

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Koshima, Kushima-shi, Miyazaki Pref.
2. Research project
Koshima Field course/The observation of behaviors in mother and child Japanese macaques
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2015.5.7-5.13(7days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Koshima Field station, Wildlife Research center/ Mr. Takahumi Suzumura, Ms. Akiko Takahashi
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.
<p>In Koshima field training course, First year of Master course students in WRC went to Koshima Field Station and Koshima Island and observed Monkeys as these schedules.</p> <p>Schedules</p> <p>7th May: Gather at kushima St., Buy foods, set up the camera traps</p> <p>8th May: Go to Koshima Island, Observe Monkeys</p> <p>9th May: Observe Monkeys</p> <p>10th May: Strike tents, Go back to FS</p> <p>11th May: Observe horses, Collect the camera traps</p> <p>12th May: Prepare for Presentation, Presentation</p> <p>13th May: Cleaning, Go back to Kyoto</p> <p>Summaries</p> <p>The main two purpose of this training course is to observe Monkeys and Horses and to learn the skills of field research. It was very good experience for me to plan how to live without electricity. The planning for cooking without refrigerator was the most difficult things for me, but it was very interesting for me to cook rice by the dixie at campsite.</p> <p>The research using camera traps were also very good experience for me. In camera recorded data, I could see wild boars and wild rabbits and Japanese macaques. I was very surprised to see there were so many wild animals near the FS.</p>
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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"> <p>The wild boar the camera trap took</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"> <p>The wild rabbit the camera trap took</p> </div> </div>

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Japanese macaques the camera trap took

I have been only observed Dolphins so far, so the observation of Japanese macaques was very interesting for me. Compare with Dolphins, I could observe more various behavior by monkeys. And in the presentation, I could get many comments for my presentation. So, It was very fruitful for me.



Mother and child of Japanese macaques

Japanese macaques at the beach

And the observation of Misaki horses was also interesting. I could see the harem of horses and observe 4pairs of mother and child horses.



Misaki horses at cape Toi

Mother and child of Misaki horse

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6. Others

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Suzumura and Ms. Takahashi at Koshima Field Station for helping our research. And I would also like to express my gratitude to PWS program for supporting this program.