

## Project Update: September 2017

To collect data about fish diversity in the Dong Nai river, we conducted three main field surveys in the upper, middle and lower Dong Nai River basin. By morphological analyses, a total of 100 species were identified. Fish in Dong Nai river belong to 75 genera and 37 families of 13 orders. In the lower Dong Nai River, Perciformes is the most dominant (28 species, 28% of the total), Siluriformes is the second (26 species, 26%) and Cypriniformes is the third (25 species, 25%). Most of fish species are natural (76 species, 76%) and the others are from aquaculture farm (24 species, 24%). There are nine rare fish species listed in the Vietnam Red Book; 34 fish species for food and 36 aquarium fish species. However, the taxonomy of some cryptic species is not clear because the lack of comparison specimen.



Fig 1. Team leader (left) and local forest rangers are on the way to survey.