Studying insect communities in New Guinea
- the parataxonomist approach

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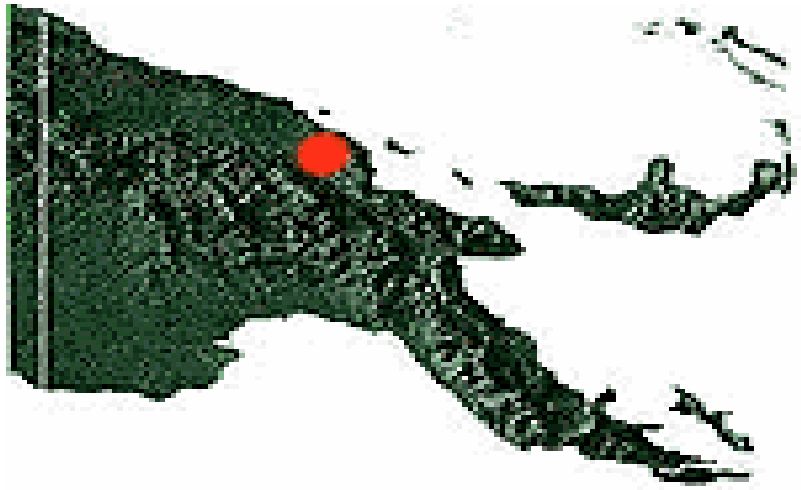
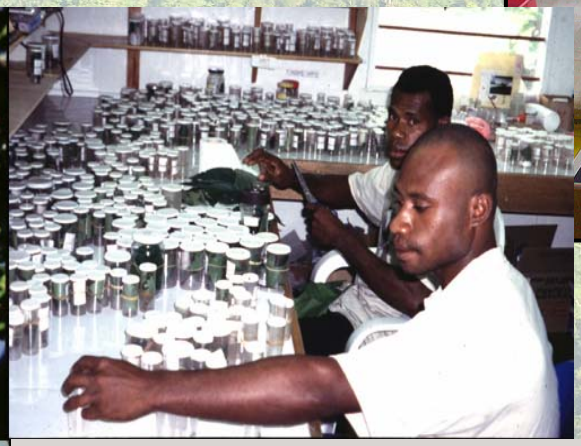
-11 years of ecology research on PNG
-main station and 2 field laboratories,
-15 parataxonomists, 3 students,
-30 village assistants

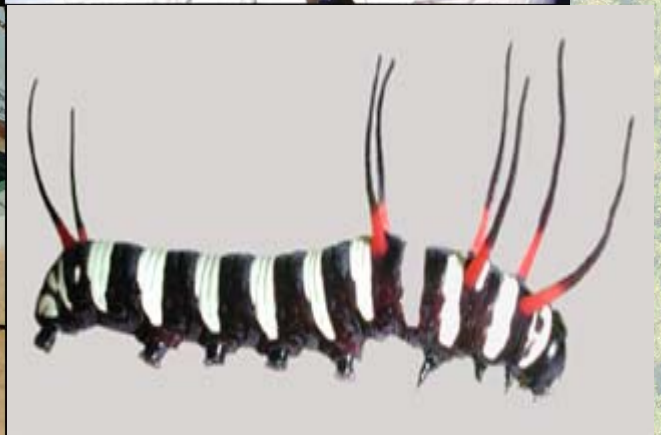


Various research projects

Host specificity of caterpillars

60,000 caterpillars collected and 20,000 reared from 90 tree species



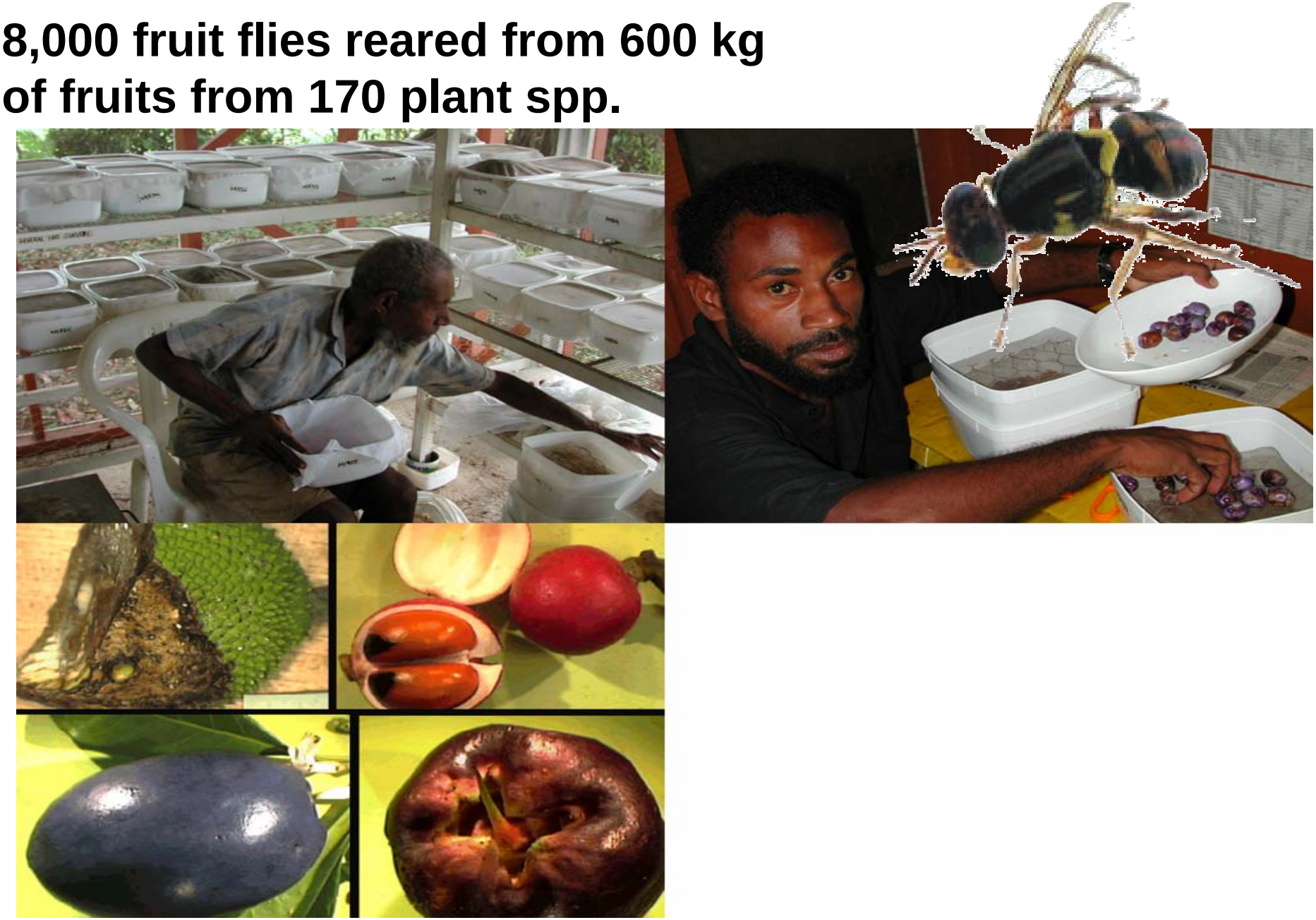


Host specificity of *Cerambycidae*

2,500 beetles reared from 3,000kg of timber from 10 tree spp.

Host specificity of fruit flies

8,000 fruit flies reared from 600 kg of fruits from 170 plant spp.

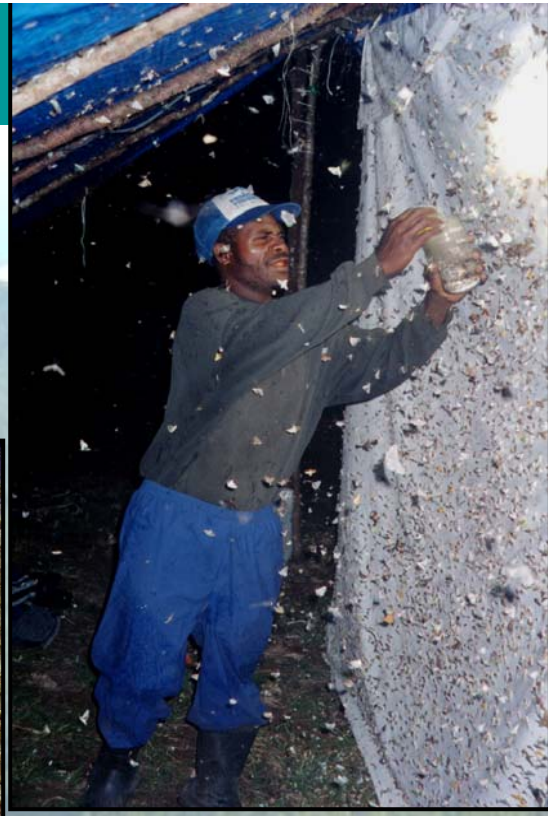


Community structure and beta-diversity of rainforest ants

ground foraging and understory ants
collected by 4 different methods
in more than 100 plots on 6 localities
across PNG

Light trap

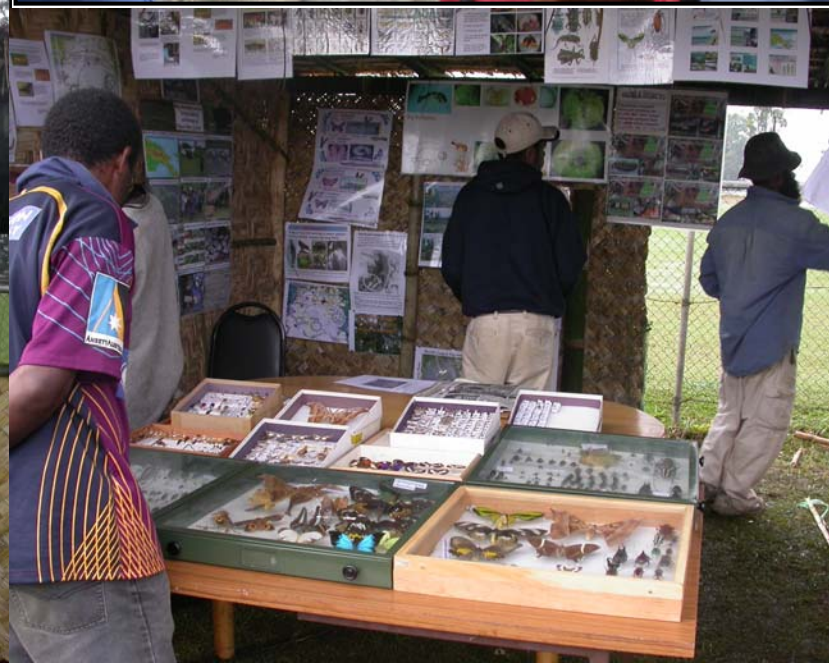
25 000 moths from 1500 species surveyed at several sites in New Guinea main land and its islands



Awareness program

School lectures (audiences 1500)

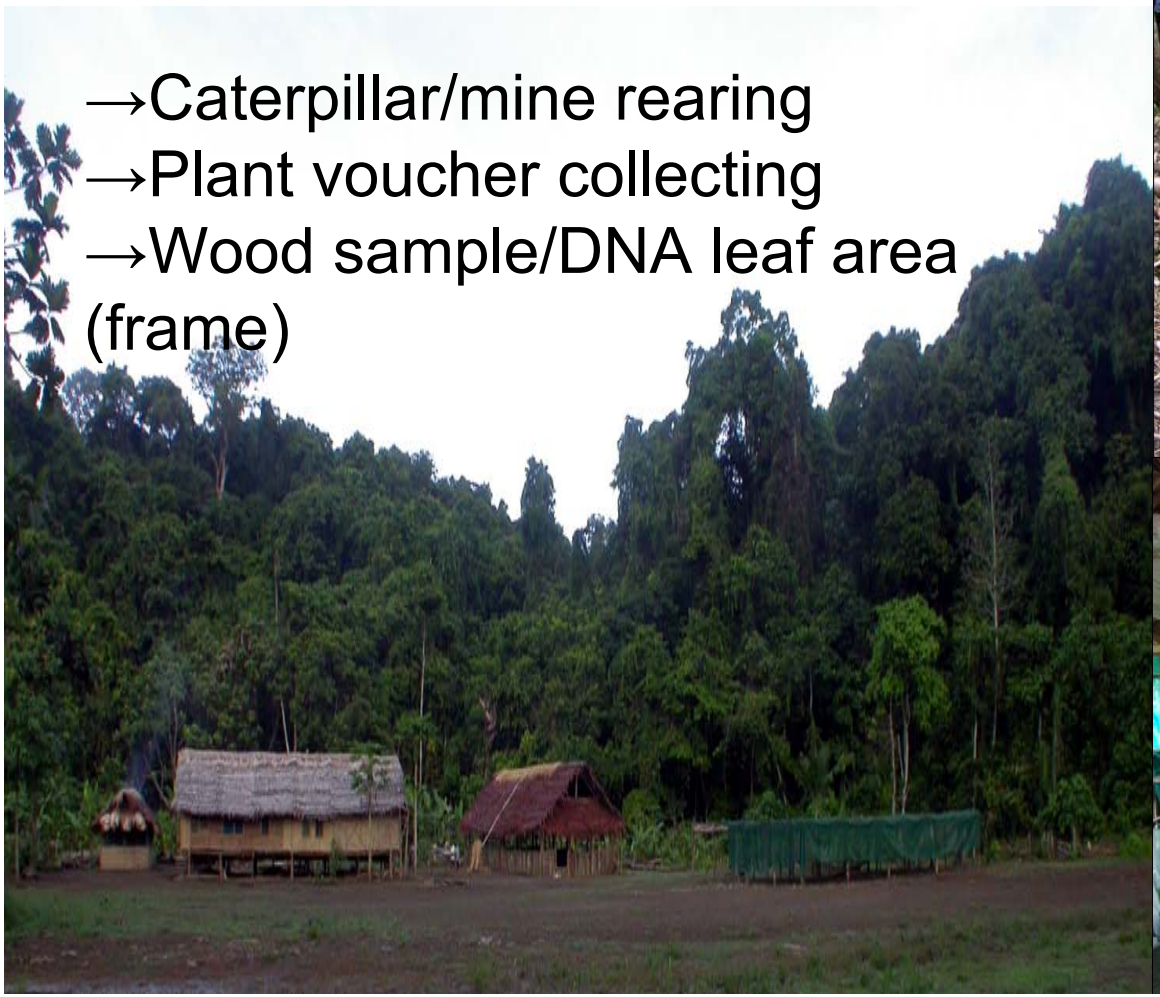
Leaflets production and distribution, over 100 leaflets, hundreds of reprints



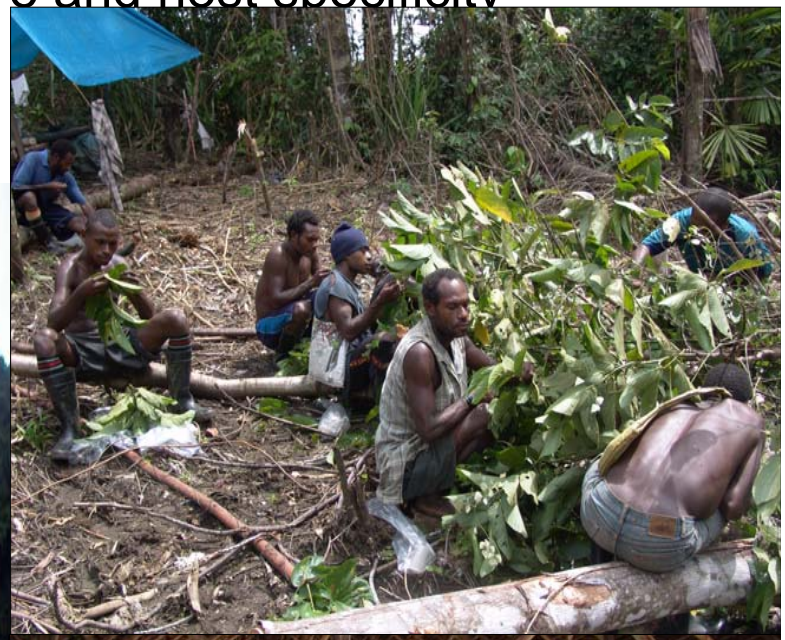
Primary and Secondary Plots 1 hectare 100 m x 100 m

Insect Herbivores (Lepidoptera) –

species diversity, community structure and host specificity



→Caterpillar/mine rearing
→Plant voucher collecting
→Wood sample/DNA leaf area (frame)



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➲Wood for bark beetle rearing

-Its an ongoing project-

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