

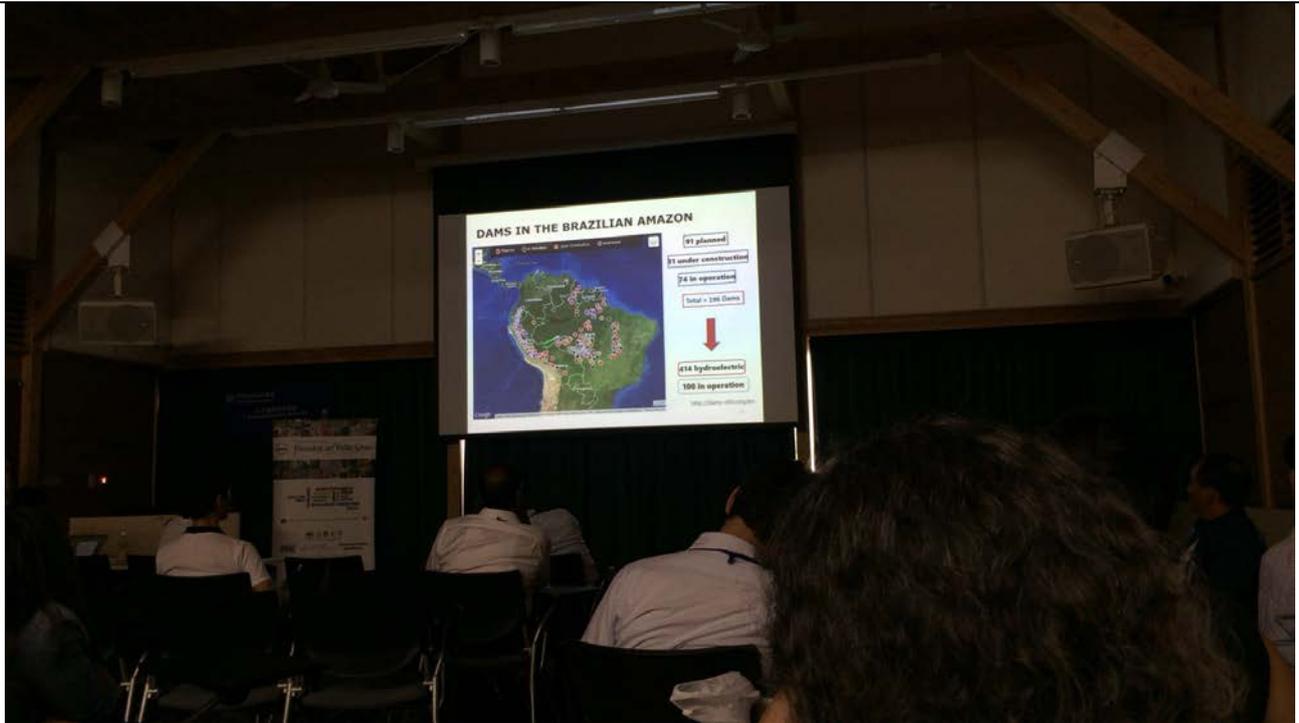
**Research Activity Report**  
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<b>1. Country/location of visit</b>
Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan
<b>2. Research project</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> International Symposium on PWS and the 5 <sup>th</sup> CCT-Bio International Workshop on Tropical Biodiversity
<b>3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)</b>
2016. 09. 12 – 2016. 09. 15 (4days)
<b>4. Main host researcher and affiliation</b>
Dr. Matsuzawa, Primate Research Institute/PWS, Dr. Kohshima, WRC/CCT-Bio, Kyoto University
<b>5. Progress and results of your research/activity</b>
<p>During the past week I had the great experience of attending the 6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Primatology and Wildlife Science and the 5<sup>th</sup> CCT-Bio International Workshop on Tropical Biodiversity and Conservation. It was my second time attending a PWS symposium and my first time attending a CCT-Bio International Workshop on Tropical Biodiversity and Conservation, and it was a great learning experience where I was able to learn many of the problems facing conservation, awareness and a great opportunity to discuss potential solutions for the various kinds of hardships many of our critically endangered species and the people who dedicate their lives to protect them face every day. Coming from a primate background, it was also refreshing to sit on talks from various kinds of species and to learn about their ecology, their contribution to our ecosystem, and how it came to be that their existence has become threatened, mainly, by human populations and the way we treat our environment.</p> <p>I found that the most satisfying part of the symposium was that one day it was dedicated to aquatic animals, in particular fresh water dolphins, which I knew nothing about and the next day it was dedicated to elephants. This dynamic of listening and getting orientated about species we are not familiar with from all over the world and then had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions in a round table was the most interesting opportunity for me. We also had the opportunity to present our posters, and it was an amazing experience to get constructive feedback and suggestions from renowned scientists from all over the world. Although my project as a masters student is still not finished, and I have a lot more work to do, I felt like I was in a unique place where such kind of opportunities are not presented to masters students elsewhere. Indeed, it was an amazing experience and I cannot wait to attend the next one. It was also great to meet my colleagues at WRC in Kyoto and I am thankful to all in PWS and WRC for their support and making this great event!</p>

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**6.Others**



Learning about challenges facing conservations in aquatic wildlife in South America.



The fresh water dolphin talks were very enlightening and a great learning experience!

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Enjoying a morning walk in the Imperial Palace at Kyoto before the symposium.



Unwinding and enjoying dinner with colleagues from PRI at Kyoto after the symposium.