

Project Update: August 2012

The second term concentrated on data collection training. Straightforward methods that will not interfere with pupils' school or domestic commitments were taught, including walked transects, point counts, quadrats, terrestrial visual encounters, and invertebrate and plant specimen collection. Data collection has commenced at all five schools.

The programme has been overwhelmingly popular, with the result that conservation clubs were established rather than providing training to just five pupils per school. Five "team leaders" per school oversee data collection, but 162 pupils in total are involved in the programme.

The term's theme was "Promoting an Earth Healthy Lifestyle Through Biodiversity Monitors", which highlighted the key role that the monitors have in the future of their communities. Pupils were encouraged to submit materials that demonstrated their understanding of the word "biodiversity" for the project newsletter. The best contributions were published; for a copy of the newsletter, please email education@dambari.com.

