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1. Country/location of visit

Democratic Republic Of Congo

2. Research project

Study on coexistence between bonobo and human

3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

2014. 08. 17 – 2014. 09. 17 (32days)

4. Main host researcher and affiliation

CREF, WCBR (Wamba Committee for **Bonobo** Research)

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.

It was first time to visit Wamba in DRC, and during this visit I conducted research on coexistence between wild bonobos and humans.

I was not sure if interactions between human and bonobo were existing there until studying in Wamba. However, through interviews to bonobo trackers, bonobo researchers, local people in some villages, I found that they affect each other.

My stay in Wamba was only a month because of ebola disease broke out 200 km away from Wamba.

Future plan

I couldn't speak Lingala well for only a month, so that my study wasn't going well this time. I'm going to study Lingala and speak it fluently.

I will focus on snares, land use and bonobo habitat changes and research these topics.

A male bonobo walked to near ganda (it is temporary house for local people to hunt and gather in the forest)





Kids are the best teacher for me. They know plants very well and sometimes they told me about bonobos





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Snares. Bonobos often lose their hands or legs because of wire snares.





A plane from Djolu to Kinshasa. It is 4 hour flight.



6. Others