

Project Update: September 2014

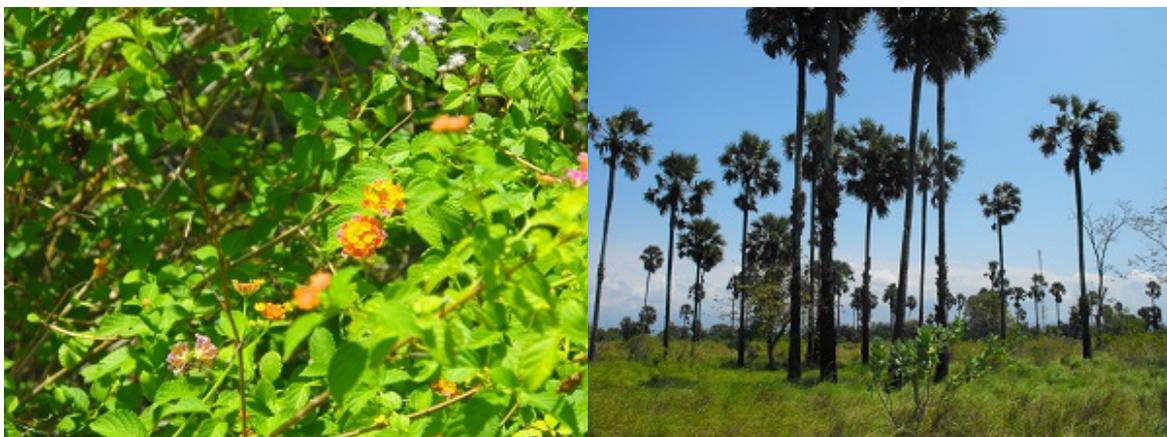
We have conducted a preliminary survey visit to one of the savannas where we will conduct the fieldwork. The West Bali National Park, has two type of savanna namely palm savanna and *Acacia leucophlea* savanna. The savannas are named based on the dominant tree species. Most of the savannas in the national park have been infested by alien invasive species mainly by *Lantana camara* and *Chromolaena odorata*. This changes is worrying, as savanna, especially *Acacia leucophlea* savanna is the habitat where the endangered endemic bird Bali stirling (*Leucopsar rosthildii*) make use of as their feeding and grooming ground.

We also have done design of poster or standing banner on the importance of savanna in conserving the endangered endemic bird Bali stirling (*Leucopsar rosthildii*) as one of ways to raise public awareness. We have also done measuring and design of display cabinet for storing seeds from native and also exotic species found in savanna ecosystem. A manuscript for savanna book is also being prepared.

We also have obtained the permits from the Ministry of Forestry central office in Jakarta to conduct the fieldworks.



Left: *Acacia leucophlea* savanna with cleared groundcover. Right: Endemic Bali bird species



Left: Invasive alien *Lantana camara*. Right: Palmae savanna