

Project Update: June 2017

We are about 3 weeks into mist-netting and ringing for the project at Danum Valley Field Centre. All six plots (three primary forest plots and three logged forest plots) have been established. We have completed the training of the new research assistants and completed mist-netting for two primary forest plots and one logged forest plot for the first round of surveying. There are three rounds of surveying in total. So far, we have 189 new birds captured and 80 recaptured birds. Recaptures are important for our study objectives. We will be conducting some capacity building in the next couple of weeks by taking on some local students to train them in mist-netting and bird ringing. Highlights so far include some rare and reclusive species such as the Asian paradise flycatcher, banded broadbill, blue-headed and black-headed pitta, scarlet-rumped trogon, chestnut-backed scimitar babbler, crested jay, red-bearded bee-eater and the greater-racket tailed drongo.

