

Fieldwork Internship Program 2012
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Reflection sheet

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1. Research title :

Territorization of the commons: understanding land enclosures and grazing conflicts in Hamer district, South, Ethiopia

2. Period of your fieldwork :

2012 / 10 / 02 ~ 2012 / 12 / 24 (84 days)

3. Please write your research purpose and aim.

The purpose of my field research was to identify and characterize the type and nature of enclosures in Hamer district. It also examined the socio-political, cultural and economical significance attached to enclosures by the people. My investigation during the course of my field research period looked at the management aspect and practices inside enclosures, woody and non-woody species composition and agricultural crops in the farming space in the enclosures. I have also tried to lightly touch on government settlement programs in the district. Moreover, I have read my paper on the 18th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies in Ethiopia, organized in Dire Dawa City, Ethiopia.

4. Please write up your brief outline on "how did you achieve the original goals which you have described in your submitted proposal?"

In order to achieve my research goals, I have employed ethnographic field research approach. I used quantitative and qualitative data collection methods in Hamer district mainly in the lowlands. To substantiate my observation, I had visited different sites enclosed in the district for grazing and farming purposes. I also looked at the species composition inside the different enclosures and the use values to the community. During my stay, I followed the field research method I stated in my proposal.

5. Please describe your plan and perspective on future fieldwork and other overseas academic activity.

My plan for the time being is to write down my field research findings and organize my data in to readable article formats. Then, I would like do an intensive reading on related articles and simultaneously continue consulting my supervisors. This helps me easily produce articles for publication on journals printed in and outside of Japan. Regarding my future field work and overseas academic activity, I have a plan in mind to look for internship or exchange for sometime in Universities or institutes that relate to my department here and research topic. Up on completing the first draft of my PhD dissertation, I may consider a field trip to address points I feel are important to check and to seek advises from my informants in Ethiopia particularly in Hamer.