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

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## 1. Country/location of visit

Malaysia Kota Kinabalu/Sukau

# 2. Research project

JSPS Core-to-Core Programme, the7th International Workshop on Tropical Biodiversity Conservation Focusing on Large Animal Studies

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

15 October 2018 - 21 October 2018

#### 4. Main host researcher and affiliation

University Malaysia Sabah

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

Itinerary

Oct 15th Arrived at Kota Kinabalu

Oct 16th Attended the work shop, gave a poster presentation

Oct 17th Attended the work shop

Oct 18th Moved to Sukau, took a river cruise at Kinabatangan

Oct 19th Visited NGO, experienced planting-tree, took a river cruise at Kinabatangan

Oct 20th Moved to Kota Kinabalu

Oct 21th Returned to Japan

In this study tour, I participated JSPS Core-to-Core Programme, the 7<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Tropical Biodiversity Conservation Focusing on Large Animal Studies and gave a poster presentation.

This workshop consisted of three following sections:

- 1. Human-Animal conflicts
- 2. Animal Ecology, Behavior and Conservation
- 3. Connection between Wild and Captivity

Through the poster presentation, I could receive practical advice which are related to data analyses and hormonal analyses from other researchers. It would help me preparing for master thesis. From other researchers' presentation, I learned about conservative activities conducted in Asia especially in Malaysia.

After the workshop, we experienced several excursions at Sukau. I could observe various animal species including proboscis monkeys and loris inhabiting around Kinabatangan river during cruising. We visited NGO and received lecture about their activity for conservation. That NGO hired local women as a supporting staff for tree-planting. I learned that it is really important to maintain good relationship with local people to continue conservative activity and to educate local people.

Through these programs, I could interact with several postgraduate students from Japanese Universities other than Kyoto University. It was new experience to me to know about their studies. This study tour gave me many precious opportunities.

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Fig. 1 Group photo at University Malaysia Sabah



Fig. 2 River cruise



Fig. 3 Buffy Fish Owl

### 6. Others

I would like to thank the PWS program for supporting this study tour.

I also would like to express my appreciation to the lecturers and participants of this study tour.

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