#### **Research Activity Report** Supported by "Leading Graduate Program in Primatology and Wildlife Science"

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# 1. Country/location of visit

Sasagamine, Niigata Japan

# 2. Research project

Sasagamine Field Science Course ( Snow season )

### 3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

2015. 03. 25 - 2014. 03. 28 (4days)

# 4. Main host researcher and affiliation

Dr. Sugiyama, Professor at Shizuoka University, Kyoto University Sasagamine Hutte

### 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.

It was 2nd time we had the Field science course in Sasagamine. Once was summer season, we climbed Hiuchi yama.. This time was for snow season. It trained us how to walk on wakan and skis.

We found animal footprints, feces, nests, bugs on snow during practicing these snow equipment.

Actually, I'm not sure if the snow skills need for my fieldwork, but I think the most important thing, that is to have sprit of inquiry, even if the place isn't related to my filed.

We spent really good time with other PWS students. PWS students in Kyoto and Inuyama, we usually haven't taken same PWS course, so this was 1st time that all of PWS L1 students took same one. Sasagamine is very beautiful place, I would like to visit again in summer season.



Inside the Sasagamine Hutte.



▲ We built a Igloo!!



Outside the Sasagamine Hutte



▲ Trii at a shrine was covered with deep snow!!

6. Others