

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Miyama, Kyoto
2. Research project
Miyama Field Training for Snow Season
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2022. 2. 2 – 2022. 2. 4 (3 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Dr. Idani, Professor at Wildlife Research Center, Kyoto University
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>The purpose of this field work training aimed to learn the basics of fieldwork in the mountains during the snow season and to deepen the knowledge of deer hunting.</p> <p>■ Schedule</p> <p>2022/2/2 Morning: Transfer Afternoon: Establishment of the camping site</p> <p>2022/2/3 Morning: Camp site cleanup and deer hunt Afternoon: Deer hunt, dismantling of a deer</p> <p>2022/2/4 Transfer</p> <p>■ Progress</p> <p>We went to Miyama in Kyoto for the field work training in the snow season. In the afternoon on the first day, we pitched tents in the area we found for camping in the snow mountain. I learned how to prepare the camping site in the snow field, the importance of preparation for field work, and how difficult kindling a fire on snow is. Thanks to the specialized equipment for surviving in cold area, we succeeded to spend a night there without any big problems.</p> <p>On the second day, we observed deer hunting in Miyama area and dismantling of a deer. The staff in Tauta-sha have a deer hunt in winter to eat and sell. Nuisance wildlife management have been a big issue in some areas in Japan, and one of the animals damaging to the nature is deer. So, deer hunt is not only for the eating, but also it is for the ecological system. In deer hunt, the hounds run into the mountain to seek a deer, and went in hot pursuit of the deer to make it run down to the point where the hunters were waiting. After the hunting, we dismantled a deer which we hunted in the morning with support by the staff in Tauta-sha.</p> <p>I learned about the meaning of the hunt and the relation between human and animals. I noticed the importance of knowledge of body structure of a deer for dismantling it smoothly.</p> <p>I learned many things through those 3 days. When I will go a field work in the future, this experiments will be helpful for me. Also, I didn't know the nuisance wildlife management in Japan before, this was a good opportunity to know about it.</p>

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(Picture 1) We walked to the camping site in the snow mountain.



(Picture 2) the camping site we established



(Picture 3) The hounds for deer hunt



(Picture 4) Miyama with snow

6. Others

I would like to express my gratitude to the PWS program, the teachers who led us, and the staff of the Tauata-sha for their support.