

**Research Activity Report**  
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| <b>1. Country/location of visit</b>  |
| Nairobi, Kenya and Zurich, Switzerland   |
| <b>2. Research project</b>   |
| Oral presentation at the IPS Congress and research meetings with a collaborator in Zurich  |
| <b>3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)</b>   |
| 2018. 08. 18 – 2018. 09.08   |
| <b>4. Main host researcher and affiliation</b>   |
| UN Headquarters in Nairobi for the IPS Congress and Dr. Kathelijne Koops at University of Zurich.  |
| <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>At the IPS Congress I gave an oral presentation of my work to model habitat suitability for chimpanzees in the Greater Nimba Landscape of Guinea, Africa. I received positive feedback from my talk. Additionally I attended many informative talks at the congress that were focused on conservation of apes as well as the promoting of capacity building in ape habitat-range countries. I found these symposia to be very necessary and provided a good framework for my own research.</p> <p>After the congress, I went with Janet Nackoney (PWS collaborator) for a trip to summit Mt. Kenya for 4 days. This was an amazing experience. I learned a lot about Mt. Kenya National Park and was able to summit the second highest peak in Africa as well as the highest peak in Kenya.</p> <p>In Zurich, I had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Kat Koops whom I will be collaborating with during my PhD research. We made significant progress in brainstorming and creating focused methodology for part of my PhD research. This face to face meeting was invaluable for the upcoming work I will be doing in the field starting in October. Additionally, I was able to see some of the Swiss Alps during the weekend that I was there.</p> |
| <b>6. Others</b>   |

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Dinner gathering with PWS researchers, students, collaborators and Primates journal editorial members.

Reuniting with others who have conducted research in Bossou, Guinea, Africa (Left to Right: Katarina Warren, Maegan Fitzgerald, Nicola Bryson-Morrison, Morgane Allanic)

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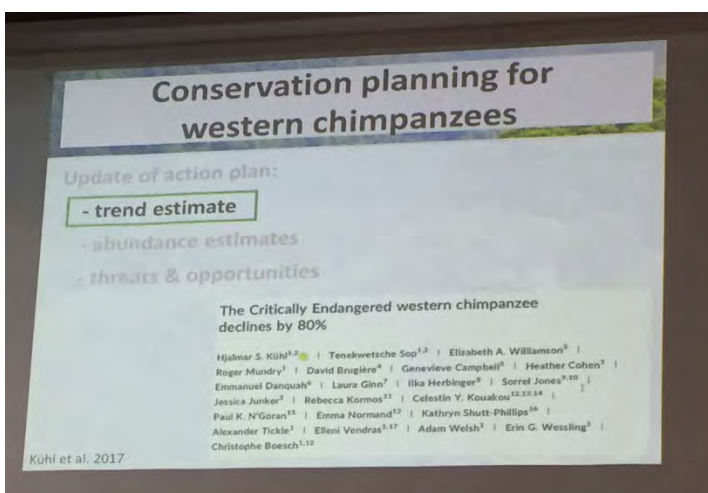
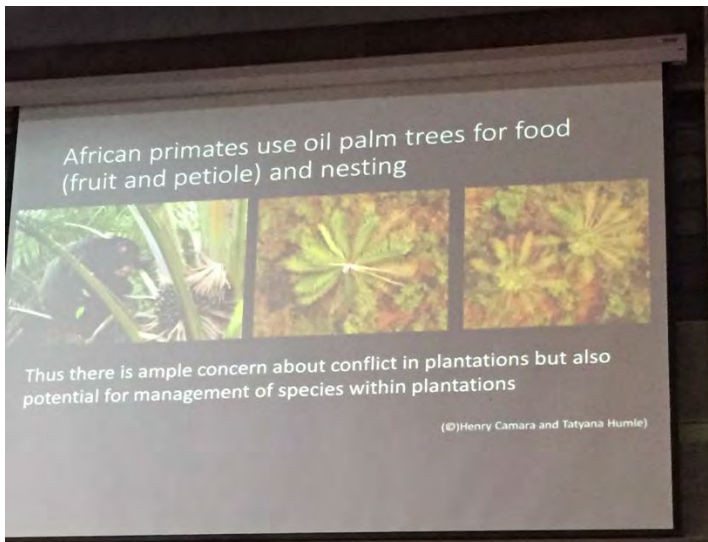


Congress artwork



Dinner meeting between PWS collaborators and researchers interested in great ape conservation (Left to right: Jena Hickey, Maegan Fitzgerald (middle top), Janet Nackoney (middle bottom), and Saeko Terada.

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Three pictures from talks about Bossou chimpanzees (top), use of palm oil trees by chimpanzees with photos from Bossou researchers (middle), and a talk on western chimpanzees status and conservation (bottom).

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View from our cabin after the first day of hiking in Mt. Kenya National Park.



Our campsite after the second day of hiking and before our sunrise summit of Mt. Kenya the next morning.

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View into the gorge along the hike to the summit of Mt Kenya (seen in the far distance).



Janet Nackoney (right) and Paul Olempaa (left) our Mt. Kenya trip guide.

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We woke up and hiked in the dark to reach the summit at sunrise.



Point Lenana, one of the three summits of Mt. Kenya at 4,985m.

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Sirimon Gate of Mt. Kenya National Park where we finished our 4 day trip.



Research brainstorming and writing with Dr. Kat Koops in Zurich.



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Lake Oberblegisee in the Swiss Alps, near Braunwald, Switzerland