



Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Wamba, Democratic Republic of Congo
2. Research project
Study on correlations between local people and bonobos
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2015. 6 23 – 2015. 9. 29 (99 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
WCBR, CREF
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>This was 3rd opportunity that I conducted my research in Wamba, DR Congo. The studies I collected data were below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wamba region(Mainly, 2 communities: Yayenge and Yasongo) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Interview for food taboo -Interview and GPS: Crop raiding by bonobos -Interview to local people for knowledge about bonobos -Recognition of legends • Nsema region (neighboring village of Wamba. It is located outside of Luo Scientific Reserve) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Interview for food taboo -Interview local people for knowledge about bonobos -Recognition of legends -Interview local people for experiences encountering with bonobos and bonobo meat. <p>Through I took data from people in Nsema, I would compare with Nsema and Wamba. Japanese research team started to study in Wamba and it has lasted over 40 years. People in Wamba they are aware of importance for saving bonobos. I found that the recognition was made by their indigenous Knowledge and 40year research activity by researchers. There is no big difference between Nsema and Wamba about knowledge of legends, however, In Nsema, food taboo for bonobo meat is weaker than Wamba. I asked 128 people in Nsema, “if you’ve eaten bonobo meat before?” as a result, 40 people answered they’ve eaten it before.</p> <p>I’m analyzing data to write my thesis for master degree. I’m also planning to have a poster presentation at SAGA, which will be held on 14th and 15th of November.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>▲Interview for food taboo.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>▲A boy who explains how bonobos walk in the forest.</p> </div> </div>

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6. Others

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