Human Dimensions of Agricultural Heritage Landscape

Case of Community Development in Ryouai Village
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Rural landscapes of Satoyama
(Japan's first GIAHS)

According to Japan SATOYAMA SATOUMI Assessment:

Satoyama is a Japanese term for a mosaic of different ecosystem type secondary forests, farmlands, irrigation ponds, and grasslands along with human settlements which has been managed to produce bundles of ecosystem services for human well-being. (JSSA 2010)
Kunisaki Peninsula Usa integrated forestry, agriculture and fisheries system (2013)
Main aims of Ryouai model GIAHS promotion

1. Determine human dimensions of GIAHS landscape
2. Practical model activity to understand the situation
3. Bottom up approach toward solutions for HR development
4. Community based promotion of GIAHS
Ryouai Model GIAHS promotion
Leadership
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- Leaders can’t be CREATED but need to be found
- Leaders should be accepted by community
- Leaders should be experienced and prove their influence
- Leaders need to know about the place and community they live with / they can’t come from outside
- To work with leaders we need to gain their trust and interest
Human resource
Human Resource

- Specialist (university teachers, community specialist)
- Model successful cases (shun-ran)
- Local government

- Transformation of knowledge and management of traditional knowledge by engaging with the external specialists
Institution

• Local community are not able to interact with each other as a community
• Need to communicate with other GIAHS
• Need organize events
• Facilities and information
• Sustainability of project
Institution
Network

- To start with revitalization we need a network for intensive event activity
- Network will bring market and experience
- It will help local community to reach out
- It helps to promote and send information about community resources
- Local organizations / universities and government were the first options
Documentating Local initiatives of Ryouai

- Selling local products in events
- Growing mud-fish
- Shiitake – farming
- Establishment of a local guest house
- Chikurin
- Herbs farming
- Cotton
Conclusion

• Human dimensions of GIAHS need to be considered case by case
• It take long time to get along with HR activities
• Prioritizing HR needs is necessary
• Assessment of Community resources （Necessary to cooperate with external Human Resources）
• Create opportunities for bottom up approach development Ryouai in order to revitalize the region in a sustainable manner
• Create creativity
• Create proud and sense of the place