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Cooperating Partners

- National University of Laos (Lao PDR)
- Cologne Zoo / University of Cologne (Germany)
- Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources, Hanoi (Vietnam)
- Vietnam National University of Forestry (Vietnam)
- University of Science, Hanoi (Vietnam)

Working Sites in Laos

- Luang Prabang
- Luang Nam Tha
- Vientiane
- Bolikhamxay
- Khammouane
- Savannakhet
- Salavan

Achievements

Research (23 publications in academic journals)

- Discovery and scientific description of 21 new species to science
 - 1 frog species
 - 16 lizard species
 - 4 snake species
- 6 new country records of amphibians and reptiles for Laos
- Rediscovery of the Siamese Crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*) in Khammouane Province
- Completed reviews on the evolutionary history of the genus *Gekko* and *Cyrtodactylus* from central Laos
- Behavioural observations (scorpion aggregation)

Conservation work:

- Engagement in the establishment of a protected area for the Siamese Crocodile in central Laos



Fig. 1. Dr. Luu searching a cave for reptile species

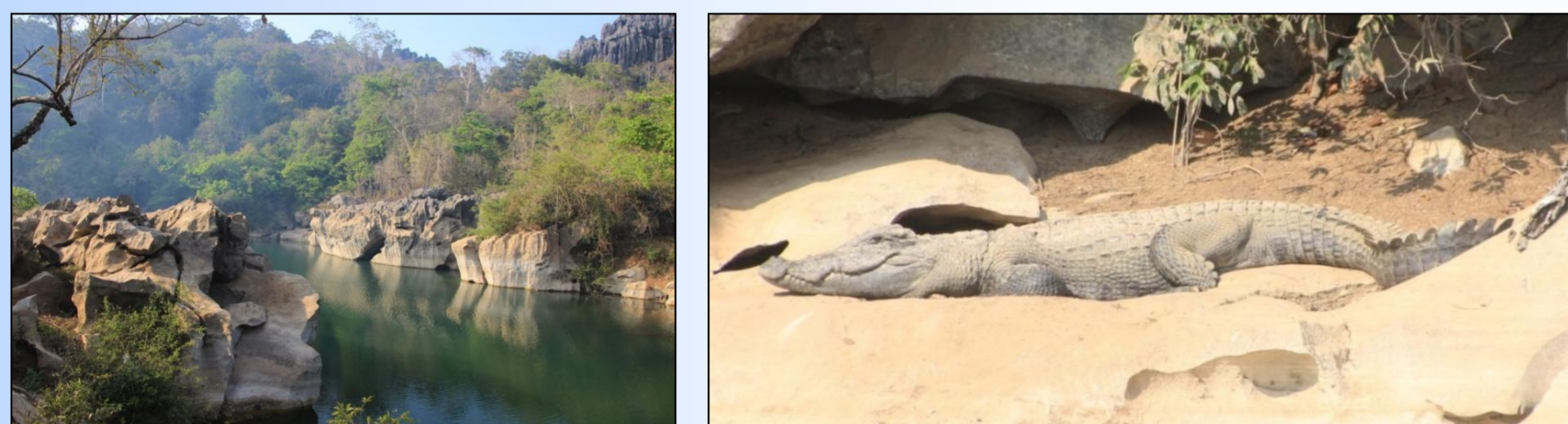


Fig. 2. Habitat of Siamese Crocodile in Laos

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Outlook

- Further faunistic studies
- New species to be described
- Conservation of threatened species
- Capacity strengthening for Laotian researchers and students

NEW SPECIES DISCOVERIES BY OUR TEAM FROM 2010 TO 2016

