

Project Update: December 2010

In the first 6 months of the project, activities followed the schedule. First, we had a good preparation for the field trip in Tam Dao National Park, such as buying necessary equipment (protecting clothes, insect nets, digital camera, light trap etc.) and making good contacts with the park authorities. After six collecting days, we had nearly 230 individual insects. By sorting and identifying, we recorded about 60 insect families covering 15 orders. We also had a video file and many pictures describing morphology and behaviour of insects in the field (natural forests and cultivated plants in Tam Dao town, a buffer zone). The selected identified samples were stored in plastic containers filled with alcohol (butterfly samples were stored in folded paper with naphthalene pills for fixation). An insect collection was completed. We had a change of expected lecturing place, in Hanoi High School for gifted students, Dept. of Biology (Hanoi University of Science) instead of Yen Vien High School.



Left: Taking insect pictures in the field (Photo by Dinh Thi Hai Yen). Right: Using light trap to collect insect (Photo by Dinh Thi Hai Yen).



Left: Using light trap to collect insect (Photo by Dinh Thi Hai Yen). Right: Using plastic container (vials) to store insect samples (Photo by Dinh Thi Hai Yen).



Left: Building a completed collection of insect samples (Photo by Dinh Thi Hai Yen). Right: 1Identifying insect samples (Photo by Dinh Thi Hai Yen).