

Project Update: August 2018

Following a delayed start due to collapsed bridges and a road in the process of being reclaimed by the jungle, preventing us from accessing our field sites, we've finally managed to get into the swing of things. We have finished cutting three 800 by 800 m grids in the forest, which demarcate where the forest cutting teams will be applying vine-cutting treatments at different intensities. We have been busy sampling the dung beetle, ant and plant communities within these grids prior to the upcoming vine-cutting, and have had lots of help from university students from the University of Malaysia. We're working in twice-logged forests where there's a lot of a bamboo to get through, which can be pretty hard going!



Left: Ant winker traps. Right: Identifying dung beetle samples.



Cutting through our plots