

Project Update: January 2012

From November 2011 to January 2012 we have conducted camera trap surveys in our evergreen forest site (Tikong) and also live trapped focal small carnivores. We caught and radio-tagged three masked palm civets in December 2011 and radio collared them to determine their range and sleeping sites. We are also following a female binturong we radio-tagged from last year. Leopard cat, large Indian civet, palm civets and leopard, have been observed with camera traps thus far. We hope to get sufficient photographs to estimate density of selected small carnivore species which can be individually identified by their unique coat patterns. We quantified fruiting abundance and we will estimate rodent abundance in the beginning of February 2012. By the end of February, we will move to our study site in mixed deciduous forest (Sesawo) and repeat the sampling regime used in Tikong which will also cover the usual period of seasonal burning (late March to April).

