# Research Activity Report Supported by "Leading Graduate Program in Primatology and Wildlife Science"

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#### 1. Country/location of visit

Iriomote Island, Okinawa

## 2. Research project

Iriomote field course

## 3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

October 16,2019 to October 20, 2019

#### 4. Main host researcher and affiliation

Iriomote Station of the Tropical Biosphere Research Center, University of Ryukyus

#### 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.

During this course, we had opportunities to learn about endemic species such as iriomote cat and the work that is being done in order to balance between conservation of wild animals and human activities. In the lecture by Prof. Izawa, the iriomote car researcher, we learned the basic knowledge about iriomote cat and the current situation surrounding them.

We also learned practical fieldwork skills such as kayaking and snorkeling. Kayaking is one of the most common transportation of Iriomote Island especially for tourists. There are possible influences of kayaking on wild animals due to its mobility and easy access to narrow rivers. This issue sounds very interesting since it is a unique situation that is not applicable to many other places.

Overall, this course was a great opportunity to learn about current situation of Iriomote Island and their endemic species.



Kayaking

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# 6. Others

I would like to thank all the teachers and staffs who supported this fieldwork.

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