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Nagao NEF project:
Species diversity of terrestrial vertebrates in
the mountains of Indochina

Field survey in Pu Hoat nature reserve,
Nghe An province, North-central
Vietnam

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ACTIVITY

2024 October 22 – 2024

PHOTOS

November 01

-Travel-

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366 km from Hanoi
6h30 driving



We visited the Pu Hoat Nature Reserve Management Board before proceeding to the ranger station, which served as our workplace





After a long journey with many stops at forest ranger, border guard, and police offices, we arrived at the Nam Giai Forest Ranger Station, where the peach blossoms had bloomed early



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– **Habitats**

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Environment –





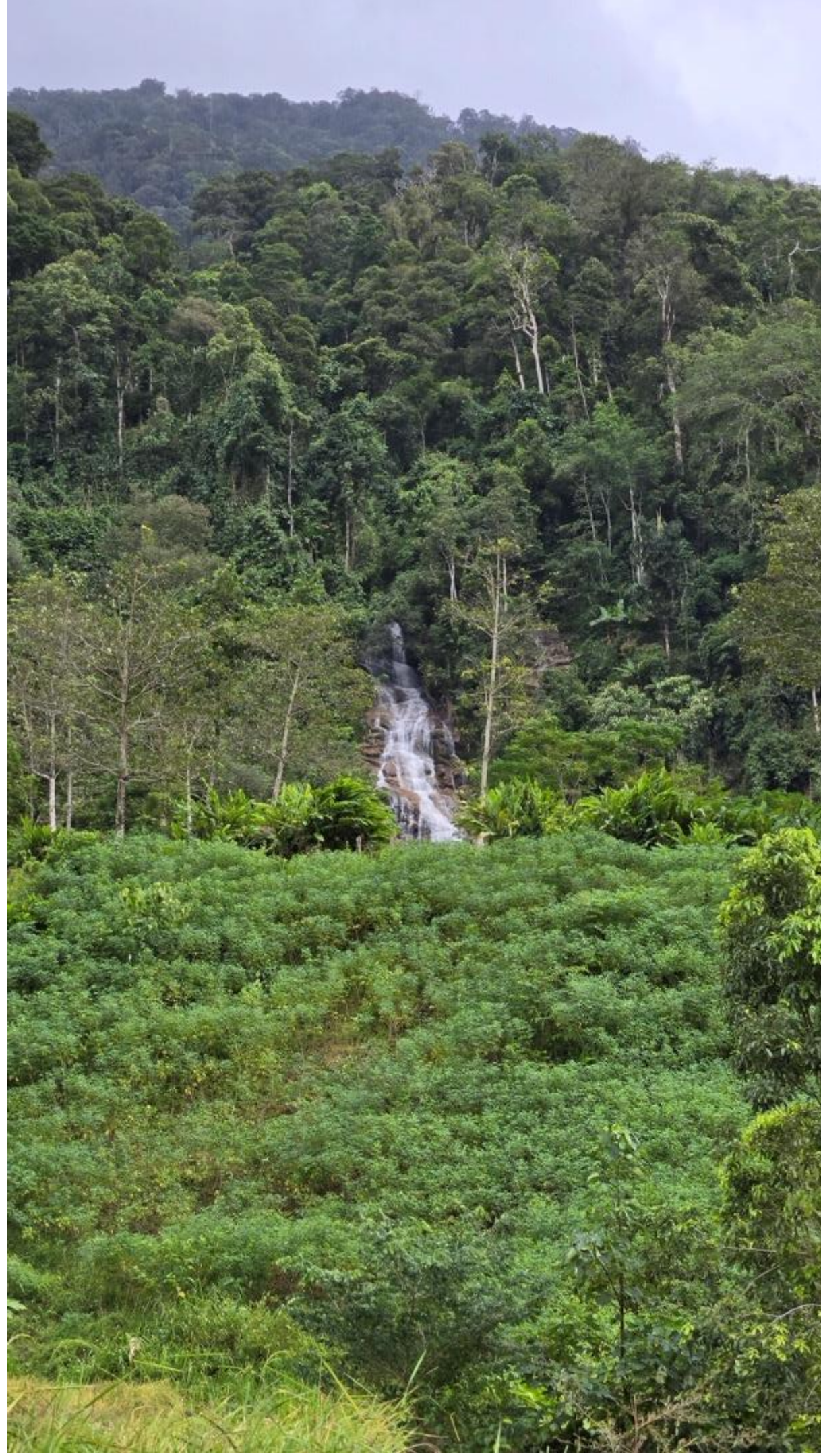
The primary habitat we selected for study was an evergreen secondary forest frequently disturbed by human activity





Besides, other habitat types include rice fields, planted forests, post-extraction secondary forest dirt mountains, and primary forests on limestone mountain tops.





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Habitats

Cows and their traces are frequently found in the study area.





The weather is mostly hot and sunny during the day but cool, sometimes even a little chilly, at night and in the early morning





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– **Research**

Activities–





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We used a pickup truck and motorbike to reach the forest gate from the ranger station





At the forest entrance, the locals began assisting us in going deeper into the forest

The long, steep roads compelled the team to stop frequently for rest







Approximately 200
Sherman traps were
set in the study area



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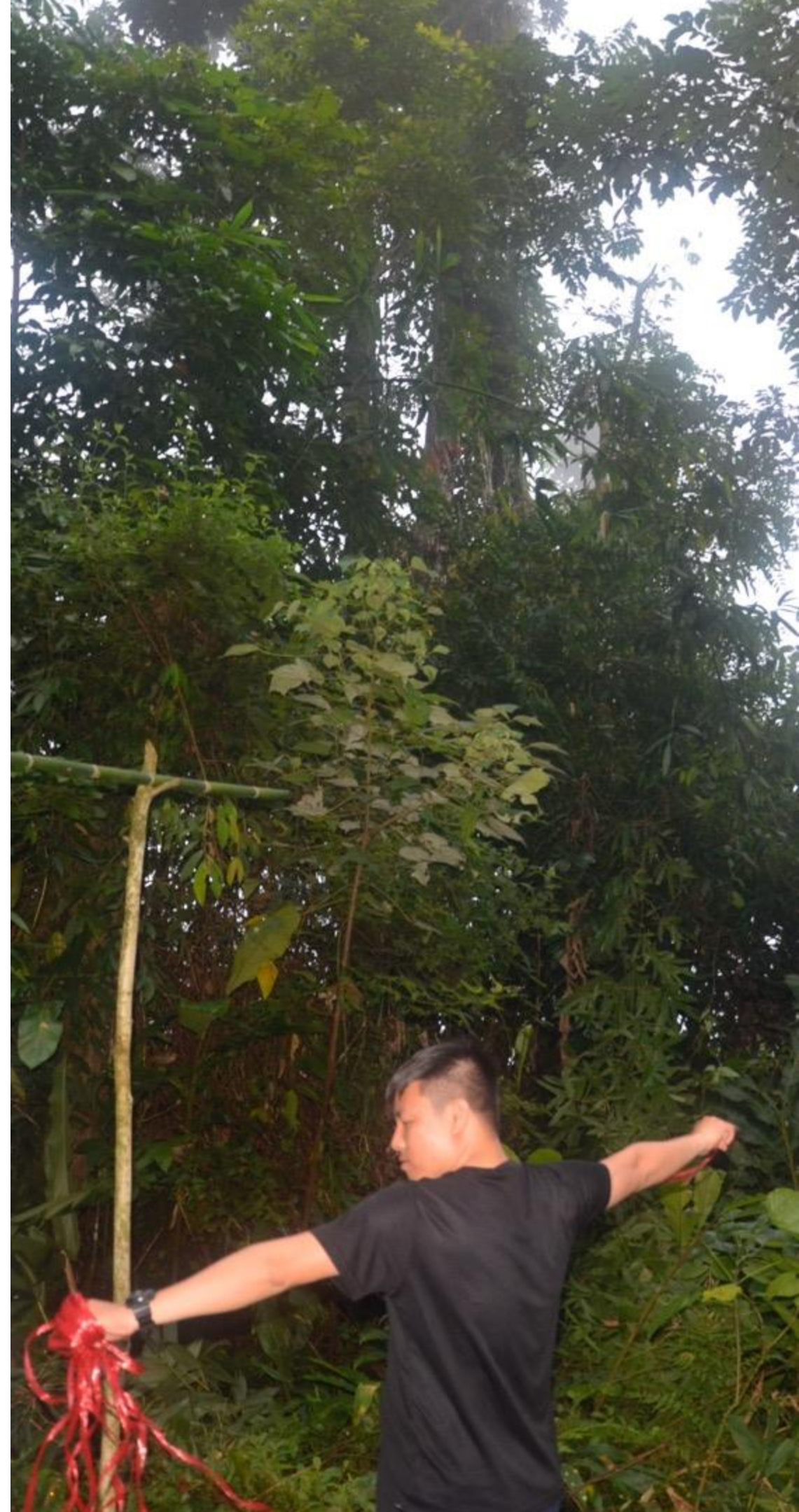




Fences with pitfall traps and fish traps were used to trap shrews, lizards, and frogs



Setting mist nets



Preparing fish traps to collect amphibians and reptiles









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Specimen processing









Bat photography and ecolocation recording



– Live animals photos –

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A Callosciurus squirrel











A tube-nosed bat



A *Kerivoula* bat



A Fruit Bat



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A Horseshoe bat





A Roundleaf bat



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A Leaf-nosed bat Bat



A Asian Trident Bat





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– Life in the field survey and Communication –







Legal drinking age in Vietnam is 18, and in Japan is 20



Dinners tend to be late, but they are always enjoyable



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We were invited to a local birthday party, reflecting the close bond between the research team and the local community



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The warm affection of the rangers and local people here makes it hard for us to refuse the parties they organize. We deeply respect their culture and appreciate the ongoing changes in their awareness and actions to protect nature and the environment. It is not us, but they, who are truly a part of nature and the environment here. Hopefully, the impression we leave behind will become a beautiful memory and inspire greater motivation for those still struggling to live in one of Vietnam's poorest border communes. May it encourage them to be more responsible and fair toward the environment and future generations.