



Research Activity Report
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Affiliation/Position	Graduate school of Asian and African Area Studies / D4 in 5-year system of Ph.D. course
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1. Country/location of visit	
Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda	
2. Research project	
Sustainability of Mountain Gorilla Tourism and Community Conservation in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park	
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)	
20 th / November /2019 – 11 th / March / 2020 (113 days)	
4. Main host researcher and affiliation	
Conservation Through Public Health (CTPH), Dr. Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka	
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.	
<p>During 20th/ November /2019 – 11th / March / 2020, I traveled to Uganda and conducted the fieldwork in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda. In this field phase, I performed questionnaire surveys with tourists, semi-structured interviews with park rangers and tourists, and participant observation of mountain gorilla tracking. To better understand tourist expectation and satisfaction in mountain gorilla tourism, semi-structured interviews with 24 tourists were conducted. Questionnaires regarding tourist expectation and satisfaction were distributed when tourists come back to the UWA office after tracking gorillas. In total 375 questionnaires were collected. To better understand rangers’ job perception, challenges associated with their job, and their perception of mountain gorilla tourism, semi-structured interviews with 21 park rangers were performed. To complement and back up the data above, additional data was collected through participant observation of mountain gorilla tracking. The data will be analyzed quantitatively and qualitatively.</p>	
	
Photo 1. A silverback of M group	Photo 2. A sleeping baby gorilla

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6. Others

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