

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Sasagamine, Myokokogen, Niigata prefecture
2. Research project
Sasagamine field science course
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2017.07.18~2017.07.21 (4 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Dr. Sugiyama, Sasagamine Hut, Kyoto University
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>During Sasagamine Field Science Course, we learnt the skill and technique of field work, for example map preparation and a lot of types of rope knot. Our schedule was as follows:</p> <p>2017/7/18: Arriving at Sasagamine Hut / Cleaning Hut and walking around / Lecture on this course and how to read maps 2017/7/19: Karasawa exploration / Preparation for Tomorrow 2017/7/20: Climbing up Mt. Hiuchi 2017/7/21: Lecture on ropework / Cleaning up / Going back to Kyoto</p> <p><Day 1> We arrived at Kyoto University Sasagamine Hut. After cleaning up, we walked around the hut. We could observe a lot of kind of plants and insects there. Then we came back to the hut and prepared for the dinner. We had a lecture for reading maps from Dr. Sugiyama.</p> <p><Day 2> On the morning of second day, we went trekking and explored Karasawa. We learnt how to find our route in the forest, and how to climb steeply-rocky area. I used GPS for my training of field work. Fortunately I could use it well so I could find the route for going back to hut. In the afternoon, Dr. Sugiyama taught us some useful rope-work techniques. After having dinner, we prepared for the next day mountain climbing.</p> <p><Day 3> On the third day morning, we waked up at 4 am, and started to climb up the mountain. We were so lucky to have good weather all the day, however it meant we had strong sunlight all the time. It was hard but we finally reached the summit of Mt. Hiuchi around 12 am. We could observe butterflies coming for mating there. We came back at the hut around 5 pm, then we had dinner outside of the hut.</p> <p><Day 4> On the last day morning, we had a lecture on rope knots and how to use a bivouac shelter. And then, we cleaned up the hut, and went back to Kyoto.</p> <p>It was good opportunity to observe a lot of animals and plants living in highland area in this field course. Of course it was great time to spend all night with our members.</p>

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Fig 1. Karasawa exploration 1

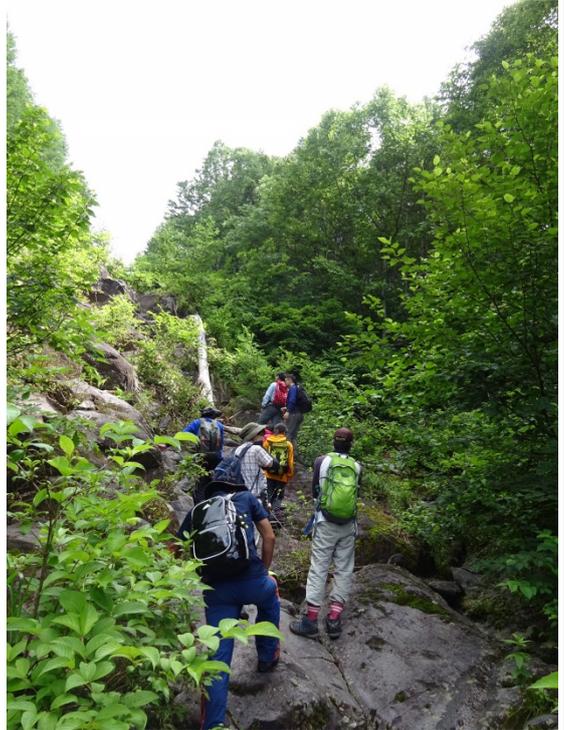


Fig 2. Karasawa exploration 2



Fig 3. Lecture on plants around hut



Fig 5. Cooking dinner



Fig 4. Lecture on map preparation

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Fig 6. Summit of Mt. Hiuchi



Fig 7-10 : Plants and animals
Around hut



Fig 11. Sasagamine hut

6. Others

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