

Project Update: May 2013

From January 2013, the team members met together and took two seminars on how to conduct the RSG projects. The members contacted the local institutions and local collaborators for cooperation. In March 2013, the team went to Xi'an and Ankang of Shaanxi Province. We went to consult the officials of the local managing institutions. We prepared the maps and the necessary data.

In March 2013, the team went to Zhenping County and the HNNR. We met the local officials and visited the local workers such as reserve rangers. Through preliminary talking with locals, the distribution area of musk deer in HNNR was collected. Added the population information collected from literatures, the sampling transect lines and sampling sites was determined on the map. Moreover, the geographic information for surveying areas was determined.

In March 2013, the habitat surveying was conducted. By the methods determined in advance, the 42 ecological variables such as food diversity were determined and the quantified data was recorded in the habitat sheet prepared in advance. In this stage we surveyed 60 sampling belts utilised by wild forest musk deer and 70 control belts. Indeed, in the utilised belts, the musk deer traces such as faeces and dent can be found.

In March 2013, team members went to the local communities and the local elementary schools. We talked with the local officials and teachers, and they agreed to collaborate with us to conduct the coming community survey and the environmental educations.

Plan

During June and August 2013, the team will go to HNNR to survey the summer-habitat and the impacts from the local tourists in the tourism season.

During June and August 2013, the team will go to HNNR and the surrounding communities to conduct the socio-economic surveying and sorts of environmental education.



