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## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD</b>	Louisiana State University, Department of Biological Sciences Advisor: Dr. Jacob A. Esselstyn	2018-2025
<b>MS</b>	University of Melbourne, Department of Zoology Graduated with distinction. Advisor: Dr. Kevin C. Rowe and Dr. Devi M. Stuart-Fox	2015-2017
<b>BS</b>	Andalas University, Department of Biology Advisor: Dr. Jabang Nurdin and Dr. Rizaldi	2008-2013

## UPCOMING MANUSCRIPTS

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1. Burgin, C. J., Zijlstra, J. S., Becker, M. A., **Handika, H.**, Widness, J., Liphardt, S., Huckaby, D. G., Upham, N. S. Accepted. How many mammal species are there now? Updates and trends in taxonomic, nomenclatural, and geographic knowledge. *Journal of Mammalogy*.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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1. Giarla, T. C., Achmadi, A.S., Fabre, P. H., **Handika, H.**, Chipps, A. S., Swanson, M.T., Nations, J. A., Morni, M. A., William-Dee, J., Inayah, N., Jayanti, E. D., Nurdin, M.R.T.J., Griffin, K. E., Khan, F. A. A., Heaney, L. R., Rowe, K. C., Esselstyn, J. A. 2025. Systematics and historical biogeography of *Crunomys* and *Maxomys* (Muridae: Murinae), with the description of a new species from Sulawesi and new genus-level classification. *Journal of Mammalogy*, *gyaf006*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/jmammal/gyaf006>
2. Adams, A.L., Achmadi, A.S., Mursyid, A., **Handika, H.**, Nurdin, M.R.T., Esselstyn, J.A., Perkins, S.L., Rowe, K.M., and Rowe, K.C. 2025. Wildlife disease surveillance from village to peak: Trypanosome infections of mammals on Sulawesi revealed higher prevalence in intact montane forests. *THERYA*, 16(1), 125-141.
3. **Handika, H.**, and Esselstyn, J.A. 2024. SEGUL: Ultrafast, memory-efficient, and mobile-friendly software for manipulating and summarizing phylogenomic datasets. *Molecular Ecology Resources*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1755-0998.13964>
4. Nations, J.A., Kohli, B.A., **Handika, H.**, Achmadi, A.S., Polito, M.J., Rowe, K.C. and Esselstyn, J. A. 2024. The roles of isolation and interspecific interaction in generating the

functional diversity of an insular mammal radiation. *Oikos*, p.e10888.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/oik.10888>

5. Nations, J. A., **Handika, H.**, Mursyid, A., Butsa, R. D., Apandi, Achmadi, A. S. Esselstyn, J. A. 2024. Three new species of shrew (Soricidae: Crocidura) from West Sumatra, Indonesia: elevational and morphological divergence in syntopic, sister taxa. *Journal of Mammalogy*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jmammal/gyad126>
6. Mursyid, A., Achmadi, A.S., Novarino, W., Handika, H., Nugroho, H.A., Anita, S., Adams, A.L., Rowe, K.M.C. and Rowe, K.C., 2023. Trypanosoma (Euglenozoa: Kinetoplastea) infections in rodents, bats, and shrews along an elevation and disturbance gradient in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia. *Records of the Australian Museum*, pp.663-671. <https://doi.org/10.3853/j.2201-4349.75.2023.1786>
7. Achmadi, A.S., Fahri, F., Gazzard, A., **Handika, H.**, Inayah, N., Kennerley, R.J., Lanusi, A.A., Nangoy, M., Nurdin, M.R.T.J.P. and Rowe, K.C., Sheherazade. 2023. Conservation status and priorities for Sulawesi's unique small mammal fauna. *Oryx*, 57(6), pp.690-691. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0030605323001059>
8. Swanson, M. T., Henson, M. W., **Handika, H.**, Achmadi, A. S., Anita, S., Rowe, K. C., Esselstyn, J. A. 2023. Mycoplasmatataceae dominate microbial community differences between gut regions in mammals with a simple gut architecture. *Journal of Mammalogy*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jmammal/gyac098>
9. Esselstyn, J.A., Achmadi, A.S., **Handika, H.**, Swanson, M. T., Giarla, T.C. and Rowe, K.C., 2021. Fourteen new, endemic species of shrew (genus Crocidura) from Sulawesi reveal a spectacular island radiation. *Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History*, 454(1), pp.1-108. <https://doi.org/10.1206/0003-0090.454.1.1>
10. **Handika, H.**, Achmadi, A.S., Esselstyn, J.A., and Rowe, K.C. 2021. Molecular and morphological systematics of the Bunomys division (Rodentia: Muridae), an endemic radiation on Sulawesi. *Zoologica Scripta* 50(2), pp. 141–154. <https://doi.org/10.1111/zsc.12460>
11. Nations, J.A., Mursyid, A., Busta, R.D., Adrian, S.P., **Handika, H.**, Achmadi, A.S. and Esselstyn, J.A., 2021. The first report of albinism in a Sundaland endemic rodent. *Mammalia*, 1 85(2), pp.168-172. <https://doi.org/10.1515/mammalia-2020-0047>
12. Winterhoff, M.L., Achmadi, A.S., Roycroft, E.J., **Handika, H.**, Putra, R.T.J., Rowe, K.M., Perkins, S.L. and Rowe, K.C., 2020. Native and Introduced Trypanosome Parasites in Endemic and Introduced Murine Rodents of Sulawesi. *The Journal of Parasitology*, 106(5), pp.523-536. <https://doi.org/10.1645/19-136>
13. Harapan, T.S., Agung, A.P., **Handika, H.**, Novarino, W., Tjong, D.H. and Tomlinson, K.W., 2020. New records and potential geographic distribution of Elongated Caecilian, Ichthyophis elongatus Taylor, 1965 (Amphibia, Gymnophiona, Ichthyophiidae), endemic to West Sumatra, Indonesia. *Check List*, 16(6), pp. 1695-1701. <https://doi.org/10.15560/16.6.1695>

14. Esselstyn, J.A., Achmadi, A.S., **Handika, H.**, Giarla, T.C. and Rowe, K.C., 2019. A new climbing shrew from Sulawesi highlights the tangled taxonomy of an endemic radiation. *Journal of Mammalogy*, 100(6), pp.1713-1725. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jmammal/gyz077>
15. Janra, M.N., Noske, R.A., Chornelia, A., **Handika, H.**, Mursyid, A., Agung, A. and Saputra, A., 2018. A second breeding record of Chestnut-naped Forktails *Enicurus ruficapillus* in Sumatra, and observations suggesting females alone incubate. *Kukila*, 21, pp.13-16.
16. Demos, T.C., Achmadi, A.S., **Handika, H.**, Rowe, K.C. and Esselstyn, J.A., 2017. A new species of shrew (Soricomorpha: Crocidura) from Java, Indonesia: possible character displacement despite interspecific gene flow. *Journal of Mammalogy*, 98(1), pp.183-193. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jmammal/gyw183>
17. Demos, T.C., Achmadi, A.S., Giarla, T.C., **Handika, H.**, Rowe, K.C. and Esselstyn, J.A. 2016. Local endemism and within-island diversification of shrews illustrate the importance of speciation in building Sundaland mammal diversity. *Molecular ecology*, 25(20), pp.5158-5173. <https://doi.org/10.1111/mec.13820>
18. Esselstyn, J.A., Achmadi, A.S., **Handika, H.** and Rowe, K.C., 2015. A hog-nosed shrew rat (Rodentia: Muridae) from Sulawesi Island, Indonesia. *Journal of Mammalogy*, 96(5), pp.895-907. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jmammal/gyv093>
19. **Handika, H.**, Nurdin, J. and Rizaldi. 2013. Small Terrestrial Mammals Community on Mount Singgalang, West Sumatra. *J. Bio. U. A* 2(2), pp.103-109.

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#### MANUSCRIPT IN PREP

1. **Handika H.**, Moncrieff, A. E., Del-Rio G., Canton, R., Rutledge, S. L., Hernández-Canchola, G., Babb-Biernacki, S. J. Chipps, A. S., Pérez-Amaya, N., Chornelia, A., Morales-Martínez, D. M., McCallum, Q., Thom, G., Esselstyn, J. A. In prep. NAHPU: A field cataloging application for efficient, repeatable, and inclusive museum-based evolutionary studies.
2. **Handika, H.**, Rowe, K.C., Achmadi, A.S., Swanson, M. T., and Esselstyn, J.A. In prep. A new species of *Frateromys* from the Northern Peninsula of Sulawesi, Indonesia.

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#### HONORS AND AWARDS

<b>Ernst Mayr Award</b>	2024
Awarded by the Society of Systematic Biologists (SSB). SSB premier award given to the presenter of the outstanding student talk in systematics biology.	
<b>Murie Family Conservation Award</b>	2023
Awarded by the American Society of Mammalogists. To recognize outstanding contributions to the conservation of mammals and their habitats.	
<b>The Ron and Mary Neal Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship</b>	2023
Provided by Louisiana State University	

Covered fellowship (\$12,777), tuition, and fees.

**Graduate Student Association Award, Louisiana State University** 2023  
Awarded to attend a conference in Alaska, USA (USD400)

**Grants-in-Aid** 2021  
Provided by the American Society of Mammalogists (USD1,500)

**Graduate Student Research Award** 2021  
Provided by the Society of Systematic Biologists (USD3,000)

**Graduate Student Association Award, Louisiana State University** 2019  
Awarded to attend a conference in Washington D.C, USA (USD400)

**Biodiversity Information Fund for Asia** 2019  
Provided by the Global Biodiversity Information Facility  
Co-Principal Investigator  
Awarded twice (BIFA3\_17 and BIFA4\_23) (total amount ~EUR30,000)

**International Post Graduate Coursework Award, University of Melbourne** 2015  
Awarded to distinguished international students enrolling in a coursework program.  
Approximately 50 students across the university per year (50% tuition fee remission,  
~AUD15,000/USD10,900)

**Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education** 2015-2017  
Distributed by the Indonesian Ministry of Finance  
Awarded to study overseas.  
Covered tuition, monthly stipends, thesis research, and conference travel costs.

**Mohammed Bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund** 2014 and 2015  
Awarded to conduct scientific research on Sumatra, Indonesia  
Awarded twice (total USD9,500)

**Student Creativity Award on Research** 2012  
Provided by the Indonesian Ministry of Research and Education  
Awarded to conduct scientific research (IDR10,000,000/USD800)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Sciences, Mammal Department**  
Curatorial Assistant, August 2018-Fall 2020  
Preparation and curation of mammal specimens and their associated data.  
Training and mentoring undergraduate students on specimen curation.

**Museums Victoria, Melbourne, Australia**  
Research student, 2015-2017  
Participated in fieldwork and mammal diversity assessments across Victoria, Australia.

Involved in a mammalian public exhibit showing mammalian specimen preparation for public visitors.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BIOL 2153	Principles of Genetics	Fall 2024
BIOL 4141	Mammalogy, <i>Louisiana State University, USA</i>	Fall 2021
BIOL 1209	Introduction to Biology, <i>Louisiana State University, USA</i>	Spring 2021
PAB125	Computer Application for Biology, <i>Andalas University, Indonesia</i>	Fall 2012

#### WORKSHOP TAUGHT

1.	Molecular Analyses of Indonesian Mammals, <i>Generasi Biologi Indonesia</i>	May 2024
2.	Coding for Conservation: Integrating GitHub to Your Workflow, <i>Tambora Muda, RLadies Jakarta, and RLadies Bogor</i>	April 2023
3.	Introduction to Phylogenetics, <i>Andalas University, Indonesia</i>	Jan 2022

#### INVITED TALKS

1.	Unraveling mammalian diversity in Indonesia: progress, challenges, and approaches, <i>the American Society of Mammalogists, USA. A plenary Student Speaker</i>	June 2024
2.	Diversity and Evolution of Indonesia's Rich Mammal Faunas, <i>Balai Konservasi dan Sumber Daya Alam, Sumatera Selatan, Indonesia.</i>	September 2023
3.	Leveraging the Digital Revolution to Improve Data Acquisition in the Field, <i>Indonesian Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), Indonesia</i>	April 2023
4.	The Geography of Diversification Among Endemic Island Rodents on Sulawesi, Indonesia. Oral presentation. <i>LSU Museum of Natural Science, USA.</i>	August 2018

#### CONFERENCE TALKS

1. **Handika, H.** and Esselstyn, J. A. 2024. Rethinking software development for more accessible phylogenomic research and teaching. *3rd Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology*.
2. **Handika, H.**, Moncrieff, A. E., Del-Rio G., Canton, R., Hernández-Canchola, G., Babb-Biernacki, S. J. Chipps, A. S., Rutledge, S. L., Pérez-Amaya, N., Chornelia, A., Morales-Martínez, D., Thom, G., Esselstyn, J. A. 2023. Leveraging the Digital Revolution to Improve Data Acquisition in the Field. *13<sup>th</sup> International Mammalogy Congress & 102nd Annual Meeting of The American Society of Mammalogists*.
3. **Handika, H.**, Achmadi, A.S., Rowe, Swanson, M. T., K.C., and Esselstyn, J.A. 2021. In situ diversification of Murine Rodents on Sulawesi, Indonesia. Oral presentation. *100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists, Virtual*.
4. **Handika, H.**, Achmadi, A.S., Esselstyn, J.A., and Rowe, K.C. 2019. In situ diversification of *Bunomys* (Muridae) on the isolated, topographically complex island of Sulawesi, Indonesia. Oral presentation. *99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists, Washington D.C, USA*.

5. **Handika, H.**, Achmadi, A.S., Esselstyn, J.A., and Rowe, K.C. 2017. Sulawesi after Wallace: multiple murine lineages support within island speciation across the northern peninsula of Sulawesi, Indonesia. Oral presentation. *12<sup>th</sup> International Mammalogical Congress*, Perth, Australia.
6. **Handika, H.** 2017. Cracking Sulawesi Biodiversity Enigma: Veering Indonesian Priorities. Oral presentation. *The 36<sup>th</sup> Indonesia Forum Postgraduate Roundtable*, Melbourne, Indonesia.
7. **Handika, H.**, Achmadi, A.S., Esselstyn, J.A., and Rowe, K.C. 2016. Biogeography and Phylogeny of the Two Most Diverse Murid Rodent Genera on Sulawesi, Indonesia. Oral presentation. *96<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists*, Washington D.C, USA.

#### PEER REVIEWS

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Journal of Ecology and Evolution (1), Journal of Mammalogy (1), The Raffles Bulletin of Zoology (1), Biodiversitas Journal of Biological Diversity (1)

#### FIELDWORK

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| 1. Mt. Patah, Mt. Bandahara, & Mt. Kemiri, Sumatra, Indonesia | August-December 2023   |
| 2. Mt. Gede, West Java, Indonesia                             | February-April 2023    |
| 3. Black Gap WMA, Texas, USA                                  | April-May 2022         |
| 4. Davis Mountains, Texas, USA                                | May 2021               |
| 5. Mt. Murud, Sarawak, Malaysia                               | July-August 2019       |
| 6. Mt. Galang, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia                    | July 2018              |
| 7. Mt. Talamau, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia                   | March-April 2018       |
| 8. Mt. Torompupu, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia                 | November-December 2017 |
| 9. Mt. Katopasa, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia                  | August-September 2017  |
| 10. Solok Selatan, West Sumatra, Indonesia                    | October 2017           |
| 11. Wilson Promontory National Park, Victoria, Australia      | June 2017              |
| 12. Grampians National Park, Victoria, Australia              | November 2016          |
| 13. Mt. Bawakaraeng, South Sulawesi, Indonesia                | October-November 2016  |
| 14. Mt. Latimojong, South Sulawesi, Indonesia                 | July-August 2016       |
| 15. Mt. Ambang, North Sulawesi, Indonesia                     | February-March 2016    |
| 16. Grampians National Park, Victoria, Australia              | November 2015          |
| 17. Mt. Talamau, West Sumatra, Indonesia                      | June 2015              |
| 18. Runtu, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia                      | December 2014          |
| 19. Mt. Tujuh and Mt. Masurai, Jambi, Indonesia               | September-October 2014 |
| 20. Samar Island, The Philippines                             | June-July 2014         |
| 21. Cirebon, West Java, Indonesia                             | May 2014               |
| 22. Bangka Island, Indonesia                                  | November-December 2013 |
| 23. Mt. Salak, Mt. Ijen, and Mt. Slamet, Java, Indonesia      | September-October 2013 |
| 24. Kota Waringin Barat, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia        | June-July 2013         |

25. Mt. Dako, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia	March 2013
26. Mt. Kerinci and Mt. Tujuh, Jambi, Indonesia	January 2013
27. Belitung Island, Indonesia	January 2013
28. Mt. Singgalang, West Sumatra, Indonesia	June-July 2012
29. Mt. Gandang Dewata, West Sulawesi, Indonesia	May-June 2012
30. Mt. Malintang, West Sumatra, Indonesia	April 2012
31. Marak Island, West Sumatra, Indonesia	October 2011
32. Siberut Island, West Sumatra, Indonesia	October 2010
33. Mt. Sago, West Sumatra, Indonesia	September 2010
34. Angkola, North Sumatra, Indonesia	July 2010
35. Mt. Merapi, West Sumatra, Indonesia	June 2009

## SOFTWARE

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Most familiar languages and frameworks: Rust, C++, C, Go, Dart, Flutter, Python, R, Shell, MAKE, CSS, and HTML.

GitHub profile: <https://github.com/hhandika>

Selected software:

1. SEGUL  
High-performance, memory-efficient phylogenomic command-line app, and programming language libraries. Written in Rust.
2. SEGUI  
A cross-platform GUI app built on top of SEGUL's high-performance phylogenomic software. Aimed at improving accessibility of phylogenomic studies. Written in Dart, Flutter, and Rust.
3. PySEGUL  
A Python wrapper of SEGUL's phylogenomic software. Aimed to provide high-performance, memory-efficient phylogenomic tools to Python programmers. Written in Python and Rust.
4. NAHPU (beta)  
A cross-platform GUI app to streamline natural history data collection from fieldwork to the museum database. Written in Dart, Flutter, and Rust.
5. ULLAR (beta)  
An ultrafast and scalable phylogenomic pipeline. Aimed to simplify phylogenomic data analyses with easy-to-install and reduced dependencies software. Written in Rust.
6. MDD app (beta)  
An app version of the Mammal Diversity Database (MDD), a curated database of mammalian taxonomy. Provide offline access, custom data export, and other unavailable features on the MDD website. Written in Dart, Flutter, and Rust.

**NEWS MEDIA PROFILES**

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1. The Indonesian Ministry of Finance Magazine, Media Keuangan, June 2017
2. DetikNews-ABC Australia Plus, 16 Januari 2017.

**MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

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1. Science Next: "What Could Recovery Look Like for Blazing Australia?", 27 January 2020.
2. Kompas.Com-ABC Australia Plus: "Kisah Mahasiswa Indonesia Terlibat Penemuan Tikus Hidung Babi", 26 November 2015.

**POPULAR ARTICLES**

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1. Republika-ABC AustraliaPlus: "Hal yang Perlu Dilakukan agar Kuliah S2 di Luar Negeri", 16 February 2017.
2. DetikNews-ABC AustraliaPlus: "Langkah-Langkah Kuliah ke Luar Negeri: Dari A-Z", 7 June 2016.
3. Republika-ABC AustraliaPlus: "Menentukan Topik Penelitian: Dilema Kecepatan Tamat dan Kualitas Penelitian", 10 May 2016.
4. TribunNews-ABC AustraliaPlus: "Pengalaman Heru Handika Menyikapi Kerja Sama Dengan Peneliti Asing", 8 May 2016.
5. DetikNews-ABC AustraliaPlus: "Jurus Kuliah ke Luar Negeri Berkat Jaringan Pertemanan", 15 April 2016.
6. Republika-ABC AustraliaPlus: "Kiat Meningkatkan TOEFL Melebihi 550", 7 March 2016.
7. DetikNews-ABC AustraliaPlus: "Mengenal LoA dan Cara Mendapatkan 'Surat Sakti' S2/S3 di Luar Negeri", 3 February 2016.
8. Republika-ABC AustraliaPlus: "Bagaimana Menulis Esai Untuk Mendapatkan Beasiswa LPDP", 11 January 2016.

**OUTREACH**

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| 1. Night at the Museum, LSU Museum of Natural History, USA | 14 November 2019 |
| 2. Night at the Museum, LSU Museum of Natural History, USA | 11 August 2018   |
| 3. Meet the Scientists, Museums Victoria, Australia        | 22 August 2015   |

**MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICE**

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1. IUCN SSC Small Mammal Specialist Group, 2017-Present
2. The American Society of Mammalogists, 2016-Present
  - Biodiversity Committee (2024-present)
  - Mammal diversity database curation team
3. The Society of Systematic Biologists, 2020-Present
4. KCA-LH Rafflesia Nature Conservation Club, Andalas University, permanent member since 2019
  - Secretary (2011-2012)



- Training undergraduate student members on jungle survival, land navigation, search and rescue, and tropical forest ecology.
  - Led and participated in mountain and cave expeditions across Sumatra, Indonesia.
  - Led and participated in organizing conservation training and seminars for students, faculties, and the public.
5. Student Association of Indonesian Endowment Fund in Victoria, Australia, 2015-2017