

**Research Activity Report**  
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**1. Country/location of visit**

Democratic Republic of Congo

**2. Research project**

Study on What influences on the taboo against consuming bonobo meat in Bongando population in Wamba, DRC

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

2014. 11. 15 – 2015. 2. 27 (105 days)

**4. Main host researcher and affiliation**

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**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.

This was the 2nd time for me to research for relationship between bonobos and humans in Wamba region, Democratic republic of Congo.

This time I focused on what influences on the taboo against consuming bonobo meat in Bongando population. So I conducted interview for 120 people in Wamba. According to some reports, people in Wamba don't eat bonobo meat because of folklore about bonobo and human. I asked them whether they know folklore about bonobo and human. The result was only 50% people know the folklore.

I also collected data at three different primary schools from 1st and 3rd year- students.

I asked 2 questions

1. Have you ever seen bonobos?
2. Do you know folklore for bonobos and humans?

The result was very interesting. Students in Wamba who know folklore well, but students in other region, they don't know it.

Through this experience, I understand may be Bongando people has different view for bonobos in different regions.

Next time, I will visit another village near Wamba, and ask people how they recognize bonobos.

I am currently preparing for poster presentation based on these results in Japan association for African Studies annual meeting.



▲ Survey in Primary school



▲ A male bonobo in Wamba



▲ Bushmeat trade in Djolu

**6. Others**

Thank you so much, Dr. Tetsuya Sakamaki, and other PRI students who stayed in Wamba research camp for three month with me.

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