

## Project Update: February 2021

**Project timeline:** Project started in May 2020 and is 1 year in duration.

Sampling in field surveys for rainy season to collect data such as species lists, tissues, photos, specimens. A total of 13 caves have been fully surveyed.

*May, September, and December 2020*

Thirteen lava tube caves in Dak Nong Prov. (C0, C1, C2, C3, C4, C6.1, C7, C8, P4, P6, P8, P20, and PT06 Cave) had been surveyed (see one of the surveys as Figure 1).

Herpetofauna records: we came across seven taxa of lava tube cave herpetofauna (see one of the species in Figure 2).

Other activities: important habitat information of the unusual and fragile ecosystems in caves and human impacts (see one of the human impacts as Figure 3) on those were gathered.

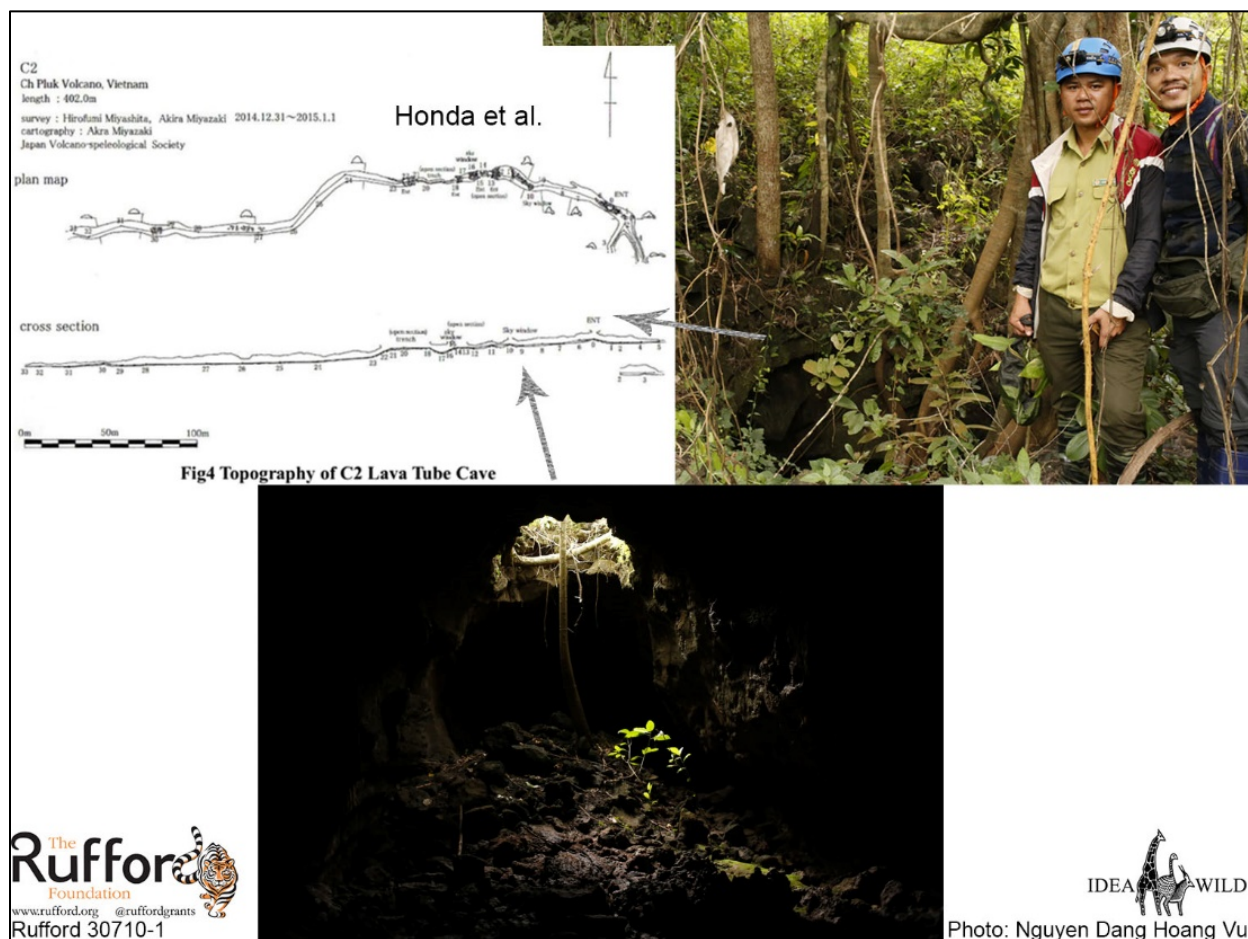


Figure 1. Photo cave herpetofauna survey in C2 Cave



Figure 2. Photo of individual of species *Gekko gekko* were recorded in C8 Cave



Figure 3. Photo of four mains human impacts on unusual and fragile ecosystems in lava tube caves (example C4 Cave)