Common Management of Cormorants and Inherited Understandings of Their Value

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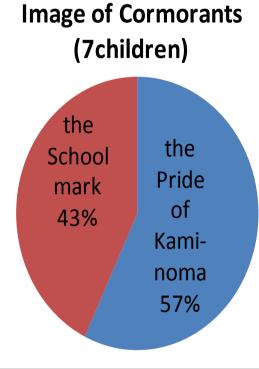


In U-no-yama(12ha), from 1830s to 1960s, People in Kami-noma-ku (village) had collected Cormorants' Excrements by Common Management (Kataiwa 1934, Sato 1996)

⇒U-no-yama had been registered the National Natural Treasure in 1934.

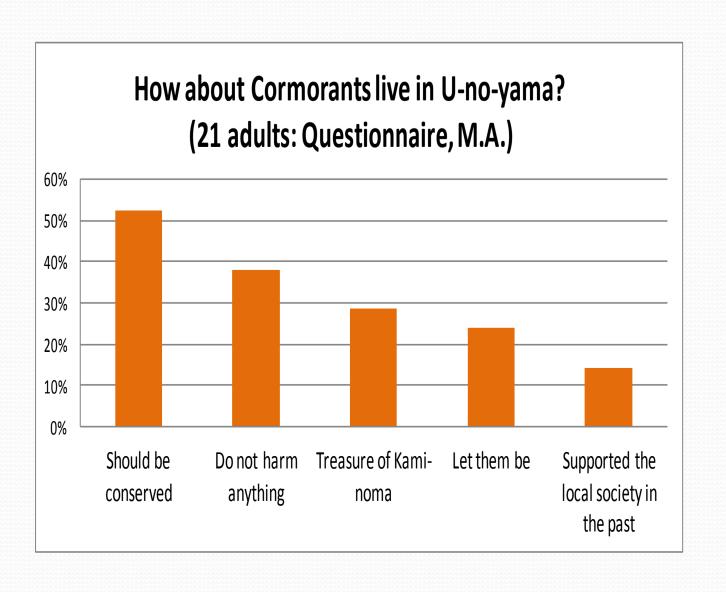
- *Cormorants' Excrements
- ◆Good for the Fertilizer (now disused because of the development chemical fertilizer)
- ◆Bidding System (4 groups in the village)
- ◆Revenue was stocked as the Common Property





●In Kami-noma Elementary School, its mark is Cormorant, and every child knows that reason.

Meaning of Cormorant (9 adults: Interview, M.A.) 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% Local Symbol Past Common Symbol of the Good for Same as Abundant other animals Resources Tourism Ecology



Cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo)

- ♦about 50,000 cormorants in Japan
- mainly "Harmful Bird" (Damage the Fishery and Forest, Noisy, Make a Bad Smell)

But....in U-no-yama, Kami-nomaku, Mihama Town, Aichi Pref.

⇒ 10,000 cormorants are living and Not Disliked

Why?

The Objectives

- ◆Finding the Difference from 'Harmful Bird'
- ◆How the Difference Causes?

How?

Local people in Kami-noma-ku

◆Interview Survey

(7 children + 9 adults)

◆Questionnaire Survey (21 adults)

Result

People in Kami-noma-ku

- ◆Learn the Past Common Management of the Cormorants at Home or in the School
- Appreciate the Lots of Past Contribution of the Cormorants
- Revenue from the Bidding System Had Been Used for Building the School and the Road.
- Local People are proud of this Fact.
- ⇒ Cormorants have been continuously Welcomed though they are Not used as resources.

End.....

For Sustaining the Good Relation Between the Local People and Wildlife...

- ◆Benefits from the Wildlife are given to the local society
- ⇒However, not sure whether the value of resource sustains.....
- ♦ Also, Succeed the Recognition of the Local Symbol
- ⇒The local story will be a key.....