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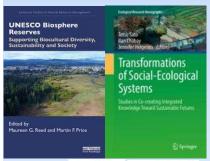


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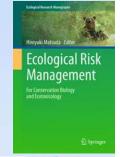


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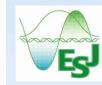
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Overview and Keywords

- 1. Protection of natural environment
- 2. Sustainable use of natural resources
- 3. SDGs Environment, Economy, Society Leave no one left behind
- 4. Post SDGs ?Risk tolerant society
- Key Word: Risk-tradeoff, Sustainable development, "Man and the Biosphere" Programme, Zoonosis, Nature's contributions to people, Human-wildlife conflict, Triage,

Modified from Masahito YOSHIDA

Protection, Conservation, Restoration: From wilderness to ecosystem services



Rachel Carson (1907-1964)



Aldo Leopold

(1887-1948)



「自然の果報」

2016~ Nature's **Contributions** to People

2005~

Ecosystem services

SDGs 2015~

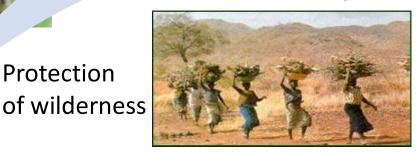


1992~



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Sustainable Development



Edward O. Wilson

(1929-)



Protection

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Conservation

Protection

NWH=Natural World Heritage BR = Biosphere Reserve

Restoration



Why do we promote "sustainable development" rather than "nature protection"?

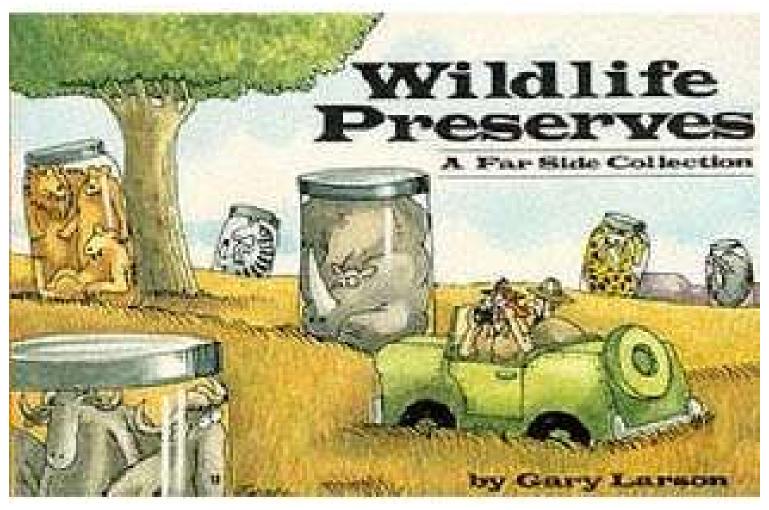
Our ultimate goal is human well-being or happiness.

Nature protection (NP) is NOT a goal, but measures to achieve human well-being!

- Ecologists often says NP as goal and do not explain linking from NP to well-being, sometimes they exclude indigenous people from nature sanctuary.
- A Climate Change expert said, "It is an ecologist's hobby".



Preservation (Protection) vs. conservation



by Gary Larson (1989)





Leaguestramme MAR

Vivre dans la biosphère et la protéger

UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme

Biodiversity conservation, sustainable and equitable use for human well being are at the heart of the programme since the 1970s.

BIODIVERSITE

CONSERVATION

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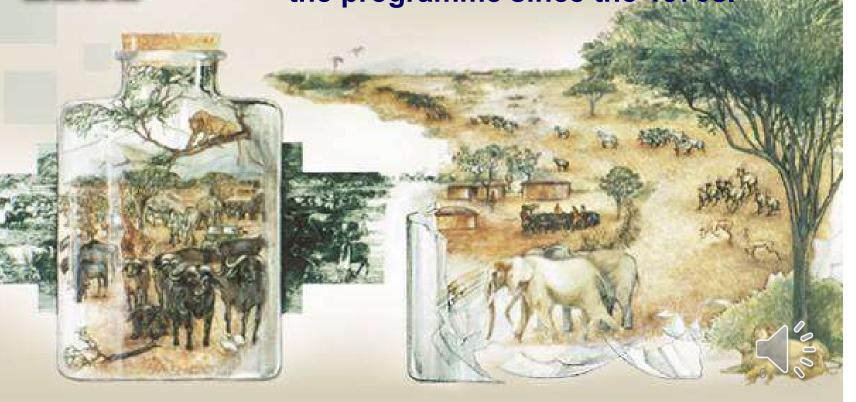
SURVEILLANCE CONTINUE

EDUCATION

FORMATION

DÉVELOPPEMENT



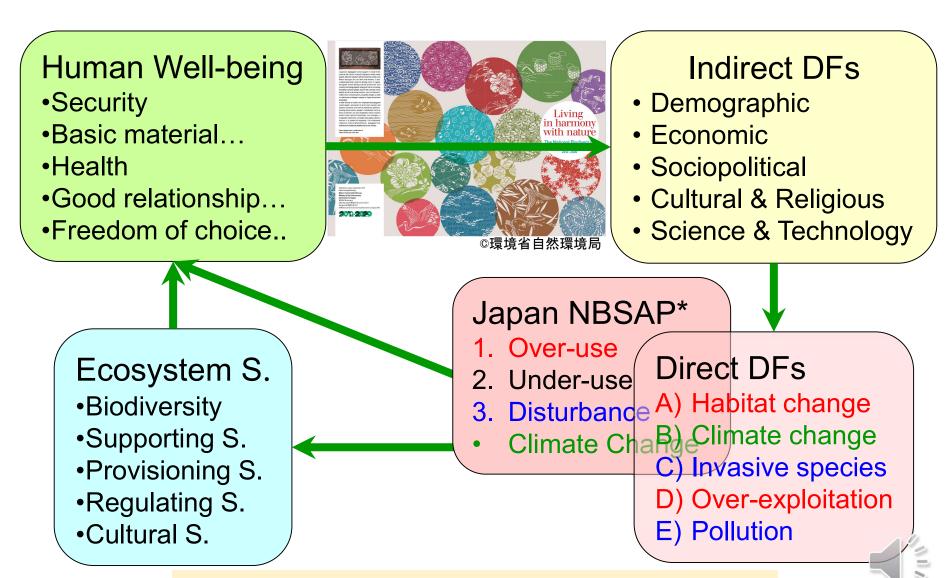


Global fashion in nature conservation

- 1. Protection of nature (do not use primeval nature!)
- But human can live by using natural resources and natural capitals.
- 2. Conservation of nature (sustainable use) for the next generation
- 3. Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)
- Our goal is NOT to protect nature by foreign activities, BUT to educate local people who conserve local natural resources and arrange consensus building.
- Respect diversity in nature and culture (biocultural diversity)



Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) scheme National Biodiversity Strategy of Japan



Why do I criticize the idea of ecosystem services?

- Not including under-use, e.g.,
 - Shift from self-sufficient agriculture to imports.
 - Fuel revolution before the depletion of wood biomass
 - Ban on bushmeat results in human-wildlife conflict
- Not including negative impact on people
 - We must know the awe of nature (disaster, disease, ...)
 - We must "manage" the sustainable use of natural resources, while complete control is not possible.
- I said in 2011, "The theory of ecosystem services may be extinct within 20 years." (Invited talk at Japan Landscape Ecology Annual Meeting, 2011)



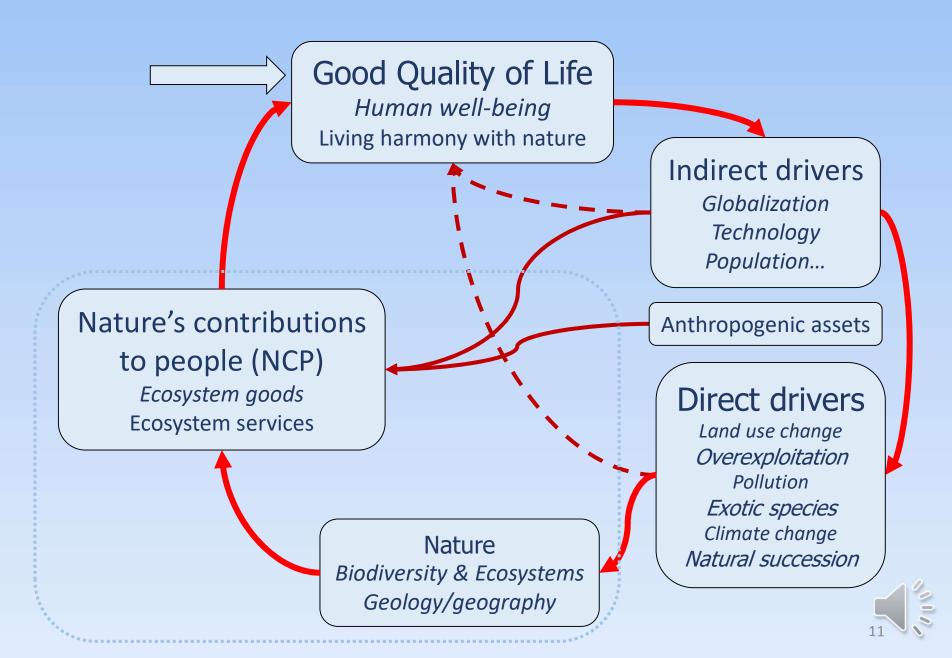
The end of the Oil Age

www.economist.com Oct 23rd 2003



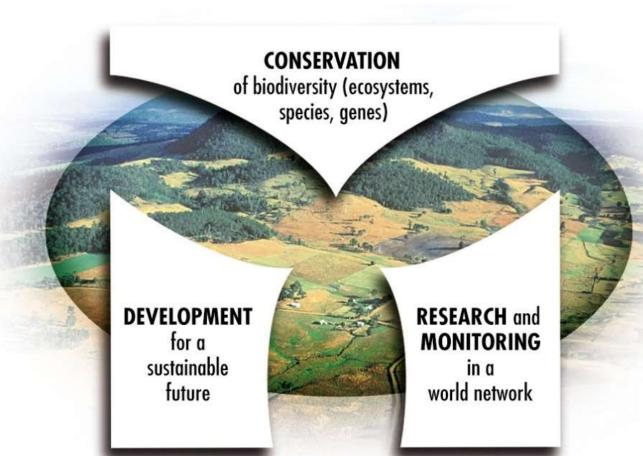
- "The Stone Age did not end for lack of stone, and the Oil Age will end long before the world runs out of oil," the quotation is from Sheikh Zaki Yamani, a past oil minister of Saudi Arabia (in 1970's).
- Because he believes that something fundamental has shifted since that first oil shock. Finally, advances in technology are beginning to offer a way for economies, especially those of the developed world, to diversify their supplies of energy and reduce their demand for petroleum, thus loosening the grip of oil and the countries that produce it.

Why do we conserve nature?



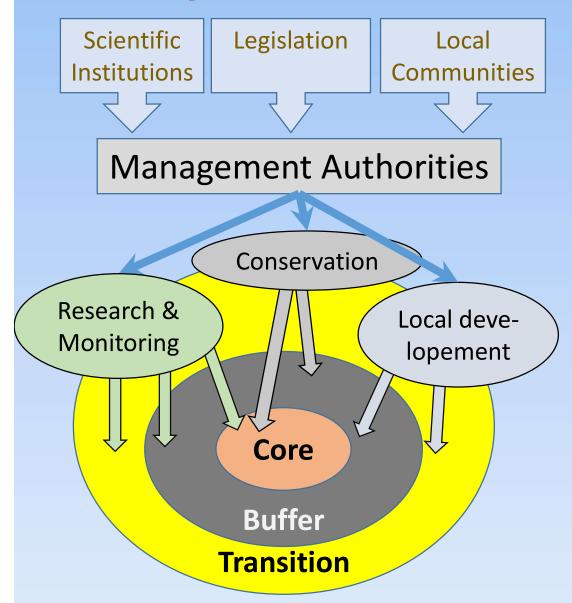
MAB & World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR)

Biosphere reserves: field tool for interdisciplinary MAB work with a triple function:



- Conserve biological and cultural diversity
- Propose innovative approaches to sustainable development
- Promote research, monitoring, education and training

Biosphere Reserves – Key Features



Zoning – means to meet the challenges of biodiversity management in multi-use areas with the objective of sustainable development.

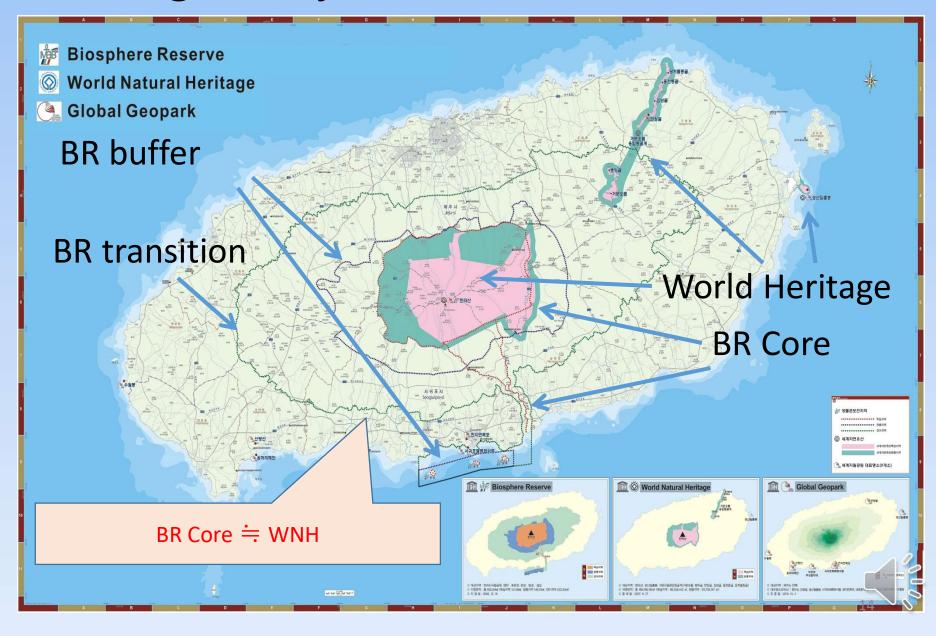
Organizational/governance arrangements – enabling involvement of all actors in management and decision-making processes.

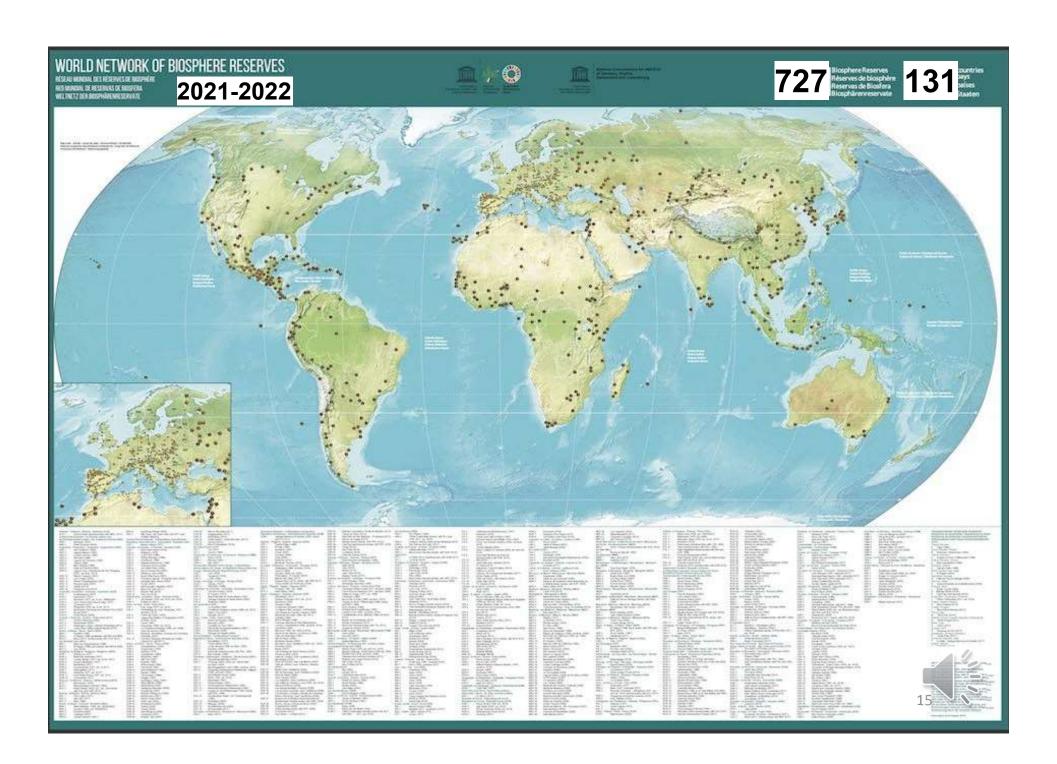
New forms of institutional cooperation and links between different levels of economic and political decision making.

Engagement of all the relevant stakeholders.



http://risk.kan.ynu.ac.jp/matsuda/2014/140809JICA.pdf Zonings in Jeju Is., Korea





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Dr. Doris Pokorny, deputy coordinator Rhön BR (Bavarian administration unit)



Economic activities using natural resources







Suspension walking bridge approaching to wildness area

Certification for ecosystemoriented agricultural products

- Eco-tourism
- Organic agriculture
- Handicrafts





Biodiversity and ecosystem services are central to economic, social and cultural development of local populations





















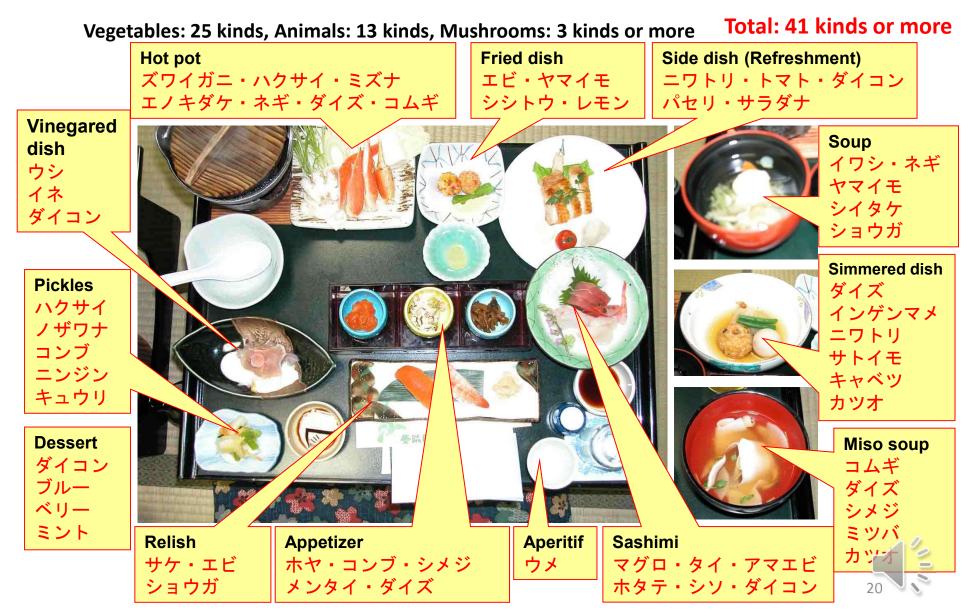




Source: Kyoto Univ. ERC

A variety of Japanese food

Food Supply Service Dinner dishes at a hot spring inn



Plant as medicine





































UN SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)

The Telegraph •Brian Jackman 26 July 2012

The trouble when a Maasai boy was killed by a buffalo and an officer from the KWS [Kennya Wildlife Service] blamed the killing on the Maasai [in 2012].

- ...the Maasai receive only a small proportion of the revenue from the park, which covers 300,000 acres of the two million-acre Amboseli ecosystem, and most of the animals regularly move in and out of the unprotected areas where the Maasai live. On most nights, three quarters of Amboseli's elephant population will be outside the park, destroying crops and creating conflict with the surrounding human population.
- As we were going to press, order had been restored after the KWS called in reinforcements and community leaders ordered an end to the killing spree.

How to treat wildlife in developing and developed countries

Y. Iwai \[\text{Why do elephants attack our village? What does it mean to coexist with wild animals? \] (2017 in Japanese)



"In Tanzania, only hunting ban was initi done, but then residents were forced to relocate,". "The Ikoma tribe, which originally did not hunt elephants, is also relocated."
 Serengeti was a "human land" before becoming a "wild kingdom".



Dozens of people per year have been killed by elephants throughout Tanzania for about 10 years. HEC = Human Elephant Conflict

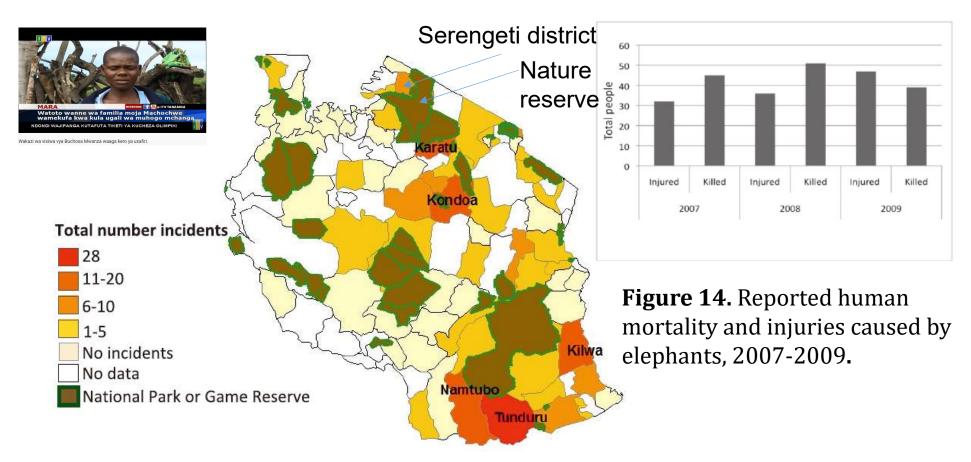


Figure 15. Human mortality and injuries caused by elephants, by district 2007-2009

Fig.16. Reported problem elephants shot, by year, 2007-2009

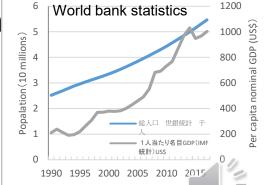


Japan's Ministry of the Environment Q&A on ivory

Q2 What is the reason for the decrease in areas where African elephants are decreasing?

- "poaching for ivory and meat has traditionally been said to be the main cause of African elephant decline, and illegal hunting remains a significant factor in some regions, especially in Central Africa.
- A bigger factor is the loss and fragmentation of the habitats due to rapid land development associated with population growth. Specific signs of this trend

are reported to be an increase in human -elephant conflicts, which exacerbates the threat to elephant populations. *"



https://www.globalnote.jp/post-2805.html

How do residents think of elephants?

- It is a <u>pest animal</u> that destroys farmland and tramples people
- Developed nations value elephants more than local people (if the <u>Gov't have the budget to keep elephants alive</u>, UNICEF fundraising will allow dozens of children to go to school.)
- The use of ivory of culled elephant is not allowed (The "north wind" policy)
- People are first, but local people cannot live without the gift of nature. I want to coexist with wild animals (The "Sun" Policy)
- Keep elephants away from farmland where elephants can easily get food (killing is the most realistic measures = elephants are wise and does not respond to iterated intimidation)



Map of brown bear appearance in Sapporo residential areas. Killing nuisance bears is strongly protested by citizens outside Hokkaido.



Unlike deer, bear may kill people, and appearance of bears in the city area limits children going to school and stopping marathon events. Sapporo City wrote, "Before gathering information on brown bear from the websites and stay away from the their home range to avoid encountering brown bears", even where in residential urban areas.

NY State kills deer

Culling—In many urban and suburban situations, hunting may not be able to lower deer populations enough to bring impacts down to a sustainable level (Williams et al., 2013). In these cases, the best option may be culling, which is the term for killing deer outside of a hunting framework. In New York, a DEC-issued DDP is necessary for a culling program to occur, and such permits typically allow the use of methods that are not available to hunters, which is why culling is usually more effective for rapid population reduction than hunting.

People kill deer and eat deer meat while NY mayor (\neq not state) says not to use ivory taken from elephants that kill people in Africa.



DEER MANAGEMENT IN URBAN AND SUBURBAN NEW YORK

A Report to the New York State Senate and Assembly

December 31, 2018





A logic of animal welfare & ethics

- Avoid lethal use of wild animals (most criticisms of ivory, tortoiseshell and whaling are from this perspective)
- Would you prefer farmland crops where wildlife was cleaned?
- People determine the scope of protection (It's humanism)
 Monkeys > dogs & cats > deer & bears > fish > shrimp > Sea Urchin ...
- I respect for the diversity of personal values
 ← Do not force your value on others (cultural diversity)
- Bears are caught alive. ← A huge number, unrealistic. NYS also control deer by game hunting and culling.

Issues after COVID-19 pandemic

- Mainstreaming zoonotic disease control
- Popularity of animal welfare and vegetarianism
- Increase of human-wildlife conflict due to
 - > Economic development in developing countries
 - > Ban on hunting in developed countries
- poaching and illegal trade of endangered species
- Trophy hunting directly contributes to local economy

https://www.natureasia.com/ja-jp/ncomms/pr-highlights/12964

The poaching rate of African elephants has declined since 2011 Severin Hauenstein, Colin Beale . Nature Communications 2019

- Here we show that annual poaching rates in 53 sites (monitored by MIKE) strongly correlate with proxies of ivory demand in the main Chinese markets, whereas between-country and between-site variation is strongly associated with indicators of corruption and poverty.
- African elephant poaching since the early 2000s increased. Core populations both inside and outside protected areas decreased by 30% in seven years and the number of dead elephants found poached increased.
- Our analysis reveals a recent decline in annual poaching mortality rate from an estimated peak of over 10% in 2011 to <4% in 2017. Based on these findings, we suggest that continued investment in law enforcement could further reduce poaching, but is unlikely to succeed without action that simultaneously reduces ivory demand and tackles corruption and poverty.
- We suggest that improving law enforcement using conventional methods in many areas might reduce elephant poaching, but reductions in poverty and corruption in communities neighbouring protected areas may have a greater effect and obvious additional benefits.



African elephant poaching rates correlate with local poverty, national corruption and global ivory price

Severin Hauenstein 1,2, Mrigesh Kshatriya, Julian Blanc 3,4, Carsten F. Dormann 1,2 Colin M. Beale 2

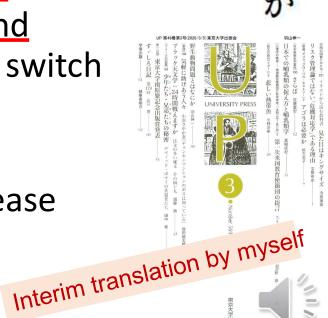
 The illegal trade in ivory, however, is complicated: certainly Chinese demand is important, but recently more large seizures of raw ivory were made in Thailand, with transit centres for shipping to other East Asian states such as Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam. Reducing demand has been seen as a crucial step in stemming poaching in Africa, yet the economics of illegal trade make this complicated: trade bans and associated ivory seizures may even increase poaching incentives by causing price rises in elephant ivory²³.



Ban on wildlife use does not solve anything...

- "In 2018, Japan became the first CSF [swan fever] in 28 years and became infected with wild boars. Wild boars did not inhabit close to farms 28 yrs ago, control of the wild boar was not even ready [in 2018]. "Wildlife issues are lacking in policy makers' perception that humans and wildlife will last forever. We should switch fundamental recognition. (Shinichi Hayama 2020)
- H.M.: Recovery of wildlife will increase risks of human-wildlife conflict and zoonotic disease.

羽山伸



"Cat wars" controversy

- The domestic cat is an alien predator in the "World's 100 Worst Invasive Alien Species" P35. Predation of cats has become a major cause or cause of the extinction of 33 of the 238 extinct reptiles, birds and mammals in the world. *Toxoplasma*, a zoonotic disease transmitted by cats, poses a significant risk to the fetus if a woman is first infected during pregnancy. Prevalence of women of childbearing age = 63% in Germany and 4% in South Korea.
- [Europe and USA] There is a serious conflict between bird-watchers and cat-lovers because wild cat prey on wild birds. Nature protection differs from animal welfare. The lack of agreement on how to treat free-ranging cats is a big problem. [The theory of nature conservation is still developing].



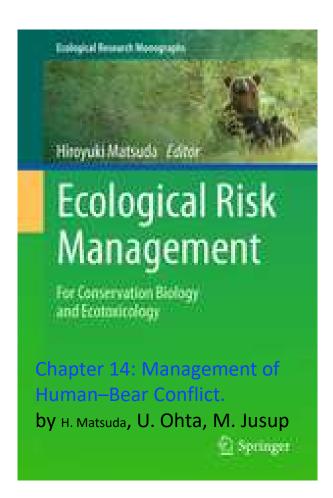
Devastating Consequences

Basic concept of bear management

- "Good bears" avoid people, even if their home range includes highways and close to residential areas, which alone is not dangerous.
- Bears will not avoid people if they eat garbage left by people. "We have no choice but to remove fed bears." "A fed bear is a dead bear" (Yellowstone National Park slogan*).
- Prevent wildlife from becoming nuisance.

People and bears are not friends, but can coexist by fearing each other (H.M.)





Biosphere consists of nature and people.

- "If farming is to coexists with wild birds and beasts, ... the human—wildlife conflict is inevitable in agriculture, forestry and fisheries."
- People are inseparable from the biosphere, and thus not only use wildlife but are sometimes being used by wildlife too.





My idea of "one-health"

- It is up to each person to decide what range of taxa to be protected, and this should be mutually respected.
- If the mountains are kept rich and there are no humans on the plains, many wild animals will live on the plains.
- If people think that eating vegetables grown on farmland free of wildlife damage is NOT really animal welfare.
- People and wild bears are not friends. They can only coexist if they fear each other.
- People are a part of the biosphere, and we not only use wildlife, but sometimes are used by wildlife.
- These idea are not only a matter of our view of nature, but a matter of management measures.

Ideas on post SDGs



- From "No one will be left behind" to "Accepting risk to seek sustainability as a member of the biosphere;
- Risk management of zoonosis, bushmeat use, and human-wildlife conflict as an integrated whole;



- View conservation and animal welfare as measures to human well-being;
- Respect cultural diversity among ethnics, which is based on biological diversity;
- Nurture young people who aim a sustainable society, rather than protecting nature with external forces;
- Understand and try to overcome the biological basis of gender, handicaps, and other diversity.

Exercises; based on scientific and socioeconomic feasibility, consider and discuss on

- 1. The next development in animal welfare after veganism and decide conditions of bushmeat use.
- 2. Future vision of self-sufficiency of agricultural products and free trade.
- 3. How to manage risk of zoonosis and humanwildlife conflict at the same time.
- 4. How humans and wildlife can live separately, nature reserves, isolated human settlements, or others

