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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country/location of visit 	
Koshima, Kushima City, Miyazaki Prefecture, Japan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research project 	
Koshima Field Course	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date (departing from/returning to Japan) 	
2015. 4. 25 - 2015. 5. 1 (7 days)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main host researcher and affiliation 	
Associate Professor. Goro Hanya and Dr. John Sha/ Primate Research Institute, Kyoto University Mr. Takafumi Suzumura and Ms. Akiko Takahashi/ Koshima Field Station, Wildlife Research Center, Kyoto University	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>I joined the Koshima field course from 25th April to 1st May. The aim of this course were to learn basic methodology of ecology and behavioral study and experience the entire process of research thorough observation of wild Japanese macaques in Koshima. Associate Professor. Hanya and Dr. Sha instructed students. 10 master's course students and 3 doctor's course students participated.</p> <p>The schedule is listed below.</p> <p>2015/4/25 Lecture about R 2015/4/26 Preliminary field research, Making the decision of theme 2015/4/27 Collect the data, Staying in Koshima 2015/4/28 Collect the data, Analyzing the data 2015/4/29 Analyzing the data 2015/4/30 Presentation, Observation of wild horses in Toi-cape 2015/5/1 Cleaning the station</p> <p>It was the first time for me to conduct behavioral observation on wild Japanese macaques except census survey. Although I had not determine the research theme before the course, I got the question after the preliminary research: why they were deceived by pretending to throw the food? To answer this question, I throw peanut every 10 seconds to one individual for 5 minutes, counted how many times it looked backward and analyzed the relation between the reaction and its age and rank.</p> <p>Through this course, I could learn how it is important to write introduction because I couldn't write it well. I could also know my lack of skills and knowledge about statistics and presentation. I'd like to study these things for my future research. This course was so meaningful for me to understand these things. What is more it was good opportunity to know students and professors.</p>	
	
Chartered boats to Koshima	



Competition over food



The macaque is deceived(Photo by Assoc. Prof. Hanya)



Students and macaques



Food made by students



Observation on wild horses at toi-cape



Group photos (Photo by Assoc. Prof. Hanya)

• **Others**

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