

Project Update: July 2020

Project timeline: Project have started on May 2020 and in 1 years of duration.

Project planning: July 2020, prepare risk assessments and prepare for field works (equipment procurement & permission)

Sampling in field surveys for rainy season to collect data such as species lists, tissues, photos, specimens. A total of 10 caves have been fully surveyed.

June-July 2020

10 **lava tube caves** in Dong Nai Province, Vietnam (Hang Doi 1 Km 123, Hang Doi 2 Km 123, Hang Doi 1 Km 122, Hang Doi 2 Km 122, Hang Doi 3 Mieng 1, Hang Km 122, Hang Gai Km 121, Hang Km 121, Hang Hanh Lang Rong, and Hang Bun 2) had been surveyed (see one of the surveys as Figure 1). Herpetofauna records: we came across 6 taxa and eggs of another snake species (probably *Coelognathus radiatus*) of the lava tube cave herpetofauna (see one of the species as 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 of cave herpetofauna survey in Hang Doi 1 Km 122



Figure 2. Photo of individual of species *Sphenomorphus maculatus* were recorded in Hang Doi 3 Mieng 1



Figure 3. Photo of four mains human impacts on unusual and fragile ecosystems in lava tube caves