

Natural History Collection as Science Infrastructure for Research and Outreach



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Kyoto University

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Kyoto University Museum founded in 1997

at Kyoto University Found in 1897 as 2nd Natl. Univ.; Now Research-Oriented Univ.

Is “University Museum” a kind of “Museum” ? ←Today’s Question

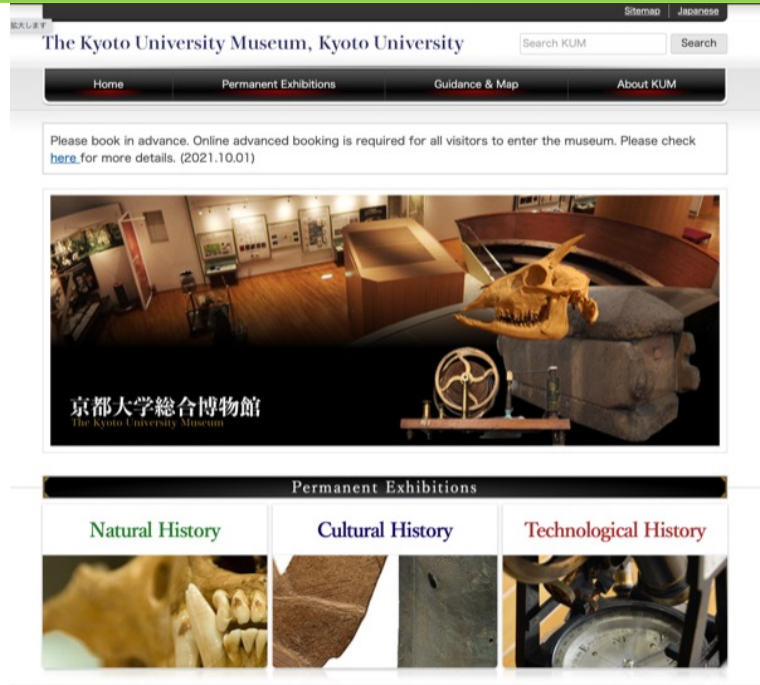


Permanent exhibition of animals in Kyoto, one of 6 exhibition corners in natural history.



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The Kyoto University Museum



<https://www.museum.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>

2.6 million items' collection

Natural history, Cultural history, and Technological history under one roof as “総合博物館” (Sougou Hakubutsukan) meaning integrated or comprehensive museum.

3 professors, 3 associate professors, 1 lecturer, 3 assistant professors and 4 researchers are working on collection.



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The Kyoto University Museum

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京都大学総合博物館
The Kyoto University Museum

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Reopening of The Kyoto University Museum

Last updated 24 June 2021

Advance reservations required

The opening time have shortened. (Open hours are 9:30 to 15:30.)

Booking can be made in the following time slots:

9:30-11:30/ 11:30-13:30/13:30-15:30 (Entrance until 11:00/13:00/15:00)

- ・ Online reservations must be made by 16:00 of the workday prior to visiting.
- ・ Please enter names and contact information for all visitors. ・ Invited guests and Kyoto University staff must also make reservations.

常設展

自然史

Natural History



文化史

Cultural History



技術史

Technological History



ご利用案内



開館時間

9:30~16:30 (入館は16:00まで)

休館日

月曜日、火曜日 (平日・祝日にかかわらず)
年末・年始 (12月28日~1月4日)
創立記念日 (6月18日)



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My research interest



PSU PRADEEP BABA CHANDRANATHAN NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM HONORARY OF PRADEEP BABA CHANDRANATHAN

Special seminar on Biodiversity Conservation & Museum management

“Natural history collection as science infrastructure for research and outreach”

- SPEAKER -

LIVE

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The Kyoto University Museum, Japan

Moderators

Awatsaya Pimsai

Dr. Pipat Soisook

23 February 2022
10.30-12.30 (GMT+7)

Meeting ID : 915 3050 3646
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1. Species diversity of mammals in Asia
2. Concepts for museum and specimen in Asia



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Why concepts for museum and specimen in Asia?



Around 2010 Kyoto University: Is museum necessary?

Just windows to public; storage; researcher no need; part-time staff is enough; old specimens no need; waste of space; waste of money ...

Then, collaborating with Asian university museums, especially National Taiwan Univ. (NTU). We visited many museums in universities or research institutes not only in Japan, also Korea, China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, and UK.

I know PSU museum at museum symposium in NTU in 2014; organized (co-organized) international symposia in Kyoto, Guangzhou, Taipei, Tainan, Hanoi, Yangon and Norwich; joined APRU, UMAC, etc.

2015/09-2016/01 Chulalongkorn University [Concepts for museum and specimen in Asia](#)



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Today's Talk

1. Diversity of Museums in Asia
2. Importance of Specimens
3. uniMuse: University and "University Museum"
4. Natural History Collection Role in uniMuse
5. Specimens' Management
6. Research Resource Archive
7. Special and Permanent Exhibition
8. Education in uniMuse
9. Research in uniMuse
10. uniMuse Global Net
11. Species Diversity of mammals in Asia
12. uniMuse as Science Infrastructure



Publications related to today's talk

CONNECTING MUSEUM COLLECTIONS AND RESEARCH AS SCIENTIFIC INFRASTRUCTURE

MASAHARU MOTOKAWA, HARUYOSHI GOTOH,
SHUNSUKE YAMASHITA, HIDETOSHI NAGAMASU AND
TERUFUMI OHNO

International Journal of Humanities and Arts Computing 8 Suppl.:
84–94. DOI: 10.3366/ijhac.2014.0100 (2014)

HỘI NGHỊ TOÀN QUỐC LẦN THỨ HAI HỆ THỐNG BẢO TÀNG THIÊN NHIÊN VIỆT NAM

REVIEW OF “VOUCHER” AND “REFERENCE” FUNCTIONS IN NATURAL HISTORY SPECIMENS

Masaharu Motokawa^{1,2}, Nguyen Thien Tao³, Wichase Khonsue²,
Hoang Trung Thanh⁴, Suchinda Malaivijitnond² and Somsak Panha²

Proceedings of the 2nd National Scientific Conference of Vietnam
Natural Museum System: 103–108. (2016)

APRU RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM ON UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS 2014:
Reshaping Outreach Services of University Museums through Innovation and Partnership

O-03

The Creative Role of Research Outreach in Leading Universities

Masaharu Motokawa

Proceedings of APRU Research Symposium on University
Museums 2014: 37–39. (2014)

Philippine Journal of Systematic Biology Vol. VII (June 2013)

CONNECTION OF BIODIVERSITY COLLECTION AND RESEARCH THROUGH THE GLOBAL NETWORK AMONG MUSEUMS AND UNIVERSITIES

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Philippine Journal of Systematic Biology 7: 76–85. (2014)



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Meiji Restoration (1868)

The Restoration led to enormous changes in Japan's political and social structure and spanned both the late Edo period (often called the Bakumatsu) and the beginning of the Meiji era, during which time Japan rapidly industrialized and adopted Western ideas and production methods. The Restoration led to enormous changes in Japan's political and social structure and spanned both the late Edo period (often called the Bakumatsu) and the beginning of the Meiji era, during which time **Japan rapidly industrialized and adopted Western ideas and production methods.** (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meiji_Restoration)

[Zoology relations]

Museum	← 1872 in Tokyo
School	← 1876 in Sapporo (Sapporo Agriculture School)
University	← 1877 in Tokyo (Imperial University)
Society	← 1885 in Tokyo (Zoological Society of Japan)
Journal	← 1885 in Tokyo (Zoological Magazine)



Museum in Asia have old origin and are diverse: 博物館 (Hakubutsukan)

Museum (and related languages)

Ancient Greek, Μουσείον (Mouseîon, “a shrine of the Muses”)

→ Special place for science, history, culture, art, etc.

博物館 (Hakubutsukan) in Japanese as translation of “museum”

福沢諭吉 (Fukuzawa Yukichi) in 1868 『西洋事情』 at opening Meiji era

「博物館は世界中の物産，古物，珍物を集めて人に示し，見聞を博くする為に設るものなり」

“Museum (Hakubutsukan) is set up for the purpose of collecting goods, antiques, and curiosities from around the world, and showing them to people and enriching (博くする) their knowledge.”

→ Enriching (博) objects' knowledge (物) house (館)

→ 박물관 (Bagmulgwan) in Korean

博物馆 (Bówùguǎn) in Chinese: exported from Japan?



Museum in Asia: Viện bảo tàng พิพิธภัณฑ (Phiphithphanth)

Viện bảo tàng in Vietnamese

“寶 bảo 藏 tang 院 viện” treasures + storage + house

→ Storage of treasures

Similarly, 正倉院 (Shosoin) in Nara, Japan

The Shosoin Repository was originally a storehouse of the temple Todaiji, and had been used for storing the treasures since the Nara period. Established in 756.

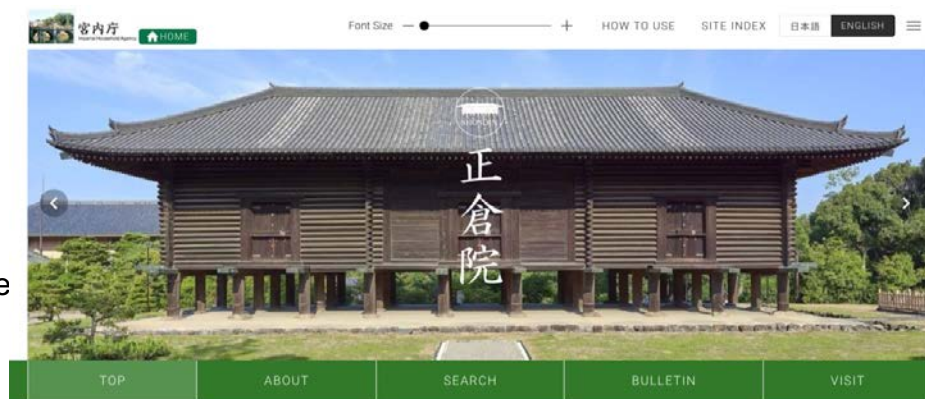
Sometimes people say that the oldest museum in Japan

“正 sho 倉 so 院 in” principal + storage + house
藏 and 倉 are almost same meaning.

พิพิธภัณฑ (Phiphithphanth)

Dr. Pipat: Bali ‘pi+pit or vi+vit’ meaning ‘special+diverse/mix’
‘phanth’ means store, storage, collectively goods.

→ Also, storage of treasures



<https://shosoin.kunaicho.go.jp/en-US>



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Museum background in Asia looks so diverse, depending on history before importing the western museum concept

博物館 (Hakubutsukan) 박물관 (Bagmulgwan) 博物馆 (Bówùguǎn)

→ Enriching (博) objects' knowledge (物) house (館) **Exhibition oriented**

Viện bảo tàng 寶藏院 พิพิธภัณฑ (Phiphithphanth) 正倉院 (Shosoin)

→ Storage of treasures **Storage oriented**

In addition, Burmese “ပြတိုက်” (pyatite), show + heritage

Museum

Special place for Muse

Actual features of European museums, I suppose

Storage oriented changed to **Integrated one**



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Why and how specimens are important?

Previous answers are because:

1. of type specimens
2. they are vouchers for research
3. taxes have been spent to collect specimens, etc.

“Reference” and “Voucher”?

1. **Reference collection** e.g. Zoological Reference Collection [ZRC] in Lee Kong Chian Nat. Hist. Mus., Natl Univ. of Singapore)
2. **Voucher specimens** e.g. in many U.S. museums)

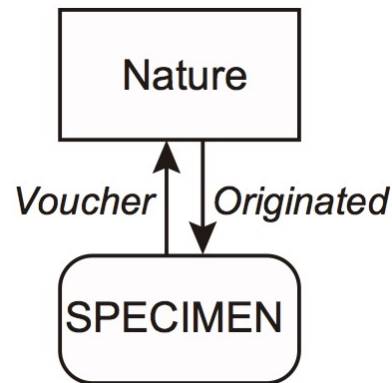


Function 1: Specimens as Voucher for Nature

Specimens collected from nature are prepared with appropriate data. This does not require research.

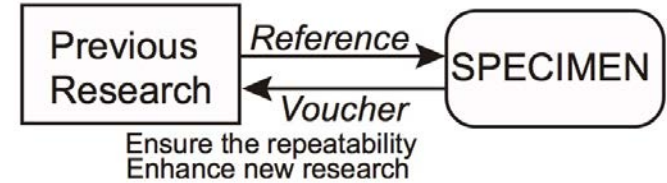
The specimen documents the existence of an organism, at a given place and time.

All the natural history specimens in the world becomes “global voucher collections for nature”



Function 2: Specimens as Voucher for Previous Research

Previously referred as “to ensure the repeatability of research which otherwise could not be adequately reviewed or reassessed”.



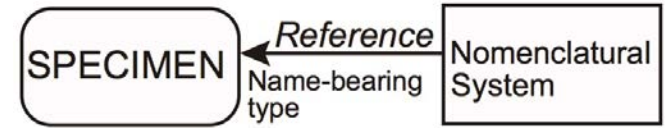
While most subsequent research using such specimens is rather focusing in enhancing new scientific findings with reference to the past research.

1. “to ensure the repeatability of research”
2. “to enhance the new research with connecting the previous research with referring such voucher specimen”



Function 3: Specimens as Reference for Nomenclatural System

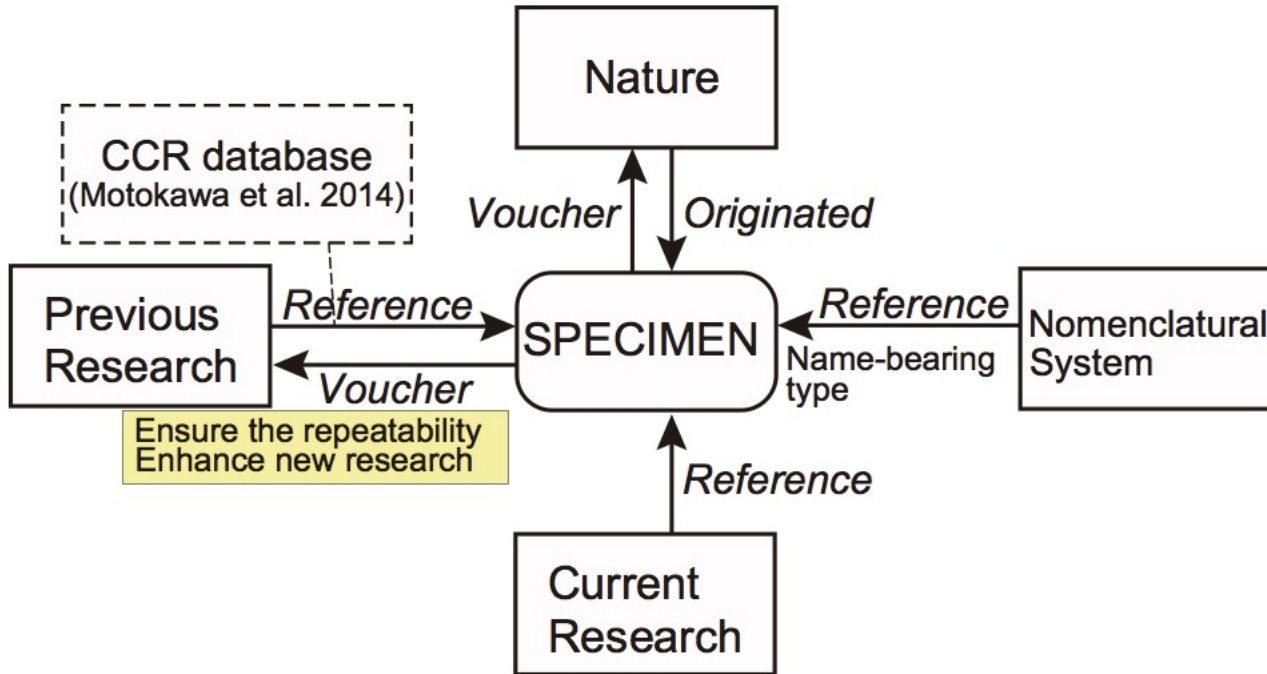
Holotype and name-bearing types have crucial importance. The original literature and name-bearing type are closely tied as Function 2 “to ensure the repeatability of research” and “to enhance the new research with reference and connection to the previous research through such voucher specimen”.



I distinguish the special function of name-bearing type to be “reference for nomenclatural system.” Nomenclatural system references both the name-bearing types and original and subsequent taxonomic literatures.

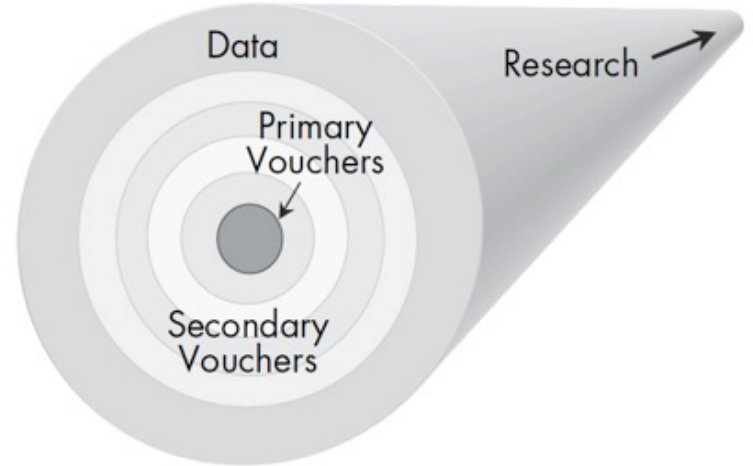


Summary for Function of Specimens



Secondary Vouchers (Kageyama et al. 2006)

“A specimen, a sample, or product thereof, and its associated data, that documents the existence of an organism at a given place and time in a manner consistent with disciplinary standards, to ensure the repeatability of research which otherwise could not be adequately reviewed or reassessed.”



Secondary Voucher and Relevant Materials

“Secondary vouchers” concept is that the vouchers are not only restricted to specimens, but also involve other items and their associated data.

I found two different sources and functions within “secondary vouchers.”:

(1) taken from nature, as with specimens.

They may have functions of “voucher for nature” and “voucher for previous research” similar to specimens.

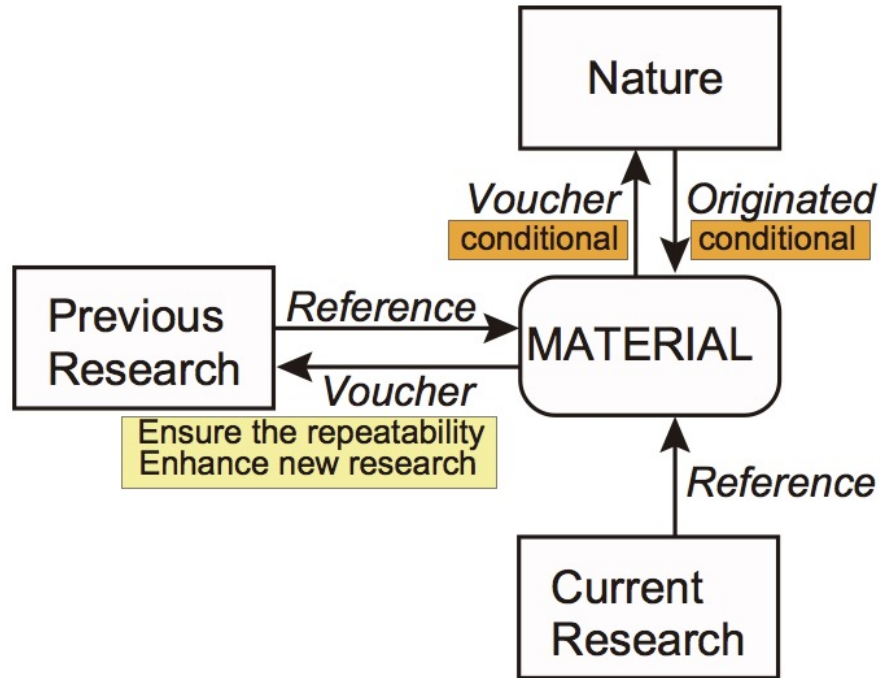
(2) taken from specimens or other relevant material.

They only have the function “voucher for previous study.”

Management of relevant materials in focusing on their formation process, not on their physical forms (photos, video, recording, etc.) is important.



Summary for Secondary Vouchers



Redefinition of “Specimen” and “Relevant Material”

“Specimen,” originated from nature; that documents the existence of an organism at a given place and time, and sometimes utilized for practical identification (voucher for nature); that ensures the repeatability of research which otherwise could not be adequately reviewed or reassessed, and that enhances new research with reference and connection to previous research (voucher for previous research). Name bearing types additionally have a function as reference for nomenclatural system.

“Relevant material,” also defined as “secondary vouchers,” either taken from nature or taken from a specimen or other material; that sometimes documents the existence of an organism at a given place and time in a manner consistent with disciplinary standards (voucher for nature); that ensures the repeatability of research which otherwise could not be adequately reviewed or reassessed, and that sometimes enhances new research with reference and connection to previous research through the material (voucher for previous research).



There are many different Japanese words applied for “specimen”.

標本 (Hyohon): Museum specimens / Statistics

Statistics: sample population is 標本(Hyouhon)集団
(parent) population is 母集団.

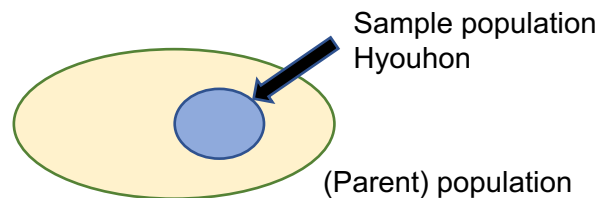
For museum specimens, 標本 may refers sampling population from nature population.

Closely related to reference function to the nature.

In this regard, archeological, historical, and paleontological materials are not to be referred 標本 (Hyouhon) in Japanese: to be Japanese words equivalent to artifacts, relics, remains, fossils, objects.

Thai: ตัวอย่าง Tàwxýāng

Vietnam: Mẫu vật
sample, example



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Specimen of Natural History was Made as “Specimen”

Related to the Hyouhon concepts in Japanese words, I point out:

Specimen of natural history was basically made or prepared as “specimen” for the purpose of science (since 19th century).

Archeological specimens and materials were made for the use of old-time people in their life, and those specimens in museums are considered remains or relics.

Drawings, calligraphic works, some of ceramics, etc. were made for the purpose of exhibition (with relation to “storage of treasures” for museum origin).

Different conceptual origins of museum specimens



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“uniMuse”

University museum is not “museum” nor “university”

University
One body for higher learning



Museum
Ancient Greek, shrine of Muses
Special place for science, history, culture, art, etc.



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Integrative uniMuse in Japan

Kyoto University Museum (and most Japanese uniMuses)

Integrative museum

- Japanese history
- Archeology
- Historical geography
- Zoology
- Botany
- Mineralogy and paleontology
- Technological history, etc.

In Japan, 3 uniMuses in Kyoto Univ., Univ. of Tokyo, Hokkaido Univ. have own museum buildings, while other uniMuses are scattered in campus like as cluster of discipline specific museums.



Many Europe, US, Asian uniMuses (Thai, Vietnam etc.):

Discipline specific museum

- Zoology Museum
- Archeology Museum
- Herbalium
- Anthropological Museum, etc.



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Advantage and disadvantage in Integrative uniMuse

In case of Kyoto uniMuse

Advantage

- Promotion of interdisciplinary research

- Collection management in better environment, including cost performance

- Flexibility for organizing special exhibitions and museum activities

Disadvantage

- Collection has a distance from the related departments and their faculties

 - Less use of collection

 - Keeping necessary collection in the department, and transfer unnecessary material to uniMuse

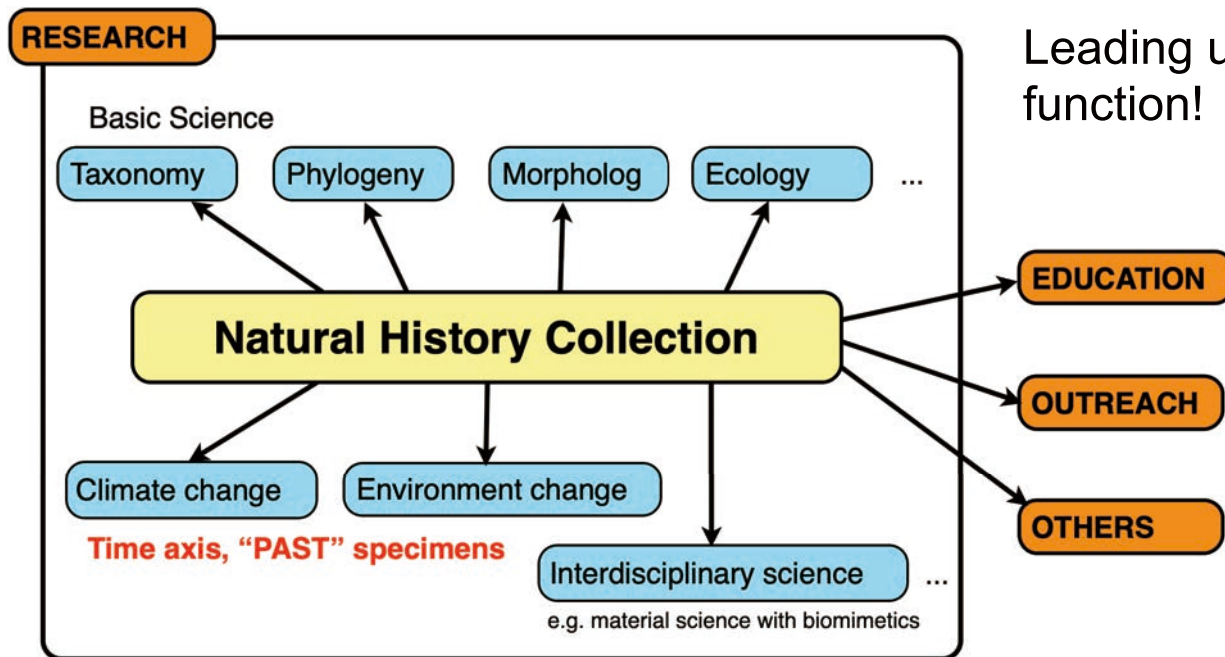
Solution

Kyoto uniMuse appointed faculty staffs of specialist in each discipline belonging to other Graduate Schools as affiliate staffs of uniMuse in charge of collection management of specified materials or taxonomic groups. Enhance communication between uniMuse and affiliated staffs contribute for better use and keep of specimens.



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Role and Use of Natural History Collection

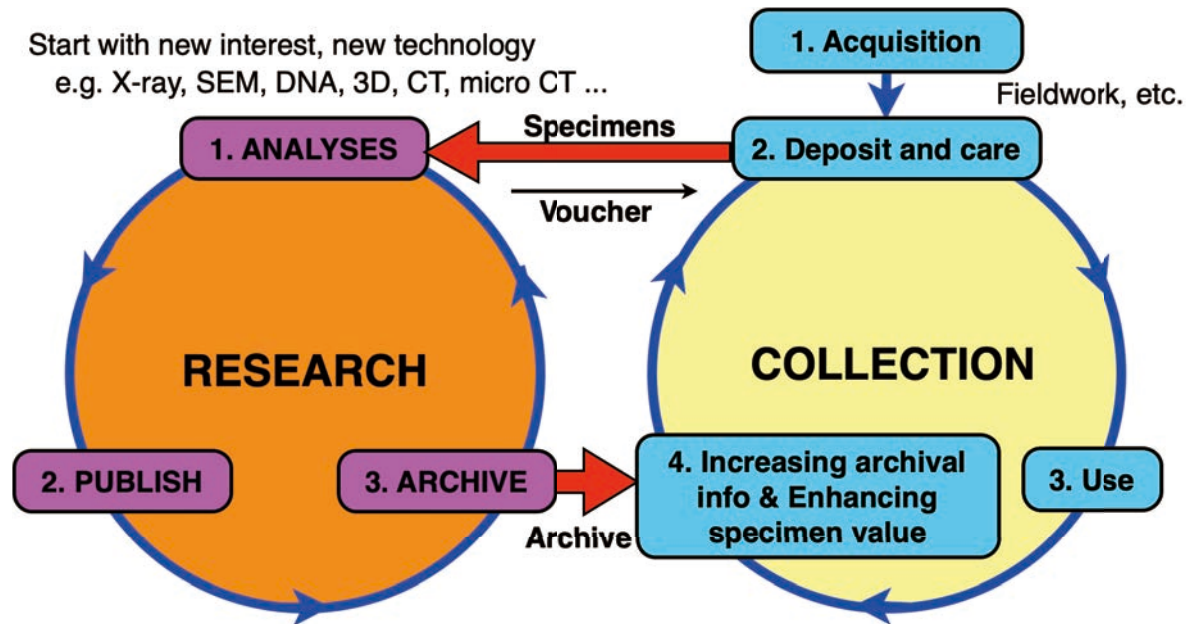


Leading universities cover all the function!



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Natural History Collection Cycle in uniMuse

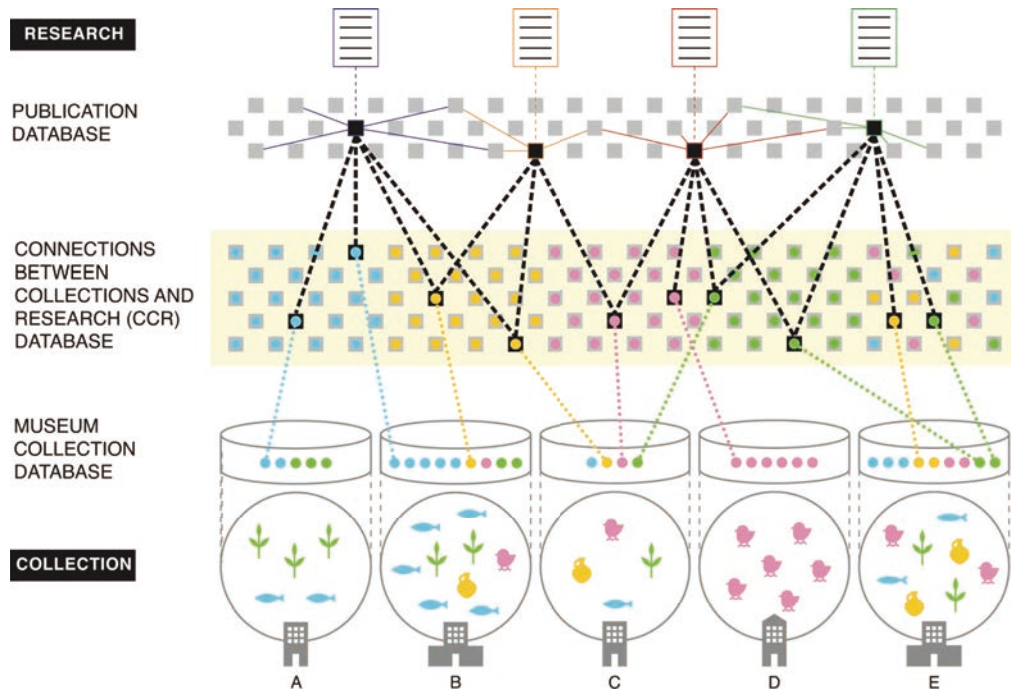


Research and collection in uniMuse work as endless cycle!

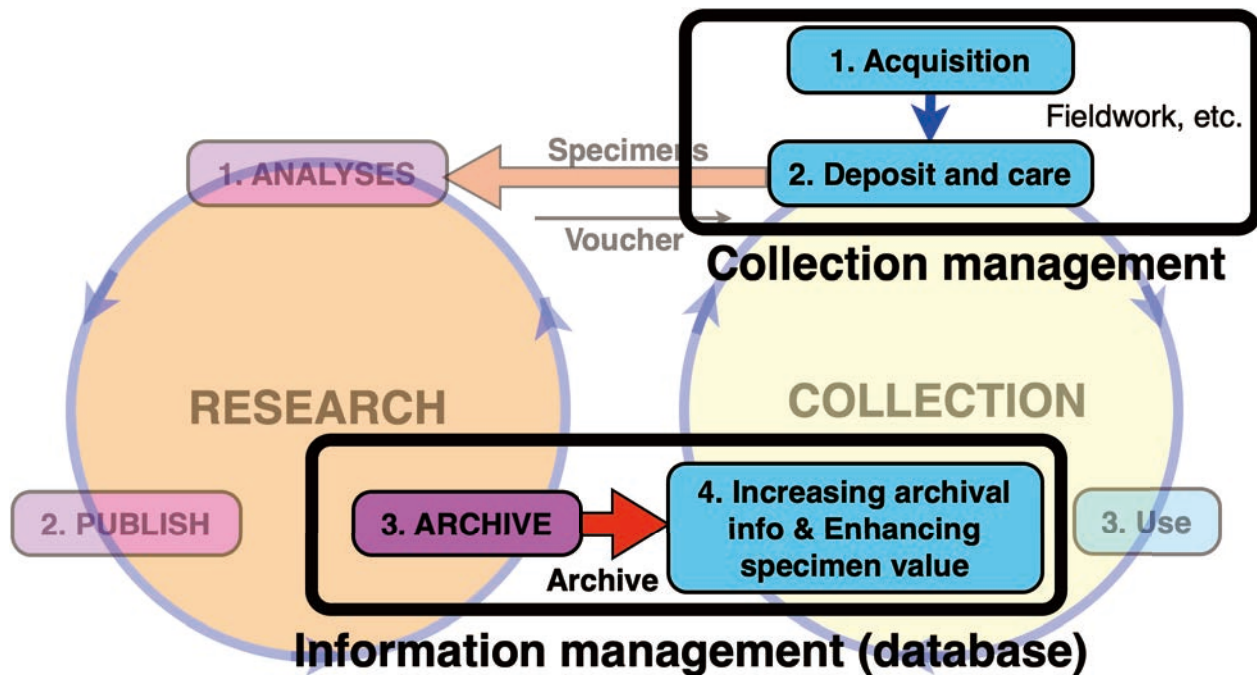


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Connections between Collections and Research (Motokawa et al. 2013)



For Sustainable Cycle in Research and Collection



Specimens' Management

Kyoto uniMuse deposits about 18,000 registered mammal specimens and 80,000 reptile specimens, etc.

More specimens is waiting for registration.

What is the origin of zoological specimens? And our policy.

(1) Current research obtained specimens (with new fieldworks).

(2) Specimens transferred from Kyoto Univ. departments.

(3) Specimens personally kept by Kyoto Univ. researchers.

(4) Specimens donated from outside Kyoto University.

Having relations to Kyoto University research / education activities.

Having merit for future Kyoto University research / education activities.

Most specimens have strong tie with research / education activities.

Difference from National Museum.

Management of specimens:

Registration, data management, database, shelving, rearrangement, etc.



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Collection Rooms: Working on Specimens with Students and Professor Emeritus (2 days every month)



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Collection Rooms



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Collection Rooms



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Research Resource Archive, Kyoto University (KURRA)

About “Research Resource Archive, Kyoto University”

“Research Resource Archive, Kyoto University” (KURRA) was established to collect and preserve systematically various materials that were made within educational and research activities in Kyoto University, and to make them available for further activities.

A central feature of KURRA is that it treats materials other than books and specimens: photographs, films, recordings, field books, records of research meetings, lecture notes, and manuscripts, from primary sources. These primary source materials are investigated and registered in the Kyoto University Digital Archive System, and set up for the services. Furthermore, based on the materials, KURRA creates movies which present educational and research activities in Kyoto University, and show them to the public.

KURRA is relevant to education and research activities of all departments of Kyoto University, and for this reason, its action program is decided by the steering committee that consists members from all departments and a chairperson, who is an executive director of the university. Based on the action program, the Kyoto University Museum (a governing department) and Academic Center for Computing and Media Studies operates activities of KURRA, and Institution for Information Management and Communication supports them.



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Kyoto University found in 1897, 125th anniversary in 2022

Old Zoological Specimens since 1890 by Prof. Shishido Ichiro

京都大学総合博物館20周年記念 平成29年度企画展
The Kyoto University Museum 20th Anniversary Exhibition

標本からみる
京都大学動物学の
はじまり

Early History of Zoology
at Kyoto University
Viewed from the Collection

2017
6/21(木)~10/8(日)

開催期間：12:30~18:00(入館は17:30まで)
観覧料：観覧料無料(小・中学生は100円、高校生は200円)
夏期休業日：2017年7月21日(木)

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www.kum.kyoto-u.ac.jp
http://www.museum.kyoto-u.ac.jp



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Special Exhibition (2017): Early History of Zoology at Kyoto University Viewed from the Collection I intended to exhibit all specimens



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Preparation process was utilized for education



Shared and discuss with SSH high school teacher. Thereafter, students visited the exhibition.



Class for curator license program.



Making exhibition with volunteer student.

Shell Collection from Hirase Museum (1913–1919): Research Collaboration: History from Specimens and Archives



Old zoological exhibition (> 100 years ago)



Exhibition in Kyoto Pref.
Library in 1910



Visiting photo place in 2017
by Motokawa, Mr. Callomon,
and Dr. Oshida



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Special Exhibition Related Activities

Distributed posters in both Japanese and English

Although most exhibition is only distributed in Japanese, but it is great waste of opportunities for whom to see exhibition such as foreign students and tourist. English circulation is very important in creating very original exhibition.

All the panels are prepared in Japanese and English

Guide Tour: 5 times in Japanese and 5 times in English (by me)

Exhibition related lecture (in Japanese): 3 times in different speaker

Collaborated exhibition corner with Kyoto Prefecture Library

Introduction of KU graduate student researches in Japanese (1 day)

Introduction of young researchers in Asia (1 day)

Symposium on University Museums (in English)

Science program for SSH high school student using exhibition

Training program on science for teachers using exhibition

Lecture series of Kyoto University talking about the exhibition

Utilizing for museum curator license program



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Other Previous Special Exhibition in Zoology



2005-2006, 2012, 2017: 3 times
Around every 5 years
→ Good to develop new ideas,
PhD students are expected to have
a chance during the course.



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Special Exhibition in uniMuse

Focus on university research activities or university history in uniMuse.

History is sometimes thought to be told by "written material", but only special things were mentioned, and normal or daily life is rarely described.

Specimens and objects are expected to tell us many more things through survey and examination.

Not necessary to focus on "rare" material. Sometimes, "a set of" specimens have great value.

Already existed knowledge and material to be transmit to the public?

Taking already existed knowledge and material, develop and create more advanced scientific knowledge and outreach with a special exhibition project, and all involved process and events to be the opportunity of maximization of the final outcomes in science, outreach and university education.



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Permanent Exhibition (now renewal ongoing)

Direction of uniMuse exhibition

Exhibition basing on university research activities and history

Picking up the strong topic in Kyoto University with specimens

It is different from museum exhibition for general understanding:

such as “History of Japan”, “Evolution of Animals”, etc.

How such topic exhibited?

Not for the memory.

Continued to future outcome in research and education.

Most important target audience are Kyoto University students, along with younger generation, then everyone from all over the world.

Do specimens tell us?

In limited length, panel cannot explain everything and should be brief.

But specimens inspire audience more than panel.

Further self learning may start. Exhibition function for such drive.



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Permanent Exhibition



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Permanent Exhibition Renewal is Going: Specimens for thinking about diversity and function

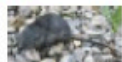


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Motokawa Group 2022

Animals in Kyoto

Among the terrestrial vertebrates found in Kyoto Prefecture, where Aoshi is located, there are 52 species of mammals, 16 species of reptiles, and 23 species of amphibians. At Kyoto University, research is carried out on the phylogeny, systematics, a ecology, and ethology of these animals, with a focus on biodiversity and natural history. Recently, there has been an increase in the extent of agricultural damage, and in urban areas, other incidents of human-animal conflict, attributable to sika deer, wild boar, black bears, and macaques, which is being assessed by wildlife management research.



How the animal distribution had been formed?

Different species of animals are characterized by differing distribution patterns. Some species occur only in Japan (Japanese endemic species), while others are extensively distributed in both Japan and continental regions. *Myotis* is an interesting area in terms of animal distribution, as illustrated by the co-occurrence of these different species of moles, and in this regard, zoogeography, the study of the geographical variation in morphology and genetics that explains the development of current distribution patterns, is a strong field at Kyoto University.



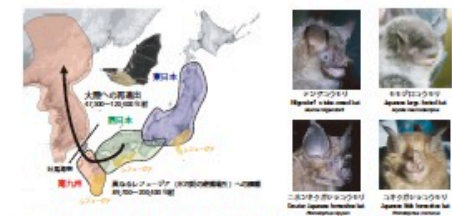
During historical glacial periods, Japan, which comprises a series of islands, was colonized by numerous animal species from current-day continental Mongolia via land bridges. Following glacial retreat, these species became isolated from the continent, and have subsequently evolved in unique ways in Japan. In contrast, given its ability of flight, the distribution of one bat species has been less influenced by post-glacial isolation, and indeed, a recent study at Kyoto University has revealed that this bat has undergone reverse colonization from Japan to the continent.

Evolution of the life history and form of animals

Different species of animals are characterized by differing external and internal features. Differences in habitat type (e.g., terrestrial, arboreal, fossorial, and aquatic), volant and gliding means of locomotion, food, climate, and reproduction have all contributed to the development of unique morphologies during the course of evolutionary history. Museum specimens are utilized for research on functional morphology, in which patterns of morphological variation and evolution are examined with respect to function.



哺乳類ではコウモリが聴覚能力を、リス科のムササビとエモンが飛行能力を獲得した。
A more complex, data rich example is the ability of flight, where a rich suite of new characters has evolved to aid



二ホンキタがシラコケよりは同科異属で東日本・西日本・奥内海の3つに
 分布しているから大別は3種以上 (Kanda & Motokawa 2002)

*The scale is greater than one but no division into three groups on the
 Japanese Islands and no taxonomic conflict (as in a website 2002).*

コケよりは形態学によるエコーロケーションを通じて、
 発生と生態の点から大別は3種に分けるべきである

*scale is one or an ultrasonic communication, not a taxonomic
 comparison. scale morphological data is not for the
 taxonomic and ecological purposes.*



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Education in uniMuse

uniMuse has education role more than public education

(1) Education for museum specialists (curator license course in Japan).

Teaching classes, practice in (1) university and (2) museum.

(2) Education for graduate students (master and PhD) in uniMuse.

Students in Graduate School of Science are located in uniMuse for research on specimen-based discipline (e.g., biodiversity).

Postdocs and visiting researchers also joined in uniMuse.

(3) Museum literacy for students in general.

1st year student seminar (10 students only from various faculties)

“Think about museum specimens”: lectures, presentation, collection view.

(4) Inter-discipline education in uniMuse.

(5) Seeking opportunities of younger generation to university.



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Children Museum: Public Education for Children? Or Education and Practice as Teaching Staff for University Students?

Children Museum in Kyoto University uniMuse

Every Saturday (with sometime interruption due to Covid-19 in 2020–2022)

Face-to-face talk using specimens and materials:

Children (and parents)

Teaching staff (mostly undergraduate or graduate students)

Free dialogue, without time limitation.

It contributes science outreach ability of students.

Now we consider the Children Museum
as education for university students,
more than for children.



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Activities of PhD and Master Students in uniMuse

Supervisor and student relationships

Conducting research for their thesis: various taxa and methods

Team activities

Outreach of research, Press release

Curation support of uniMuse collection (paid in part)

Teaching assistant for museum license course (paid)

Participating uniMuse activities

- Interdisciplinary seminars, symposia

Student outreach as university or uniMuse activities

- Lecture for elementary school, high school, university students

- Program for international visiting groups

Opportunities

Having a desk and lab inside museum; seeing non-research specimens

Meeting with many researchers and students



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Direction of Research Activities in My Group

Species Diversity of Terrestrial Vertebrates in Asia, as international collaboration:

- Comparative understanding of diversity patterns among taxa.

- Various taxa with different habitat

- Different morphological parts with different modules:

 - Skull, skeleton, teeth, reproductive traits, etc.

- Morphology, genetics, and geography considered jointly.

- Wide geographic coverage:

 - Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, etc.

 - Lowland to high mountain

 - Islands with small to large areas

Understanding from the diversity or differences, not only from the similarities.

Specimens and samples used:

- Museum collection is very useful and important, but not complete in each museum.

- Fieldwork-based new survey and collecting specimens and samples

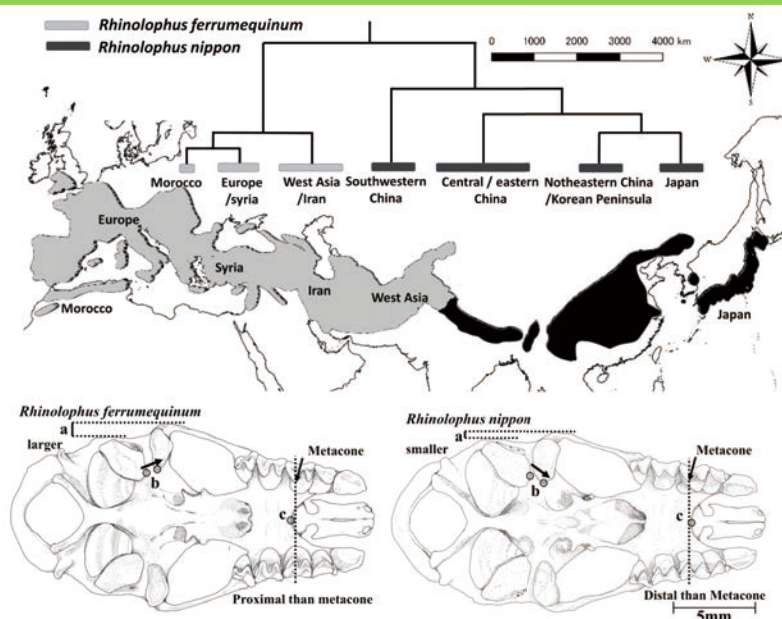
- Collection and samples of several museums (domestic and global) analyzed jointly.



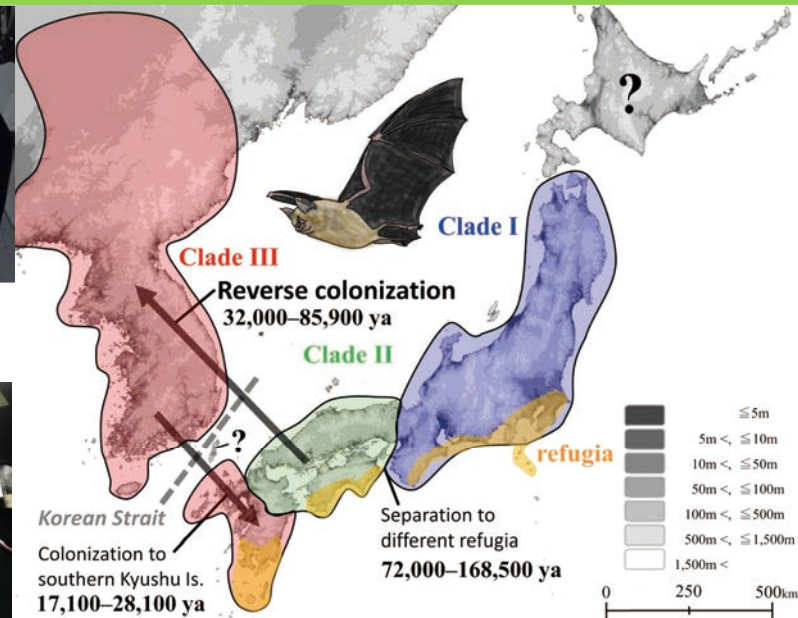
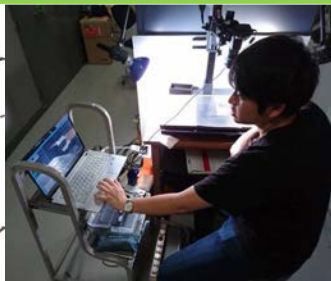
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Research of Student: Yugo Ikeda, PhD course

Diversity of rhinolophid bats in Asia



Taxonomy of *Rhinolophus ferrumequinum* complex based on specimens from Europe to Japan (Ikeda et al. 2020)



Phylogeography of *R. nippon* with specimens collected from western Japan (Ikeda & Motokawa 2021)



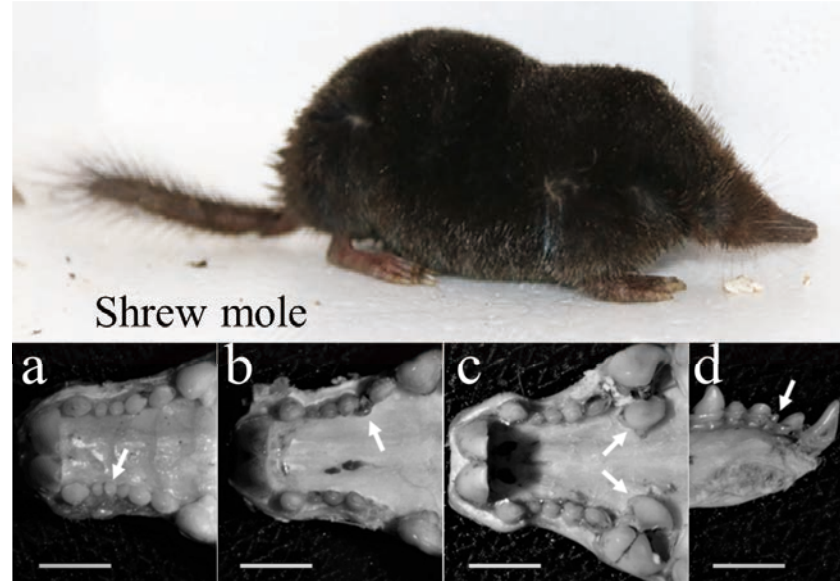
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Research of Student: Shinya Okabe, PhD course

Effects of Islands and Altitudinal Distribution for Zoogeography



Part time job on Herpetological specimens collected from Japan, Indochina region, Madagascar and Africa etc.



Dental anomalies of shrew mole with specimens collected across Japanese archipelago (Okabe et al. 2021)



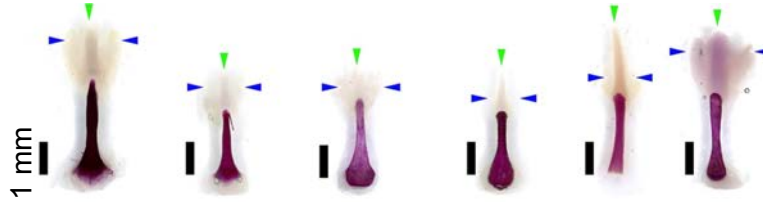
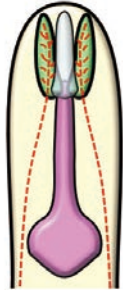
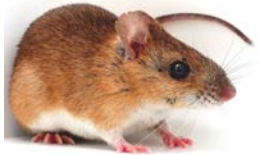
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Research of Student: Takashi Yato, PhD course

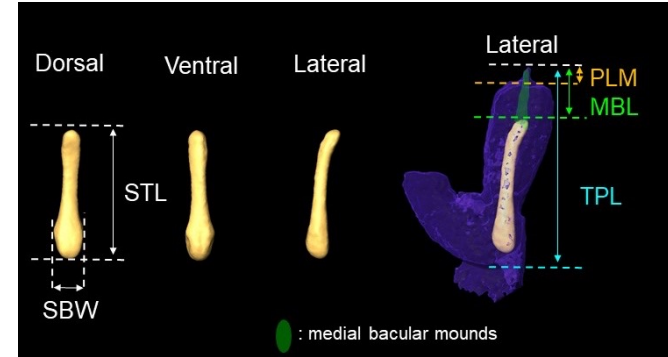
Comparative morphology of male genitalia in Muroidea



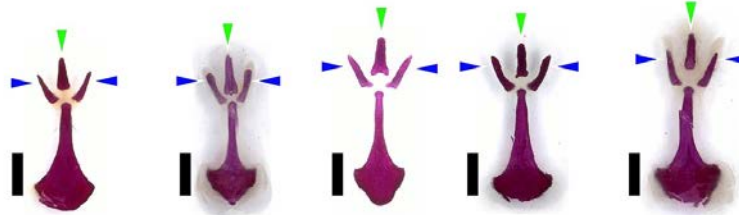
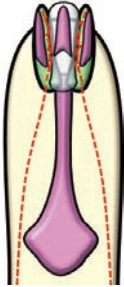
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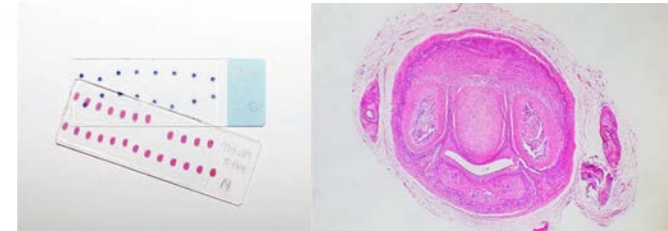
Analysis by micro CT



Arvicolinae



Tissue sections

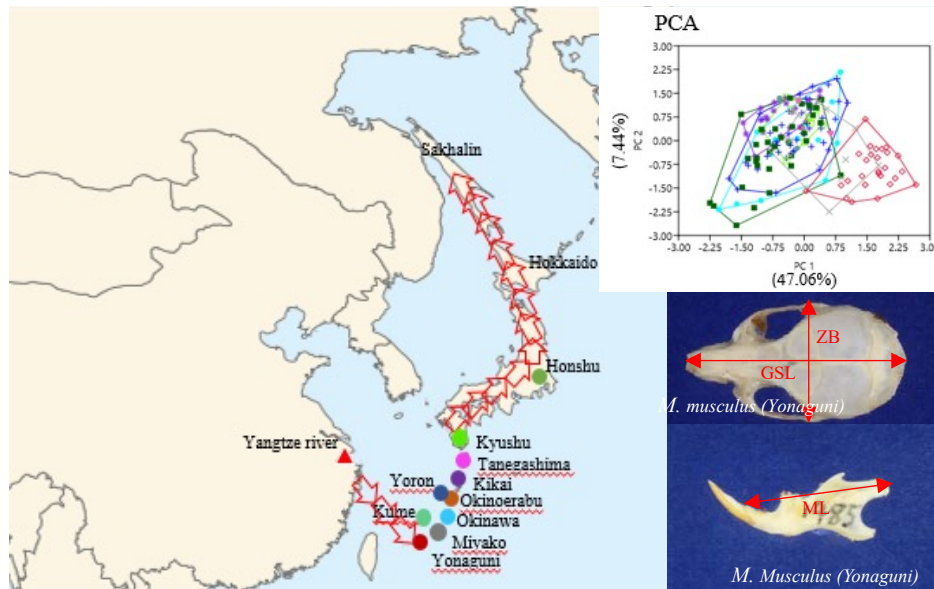


Research of Student: Wai Min Thu, PhD course

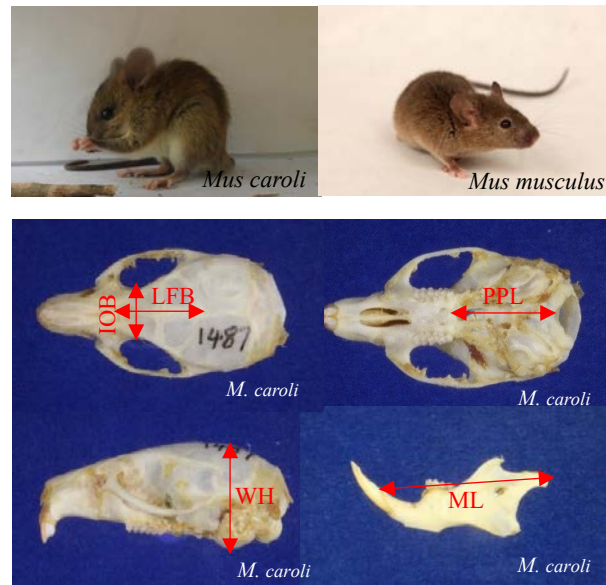
Morphological variation of the genus *Mus*



Geographic variation of *M. musculus*



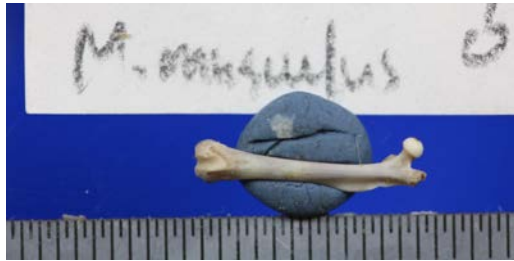
Interspecific variation of two sympatric species in Okinawa Island



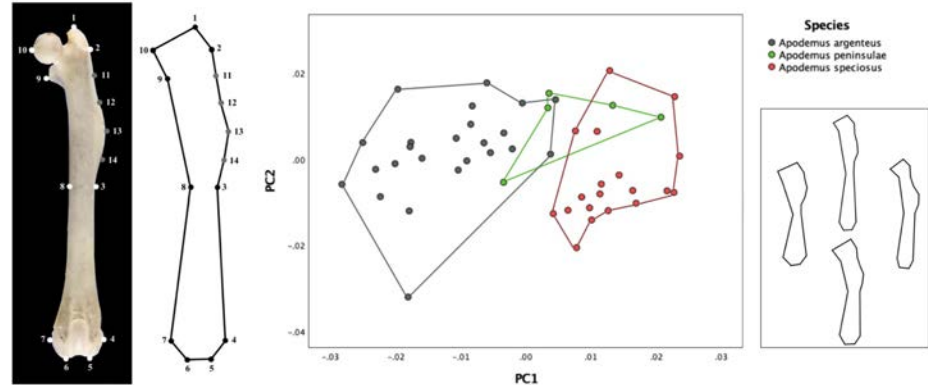
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Research of Student: Hyeji Kang, Master course

Comparative skeletal morphology of small mammals

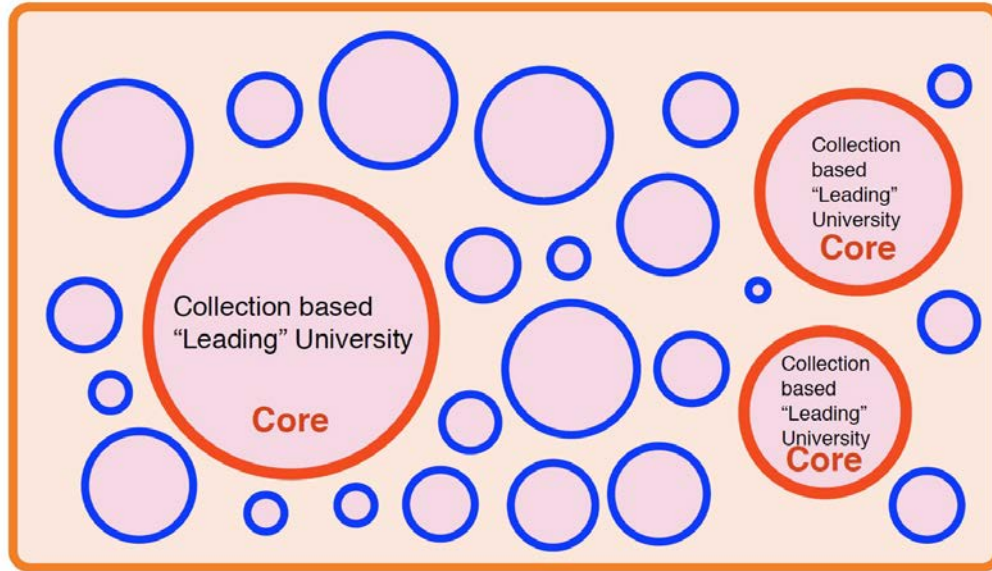


Comparing various species and find morphometric implication
Geometric morphometric analyses



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uniMuse Global Net: Leader is Necessary, Winner Not in Need.



Global Connection of Collection:
Multilateral & Equal Relationship / Step-by-step



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Towards Understanding Diversity of Asian uniMuses

**APRU (Association of Pacific Rim Universities)
Research Symposium on University Museums “Forming a University Museum
Collection Network as the Core of Frontier Research” (2012)**



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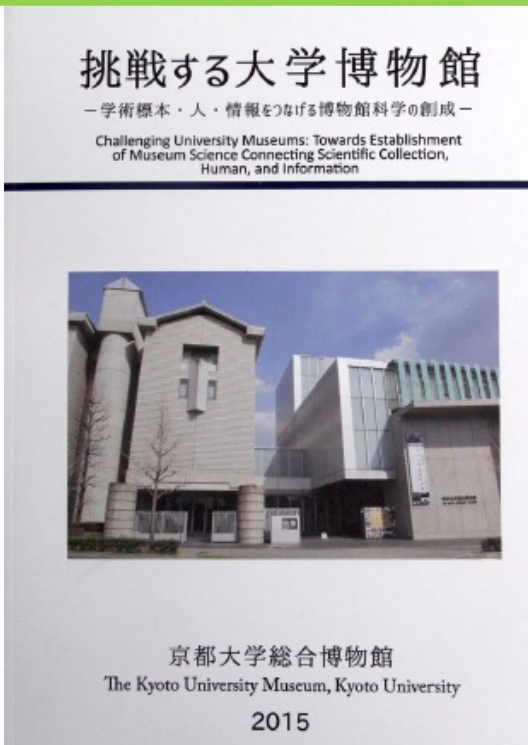
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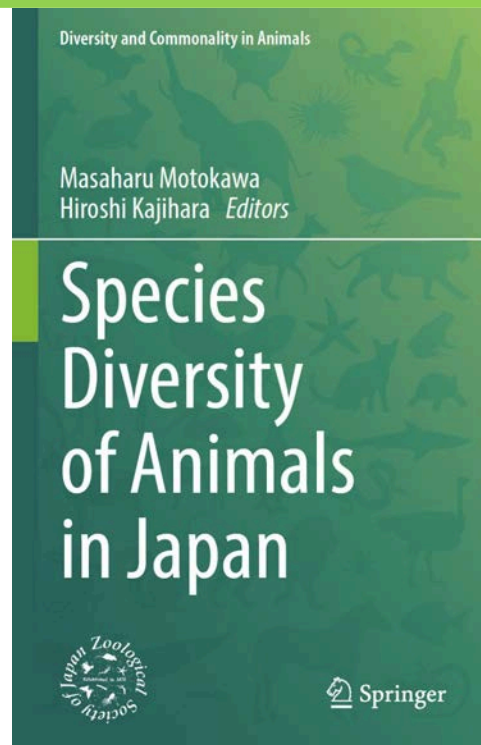
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Function of uniMuse Compared with Museum and University

	uniMuse	Museum	University
Collection Management	○	○	×
Research	○	△	○
Education: for public	○	○	×
Education: for curator	○	×	△
Education: for master, PhD	○	×	○
Education: fostering researcher	○	△	○
Global Collection Net	○	△	×



Species Diversity of Mammals in Japan



Chapter 1 “Land Emergence” and “Elevation Shift” Affect Diversification: A New Perspective Toward Understanding the High Species Diversity of Terrestrial Animals in Japan

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Keywords Zoogeography • Glaciation period • Land emergence effect • Land bridge • Elevation shift effect • Cryptic barrier • Cryptic corridor • Connectivity • Island syndrome

Connectivity: 0–1.0
vs 0 or 1



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Species Diversity of Mammals in Japan: Elevation Effect

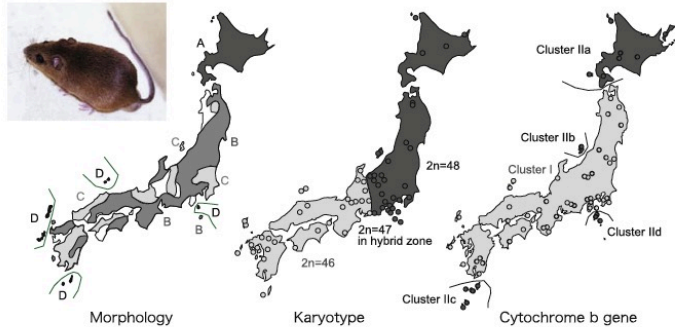


Fig. 1.3 Different patterns of divergence reported for karyotypes (Tsuchiya et al. 1973; Tsuchiya 1974), morphology (Kobayashi 1981), and cytochrome *b* gene (Suzuki et al. 2004)

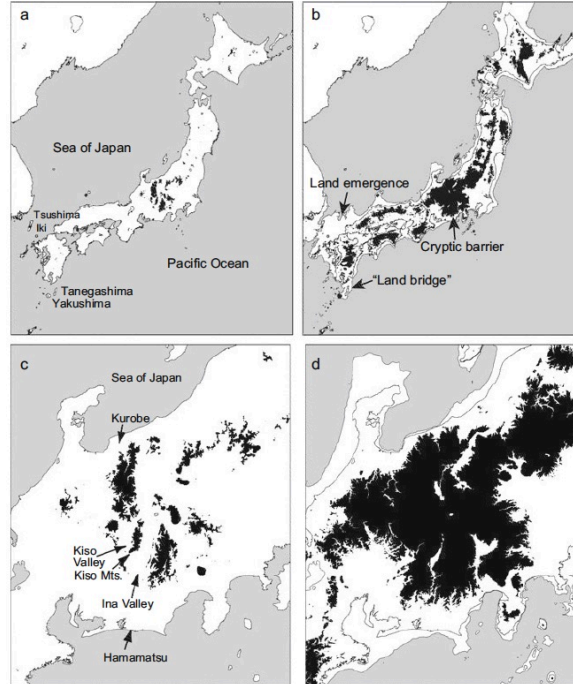


Fig. 1.4 Distribution of lowland species in the Japanese islands with *Apodemus speciosus* as a model (modified from Shintaku and Motokawa 2016). (a) Potential distribution (white) in areas less than 1600 m in elevation. (b) Estimated potential distribution in the last glaciation maximum (LGM) between -130 and 600 m, and 'elevation shift' in the central part (modified from Shintaku and Motokawa 2016). (c) Potential distribution in the present (white) in areas less than 1600 m in elevation in central Honshu. (d) Estimated potential distribution in LGM (white) between -130 and 600 m elevation in central Honshu



Species Diversity of Mammals in Japan: Land Emergence Effect

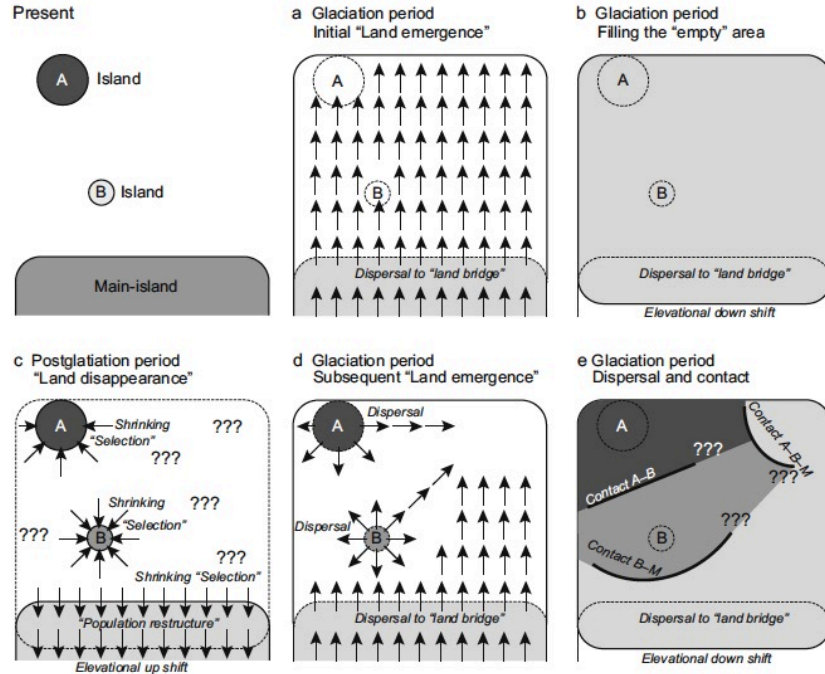


Fig. 1.5 Model for 'land emergence' effect during the repeated glaciation and post-glaciation periods in the Pleistocene (a-f) to the present (upper left). *Shaded areas* indicate the existence of the animal populations using *different colors* for morphological and genetic differentiations. *Solid lines* and *arrows* indicate the configurations of land areas and the expansion and contraction of the animal populations. (See text for explanation)



Species Diversity of Mammals in Japan: Land Emergence Effect

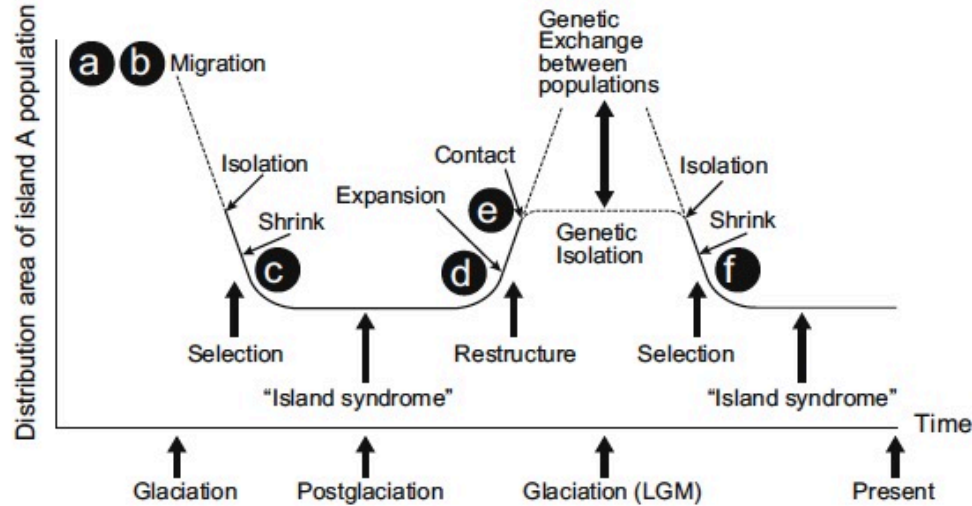


Fig. 1.6 Distribution area changes and expected effects of the adjacent island A population during the repeated glaciation and post-glaciation periods in the Pleistocene. Letters a–f correspond to the events in Fig. 1.5



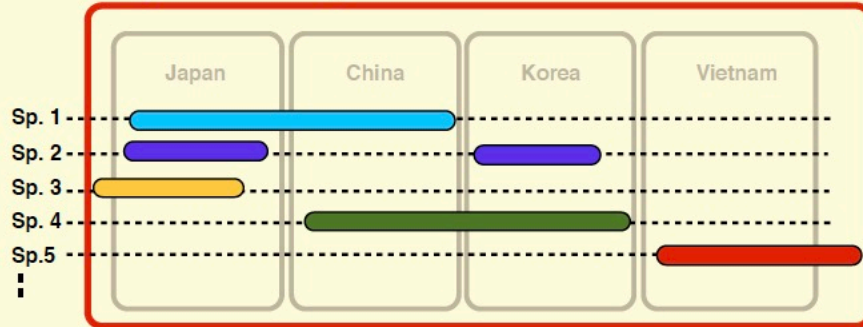
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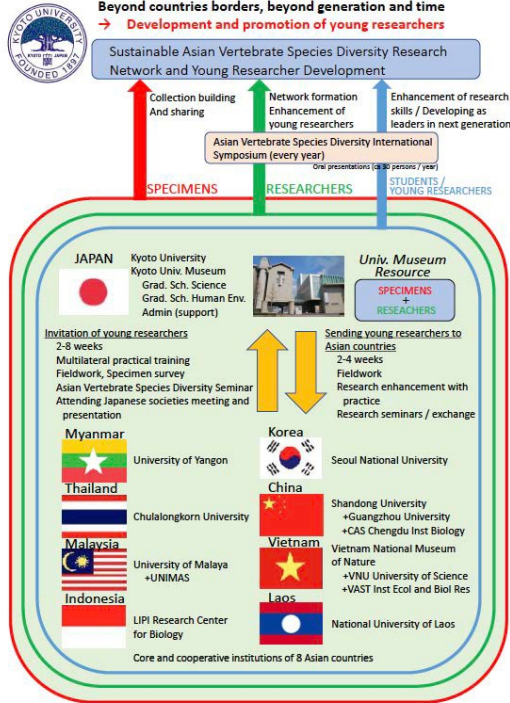


New view (not A+B+C+D)

Asia



Species Diversity of Terrestrial Vertebrates in Asia



Asian Vertebrate Species Diversity Research @ Kyoto University

JSPS Core-to-Core Program B. Asia-Africa Science platforms

Sustainable Asian vertebrate species diversity research network and young researcher development (FY2017-20, Japan+8)
9 countries, more than 170 researchers

Asian vertebrate species diversity network platform with combining researchers, specimens and information (FY2014-16, Japan+7)

Research platform for East Asian vertebrate species diversity and formation of specimen network (FY2011-13, Japan+3)



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Species Diversity of Terrestrial Vertebrates in Asia



Students and young scientists
Face-to-face
Practical training workshop
International Symposium (2011-2019, every year)



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Creative and Sustainable as Science Infrastructure!

Team

Motokawa (PI)

Collaborator
Coordinator

Principal
Supervisor

PostDoc
Visiting Researcher

The Kyoto Univ. Museum

Collaboration

PhD / Master
Students

Graduate School of
Science [affiliation]
Supervision

Visiting Professor

Other staff

KURRA

★Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Site: uniMuse



Biodiversity research

- ★Collection management
- ★Special Exhibition
- ★Permanent Exhibition
- ★Lecture for Public
- ★Guide Tour
- ★Museum Seminar



Reference and Voucher

Site: Kyoto Univ.



Research:

Collaboration

Education:

Zoology

★Curator program

★Museum literacy

★uniMuse specific

Site: Outside Kyoto Univ.
(Global)

Research:

Collaboration
Publications
Society
Symposium
Outreach

uniMuse

★uniMuse Science

★Global Net

Public relations:

School

★Various outreach

Specimens

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★Specimens

uniMuse is Science Infrastructure for Research and Outreach!

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Closing

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