Report on a collecting trip to Vietnam in 1990

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Abstract: A brief report and an annotated list of collecting localities of the expedition is given. The main goals were to capture vertebrates and carry out ornithological observations, though invertebrates were also collected.

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Introduction

Within the framework of an agreement between the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the National Center for Scientific Research of Vietnam, our expedition of the Hungarian Natural History Museum visited Vietnam in 1990. According to our original plan we wanted to arrive in Saigon but we got plane-tickets only to Hanoi. Despite our surprising arrival in the NSCR in Hanoi on 7th of November, the scientific staff of the Institute was very resilient. With their help we could join the expedition of five scientists of the Zoological Institute of Leningrad two days later.

We spent six days in Tam Dao (for the description of the locality see Mészáros et al. 1987) where we collected 11 mammalian and 30 bird species mainly by mist-net and during the investigation of bomb-shelters in and around the village. In addition we bought some shot animals from the villagers and collected insects at mercury-vapour lamp almost every night.

The second (and even shorter) trip was made to Quang Chu (for the description of the locality see Matskási et al. 1989). The trip in this promising place was pityfully short, but we could visit some caves and net birds during the one and half days there.

Finally, we made a short excursion to the Ha Long Bay, and after the total of 18 field-days we returned to Budapest on 23rd of November.

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List of localities

The numbering of the previous expedition is continued, so the present list starts with No. 406.

- No. 406. Hanoi City, 7. Nov. 1990. Geckos, collected in the Hotel Hoa Binh (Hemidactylus sp. 6).
- No. 407. Same locality, 8. Nov.1990. Collected at light, in the Hotel Hoa Binh.
- No. 408. Vinh Phu Province, Tam Dao, 10. Nov. 1990. Singled on a path.
- No. 409. Same locality and date. Collected from under stones and bark.
- No 410-412. Same locality and date. Bats from a bomb-shelter (Rhinolophus luctus, Rh. pearsoni, Rh. pusillus).
- No. 413. Same locality and date. Collected at light in the slope.
- No. 414-420. Same locality and date. Bats from bomb-shelters (*Rhinolophus pearsoni 4, Rh. pusil-lus 3*).
- No. 421. Same locality and date. Singled butterflies.
- No. 422. Same locality and date. Collected at light.
- No. 423. Same locality and date. Nematomorpha, caught in the pond.
- No. 424. Same locality and date. Gecko from a bomb-shelter (Hemidactylus sp.)
- No. 425-432. Same locality, 12. Nov. 1990. Mist-netted birds (Zoothera dauma, Garrulax chinensis, Chloropsis hardwickii, Pycnonotus jocosus, Tarsiger cyanurus 2, Nectarinia sperata, Ficedula strophiata).
- No. 433. Same locality and date. Collected at light.
- No. 434. Same locality, 13. Nov. 1990. Squirrel, shot near the village (Dremomys rufigenis).
- No. 435. Same locality and date. Singled butterflies.
- No. 436-437. Same locality and date. Squirrels, shot near the village (Callosciurus erythraeus, Dremomys rufigenis).
- No. 438. Same locality and date. Collected at light.
- No. 439. Same locality and date. Geckos from a cave, near the village (Hemidactylus sp.)
- No. 440- 447. Same locality and date. Bats from the cave (Rhinolophus pusillus 1, Rh. affinis 7).
- No. 448. Same locality and date. Shrew found in the village (Crocidura sp.).
- No. 449-456. Same locality and date. Mist-netted birds (Chloropsis hardwickii 3, Cinclidium leucurum, Tarsiger cyanurus, Emberiza rutila, Phylloscopus proregulus, Dicaeum concolor).
- No. 457-458. Same locality and date. Shot birds (Lophura nycthemera, Otus bakkamoena).
- No. 459. Same locality, 14. Nov. 1990. Fruit-eating bat, caught by mist-net (Megaerops ecaudatus).
- No. 460. Same locality and date. Tree shrews shot near the village (Tupaia glis).
- No. 461-462. Same locality and date. Mist-netted birds (Ficedula monileger, Ficedula strophiata).
- No. 463. Same locality and date. Palm civet shot near the village (Paguma larvata).
- No. 464. Same locality and date. -Collected at light.
- No. 465-466. Same locality and date. Shot birds (Megalaima lagrandieri, Turdus sibiricus,).
- No. 467-474. Same locality and date. Mist-netted birds (Garrulax maesi, Stachyris chrysaea, Myophonus caeruleus, Otus scops, Alcippe morrisonia 2, Niltava sundara, Criniger ochraceus).
- No. 475. Same locality, 15. Nov. 1990. Newts from the stream (Paramesotriton deloustali).
- No. 476-481. Same locality and date. -Mist-netted birds (Zosterops erythropleura 2, Seicercus affinis, Yuhina zantholeuca, Phylloscopus proregulus, Brachypteryx leucophris).
- No. 482. Same locality, 16. Nov. 1990. Palm civet shot near the village (Paradoxurus hermaphroditus).
- No. 483. Same locality and date. A frog (Hylidae).
- No. 484. Vinh Phu Province, 15 km South of Tam Dao, 15. Nov. 1990. Grashoppers from a cave.
- No. 485. Same locality and date. Mist-netted bat at the entrance of the cave (Rhinolophus affinis).
- No. 486-491. Vinh Phu Province, Tam Dao, 16. Nov. 1990. -Mist-netted birds (Stachyris chrysaea 2, Stachyris nigriceps, Ficedula mugimaki, Seicercus affinis, Rhipidura albicollis).
- No. 492. Bac Thai Province, Quang Chu, 17. Nov. 1990. Mist-netted bird (indet).
- No. 493-496. Bac Thai Province, Hang Gioi (Bat Cave), 8 km E of Quang Chu, 17. Nov. 1990. Fruiteating bats, shot in the cave (*Rousettus amplexicaudatus*).
- No. 497. Same locality and date. Molluscs from the entrance of the cave.
- No. 498. Same locality and date. Molluscs from a stream.
- No. 499. Same locality and date. Singled butterflies.
- No. 500. Same locality and date. Snake caught on the path (Rhabdophis tigrina).
- No. 501. Same locality and date. Shot bird (Halcyon smyrnensis).
- No. 502-503. Bac Thai Province, Quang Chu, 17. Nov. 1990. Shot birds (Acridotheres cristatellus, Tarsiger cyanurus).
- No. 504. Same locality, 18. nov. 1990. Mist-netted bird (Cettia canturians).

No. 505. Same locality and date. - Collected at light.

No. 506. Same locality and date. - Shot bird (Pycnonotus melanicterus).

No. 507-513. Same locality and date. - Mist-nètled birds (Saxicola ferréa, Zosterops japonica, Copsychus saularis, Pycnonotus jocosus, P. aurigaster, Rhipidura albicollis, Lonchura striata).

No. 514-516. Same locality, 19. Nov. 1990. - Mist-netted birds (Cettia fortipes, Phylloscopus schwarzi, Orthotomus sutorius).

No. 517-518. Same locality and date. - Shot birds (Niltava vivida, Pellorneum albiventre).

No. 519. Quang Ninh Province, Hong Gai, 20. Nov. 1990. - Molluscs from the seashore.

No. 520. Quang Ninh Province, Yen Hung, 21. Nov. 1990. - Soil sample from a coniferous forest. No. 521. Hanoi City, 23. Nov. 1990. - A mouse collected in the Hotel La Thanh (*Mus musculus*).

No. 522. Same locality and date. - Bird found on the bridge of the Red River (Motacilla alba).

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