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To collect data about fish species in the Dong Nai River, field surveys were conducted from November – December 2016 at the upper and middle Dong Nai River basin. Fish were collected from different habitats with detail water parameters (Fig.1) and observed in the fish markets near the river. At the upper Dong Nai river, most of species belong to Cyprinidae, some species are Balitoridae and Channidae. Fishes in this area adapt to fast current and bedrock (Fig.2) with slender body and large fins. In the middle, we found the diversity of fish species belong to 13 orders as Myliobatiformes, Osteoglossiformes, Elopiformes, Anguilliformes, Clupeiformes, Cypriniformes, Characiformes, Siluriformes, Beloniformes, Synbranchiformes, Perciformes, Pleuronectiformes and Tetraodontiformes. Fish in the middle Dong Nai River have diversified types of body which adapt to difference type of micro habitats as fast current water, bed rock, deep pool, small pool near the river side. For the future work, we will do the field survey at lower of Dong Nai River, analyse the morphology and molecule of some cryptic species collected from the field survey.



Left: Students collected water parameter in the middle of Dong Nai River. Right: Habitat in the upper of Dong Nai River