

## Project Update: October 2018

I have presented the results of this project on 24th International Conference on Subterranean Biology that took place from 19th to 24th August 2018 in Aveiro, Portugal. The poster and the abstract are available on my research gate profile: [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/327624199\\_Cave\\_and\\_karst\\_fauna\\_conservation\\_in\\_Lower\\_Kinabatangan\\_Sabah\\_Malaysian\\_Borneo](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/327624199_Cave_and_karst_fauna_conservation_in_Lower_Kinabatangan_Sabah_Malaysian_Borneo)

We have conducted educational activities for primary school children and KOPEL staff in Batu Puteh, Lower Kinabatangan in October 2018. In collaboration with KOPEL we took a group of children to Supu caves, gave lectures, and organised a day of fieldwork where we guided them through the cave and taught them how biologists search and collect cave invertebrates. Each child got an "explorer kit" consisting of a helmet, notebook, pencil, vials, tweezers, and sweets.

We have also organised a workshop for KOPEL staff on how to identify and sort the different groups of cave invertebrates. The workshop was well received by the participants who showed enthusiasm and interest.



Cave visit with local children.