

**Minutes of the 6th Nature Conservation Review Committee Meeting Focusing on Birds of
Prey and Forests Concerning New Test Course Development by Honda Motor**

1 Date and Time

17:00 ~ 19:45 November 7, 2007 Wednesday

2 Venue

Urban Shimotsuke Conference room 201 and 202

3 Attendees

5 committee members:

Chair, Tatsuhiro Ohkubo — Professor of Faculty of Agriculture, Utsunomiya University

Member, Koichi Endo — Assistant District Leader of Tochigi Branch of the Wild
Bird Society of Japan

Member, Kazumi Suemoto — Researcher, Natural History Research

Member, Mitsutake Hayashi — Chief Researcher, Tochigi Prefectural Museum

Member, Takashi Matsuda — Vice President, Nature Conservation Group of Ujiie

16 organizing members

4 Agenda

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 5th meeting
2. Current status of the New R&D Center Plan and conservation
3. New test course plan (preliminary paper (draft))
4. Other

5 Minutes (summary)

Agenda

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 5th meeting and follow-up of members' inputs

The organizer reported on the minutes of the 5th meeting. Committee members commented as follows:

- The Japanese word “Hanshoku” which is used to mean “breeding of insects” was not appropriate. The word needs to be revised to “Hassei”, which means “insects.”
→ * In English version, already revised.

2. Report on the current status of the New R&D Center Plan and conservation

The organizer reported on the current status of the New R&D Center Plan and conservation. No comments were made by members.

3. Report/discussion on the new test course plan, wide area inspection, and environment conservation measures

The organizer, by referring to the preliminary paper (draft), reported on the new test course plan, wide area inspection, and environment conservation measures. Members exchanged views as follows:

- Regarding the description of raptorial birds of prey in the preliminary paper (draft), the description of what happened before reviewing conservation measures may not be right. It is important to describe the process exactly as follows. “The governor had stated, in the paper referring to applicable methods, “intellectuals’ views should be taken into account. The Review Committee whose members have experience or academic standing was set up to review conservation measures. Then conservation commenced.”
→ The organizer will revise the description and ask the members to check the results.
- Regarding conservation of goshawks and buzzard-eagles, it may be necessary to make description easy-to-understand by adding results of wide area nest investigation and published papers. Though showing their locations is impossible, it is preferable that nesting environments, conservation goals and measures including valid compensatory measures are

described in detail by referring to numbers and charts. Though slightly different in terms of habitat and environment, goshawks and buzzard-eagles are conceptually very close to each other.

→ The organizer will describe things including what is mentioned above in more detail.

- Among the three locations in the wide area that need to be controlled, it may be necessary to intensively control two at least. For conservation of goshawks and buzzard-eagles, locations have been chosen based on the degree of importance/necessity/urgency of population preservation. How things have been narrowed down should be described logically.

→ The organizer acknowledged.

- Regarding animal conservation steps, the animals which, in reality, cannot be transmigrated are counted too. If biotope is created as compensatory measures, some insects and animals spontaneously move in and inhabit but other are not expected to do so. Therefore it may be better, as a step, to forcefully migrate such creatures. What species to be transmigrated needs to be reconsidered?

→ The organizer will review and duly correct.

- It is believed that most of insects and reptiles, in reality, cannot be transmigrated. The description needs to be changed to, for example, “creation of biotope enables their transmigration to be expected to occur”.

→ The organizer will revise the description so that transmigration of larvas and creation of inhabitable environments will be included.

- When are you going to review specific steps of moving marsh and soil and obtaining soil for biotope?

→ The organizer is now under consideration and will ask the committee members to review specifics at the meeting scheduled in February or August of 2008.

- Regarding wide area conservation, the descriptions of the framework of conservation, the system, and the party in charge need to be revised.

→ The organizer will revise.

- Regarding the three locations in the wide conservation area, the committee will have to review specifics of environment.

→ The organizer will deal with the specifics and ask the committee members to review at the

meeting scheduled for February or August of 2008.

- Regarding the 2008 investigation of goshawks, as setting alternative nests is involved, ensure that telemetry is applied in conducting investigation.

→The organizer will proceed in such a direction.

4. Other

(1) Next meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in February, 2008.