

Challenges in managing invasive raccoons in Japan

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Appendix S1. Questionnaire

QUESTIONS	ANSWER TYPE
<p><i>Difficulties officers felt they faced</i> <i>(Do you feel that following items are difficult?)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unknown regional status of raccoon (filtered question) please select items • Unknown ecological characters of raccoon• Unknown procedure for control• Unknown effective methods of trapping• Decrease in motivation of captors• Decrease in motivation of officers• Lack of cooperation among various group• Budget shortfall• Captors shortage• Officers shortage• Experts shortage• Problems related to residents• Problems related to prefecture• Problems related to municipality• Unknown role of prefecture/municipality• No compensation for captors	<p>5-point scale (1 = very difficult, 5 = not at all difficult)</p> <p>(MA)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. population2. distribution3. density4. crop damage5. property damage7. native species8. other
<p>What kind of relevant control information is difficult to obtain?</p>	<p>MA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. collect information about invasion2. planning for control3. consensus building effort4. monitoring after trapping5. technical development6. revision of control

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QUESTIONS	ANSWER TYPE
<i>Current situation with regards to non-native species management</i>	
How many officers in charge of non-native species management?	FA ○ officers
How much is the expenses used for raccoon management in 2011?	FA ○ JPY
Are you getting expert cooperations?	SA 1. yes 2. no
(filtered question) please select the type of cooperating organization	(MA) 1. municipality 2. prefecture 3. researcher 4. NPO 5. police 6. public animal shelter 7. Japan agricultural cooperatives 8. museum 9. zoo 10. botanical garden 11. university 12. public research institution 13. private research institution 14. nature conservation organization 15. hunting association 16. own institution 17. other
What kind of information about raccoon invasion do you collect?	SA 1. damage 2. habitat and invasion 3. both 4. No collecting

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Does invasion information share among departments?	SA 1. yes 2. no 3. only one department 4. other
What kind of management items do you implement?	MA 1. collect information about invasion 2. planning for control 3. consensus building effort 4. monitoring after trapping 5. technical development 6. revision of control
Do you set indice to assess raccoon control?	SA 1. yes 2. no
Do you think control was effective?	SA 1. yes 2. no 3. neither agree nor disagree 4. other
(filtered question) please select items you think	(MA) 1. prevention of invasion and establishment 2. population decrease 3. decrease capture number by decreasing population 4. low capturing efficiency by decreasing population 5. reduce damages 6. increasing native and/or protected species 7. others

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(filtered question) please select quantitative indices you collect

(MA)

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What is the main object you control raccoon?

SA

1. prevent crop damage
2. prevent property damage
3. prevent damage to native ecosystems
4. other

When did you start raccoon management?

SA

1. since
 2. unknown
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