Bird Strike Control and Reduction in JAPAN

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Bird Strike Control and Reduction in JAPAN

◆ Introduction – Recorded Bird Strike

◆ Bird Strike Control and Reduction system in JAPAN
  - Organization
  - Current Efforts
  - Program

◆ Bird Detecting System in Tokyo INTL Airport (HANEDA)
  - Background
  - Design Concept
  - Composition (presented by NEC on camera system)
  - Screen Image
  - Evaluation plan on Operation
The number of bird strikes in JAPAN.

- 89 Civilian airports and 8 airports in Civilian-military joint use.
- Approximately 1900 BS reported in 2013.

![Bar chart showing bird strikes reported from 2009 to 2013.]

- 2009: 1617 BS
- 2010: 1745 BS
- 2011: 1599 BS
- 2012: 1710 BS
- 2013: 1903 BS
The number of Damaged Aircraft caused by bird strikes in JAPAN.

- In 2012, 3 cases are Aircraft Accident of severe damage.
The number of bird strikes in JAPAN per 10,000 movements.
Committee to examine measures for BS prevention in Japan

Member:
- Wildlife Control Specialists
- Aircraft Operators
- Ministry of the Environment
- Ministry of Defense
- Civil Aviation Bureau
- Airport Administrator
- Bird Patrol Officer

CAB, HQ
Regional CAB

Work together

ICAO (IBIS)

Airport operations Manual / Guidance materials
Advice Instruction

Local Committee at Airports
Committee for BS prevention at the airport.

Member:
- Airport Administrator
- Air Traffic Controller/ Flight Operation Information Unit
- Airport/Navigation Facility Management Unit
- Local Government
- Aircraft Operator
- Terminal Building Management Company
- Bird Patrol Officer, etc.

Direct instruction

Wildlife strike prevention program

Various activities
- Propane cannons
- Bird Patrol
- Covered by Net
- Bird Sweeping
- Habitat Control
Current Efforts by National Committee

**Problem**

- BS occurred: **39% at Night, Dusk, Dawn**
- **60% of** BS occurred are by unknown bird species.
- HANEDA has the highest BS events in Japan. (ca. **10%**)

**Improvement Policy**

**Improving the monitoring system on the ecology of bird**
- Bird Strike Information Sharing Site
- Bird Species Identification by DNA or Feather Analysis
- Installation of Bird Detecting System at HANEDA

**Improving the control system (Especially at night)**
- Introduction of control equipment for night operation
- Strengthening leadership of the Committee
- Raising the level of control program of the nationwide airports
Bird Strike Control Program - 1

Airport Administrator/Operator

Environmental Assessment (Food, Water and Shelter)

- Vegetation at or around Airport
- Birds Moving Route

Habitat Control

- Water area
  - Lines over water
- Grass area
  - Removing grass
- Nest Management
  - Cutting trees

Bird Sweeping

- Bird Patrol
- Pyrotechnic
- Distress-call and nose-generating system
Bird Strike Information Sharing Site  https://bird.cab.mlit.go.jp/

- A purpose of this site is collecting the reports of the bird strike that occurred in Japan by Internet, and sharing various information about bird strike with all stakeholders.

- Collect BS Report from aircraft operators by INTERNET.
  →Afterward, airport administrator add the missing information, for example “Bird species”

- All stakeholders can access the BS Database anytime.

- Sharing various information and documentation with all stakeholders
  • Manuals
  • Statistical Information
  • Best Practices etc.
Bird Species Identification by DNA or Feather Analysis

- In order to implement the measures depending on the bird species, we identify BS occurred bird species by DNA or feather analysis from 2010.

BS occurs, collecting the residue from Runway or the aircraft

Send the residue to the research organization which contracted

Feather analysis
- Compare to the residue and specimen

(a part of bird body)

DNA analysis
- Analyze the DNA from residue and compare to the DNA DB

(blood, bone, feather etc..)
Raising the level of control program of the nationwide airports

Guidance material revised 2014

- This Guidance will help Airport Administrator to plan bird control program at each Airport

The past Guidance was made in 1998

Contents

- Outline of Bird Strike Control and Reduction system
- Effort and recommendations of the committee so far
- Best Practice
- Reflection of ICAO Doc 9137 Part 3 revised 2012

Direct instruction by National Committee

If necessary, National Committee specialists visit the airport, and give direct instructions to Local Committee.

For Example
- Effective way of Bird patrol
- Habitat control to be implemented
Birds position Information Radar Display System (BIRDS)

Installation at 2012 in Tokyo INTL Airport /RJTT (HANEDA)
Runway
16L/34R: 3,000 x 60m
04/22: 2,500 x 60m
16R/34L: 3,000 x 60m
05/23: 2,500 x 60m
(05/23 was installed 2010)

Hours of Operation
24 Hours

Number of Traffic
447,000 per year
(Approx 1,200 flights/day)

BIRDS

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**Background**

**Problem & Background**
- BS occurred: **39% at Night, Dusk, Dawn**
- **New RWY** was installed in 2010
- **INTL Night Flights** were increasing

**Purpose:** To implement year-round BS preventive action
- Bird Patrol applied 24HRs
- Monitoring Bird Movement in and around airport **CONSTANTLY**
- Introduction of new **DEVICE** to prevent Night BS
**Design Concept**

### Tactical Approach
(Short term – real time monitoring)

- Ability to detect birds flying at higher altitudes by using radar technologies.
- Ability to detect activity of birds near ground level and low altitudes by using cameras.
- Providing real time information for bird patrollers.

### Strategic Approach
(Long term – data analysis)

- Better understanding of bird activity (spatial and temporal) at airport.
- Data for improving the effectiveness of bird habitat control for safer operations and reduction of bird strikes.
**Composition**

- **SYSTEM** consists in combination of **Radar and Camera**.
  → Camera covers the area where radar is not able to cover: ground level and very low altitude.

- **Mobile Tablet terminals** provide real time information to Bird Patrollers.

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**Radar**

- V-Radar (x4)
- H-Radar (x2)

**Data Processing**

**Device**

- AD administrator
  / Birds Patroller’s office

- Camera monitor
- Operation Terminal
- Printer

**Camera**

- High Sensitivity Camera (x3)

**Data processing**

- Maintenance Monitoring

**Noise generating system**

**Mobile Tablet**
Screen Image

**Horizontal Radar**

- Birds detecting Symbol
  - Strength RCS: ●, ●●, ●●● > weak RCS
  - Vertical RCS: ●

**Vertical Radar**

- Check Flying Altitude
- Watch Birds (if able specified birds species)

**Birds species registration**

- Species: Duck
- Number: 5
- Date/time observed: 2010/07/07 09:49:40
- Point of observed: 35° 54' N 139° 80' E

*Birds patrol officer input observation records with mobile tablet.

**Birds camera monitoring**
**Initial Phase**

- Mastery of the usage, for example, learning the capability of the radars and cameras.
- Adjustment of RCS levels suitable for the weather and environment characteristics of the airport.
- Accumulation of observation records of the bird patrollers and of detection information of the radars and cameras.
- Analysis of the accumulated data for habitat control.
- Improving efficiency of bird patrol (with mobile tablet).

**Operational Trial Phase**

- Study of further analytical methods of the accumulated data, for implementation and evaluation of effective and efficient bird strike control program.
- Assisting bird patrol activity by real-time monitoring.
- Using of the statistics function of camera, which was developed after initial phase.

**Reduction BS Phase (PLANNED)**

- “Speedy Bird Sweeping”
- “Proactive Control with data analysis”
Camera and image processing

- **High sensitivity camera**
  - Automatic bird detection through image processing
  - Ability to capture/store video images
  - Automatic rotation
  - Manual pan and tilt zoom for visual confirmation

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<td>The Number of Pixels</td>
<td>1,920 x 1,080 pixel</td>
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<td>Frame Rate</td>
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Camera and image processing

- **Two ways of operation: automatic vs. manual mode**
  - Automatic mode: automatic monitoring and detection of moving birds
  - Manual mode: ability to control PAN/TILT/ZOOM/IRIS for visual confirmation
  - Manual mode: DB registration of bird data (species, location, deterrence method)
Camera and image processing

Advantage of utilizing advanced image processing techniques

Video Capture

Image Correction

Differential image processing

Filtering process

Form analysis (Comparison)

Object classification (Bird detection)

Distortion compensation for skew, etc.

Skewed image

Distortion compensated image

Extraction of moving objects by subtraction of serial images after compensation

Original image

Subtracted image
Camera and image processing

Advantage of utilizing advanced image processing techniques

- Video Capture
- Image Correction
- Differential image processing
- Filtering process
- Form analysis (Comparison)
- Object classification (Bird detection)

- Extraction of the information representing birds
- Comparison between bird candidate and DB
Camera and image processing（Statistic graph 1/2）

Based on the data from the log files, such as camera’s direction and time of bird detection, it is possible to create statistic graphs for better understanding of allocation of birds. The statistic data can be divided by camera direction (every 10 or 2 degrees) or time (every 1 hour or 5 minutes).

The statistic graphs can be visually supported by background images, taken in advance by bird detection camera, displayed in both combined 360-degree or 30-degree view.

Sample 1: Statistic graph showing data taken at 10-degree interval captured from 5AM to 6PM. Supported by 360-degree combined image view.
The operator can extract the camera log file according to preferred time and direction for more detailed analysis.

Sample 2: Statistic graph showing data taken from 10AM to 11AM within range of 30-degrees (from 120 to 150 degrees) at 2-degree interval. Supported by 30-degree image view.
Thank you for your attention !!!