

## Project Update: August 2017

We just delivered the plant drier, stereo-microscope and plant pressers to the research centre. Still cabinets are also ready for the specimen boxes. We hope to deliver more plant pressers, specimen boxes, and animal drier next month. After providing all the necessary materials and equipment in the research centre, we will commence our training with the forest guards and personnel of the DENR in managing the research centre.

Meanwhile, our field sampling was put off due to the prevailing martial law until December 2017 in response to the ISIS attack in Marawi, Mindanao. Moreover, there is a high tension between the government and the rebels (New People's Army) very near in our area since the president declared an all-out war against them. Despite the recent incidents, we still manage to conduct fieldwork in Mt. Candalaga and Mt. Hamiguitan.

