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1. Country/location of visit

Koshima, Miyazaki Pref.

2. Research project

Koshima Field Science Course

3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

2016. 04. 24 – 2014. 04. 30 (7 days)

4. Main host researcher and affiliation

Kyoto University

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.

This course aimed at acquiring the ability to observe wild animals and analyze the behavioral data of them. This is the schedule of this course.

- 4/24 arrival at Koshima Field Station
- 4/25 preliminary observation
- 4/26 data sampling
- 4/27 Toi-misaki
- 4/28 data sampling, data analysis, preparation for presentation
- 4/29 presentation
- 4/30 leaving from Koshima Field Station

Two groups of Japanese macaques live in Koshima island. They are fed on wheat 3 times a week at most, so they are classified as 'semi-provisioned' groups.

When I preliminarily observed them, I found that it is easy to count the number of grains of wheat which an individual ate in a minute. In addition, I wanted to use these monkeys' body mass data, which of wild ones are normally impossible to know. So, using the feeding-speed data and body mass data of Koshima monkeys, I investigated whether heavier monkeys eat faster.

As a result, unfortunately there are no significant relation between the body mass and the feeding speed. But I was satisfied with this course because, through this course, I learned how to use R (a statistical program) for non-parametric tests.





Soon after giving monkeys wheat

Eating wheat

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Semi-wild horses in Toi-Misaki

Group photo

6. Others

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