

Katsuya Tago

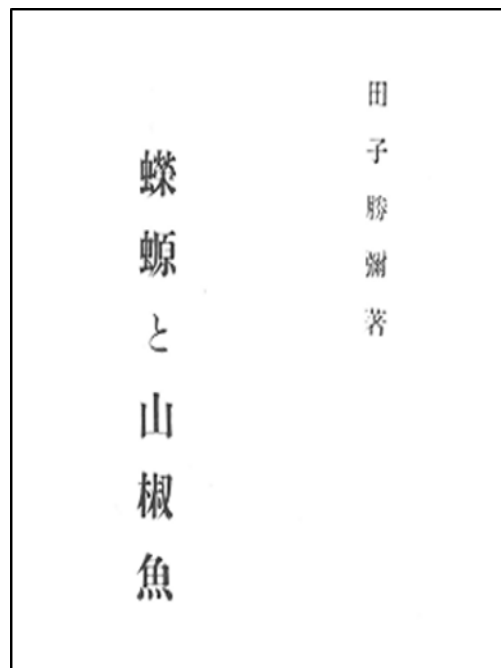
(1877~1943)



Katsuya Tago was born in Fukushima Prefecture in 1877. As a professor who specialized in amphibians, he discovered and recorded the Tago brown frog, and the Tokyo Salamander. He studied at Tokyo Teikoku University (now Tokyo University), and worked as a professor at the Teikoku Women's Medical University (now the Tokyo Women's Medical University).

As a researcher of the Japanese Giant Salamander, like Chiyomatsu Ishikawa, he was the author of "Newts and Salamanders", where he spoke of the breeding

habits and ecology of the Giant Salamanders, and also displayed Ishikawa's research. As a member of the Home Ministry's Committee for the Designation of Historical and Important Protected Species, he researched the habitats of the Giant Salamanders across the entire country. From 1925 to 1927, he resided in Maniwa, where he researched the breeding habits and ecology of the Giant Salamanders from the upper regions of the Asahi river through to the Awadani river, Oosugi river and the Mikura river. In 1927, Maniwa became the most important Giant Salamander habitat within the country, and was designated as such, and it isn't a stretch to believe that Katsuya Tago's research was the basis for this.



"Newts and Salamanders" by Katsuya Tago