

## Taiwan as Ecological Frontier of Japanese Empire

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The changeable topography of Taiwan contributes a bio-diverse environment for various plants co-existed in this island and gives the Japanese colonizers opportunity to transplant diverse species of plants into Taiwan for the agricultural, industrial and economic purpose. The import of these exotic species not only alters the land utility and resources allocation, but also brings new institutional and technological impact to Taiwan society. In this paper, I will elaborate the process and activities of various transplantations and examine the institutional, cultural perspectives of Taiwan as ecological frontier, and try to estimate the environmental change and impact in Taiwan.