

Project Update: June 2008

We have conducted field work in Karimata for about 6 weeks, from 27 January 2008 to 7 March 2008.

Unfortunately, only two of our team members that could join the field work. Other team members which are generally lecturer at the university could not go to the field because of their responsibility to teach some classes this semester. We made this field work possible with the help from four local students of Tanjungpura University in Pontianak and one person from BKSDA Ketapang (Balai Konservasi Sumber Daya Alam). Besides that, we also hire some local people in Karimata to be field guide and porter.

We were conduct survey from lowland (near the ocean) to the top of Gunung Cabang, the highest mountain in Karimata to cover all types of habitat in Karimata. VES (Visual Encounter Sampling) along the stream and or forest trail were used as a standard method for amphibian and reptile survey.

Some ecological notes and water quality were measured. About 300 specimens were collected during field work (including fish and crustaceans). Those specimens were brought to ITB in order to re-identify by the expert (Prof. Djoko T. Iskandar).

