurrence of older Japan-derived eruptive products in 461 the IBM sediments (Figs. 8C-F; Table 1). Two additional marine ash layers, both from single drill sites, can also be correlated with eruptions in Japan. These are associated with unknown 462 463 eruptions in Kyushu and Central Japan, at 2.4 Ma (tephra layer CIB 13, Kmz-Ngs, Site U1442) 464 and 2.55 Ma, respectively (tephra layer CIB 16, Rih-Mn4, Site U1440), respectively (Figs. 8C-F; 465 Table 1). The oldest possible link (3.5 Ma) to the database of Kimura et al. [2015] is established 466 for a marine ash bed found in Site U1440 (tephra layers CIB 18; C16), which correlates with an 467 unknown eruption in Central Northeast Japan (Figs. 8C-F; Table 1).

Since glass compositions often overlap, especially from the same volcanic center, compositional variations with age need to be taken into account when correlating specific eruptions. As an indication of this, in Figure 8G-H the trace element compositions of widespread Japan tephras [*Kimura et al.*, 2015] are plotted versus age and combined with the marine tephra data and their respective ages derived from shipboard age models. The combined geochemistry and age data strengthen our correlations based on major elements (Figs. 8G-H).

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476 For the 101 ash layers recognized as originating from the IBM system we can identify their 477 provenance by comparing the trace element compositions of tephras with fields of compositional 478 variation along the IBM arc, using published data (Fig. 7). A similar approach has been 479 successfully applied to understand the provenance of marine tephras offshore Central America 480 by utilizing regional compositional variability along the Central American volcanic arc and 481 taking account of systematically changing subduction parameters and nature of the incoming 482 plate [Kutterolf et al., 2008a; 2016; Schindlbeck et al., 2016a]. Our analysis assumes similar 483 influences on the IBM subduction zone, as suggested by Tamura et al., [2009]. We assume fixed 484 relationships of the parameters controlling the along-arc variation during the entire history of the 485 IBM system from the Oligocene to Recent, and also utilize known along-arc variations in bulk-486 rock and glass trace-element chemistry (Fig. 9). The method is valid for both, felsic and mafic 487 tephras. If along-arc comparison is ambiguous, we favor the closest available source areas.

Along-arc geochemical variations, particularly of trace element ratios (e.g., in Ba/La, Rb/Hf, Zr/Nb and Nb/Ta; Fig. 9) can successfully identify the approximate IBM arc source regions for individual tephra layers, at least for the Neogene and Quaternary time (although ratios may vary locally at any given time). Despite being less accurate than direct correlations with volcanic events and volcanic centers, which is impossible for the far-removed IBM tephras, our method represents a major step forward as it identifies source regions for eruptions where vents may besubmerged or obscured by later geological events (e.g. erosion, later volcanism).

495 In summary, the 101 Expedition 352 marine ash layers that originated from identifiable IBM 496 sources can be generally assigned to specific IBM regions. The Nb/Ta and Zr/Nb ratios, 497 supported by Rb/Hf and Ba/La ratios, indicate four major IBM arc source regions (with some overlap): (1) between 27.5°N and 29°N based on high Nb/Ta, Rb/Hf and low Zr/Nb, Ba/La 498 499 ratios; (2) back/reararc volcanism between 31°N and 32.5°N based on high Rb/Hf but only 500 moderate Nb/Ta and low Zr/Nb ratios; (3) between 29.5°N and 31°N based on low Nb/Ta and 501 Rb/Hf ratios; and (4) between 33.5°N and 35°N based on high Ba/La and Zr/Nb ratios (Fig. 9). 502 These correlations do not encompass the complete eruptive history of the IBM arc, for example 503 distal eruptions may not be recorded at the Expedition 352 drill sites, but nevertheless, this 504 represents the first viable attempt to allocate the marine tephras of the IBM system to their host 505 volcanic centers.

The above exploratory provenance methods can be extended and complemented by correlations with specific volcanic islands and calderas using the literature data (see above). The resulting discrimination diagrams (Fig. 10) include compositional correlation fields for the volcanoes/volcanic complexes of the Izu-Bonin arc. As a result, specific correlations can be established with the Oshima, Sumisu, Torishima, Hachijojima, Miyakejima, Agoshima and Chichijima volcanic centers for the entire tephra inventory encompassing Oligocene to Recent time, thus extending the first-order regional provenance shown in Figure 9.

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514 **Temporal and spatial variations of tephra provenance**

515 The overall marine sediment tephra record reflects periods of high or low abundances of ash 516 layers from Oligocene to Pleistocene time. The tephra record starts in the Oligocene (33-24 Ma) 517 and comprises 18 dacitic to rhyolitic ash beds that can be tentatively correlated with the 518 compositional signals of Chichijima volcanics on the Bonin Ridge (Figs. 4, 10 and 11). These 519 ash beds differ compositionally from the Neogene and Pleistocene Izu-Bonin ash layers as they 520 represent a transitional composition between the typical Izu-Bonin island arc signature and that 521 of the more continentally influenced Japan arc (Fig. 11) similar to the compositions found at the 522 Kyushu-Palau-arc (e.g. Brandl et al. [2017]). Since boninitic, tholeiitic and calc-alkaline volcanism at the Bonin Ridge encompasses an age interval of ~48 to ~42 Ma [Ishizuka et al., 523 524 2006], the Oligocene marine tephras in the Expedition 352 sediments that were recovered close 525 to the Bonin Ridge are likely to represent highly evolved late-stage Kyushu-Palau-arc volcanism 526 in this area that was not previously recognized.

527 The proximity of the host volcanic centers to the depositional area supports the interpretation 528 of the depositional textures as mass-flow deposits from submarine pyroclastic flows, with a 529 maximum travel distance of 150-450 km (Fig. 9; e.g. *Schindlbeck et al.* [2013]). In contrast, the 530 air-fall tephras can be attributed to source areas that were located 100 to 1300 km from the drill 531 sites.

532 A significant ~11 Myr gap in volcanism is observed in the ash layering from 27 Ma to 16 533 Ma during which there was no significant input of ash from either the Japan or Izu-Bonin arcs 534 (Fig.11), probably reflecting tectonic constraints (see Robertson et al. [in press]). This interval coincides with the start of the backarc spreading and opening of the Shikoku Basin at ~25 Ma, 535 536 proposed by Taylor [1992], Ishizuka et al., [2011] and others, which may have limited the 537 contribution of Izu-Bonin volcanic products. Also relevant to the pause in volcanism is the 538 inference that Neogene North Japanese volcanism began only after 13 Ma when the initial uplift of the continental block began [Acocella et al., 2008; Ito et al., 1989; Sato, 1994; Yamamoto, 539 540 1992]. Also, the distance between the source and depositional site could have become too great to be reached by tephras because the sites drifted northwards at ~30 km/My in a N/S direction 541 542 (e.g. [Hall, 2002]; see also Robertson et al. [in press]).

From 16 to 5 Ma the inventory is dominated by tephras of Izu-Bonin arc provenance (Fig.11). Although no clearly preferred spatial origin with time can be distinguished, large eruptions

from IBM region 4 (between Agaoshima to Oshima) appear to be limited to the early Pliocene to late Miocene, whereas IBM regions 2 and 3 contributed continuously to the tephra record since 16 Ma. Additionally, sporadic ash layers from the Japanese arc systems can be found in the sediments at around 12 to 16 Ma but become sparser with increasing age.

In contrast, at all of the Expedition 352 sites the time interval between ~5-0 Ma shows an equivalent mixture of tephra sources from the (Palaeo-) Honshu and Izu-Bonin arcs (Fig. 11). IBM tephras within the last 5 Ma are: 1) mainly observed on the lower forearc slope (Sites U1440 and U1441), and 2) are equally abundant as Japan-derived tephras after a sporadic occurrence in the first 2 Myr. Ash beds of Japan origin cover the entire range of source regions from Kyushu in the SW to Honshu to Hokkaido in the northeast, without any specific spatial or temporal grouping.

556 Low viscosity and therefore less effective fragmentation of mafic magmas normally should 557 hinder the development of high and persistent eruption columns, a prerequisite for wide 558 dispersion of the eruptive products [Constantini et al., 2010; Houghton et al., 2004]. In contrast, 559 the high percentage of widespread deposits from large explosive mafic eruptions in the IBM 560 Expedition 352 sediments (15 to 25%) opposes this constraint and compares well with the 20% 561 of widespread mafic ash beds found offshore in the eastern Pacific and in lacustrine sediments of 562 Central America [Kutterolf et al., 2008a; 2016]. Our research on the IBM arc reinforces earlier 563 assumptions that abundant occurrence of widespread mafic tephras in marine sediments is characteristic of arc volcanism rather than a special seldom-occurring type of eruption, as 564 sometimes suggested in the literature (e.g. [Coltelli et al., 1998; Pérez et al., 2009]). 565

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567 Implications for eruptive volumes

In cases where data for the thickness and abundance of distal eruptive products are sparse, standard volume calculations (e.g. [*Fierstein and Nathenson*, 1992; *Pyle*, 1989], based on large data sets and well-constraint isopach shapes, cannot be applied to less well-constrained and 571 estimated distal isopachs. Where <20 data points are used for isopach construction [Engwell et 572 al., 2013], volume calculations are subject to >10% error [Klawonn et al., 2014]. However, 573 minimum estimates of eruptive volumes can be made. Several models have been proposed to 574 estimate tephra volumes utilizing sparse data. For example, Green et al., [2016] applied a 575 Bayesian statistical approach to sparse proximal and distal deposits, and Sulpizio [2005] tested 576 three empirical methods to calculate distal tephra-fall volumes. Each of these methods have been 577 compared and tested, partly incorporating the model of Legros [2000]. Here, we follow Legros's 578 [2000] initial, simplified model that calculates a minimum tephra volume by assuming that the 579 thickness at the farthest site lies on the dispersal axis. This assumption allows the construction of 580 a tear-drop-shaped isopach with aperture angles of 45°, 60°, and 90° (average angles for 581 Pleistocene eruptions; e.g. [Kimura et al., 2015; Machida, 2002]. Then, on the resulting 582 distribution area an exponential thickness decrease with distance from the eruptive vent has been 583 applied (see also [Kutterolf et al., 2016; 2016c; Schindlbeck et al., 2016b; 2015; accepted]).

Ash-bed thicknesses could vary between the Expedition 352 sites or even between the locally adjacent holes because of local or small-scale reworking or coring disturbance. However, many of the observed beds are complete and display perfect, normal gradation from medium-grained ash (~250 μ m) to very fine-grained ash (<32 μ m) (Fig. 3). Where a single ash bed is wellpreserved at several sites its original maximum thickness can be confidently determined. This can then be taken as the "true" thickness of that particular ash layer in the region even if correlative ash layers in other sites are thinner.

The majority of the marine tephra layers assigned to a Japanese provenance are assumed to have come from Kyushu. The approximate volume estimates for these eruptions (assuming an intermediate distribution fan opening angle of 60° similar to Schindlbeck et al. [accepted]) vary between ~35 and ~49 km³ tephra volume (17 to 23 km³ DRE; CIB 7, 8, 10, 13; 1.5 to 2 cm ash layer thickness; Table 1; Supporting Information Table 3). This confirms the preliminary volume estimates of >100 km³ for the Kobayashi-Ks (Kb-Ks) eruption (CIB8; 38 to 72 km³ tephra 597 volume) according to Machida and Arai [2003]. Two notable exceptions are seen for Kyushu 598 eruptions: Ata-Th (CIB 3; 13 cm ash layer thickness) and Aso-1 (CIB4; 6 cm ash layer thickness) imply eruptive tephra volumes of ~300 km³ (~143 km³ DRE) and ~140 km³ (66 km³ 599 600 DRE), respectively (Table 1; Supporting Information Table 3). The ash layer thickness of 83 cm 601 of the Ata-Th tephra at Site U1440 could be due to local thickening, drilling disturbance (flow in 602 of ash matter; e.g. Jutzeler et al., [2014]), or both. If, however, the thickness is primary, the eruptive volume would increase to ~1900 km³, which seems to be excessive. Our results 603 604 corroborate and extend the initial tephra volume estimates of >>150 km³ for Ata-Th and of >>50 605 km³ for Aso-1, as given by *Machida* [2002]. Late Pliocene and Early Pleistocene eruptions from 606 Central Japan (CIB 11, 16 and 18; 3 to 10 cm ash laver thickness) account for ~40 to ~150 km³ tephra volume (20 to 70 km³ DRE), Nanko I from SW Japan (CIB 1; 4 cm) results in ~90 km³ 607 (44 km³ DRE), whereas eruptions in NE-Japan reached volumes of ~16 km³ for BT51 (~8 km³ 608 609 DRE; CIB 2; 1 cm ash layer thickness) and ~350 km³ for Onikoube-IK (~160 km³ DRE; CIB 5; 610 16 cm ash layer thickness) (Table 1; Supporting Information Table 3).

611 Although we are unable to correlate known individual eruptions along the Izu-Bonin arc with 612 the marine tephras investigated in this study, we can at least assign average compositions to the 613 known eruptive centers along the subduction zone. Using average ash layer thicknesses and 614 simple distribution models for subaerial ash fallouts [Legros, 2000], an initial volume estimate 615 can be made for eruptions that reached the atmosphere from the respective areas. However, we 616 cannot exclude the possibility that voluminous submarine eruptions also occurred but did not 617 reach distal areas [e.g. Schindlbeck et al. accepted]. For the most proximal IBM region 1, between Chichijima and Mukojima (~150 km distance from source), the minimum distribution 618 area (up to 10-cm isopach) is calculated as ~1 x 10^5 km² with a tephra volume of 3 to 5 km³ (1-2 619 km³ DRE) (Table 1; Supporting Information Table3). For IBM region 2 (backarc) and region 3 620 621 (volcanic front), ~300 km or ~450 km from the Expedition 352's depositional area, tephra volumes of ~9 to ~17 km³ (4-8 km³ DRE) and ~4 to ~ 9 km³ (2-4 km³ DRE) are calculated when 622

considering minimum distribution areas of ~7 x 10^5 km² and ~3 x 10^5 km², respectively, at an average ash layer thicknesses of ~4 cm (Table 1; Supporting Information Table 3). IBM region 4, up to 750 km away from the Expedition 352 depositional area, was the source of the largest eruptions recorded in the Expedition 352 IBM sediments. The eruptions potentially produced 21 to 40 km³ (10-19 km³ DRE) of tephra, derived from minimum distribution areas of ~2 x 10^6 km² with ash layer thicknesses of 1 to 42 cm (Table 1).

629 In summary, volumetric eruption magnitudes ($M_v = log_{10}(V)-4$, where V [m³] represent 630 tephra volume [Pyle, 1995] (equivalent to the VEI index of [Newhall and Self, 1982]), as derived 631 from first-order volume estimates, generally range from M_v=6.4 to 7.7 for tephras that correlate 632 with Japan eruptions, whereas our rough estimates of eruptive products originating in the four 633 different IBM regions range between M_v=5.7 and 6.6. The distal ash layers in the IBM forearc 634 sediments therefore help us to constrain the size of some IBM and Japan eruptions, increase the 635 previous volume and magnitude estimates for known Japan eruptions (Table 1), and demonstrate 636 how important distal deposits are for the characterization of large explosive eruptions.

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638 **Conclusions**

We have established a tephro-chronostratigraphy for IODP Expedition 352 IBM forearc 639 sediments, which highlights the occurrence of large Oligocene to Pleistocene explosive eruptions 640 641 related to the Japan and IBM arcs. Of the 157 confirmed ash horizons recovered, 101 ash layers 642 within the entire time frame (Oligocene-Recent) can be allocated to an IBM origin, whereas 56 643 ash layers from the Pleistocene to early Miocene have a Japan provenance. The characteristics of distinctive ash beds allow 24 site-to-site correlations of widespread major tephra layers, thereby 644 645 providing tie points in the sedimentary sequence. The overall evidence also facilitates 12 646 correlations between the tephras in the marine sediments and specific eruptions from Kyushu, 647 Central Japan (S- to Central Honshu) and North Japan (N-Honshu to Hokkaido), with ages 115 ka to 3.5 Ma. Additionally, four IBM arc provenance regions have been established for 648 649 Oligocene to Pleistocene tephras based on along-arc compositional variations.

An initial comprehensive tephro-chronostratigraphy for the entire Japanese and Izu-Bonin region is established using a combination of correlations between the drill sites and their independently dated terrestrial counterparts, along-arc provenance, and the biostratigraphic ages of marine sediments recovered during Expedition 352. Additionally, we provide a stratigraphically classified tephra database of glass compositions for large-magnitude Quaternary and Neogene explosive eruptions as a basis for further correlations with marine tephra archives in the region.

Using correlations with individual eruptions in Japan, we have also estimate respective eruptive volumes and eruption magnitudes. When the marine tephras are assigned to provenance regions within the Izu-Bonin arc system (taking account of their calculated ages), it becomes clear just how large eruptions from the source regions must have been to reach the drill sites. The tephra inventory additionally provides glimpses of the history of explosive volcanism on the Izu-Bonin arc system back to the Oligocene and also helps to indicate how this relates to explosive volcanism in Japan.

664 Appendix:

- 665 Supporting Information Table 1
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683 684 685 686 687 688 689 690 691	Figure 1: Overview map with bathymetry of the Japan-Izu-Bonin region (http://www.geomapapp.org; GMRT-Global Multi-Resolution Topography; [<i>Ryan et al.</i> , 2009]) including borehole positions of IODP Expedition 350-351 (orange stars) and 352 (red stars), and also ODP cruises (green and violet circles). Arrows indicate convergence direction and rate between Philippine Sea plate and Japan and also the Pacific plate and the Philippine Sea plate [<i>Miller et al.</i> , 2006]. Dashed lines and roman numbers represent potential IBM source regions of the marine tephras. Inset shows the location of main map. EP, Eurasian plate; PP, Pacific plate; PSP, Philippine Sea plate; and NAP, North American plate.
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693 694 695 696 697 698 699 700	Figure 2: Lithostratigraphic columns for Sites U1439, U1440, U1441, and U1442 [from <i>Reagan et al.</i> , 2015] with compositionally correlated ash layers CIB0 through CIB30 providing stratigraphic ties between the four sites of IODP Expedition 352. Correlations with known Japanese tephras (bold labels, solid purple lines) as discussed in the text and also the resulting age constraints for the Expedition 352 sediments are indicated to the right. Inset shows the age models for each site that are used to calculate the tephra ages (modified after Robertson et al. [in press]). Further information about biostratigraphy and used key zonal taxa to construct the age models can be found in Robertson et al. [in press].
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702 703 704 705 706 707 708 709	Figure 3: Photographs of selected felsic ash layers (1-5) and microphotographs of smear slides showing glass shard textures of silicic (A-F) and mafic (G-I) ash layers. (A) and (B) Dense blocky glass shards; (C) cuspate glass shards formed by fragmentation of "foamy" pyroclasts with predominantly large, rounded, or elliptical bubbles; (D) Rounded and elliptical vesicles within blocky and cuspate glass shards; (E) and (F) pumiceous clast with tubular vesicles; (G) pumiceous brownish clasts with clusters of elongate and elliptical vesicles; (H) and (I) Dense brownish glass shard with some round and elliptical vesicles.
710 711 712	Figure 4: Total alkali versus silica plot showing the compositional variability in Expedition 352 tephras and discriminating between volcanic rock classes (after <i>Le Maitre et al.</i> [2002]). All data are normalized to anhydrous compositions.
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714 715 716 717	Figure 5: Normalized ash abundance for Sites U1439–U1442, modified from <i>Reagan et al.</i> , [2015]. Marine tephras are grouped into mafic and felsic types on the basis of compositional glass data and a threshold of 60 wt% silica to distinguish between felsic and mafic tephras. Note the different amounts of felsic and mafic ash layers across the IBM forearc slope.

718 Depths are shown in meters below sea level (mbsl).

- Figure 6 A to H: Major and trace element glass shard compositions of Expedition 352 tephras illustrating site-to-site correlations. Dashed circles in A, B, E, and F, show examples of site to site correlations with the number "Cx" used to refer to the respective CIB correlation number given in the text and the Supporting Information Tables. The data represent averages of 10 to 20 (EMP) or 2 to 7 (LA-ICPMS) single point measurements; the gray bars indicate the compositional range within each sample. All major element data are normalized to anhydrous compositions.
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728 Figure 7: Marine tephras from Expedition 352 compared to regional compositional fields 729 indicating a Japanese, IBM volcanic front, or IBM back arc provenance (see references in the 730 text). (A) SiO₂/CaO versus K₂O, (B) Zr/Nb versus La/Sm, (C) Th/Yb versus Ta/Yb (modified after [Gorton and Schandl, 2000]), (D) Ba/La versus Rb/Hf, (E) K2O versus 731 732 Ba/La, (F) U/La versus Ba/Th (modified after *Patino et al.* [2000]). OIA= ocean island arc; ACM= active continental margin; WIPvolc= Within plate volcanics; WIB= Within plate 733 734 basalts; CS= carbonate sediment; HS= hemipelagic sediment. The data represent the 735 averages of all of the analyses made of each individual tephra.

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Figure 8: (A) through (F) Ash layers from Expedition 352 with a Japanese origin compared with the fields of proximal Japanese tephras as summarized in *Kimura et al.* [2015] and references therein (see main text), (G) Rb/Hf versus age, and (H) Zr/Nb versus age. Data are averages of all of the analyses made for each individual tephra horizon. Gray bars represent the compositional range in each sample; letters in the key and in the diagrams identify CIBlayers; and colored bars indicate the compositional range of the correlating tephras given in *Kimura* et *al.* [2015].

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745 Figure 9: Comparison of average glass compositions of Expedition 352 tephras related to an IBM origin, with Ba/La, Rb/Hf, Zr/Nb, and Nb/Ta variations along the Izu-Bonin arc as 746 747 discussed in the text. Distances along the arc are given in degrees latitude. The compositional 748 groups I to IV reflect the possible origins of the marine tephras as indicated by a combination 749 of characteristic variations along the arc. The lowermost panel shows a bathymetric map 750 (http://www.geomapapp.org; GMRT-Global Multi-Resolution Topography; [Ryan et al., 751 2009] with known basaltic and ryholitic volcanic centers along the arc and arrows indicating possible transport paths of submarine pyroclastic mass flows. 752

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754 Figure 10: Tephra layers from Expedition 352 with an Izu-Bonin origin compared with 755 proximal glass and bulk-rock compositions of Izu-Bonin rocks summarized from the 756 literature. References are given in the main text. The data are averages of all of the analyses 757 made for each individual tephra horizon. The gray bars represent the compositional range per sample. The red circles highlight Oligocene tephras within the diagrams, in which trace 758 759 element ratios suggest a Chichijima origin. The right panel shows a bathymetric map 760 (http://www.geomapapp.org; GMRT-Global Multi-Resolution Topography; [Rvan et al., 2009] with known basaltic and rhyolitic volcanic centers along the arc. 761

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Figure 11: Age versus composition diagrams indicating Zr/Nb, Rb/Hf, Ba/Th, and Th/La
compositional variations of the tephra inventory with time. The data represent the averages
of all of the analyses made for each individual ash. Purple lines show the approximate
division line between Japanese and IBM origin.

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Table 1: Summary of ash layer correlations within the Expedition 352 sediments and also
with Japanese and Izu-Bonin sources, including calculated tephra volumes and eruption
magnitudes.

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CIB # (correlations	Ash layers	age [Ma] from sedimentation rates and	correlations to well-dated Japanese tephras/Japanese	correlations to IBM source regions (I=S-IBM; II=C-IBM-reararc: III=C-	estimated tephra volumes [km ³]; averages per individual Japanese eruntions and averaged	estimated eruption magnitudes; per individual Japanese eruptions and averaged	representative elements and concentrations for IBM/Japan differentiation					
between sites)		correlations	source regions	IBM-arc; IV=N-IBM)	for proposed IBM and Japanese source regions	for proposed IBM and Japanese source regions	κ₂ 0	SiO ₂	SiO ₂ /C aO	Th/La	Rb/Hf	Zr/Nb
C0	U1441A-1R-1_22-24 average U1442A-1R-1 55-57 average	0.029 0.034	-	Ш	27	6.7	0.91 0.87	63.48 63.28	10.93 10.78	0.108	5.69 -	72.87
C1	U1440A-1H-1_139-141 average	0.119	Nanko-I; 0.119 Ma; SW Japan	-	90	7.2	2.06	71.17	22.61	0.386	16.53	24.41
C2	U1440A-1H-2_89-91 average II	0.216	BT51; 0.216 Ma; NE Japan	-	16	6.4	2.66	77.33	60.17	-	-	-
-	U1439A-1H-3_97-99 average	0.223					2.99	78.47	66.23	0.462	34.22	12.37
	U1440A-2H-4/5_144-67 average	0.238	Ata-Th; 0.238 Ma; Kyushu			7.7 (8.5)*	3.52	77.88	77.13	0.483	42.08	10.99
C3	U1441A-1R-1_76-78 average	0.238		-	306 (1950)*		2.92	78.03	62.33	0.449	39.58	11.04
	U1442A-1R-3_97-99 average II	0.238					2.81	78.08	57.37	-	-	-
	U1442A-1R-4_11-13 average1	0.270					2.95	78.24	62.90	-	-	-
C4	U1439A-1H-3_143-145 average	0.249	Aso1; 0.249 Ma; Kyushu	-	140	7.4	5.21	67.94	37.76	0.351	22.83	19.77
	U1442A-1R-4_11-13 average2	0.270			-		5.17	67.92	34.03	-	-	-
65	U1439A-1H-4_53-55 average	0.298	Onikoube-IK; 0.25 Ma; NE Japan	-	345	7.7	1.72	76.41	41.09	0.388	10.15	42.42
65	U1440A-2H-6_95-97 average	0.250					1.47	76.28	40.32	0.346	13.91	34.72
	11439A1H-4W-77-79 average	0.319			·	<u> </u>	1.00	58.02	8 23		-	
C6	U1441A-2R-1 6-8 average	0.312	- / Kyushu	-	9	6.1	1.50	60.72	10.26	0.381	39.17	7.51
	U1442A-1R-4 101-103 average1	0.315	,		_		1.41	59.40	9.15	-	-	-
C7	U1442A-2R-1 36-38 average	0.349	Naruohama-IV; 0.349 Ma; Kyushu	-	35	6.7	2.69	78.32	58.04	0.413	15.47	31.53
C8	U1442A-2R-2_14-16 average	0.540	Kb-Ks; 0.54 Ma; Kyushu	-	49	6.9	4.21	74.72	62.67	0.539	30.18	20.84
<u></u>	U1439A-2H-4_100-102 average	1.117	/ Kuushu				3.10	74.83	39.86	0.455	24.06	20.06
C9	U1442A-2R-3_102-104 average	1.050	-7 Kyusilu	-	-	•	3.24	75.83	45.04	0.379	26.68	16.40
C10	U1441A-3R-3_60-62 average	1.950	Krv1-HSA: 1 95 Ma: Kvushu		47	68	1.73	78.52	48.88	0.118	5.18	35.27
	U1442A-3R-3_0-2 average	1.950	Riyi-HoA, 1.55 Ma, Ryasha	-	-1	0.0	1.42	77.41	45.60	0.195	6.31	37.28
C11	U1439A-3H-4_134-136 average	2.167	Bnd2-O1; 2.0 Ma; C-Japan	-	60	6.9	3.26	75.90	50.88	0.432	26.86	16.43
C12	U1439A-4H-1_75-77 average	2.460	- / C-Japan	-	-	-	3.57	77.53	71.23	0.526	51.90	9.60
C12	U1442A-3R-3_121-123 average	2.297	Kma Nasi 2 4 Noi Kuushu		47	6.9	3.01	75.12	49.62	0.301	53.80	7.39
013	U1442A-3R-4_7-9 average	2.400	Kiliz-Ngs, 2.4 Ma, Kyusilu	-	47	0.0	2.07	79.13	40.07	-	26.09	24.66
C14	11111100-1H-1 57-59 average	2.735	- / Kyushu	-	50	6.9	3 33	77 32	63.43	0.334	10 71	24.00
014	11442A-3R-4 9-11 average	2 402					3.02	77 72	55 78	- 0.450	-	20.00
	U1439A-4H-3 92-94 average	2.763					0.86	70.65	18.19	0.120	5.30	84.42
C15	U1440A-4H-6 1-3 average	2.346	-	1	3	5.5	0.99	70.63	19.54	-	-	-
C16	U1440A-5H-2_34-36 average II	2.550	Rih-Mn4; 2.55 Ma; C-Japan	-	42	6.8	1.71	75.63	37.87	0.296	5.68	48.40
047	U1439A-4H-6_5-7 average	3.169	10 1		00		3.13	78.05	81.31	0.454	37.99	11.69
617	U1442A-4R-CC_2-4 average	3.169	- / C-Japan	-	20	0.0	4.33	77.70	172.77	0.499	39.03	7.18
C18	U1440A-5H-3_9-11 average	3.500	C16; 3.5 Ma; NE Japan	-	150	7.3	3.04	78.45	82.06	0.467	20.29	25.53
	U1439A-4H-7_7-12 average	3.348					0.26	54.73	5.92	0.075	3.37	91.11
C19	1440A-5H-3/4_148-6 average	3.529	-	III	24	6.5	0.31	56.62	6.65	0.089	3.49	109.09
	U1441A-3R-4_134-136 average	3.348					0.34	57.19	7.17	0.100	5.13	40.73
C20	U1440A-6H-5W-106-108 average	3.728	-	IV	64	7.0	0.57	72.70	20.73	-		-
	U1441A-3R-5_20-22 average	3.429					0.00	72.90	20.45	0.103	0.4Z	66.03
C21	U1439A-4H-CC_21-23 average	3.477	_		6	5.0	0.31	54.40	5.51	- 0 127	3.61	114 11
021	11441A-3R-5 41-43 average	3 477	-		ő	0.9	0.33	54.65	5.53	0.127	3.66	112.08
-	U1439A-6H-1 25-27 average	3.941					0.59	73.15	21.28	0.080	5.71	67.47
C22	U1440A-7H-6_70-72 average	3.941	-		6	5.9	0.60	72.16	18.73	0.122	4.19	97.76
C 22	U1439A-6H-6W-6-8 average	4.309			10	6.2	0.89	57.20	7.59	-	-	-
023	U1441A-3R-6_76-78 average	4.309	-		10	0.2	0.39	57.67	7.05	0.122	4.04	85.34
C24	U1439A-7H-1_117-119 average II	5.717	-/SW.lanan		50	69	1.60	66.89	16.94	0.224	7.97	21.45
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C25	U1439A-7H-4_36-45 average	7.259	-	11	30	6.7	0.37	56.33	6.22	0.131	4.48	104.61
	U1441A-5R-1_39-41 average	7.259					0.38	56.31	6.33	0.110	3.80	106.37
C26	U1439A-/H-4_61-63 average	7.333			10	6.0	0.34	25.58	6.04	0.083	4.26	119.05
620	U 144 IA-5R-1_128-130 average	7.330	-	Ш	10	6.2	0.36	57.24	0.40	0.115	2.30	120.14
	11430A_8H_5 147-140 average	1.330					0.32	76.02	30.85	0.109	3.04	93.24
C27	U1441AA-6R-3 52-54 average	10.419	-	II	17	6.4	0.80	76.26	30.13	- 0.004	-	
	U1439A-8H-CC 1-3 average	10.862				a i	0.51	71.04	17.95	-	-	-
C28	U1440A-9H-1 80-82 average	10.419	-	IV	18	6.4	0.56	70.43	16.68	0.088	3.85	149.79
000	U1439A-10H-3_48-50 average	14.168	/ NE !		10	6.0	4.99	76.61	94.24	0.278	18.62	12.52
629	U1442A-6R-2_88-90 average	14.239	- / NEJapan	-	40	0.0	4.84	76.16	100.37	0.362	15.59	15.58
C30	U1439A-10H-3_88-90 average	14.257	_	н	7	61	1.08	76.14	26.67	0.164	5.92	102.29
	U1442A-6R-CC_1-3/4-6 average	14.257	-	"	,	0.1	0.80	76.28	26.98	0.117	4.21	103.46
* eruptive values for extended thickness of 83 cm.												

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Figure 2.



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