

## Project Update: March 2018

During the fieldwork in Feb/March 2018 we surveyed 16 caves in Lower Kinabatangan area and sampled cave fauna. Maps of these caves are currently being produced and collected material is in the process of identification. In collaboration with local NGO KOPEL based at Batu Puteh and guided by local guides, we located six caves in Supu hill. All are of similar morphology, consisting of several big chambers and harbouring large bat colonies. In one of them we documented remains of old coffins (Fig.1). Local community already knew about this and they told us that relevant institutions are informed about these findings but not interested in preserving them. Caves in Supu are well protected since they are located in a forest reserve with permanent wildlife wardens.

We organised a workshop for local community at Batu Puteh village and gave a lecture for students and staff at Danau Girang Field Centre.



Fig. 1. Remains of coffins found in Supu



Fig. 2. Limestone hills at Lower Kinabatangan – the study area



Fig. 3. Cave surveying by Aleksandar Ravas



Fig. 4. Lecture for local community at Batu Puteh by Iva Njunjić