

**Research Activity Report**  
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<b>1. Country/location of visit</b>
Japan, Hokkaido
<b>2. Research project</b>
Study on killer whale’s vocalization
<b>3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)</b>
2014. 05. 14 – 2014. 05. 18 (5 days)
<b>4. Main host researcher and affiliation</b>
Hokkaido Orca Research Project
<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.
<p>I study killer whale’s vocalization in Hokkaido from last year. The purpose of this investigation is to get individual identification data and the vocal data.</p> <p>I stayed at Rausu from May 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> to observe killer whales. However, the ship was canceled in 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> because of bad weather. So we held a study session. I did the lecture about the killer whale’s vocalization in Canada and in Hokkaido to students. And we had a lecture by Kasumi Sakakibara (WRC) about the study of Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins in Mikura island.</p> <p>Next day, we went to Shiretoko nature cruise and had a lecture by Erika Ooki who works as a whale watching guide (Fig 1). And we had a lecture by Prof. Nakahara about the study on social intelligence of the dolphin.</p> <p>We set the investigation in a schedule from 16<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May. However, we couldn’t see orcas, so after this we have to think about the setting of the schedule more closely.</p>

<b>Figure 1, study in Shiretoko nature cruise</b>
<b>6. Others</b>
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