

**Research Activity Report**  
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<b>1. Country/location of visit</b>
Sri Lanka
<b>2. Research project</b>
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<b>3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)</b>
2015.7.31-2015.8.17
<b>4. Main host researcher and affiliation</b>

<b>5. Progress and results of your research/activity</b> (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.
The aim of this trip was to visit various national park in various climatic zone such as wet zone, dry zone, montane zone and to observe wild plants and animals in Sri Lanka, and to know environmental preservation activity in Sri Lanka.
The schedule of this trip is as follows. 8/1 Arrive at Colonbo 8/2 Inauguration ceremony 8/3 Shinharaja 8/4 Shinharaja 8/5 River clouse at Madu Ganda and observe turtle hatchery 8/6 observe coral reef at Hikkaduwa 8/7 Bundala national park 8/8 kataragama
At Shinharaja, We could study the history of the shinharaja forest which was remained from deforestation and activity which is consistent with plantation and forest preservation. I t was interesting that there were many wild plants which could use as medicine.



We rode jeeps to the forest



Wild nepenthes

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Blue Magpie



Jangle fowl

At kosgoda, We enjoyed river cruise. We could observe King fisher, Langurs, Monitor lizard, Giant squirrell and so on. And we observed how to make cinnamon stick from cinnamon tree and tried Doctor fish therapy. It was very fun experience.

We visited Sea turtle conservation center and join the turtle release project. Sri Lanka is the rare place for turtle hatchling, but there are many illegal trade of sea turtle eggs. So, it is very important to protect sea turtle eggs and hatchlings by human. I saw sea turtle laying eggs and preservation activity in Yakushima, so I could compare both activity. It was very valuable experience for me.



How to make cinnamon stick



Doctor fish therapy



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1-days-old sea turtle

At Hikkaduwa, We can observe coral reefs that was destroyed by breakwater construction and coral reef watching grass boat. There are many grass boat near the snorkelers so I thought it was very dangerous. I think it is very important to ensure peoples safety in sightseeing spot.

We could visit 2 national park, Bundara national park and Yara national park.

In Bundara, there are not so many tourist but in Yara, there are too many tourist and jeeps. I heard that there were 350 jeeps in maximam. It was very serious problem to be consistent with sightseeing and wildlife habitat protection.



Purple face langur in Bundara    Elephant in Bundara

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Wildlife rodge

Elephants in Yara



Beautiful rake in Yara

In montane zone, we can observe different species from wet zone and dry zone. In the night, temperature was degree as 10°C, I could not believe I was in same country. We made short presentation about the place we visit. It was good experience to review the program.



Beautiful rake in Yara



Male Sanbar

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In Pigeon island, we observed coral reefs and many tropical fishes. It is one of the most famous sightseeing spot in Sri Lanka, so there were many people. In the beach, there were many dead coral branches. So, I thought the protection rule of coral reefs is needed in pigeon island.

Next time, I want to observe Dolphins as my research theme.

In this trip, I could learned there were various wildlife in Sri Lanka and how difficult to be consistent with wildlife habitat protection and sightseeing, and how people struggle to protect wildlife habitat.

This experience was very important for me to think of wildlife conservation problem.

I want to say thank you for all the participants of this trip and the staffs who make great effort for this trip.

#### **6. Others**

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