

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Nimba Mountains and Bossou, Guinea, Africa
2. Research project
Fieldwork for my Ph.D research
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2019.11.28 – 2020. 02. 26 (91 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Institut de Recherche Environnementale de Bossou (IREB) and Kyoto University Primate Research Institute (KUPRI)
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.
While in Guinea, I worked with local research assistants to re-establish a research presence within the Nimba Mountains. During our surveillance trips in Nimba, we encountered chimpanzees on a few occasions and recorded the presence of wildlife as well as illegal anthropogenic activities within the mountains. Our team also set up motion triggered cameras (i.e. camera traps) to continuously monitor for faunal biodiversity within Nimba. Additionally, we did community outreach activities to promote the importance of protecting the Nimba mountains and garner support from the local communities. Pictures are attached below.

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6. Others



Figure 1: Team reviewing camera trap footage



Figure 2: Team at the top of Gouoton (aka Mt. LeClerc) in Nimba

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Figure 3: View of the Nimba ridgeline



Figure 4: Looking towards Guoton during our daily surveillance trips

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Figure 5: Video recording a group of chimpanzees in Nimba



Figure 6: Chimpanzee nest found during our surveillance in Nimba

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Figure 7: Community outreach meeting in Seringbara



Figure 8: Community outreach meeting in Nyon