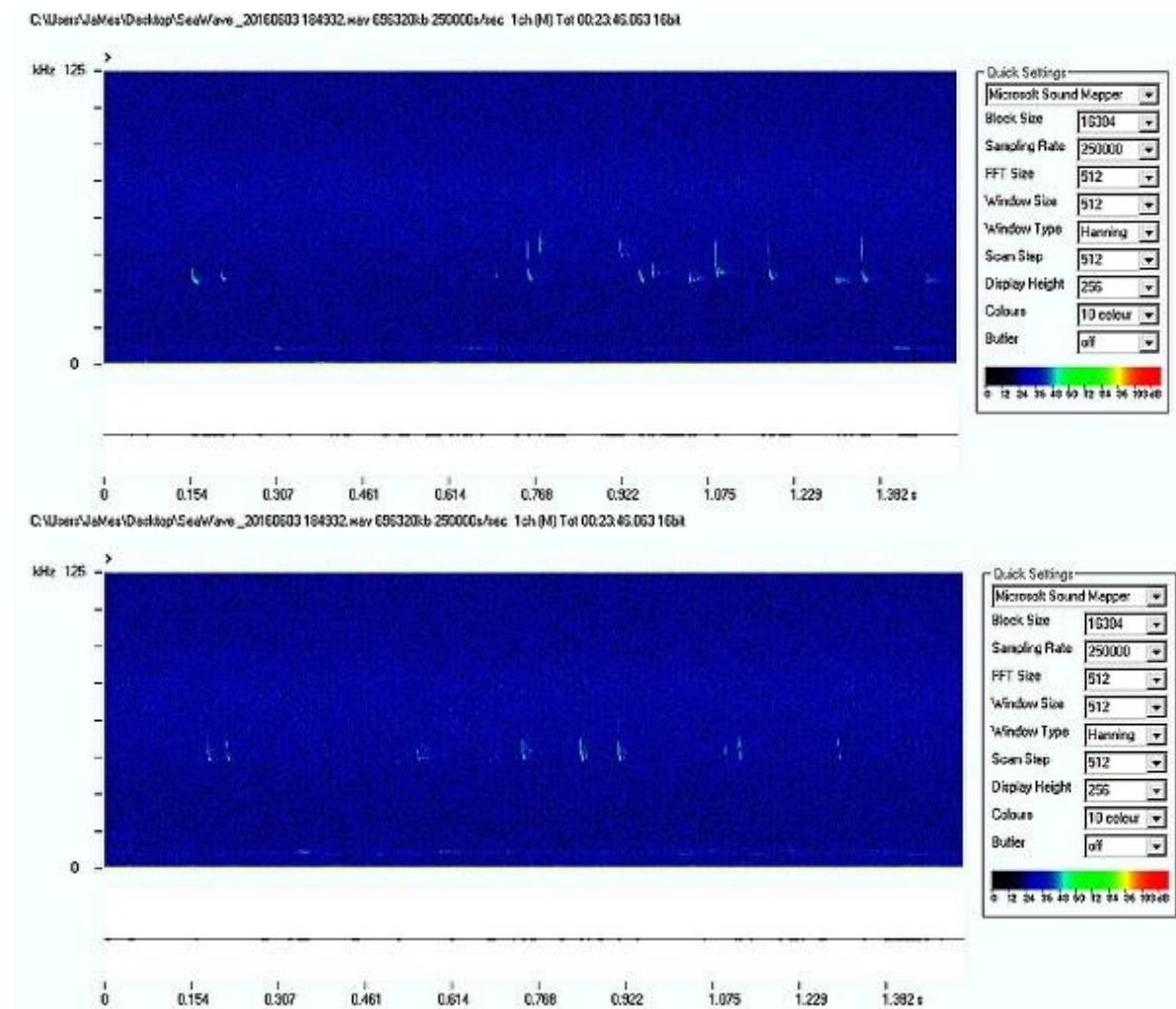


Project Update: July 2016

A short reconnaissance visit was conducted on Mt. Guiting Guiting to determine possible camping areas. A team composed of two wildlife biologists, a botanist and three entomologists hiked to the Magdiwang trail to Mayo's Peak and identified at least three camping areas in three different elevations. During the reconnaissance, I have recorded free-flying bats of unknown identity using a Dodotronic UltraMic250k ultrasonic microphone attached to a laptop. The bats belong to family Vespertilionidae, but the specific species is yet to be confirmed. Large *Pteropus* spp. or flying foxes were also observed feeding on large trees along the buffer zone. Currently, the team is preparing for a series of fieldwork and coordinating with local universities for the training. We are still waiting for the approval of our request for the renewal of the Gratuitous Permit.



Echolocation call signatures of undetermined vespertilionid bats in Mt Guiting Guiting Natural Park



View of Mt. Guiting Guiting from the lowland buffer zone showing the rugged and steep peaks