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1. Country/location of visit

Sepilock and Kinabatangan-river, Sabah state, Borneo island, Malaysia

2. Research project

Fieldwork practice in rainforest and observation on wild crocodiles

3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

2014.7.29~ 2014.8.9 (12days)

4. Main host researcher and affiliation

Prof. Abdul Hamid Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation, University Malaysia Sabah

5. Progress and results of your research/activity (You can attach extra pages if needed)

Please insert one or more pictures (to be publicly released). Below each picture, please provide a brief description.

I visited Sabah state in Borneo island, Malaysia with Aoi Matsukawa and Kei Matsushima (WRC student). The purposes of this visit were to experience tropical rainforest field and research in foreign country. I went into rainforest in Sepilock, and practiced how to use radio-telemetry. I also learned how to walk in tropical rainforest. Subsequently, I participated in river cruise in Kinabatangan-river in order to make an observation on wild crocodiles. I took part in 3 times and I could find 3 individuals of saltwater crocodile. I saw 1 baby crocodile and 1 adult one and 1 dead one. Each of living crocodiles seemed to be resting, but the baby one escaped very quickly. Even apart from crocodiles I saw a lot of other species, for example Proboscis monkey, long-tailed macaque, Kingfisher, and water monitor. It was great experience that I could see a river in tropical regions with my own eyes.

I feel that making good relationship in research area is the most important thing for fieldwork in foreign country. For my future study, I will make the best use of things that I learned in this visit.



An adult saltwater crocodile (during river cruise)



A trail in RDC(Rainforest Discovery Center)

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A saltwater crocodile(In crocodile farm)



An Orangutan



River cruise in Kinabatangan-river



An Proboscis monkey

6. Others