

## **138 Management and restoration with visitors on Japan's Shikoku Pilgrimage paths**

**Kazuya Kurita<sup>1</sup>, Shusaku Kojima<sup>2</sup>**, <sup>1</sup>Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan. <sup>2</sup>Mets Research & Planning, Japan

Management and conservation of Japan's Shikoku Pilgrimage paths is getting more important in order to restore its historical way of pilgrim on foot as well as the new way of pilgrimage by car or bicycle. Authors investigated the present situation of 1,200km-long pilgrimage with 88 temples in Shikoku Island passing through several national parks and protected areas, which is proposed to be listed as an UNESCO World Heritage (cultural heritage) site.