

Project Update: October 2020

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

Sampling in field surveys for rainy season to collect data such as species lists, tissues, photos, specimens. A total of 8 caves have been fully surveyed.

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Eight **karst caves** in Kien Giang Prov (Dong Kim Cuong, Hang Thach Dong, Chua Hang, Hang Cong Ba Tai, Hang Moi Chau, Hang Mo So Lon 1, Hang Mo So Lon 2, and Hang Nuoc) had been surveyed (see one of the surveys as Figure 1). Herpetofauna records: we came across 8 taxa inhabited in cave and near entrance. Among them, 6 taxa were recorded in the cave (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 survey team (three outside persons) and Local TV team (a lady and two cameramen) in cave herpetofauna survey in Dong Kim Cuong



Figure 2. Photo of individual of species *Hemidactylus platyurus* were recorded in Hang Thach Dong



Figure 3. Photo of waste as a mains human impact on unusual and fragile ecosystems in karst caves