

Project Update: April 2006

Mirza Dikari Kusrini received Ruford Booster program 2005/2006 for her continues work on frog conservation education in Bogor, Indonesia. Our frog conservation educations focus on schoolchildren from grade 2-11. Last February we visited Sekolah Bogor Raya (SBR) – a bilingual school - to talk about the plight of frogs and their conservation to grade 2, 4 and 6. Excited students were not only given class presentation but also a chance to see real frogs that we brought on small terrariums and some specimens we brought from the lab. Picture below shows the situation during school visit in Sekolah Bogor Raya.



Inggar (one of the volunteer) showing specimen to a group of grade 6 students from SBR (left). Whilst Mirza Dikari Kusrini showing off a presentation on the life of frogs (right)

We also invite several older children (grade10-11) to participate in frog camp, in which students come into the fields for two days and experience research-alike situation. In 2003 only five students from one school participated in this activity and in 2004 the number of students participated increased to 18 students from 8 schools in Bogor. In July 2006 we will conduct this activity again, inviting around 20 high school students not only from Bogor but also from nearby city – Jakarta. The picture below shows high school students from the 2004 batches.





Teacher training program was held in 2003 and 2004 for schools participated in this program. The teacher training programs includes both instructional lecture inside class and practical activities in outdoor setting. The three-days training syllabus covered topics such as global amphibian decline, biology of amphibians, amphibian conservation and how to implement frog conservation information into teaching. Picture above shows one of the class lectures.



In 2004 we held coloring competition preschool children and drawing competition for children in grade 1-6. The picture above left shows the situation during the drawing competition and the winners (right)



Frog is our friend by Tasya Octavianti from SD Amalia Ciawi, 1st Winner of drawing competition group of grade 4-6