

Individual Projects of the Environment Subcommittee

The Joint Survey with Northeast Asian Countries on Migratory Birds

1. Objective of the Survey

Japan has an established nationwide survey system to clarify the flying routes of small migratory birds such as dusky thrushes and rustic buntings which migrate from Siberian Continent and Far East Siberia. Although Far East Siberia is considered to be an breeding place and flying route of these birds, their flying route between Japan and Siberian is yet to be clarified.

Therefore, Toyama Prefecture and Primorsky Territory, Russia have conducted this joint survey by bird-banding method since 1998, which aims at clarifying the migrating routes, life spans and breeding ages of migratory birds.

2. Outline of the Survey

(1) Period:

Spring and autumn when the birds start to migrate

(2) Implementing Governments:

Members of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments including Primorsky Territory and Toyama Prefecture

(3) Cooperation:

Conducted with the cooperation of civil organizations under the above governments

(4) Method:

Capturing birds with decoys and kasumi nets, attaching to the captured birds bands which their species and weight filled in and releasing

(5) Report:

Compiling a report with unified format

3. Outcome of the Survey in 2003

(1) The number of the birds which were attached bands in Primorsky Territory reached 12,000.

(2) Mutual understanding between Toyama and Primorsky Territory was deepened through the survey.

(3) Experts and junior naturalists (junior high school students) in Toyama were dispatched to Primorsky Territory in September to promote a friendship.

4. Main Feature for the Survey in 2004

(1) The survey was conducted jointly by Primorsky Territory and Toyama Prefecture.

(2) Experts and "Eco-Club" students were invited to Toyama Prefecture in spring to participate a joint research.

(3) The survey was conducted in Primorsky Territory jointly by both local governments.



The research conducted in Primorsky Territory in September, 2003

Junior naturalists of Toyama Prefecture joined the survey and learned how to capture birds with a *kasumi* net.



The research conducted in Toyama in April, 2004

The members of Eco-Club of Primorsky Territory, Russia joined the survey. They put a nest box on a tree.