

**Research Activity Report**  
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<b>1. Country/location of visit</b>
United States
<b>2. Research project</b>
Met with collaborators at Texas A&M University and attended the Society for Conservation GIS Conference
<b>3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)</b>
2018. 06. 12 – 2018. 07. 30 (49 days)
<b>4. Main host researcher and affiliation</b>
Dr. Robert Coulson, Professor at Texas A&M University; Society for Conservation GIS Conference at Asilomar Conference Center
<b>5. Progress and results of your research/activity</b> (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 began my trip to the states with a visit to my previous university, Texas A&amp;M University, to meet with my Master’s supervisor. We met about our recent paper, future collaborations, and research ideas for my Ph.D. During this time I also used the universities computers to work on GIS analyses and modeling for a Snub-nosed monkey project I am assisting with.</p> <p>I was supposed to also give a presentation teachers and students at the Outdoor Learning Center in north Texas. During this talk I was asked to discuss how I use science, technology, and math in my research and to promote the conservation of Great Apes. Unfortunately, this presentation was canceled at the last minute due to extenuating circumstances with the co-organizer. Hopefully we can reschedule this event in the future, because it is an ideal outreach opportunity to promote the study and importance of science, technology, education, and math. But I was able to do another presentation later in my trip on some similar topics. See below.</p> <p>After leaving Texas, I attended the Society for Conservation GIS Conference. This conference was fantastic. I was invited to attend and asked to present by Dr. Janet Nackoney when she was working g at PRI for 3 months this past winter/springs. At this conference Dr. Nackoney and I discussed potential collaborations, I presented my paper on modeling habitat suitability for chimpanzees in the Greater Nimba Landscape, and I met many great researchers, students, and conservationists that I hope to stay in touch with for many years. This was one of the best conferences I have attended in many years because of the variety of topics, conservation conversations, genuine people, and the conference theme: Local Communities and Traditional Knowledge. I also met a student from Rwanda, Hasabwe Enathe, who has participated in conferences with the African Primatological Consortium for Conservation (JSPS is a partner). This was a great meeting. See picture below.</p> <p>After the conference, my father invited me to give a lunch-time seminar at the engineering firm where he works. At this seminar I discussed chimpanzee behavior, the importance of conservation, my research, and technology I use which is similar to those technologies they employ in their engineering projects.</p>
<b>6. Others</b>

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Main building used by the Society for Conservation GIS Conference at the Asilomar Conference Center in Monterey, California, United States



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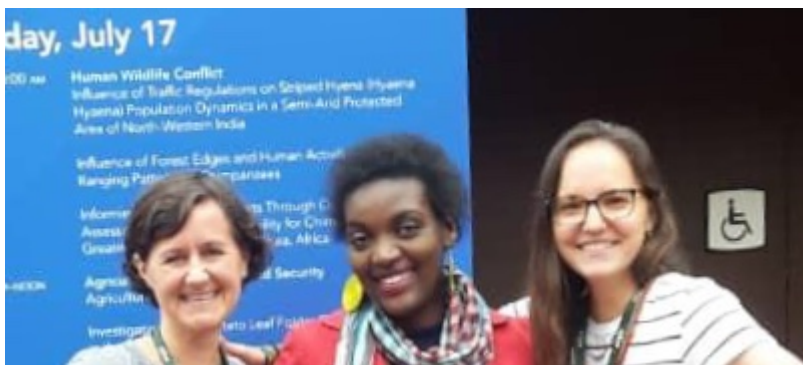


A deer at dusk next to the conference center’s main building

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Picture taken after my presentation at the Society for Conservation GIS Conference. From left to right: Janet Nackoney, Hasabwe Enathe, and Maegan Fitzgerald

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