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Fieldwork for Human-Environment Relations Research

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It is increasingly important to understand human-environment relations and holistic approach which integrate various academic fields is now necessary for that purpose. Long-term fieldwork is an opportunity for researchers to study various aspects of the field.

Case 1: The Solomon Islands society's adaptation to geographical conditions by harmonizing traditional subsistence and integration of market economy was studied from productivity, soil nutrients, carrying capacity, land use change, land tenure, and dietary habits.

Case 2: Obesity which is a key health problem in the Pacific region was studied from human genetic and ecological aspects.

Based on these cases, advantages, disadvantages, and future of the interdisciplinary fieldworks will be discussed.

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