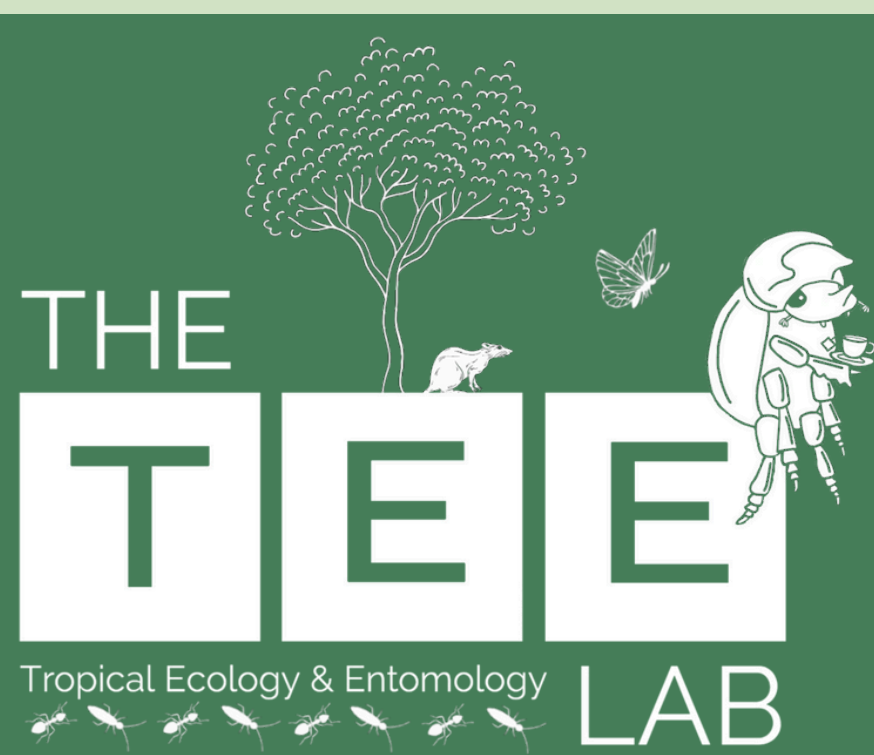


# IDENTIFYING KNOWLEDGE & CAPACITY GAPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN INSECT CONSERVATION

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**BACKGROUND** Regional monitoring of insect populations and **conservation status assessments** enable the inclusion of insects in **global conservation priorities** and the development of **targeted conservation actions** tailored towards specific regions.

**Such assessments require**

- Proper taxonomic identifications
- Long-term empirical observations
- Data on population trends & dynamics

but...

**Insects in Southeast Asia**

- High proportion of undescribed species
- Lacking capacity for long-term monitoring
- Lacking data on populations & research trends

**OBJECTIVES**



- Highlight **taxonomic & locality biases** in insect records, studies & social media perceptions
- Identify **knowledge & capacity gaps** in SEA insect research
- Determine extent of **cross-boundary collaboration** efforts

**CURATED DATASETS**

1

**Species Occurrences\***

- Insect order
- Geographic coordinates

2

**Insect Studies\***

- Study insect order
- Study country
- Research topic

3

**Authorship\***

- Author position
- Host institution country

4

**Funding\***

- Funding type
- Organisation country

5

**'#conservation' posts\***

- Taxonomic group
- Sentiments

Data Sources

**GBIF**  
Global Biodiversity Information Facility

**Scopus**

**Clarivate Web of Science**

\*Southeast Asian records & retrieved from 2000 to 2023;  
\*Global '#conservation' posts retrieved from 2006 to 2022.

**IDENTIFIED KNOWLEDGE & CAPACITY GAPS**

Species records biased towards **Lepidoptera**

> 500,000 records

**Top 10 Insect Orders**

- Lepidoptera
- Odonata
- Hymenoptera
- Coleoptera
- Diptera
- Hemiptera
- Orthoptera
- Trichoptera
- Blattodea
- Mantodea

Lack of **Conservation & Ecology** studies in most Southeast Asian countries

Taxonomy studies dominate in **pest & vector** groups

> 7,000 studies

Majority of authors & funding sources located outside of Southeast Asia

**% of Authors**

**% of Funding Sources**

Insect vastly **under-represented** in '#conservation' posts

Insect posts biased towards **bees & butterflies**

>500,000 posts

**PROPOSED SOLUTIONS**

**Promote Better Coverage Of All Insect Groups**

**Increase Public Engagement & Local Monitoring**

**Apply Integrative Taxonomy Approaches**

**Encourage Regional Collaboration**

**Increase Funding & Political Recognition**

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