

Geopark from the viewpoint of residential research

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Residential research is a new method being proposed for use in problem-solving research that corresponds to the actual local circumstances and from the stance of the scientist/researcher not only being a resident but also a member of the local society concerned. I participated in a project involving storks, an endangered species, being returned to the wild, which took place in the area around Toyooka City in Hyogo Prefecture, and in researching the environmental sociology of Hyogo Park of Oriental White Stork, and thus also gaining experience as a residential researcher. The Sanin Kaigan Global Geopark is also in the area, and hence the storks being returned to the wild and the activities of the geopark are correlated, with also having been involved in the geopark's activities to a certain extent. Based on this personal experience I discuss the potential of geoparks being a tool to use in solving local problems, from the point of view of residential research.

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