DIVERSITY AND ECOLOGY OF LAND SNAILS IN GUNUNG HALIMUN SALAK NATIONAL PARK (GHSNP) IN JAVA, INDONESIA

KEANEKARAGAMAN DAN EKOLOGI KEONG DARAT DI TAMAN NASIONAL GUNUNG HALIMUN SALAK (TNGHS) DI JAWA, INDONESIA

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ABSTRACT

The land snail fauna of the largest tropical montane forest in Java, the Gunung Halimun Salak National Park (GHSNP), was surveyed during the dry season (June-July) in 2015, concentrating on four park's resorts, i.e. Cikaniki, Mt. Botol, Cisarua (Halimun area) and Cidahu (Salak area). In total, 399 specimens representing 43 species were collected. Prior to the surveys, 48 land snail species were known from the GHSNP. Fifteen new records for the GHSNP were discovered so 63 species are now known to inhabit the Park. This number represent 25% of the total land snail fauna of Java. 21 of the species found in GHSNP are endemic to Java. The species richness of the plots in GHSNP was correlated with soil pH and the composition of the land snail communities was correlated with elevation, annual mean temperature, and amount of deadwood.

Keywords: Endemism, tropical mountain forest, Java, Gastropods

ABSTRAK

Telah dilakukan survey keong darat di kawasan hutan pegunungan tropis terbesar di Jawa, Taman Nasional Gunung Halimun Salak (TNGHS) pada musim kering (Juni-Juli 2015) yang terkonsentrasi pada empat resort yaitu Cikaniki, Gunung Botol, Cisarua (kawasan Halimun) dan Cidahu (kawasan Salak). Sebanyak 399 spesimen dari 43 spesies telah dikoleksi. Sebelum survei ini dilakukan, tercatat 48 spesies keong darat diketahui berada di TNGHS. Berdasarkan survei terdapat 15 catatan baru keong darat untuk TNGHS, sehingga total 63 spesies keong darat tercatat di taman nasional ini. Angka ini merepresentasikan 25% dari total spesies keong darat yang ada di Jawa. 21 spesies endemik Jawa ditemukan di TNGHS. Kekayaan spesies pada plot di TNGHS memiliki korelasi terhadap pH tanah, sementara komposisi komunitas keong darat ditemukan berkorelasi terhadap elevasi, rata-rata suhu udara tahunan dan jumlah kayu lapuk (kayu mati).

Kata kunci: endemisitas, hutan pegunungan tropis, Jawa, Gastropoda.

INTRODUCTION

It is virtually impossible or at least ineffective to survey the whole fauna and flora for prioritizing areas for the conservation of biodiversity. Thus, prioritizing areas for conservation requires the use of surrogates for assessing overall patterns of biodiversity. It has been shown that land snails and insects were strong predictors of conservation priorities for vertebrates and snails were also reasonably effective as surrogates for plants, but neither plants nor vertebrates were adequate as surrogates for snails or insects (Moritz *et al.* 2001). Nevertheless, molluscs are one of the animal groups that are often ignored with regard to conservation. Régnier *et al.* (2015) estimated that 7% of the described land snail species on earth are extinct. Conservation areas like national parks are one of the most effective ways to protect both the ecosystem and the species within (Bruner *et al.* 2001; Sodhi *et al.* 2004). The land snail fauna of the Gunung Halimun Salak National Park (GHSNP) in Java is the subject of this study.

Gunung Halimun Salak National Park is one of the oldest conserved forests and the second largest national park in Java. In 1924, Mt. Halimun was first determined a protected forest covering an area of 39,941 ha (Endangered Species Team GHSNPMP-JICA 2005). In 1935, the status changed into natural reserve and in 1992 into national park. In 2003, Mt. Salak was included in the national park so that the park reached a total area of 113,357 ha (Halimun Salak National Park Authority 2016). It is the second largest national park in Indonesia after Ujung Kulon National Park (122,956 ha) (Ministry of Environment and Forestry 2016.

GHSNP is the largest tropical montane forest in Java and is believed to host the highest biodiversity within Java (Kubo & Supriyanto 2010). Various rare and endemic animal and plant species, such as the Javan Hawk Eagle (*Nisaetus bartelsi*), Javan Gibbon (*Hylobates moloch*) amongst others, can be found in this national park. A comprehensive list of animal and plant species that inhabit GHSNP is crucial as baseline data for the national park's management.

The first malacological exploration of Mt. Salak was by JC von Hasselt in the early 1820s (Martens 1867). Boettger (1890) reported 33 species, followed by van Benthem Jutting (1948, 1950, 1952) and Loosjes (1953) who summarized the previous knowledge and listed a total of 35 land snail species. The land snail

fauna of the Mt. Halimun region has been investigated by Marwoto (1998), Subasli & Munandar (1999), Heryanto (2001) and Heryanto et al. (2003). Heryanto et al. (2003) recorded land snails from eight sites in the Halimun area, summarized the previous knowledge about the land snail fauna of that region, and listed 38 species. However, it should be noted that previous records of Landouria ciliocincta (Möllendorff, 1897) and Landouria smimensis (Mousson, 1848) from GHSNP by van Benthem Jutting (1950) and Hervanto et al. (2003) were based on misidentifications. These species are endemic in East Java (Nurinsiyah et al. 2019). In total, 48 land snail species (not counting misidentifications) including 13 species endemic to Java, as well as four introduced species were previously recorded from GHSNP. Given the size of the park and lack of concerted sampling efforts, it can be expected that the list is still far from comprehensive. Thus, we conducted a survey in four areas in GHSNP to investigate and provide an update of the land snail species diversity and to assess environment variables that may influence the species composition of the land snail communities.

MATERIALS AND METHODS Study Area

GHSNP is one of the oldest conserved forests and the second largest national park in Java. The national park is located at $6^{\circ}32'-6^{\circ}$ 55'S and 106°13'-106°46' E. The altitude ranges from 500 to 2200 m a.s.l. Three forest ecosystems are present in GHSNP: lowland rainforest (<1000 m a.s.l.), submontane forest (1000-1500 m a.s.l.) and montane forest (>1500 m a.s.l.) (Kubo and Supriyanto 2010; Halimun Salak National Park Authority 2016).

The study focused on the area between 106°27' E to 106°42' E and between 06°38' S to 06°45' S, with an altitudinal ranging from 800 to 1800 m a.s.l. (Fig. 1). Four resorts were sampled: Cikaniki, Mt. Botol, Cisarua (Mt. Halimun area) and Cidahu (Mt. Salak area). Cikaniki resort is the main research station in GHSNP. It is located in the center of the Mt. Halimun area on the foot of Mt. Kendeng. Cisarua is located in Mt. Salak area, and closest to human settlement. Mean annual rainfall in Halimun area ranges from 3200 to 6000 mm and annual temperature ranges from 16°C to 30°C (DPJLHK 2016).

Sampling and Determination

Fieldwork was conducted from June to July 2015. We combined timed searches and sieving litter within plots to optimize the inventory as recommended for single visit land snail inventories (Emberton *et al.* 1996; Cameron & Pokryszko 2005; Schilthuizen 2011). We selected 24 random plots of 10m x 10m, eight each in Cikaniki resort and at Mt. Kendeng (1028-1366 m a.s.l.), four in Mt. Botol resort (1649-1741 m a.s.l.), four in Cisarua area (872-941 m a.s.l.), and eight in Cidahu resort (1166-1253 m a.s.l.) (Fig. 1). Three researchers intensively searched and collected both living snail and dead shell inside each plot for one hour. In addition, 5L of soil and leaf litter were sampled at each plot, which was later dried, sieved and sorted. Land snails encountered along the way between plots were also opportunistically collected. Environmental variables including elevation, canopy cover, cover of herbaceous layer, presence of deadwood, presence of stones, amount of leaf litter, and degree of human impact were recorded (Appendix 1). The pH of the uppermost soil layer at each plot was acquired the SoilGrids250m from map (http:// www.isric.org/content/soilgrids; Hengl et al. 2017) and annual mean temperature and precipitation obtained annual were

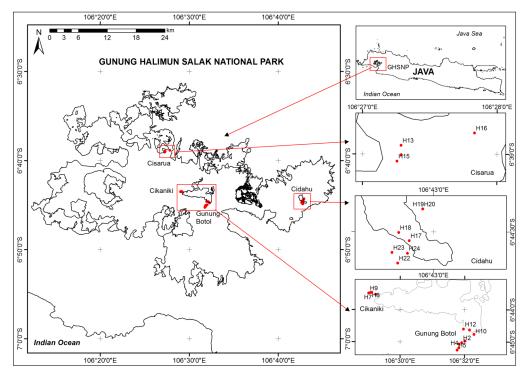


Figure 1. Sampling locations in GHSNP.

from the WorldClim database (http:// www.worldclim.org; ca. 1 km2 resolution; Hijmans *et al.* 2005).

All specimens were identified to the lowest taxonomic level based on their shell characters using van Benthem Jutting (1948, 1950, 1952), Loosjes (1953), Vermeulen & Whitten (1998), Nurinsiyah & Hausdorf (2017), and Nurinsiyah et al. (2019). Several species for instance species belongs to the genus Landouria and Parmarion were examined based on shell as well as genitalia characters. Species were classified as introduced following Nurinsiyah & Hausdorf (2019). The specimens are kept in the Museum Zoologicum Bogoriense (Indonesia) and in the Zoological Museum of the University of Hamburg (Germany).

Putative determinants of species richness and community composition.

To assess the completeness of the sampling, we calculated the iChao1 estimator (Chao & Chiu 2016) for species richness based on the species abundance data using SpadeR Online (Chao et al. 2015). We analyzed the relationship between the number of sampled species in the plots and the measured environmental variables using generalized linear models, which were calculated with the function glm of the statistical software R (R Core Team 2018). To correct for over-dispersion, we used a quasipoisson error structure. We started with a maximal generalized model including all environmental variables and then excluded variables without significant influence stepwise until only variables with a significant influence remained.

The similarities between land snail communities were explored by a nonmetric multidimensional scaling (NMDS) calculated by the R function *metaMDS* using quantitative Kulczýnski distances (Faith et al. 1987) based on abundance data. We investigated the influence of environmental variables (Appendix 1) on the composition of communities by fitting them onto the ordination using vegan (Oksanen et al. 2013), a package within the R environment (R Core Team 2018). The goodness of fit of the environmental variables was computed with the R function envfit. Significance of fit was tested based on 999 permutations.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION Results

In total, 399 specimens were collected in 24 plots and along the ways. The samples were assigned to 43 species belonging to 15 families (Table 1, Appendix 2; Fig. 2). The number of specimens per plot varied between 1 and 47 (median 8). Species richness per plot ranged from 1 to 14 (median 5.5). The iChao1 estimate of species richness for the GHSNP based on the samples taken in this study was 59 species with the 95% confidence interval extending from 48 to 93.

The most species-rich family was Ariophantidae (7 species). The most abundant family was Helicarionidae (62 specimens). Panpulmonate species were more abundant (85% of all specimens) than caenogastropod snails (15%). Thirteen species endemic to Java were recorded in the area. Only one introduced species, Allopeas clavulinum (Achatinidae), was recorded in all four minute locations. One new species, Diplommatina halimunensis (shell height 2.45

-2.8 mm; Fig. 3), was discovered at Mt. Kendeng during this study and described in Nurinsiyah & Hausdorf (2017). It was also recently found on Mt. Salak (Greke 2019).

Among the four sampled areas, the highest number of specimens was collected in Cikaniki (129 specimen), followed by Cidahu (120 specimen), Cisarua (81 specimen) and Mt. Botol (69 specimen). Although the highest number of specimens was found in Cikaniki, the highest number of species was recorded in Cidahu (30 species), followed by Cisarua (22 species), Cikaniki (18 species), and Mt. Botol

(15 species) (Fig. 4).

Using generalized linear models we could establish a significant decrease of species richness with decreasing soil pH (ANOVA p = 0.014). The composition of the land snail communities in GHSNP was significantly correlated with elevation, annual mean temperature, and amount of deadwood (Table 2). The non-metrical multidimensional scaling (Fig. 4) showed that all four sampled locations in the Mt. Halimun and Mt. Salak regions have overlapping snail fauna.

Table 1. Land snail species recorded in four areas (see Fig. 1) in the GHSNP in this study as well as records from the literature. *endemic to Java; **introduced in Java.

Family	Species	Cikaniki	Cidahu	Cisarua	Mt. Botol	van Benthem Jutting (1948, 1950, 1952), Loosjes (1953)	Heryanto et al. (2003)
Cyclophoridae	Cyclophorus rafflesi (Broderip & Sowerby, 1833)	+	+	+	-	+	+
Cyclophoridae	<i>Cyclophorus perdix</i> (Broderip & Sowerby, 1830)	-	+	-	+	+	+
Cyclophoridae	Cyclotus discoideus Sowerby, 1843	-	-	-	-	+	+
Cyclophoridae	<i>Dicharax longituba</i> (Martens, 1867)	-	-	-	-	+	-
Cyclophoridae	Ditropopsis fruhstorferi (Möllendorff, 1897)*	-	-	-	-	+	-
Cyclophoridae	Japonia ciliocinctum (Martens, 1865)	-	+	+	-	+	+
Cyclophoridae	Japonia ciliferum (Mousson, 1849)	-	+	-	-	+	-
Cyclophoridae	Japonia grandipilum Boettger, 1891	-	-	-	-	+	-
Cyclophoridae	<i>Opisthoporus corniculum</i> (Mousson, 1849)*	-	-	-	-	+	+
Diplommatinidae	Diplommatina auriculata Möllendorff, 1897	-	+	+	-	-	+
Diplommatinidae	<i>Diplommatina halimunensis</i> Nurinsiyah & Hausdorf, 2017*	+	-	-	-	-	-
Diplommatinidae	Diplommatina planicollis Möllendorff, 1897*	-	-	-	+	-	-
Pupinidae	Pupina bipalatalis Boettger, 1890*	-	+	-	-	-	-
Pupinidae	Pupina junghuni Martens, 1867*	+	-	-	-	+	+
Pupinidae	Pupina treubi Boettger, 1890	-	+	-	-	+	+
Veronicellidae	Filicaulis bleekerii (Keferstein, 1865)	-	-	-	-	-	+
Achatinidae	Allopeas clavulinum (Potiez & Michaud, 1838)**	+	+	+	+	-	-
Achatinidae	Allopeas gracile (Hutton, 1834)**	-	-	-	-	+	-
Achatinidae	Glessula sumatrana (Martens, 1864)	-	-	+	-	+	+
Achatinidae	Paropeas achatinaceum (Pfeiffer, 1846)	-	-	-	-	-	+
Achatinidae	Paropeas acutissimum (Mousson, 1857)	-	+	+	-	+	-

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Achatinidae	Subulina octona (Bruguière, 1792)	_	_	_	-	+	+
Punctidae	Paralaoma javana (Möllendorff,	-	-	+	-	-	-
Charopidae	1897)* Philalanka nannophya Rensch,	-	_	-	+	-	-
Charopidae	1932 Philalanka thienemani Rensch,	+	+	-	+	-	-
Charopidae	1932 Philalanka tjibodasensis (Leschke,	+	+	+	-	_	-
Clausiliidae	1914) Oospira javana (Pfeiffer, 1841)*	_	_	_	-	+	+
Clausiliidae	Oospira salacana (Boettger, 1890)*	-	-	-	+	+	+
Phylomycidae	Meghimatium striatum van Hasselt, 1824	+	+	+	_	+	+
Trochomorphidae	Geotrochus conus (Philippi, 1841)*	-	-	+	-	+	+
Trochomorphidae	<i>Trochomorpha appropinquata</i> (Martens, 1864)	-	+	+	-	+	+
Trochomorphidae	Trochomorpha concolor Boettger,	+	+	+	-	-	-
Trochomorphidae	1890* <i>Trochomorpha strubelli</i> Boettger,	-	-	-	-	+	+
Chronidae	1890* Kaliella barrakporensis (Pfeiffer,	-	+	-	-	-	+
Dyakiidae	1852) Dyakia clypeus (Mousson, 1857)	-	-	-	-	_	+
Dyakiidae	Dyakia rumphii (von dem Busch,	+	+	-	+	+	+
Dyakiidae	1842) Elaphroconcha bataviana (von dem	+	_	+	-	+	+
Dyakiidae	Busch, 1842) Elaphroconcha patens (Martens,	_	_	_	_	_	+
Euconulidae	1898)* <i>Coneuplecta microconus</i> (Mousson,	+	+	+	+	-	+
Euconulidae	1865) Coneuplecta sitaliformis	-	+	+	-	_	-
Euconulidae	(Möllendorff, 1897) <i>Liardetia convexoconica</i>	_	+	_	_	_	+
Euconulidae	(Möllendorff, 1897) Liardetia pisum (Möllendorff,	+	+	+	+	_	_
Euconulidae	1897)* Liardetia scandens (Cox, 1872)			-			+
Helicarionidae	'Helicarion' albellus Martens, 1867	+	-+	+	-+	-+	+
Helicarionidae	'Helicarion' perfragilis	Ŧ					
Helicarionidae	Möllendorff, 1897 <i>'Helicarion' radiatulus</i>	-	+	+	+	+	+
	(Möllendorff, 1897)	+	+	-	-	-	+
Ariophantidae	<i>Hemiplecta humphreysiana</i> (Lea, 1841)	-	-	+	-	+	+
Ariophantidae	Macrochlamys amboinensis (Martens, 1864)**	-	-	-	-	+	-
Ariophantidae	Microcystina circumlineata (Möllendorff, 1897)	-	-	-	+	-	-
Ariophantidae	Microcystina fruhstorferi (Möllendorff, 1897)*	+	+	-	-	-	-
Ariophantidae	Microcystina gratilla van Benthem	+	+	+	-	-	-
Ariophantidae	Jutting, 1950 Microcystina subglobosa (Möllendorff, 1897)*	-	-	-	+	-	+
Ariophantidae	Microparmarion sp.	-	_	_	-	-	+
Ariophantidae	Parmarion martensi Simroth, 1893	-	+	-	-	-	_
Ariophantidae	Parmarion pupillaris Humbert, 1864	-	+	+	+	+	+
Camaenidae	Amphidromus alticola Fulton, 1896*	-	-	-	-	-	+
Camaenidae	Amphidromus palaceus (Mousson, 1848)	-	+	+	-	+	-

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Camaenidae	<i>Bradybaena similaris</i> (Fèrussac 1821)**	-	-	-	-	-	+
Camaenidae	Chloritis crassula (Philippi, 1844)*	-	-	-	-	+	+
Camaenidae	Chloritis fruhstorferi (Möllendorff, 1897)*	-	+	-	-	-	+
Camaenidae	<i>Landouria rotatoria</i> (von dem Busch, 1842)*	+	+	+	+	+	+
Camaenidae	Landouria winteriana (Pfeiffer, 1841)*	+	+	+	+	+	-
Camaenidae	Pseudopartula galericulum (Mousson, 1848)	-	-	-	-	+	-



Figure 2. Geotrochus conus (Philippi, 1841) from Cidahu (above left) size ca height (H) 10-13mm and width (W) 15-18mm; Cyclophorus perdix (Broderip & Sowerby, 1830) from Cidahu (above right) size ca. H 20-24mm and W 30-35mm; Pupina junghuni Martens, 1867 from Cikaniki (below left) size ca. H 11mm and W 7.5-8mm; Meghimatium striatum van Hasselt, 1824 from Cidahu (below right) size ca. Length 40mm and W 9mm.



Figure 3. *Diplommatina halimunensis* Nurinsiyah & Hausdorf, 2017 from Mt. Kendeng, scale bar 1mm.

Table 2. Fit of environmental variables on
the NMDS based on quantitative
Kulczýnski distances among land
snail communities. The dataset
consists of species abundance data
for 24 plots in the GHSNP.
Significant results are given in
bold.

Environmental variables	Fit on NMDS				
	R^2	Р			
Elevation	0.347	0.008			
Canopy cover	0.147	0.194			
Soil pH	0.001	0.991			
Annual mean temperature	0.247	0.050			
Annual precipitation	0.028	0.730			
Herbaceous layer	0.050	0.703			
Deadwood	0.230	0.021			
Stones	0.045	0.727			
Bare rock	0.002	1.000			
Leaf litter	0.058	0.288			
Human impact	0.040	0.422			

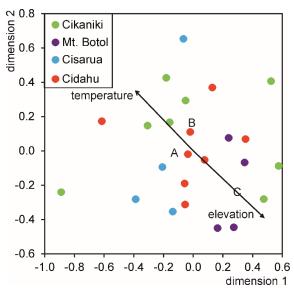


Figure 4. NMDS based on quantitative Kulczýnski distances showing the similarities between the snail communities at the 24 sampling plots in GHSNP and significant fitted environmental variables. Continuous environmental variables (annual mean temperature, elevation) are shown as arrows and letters indicate the centroids of the of categories amount of deadwood (A to C: increasing amount of deadwood).

Discussion

We recorded 43 land snail species in the GHSNP, of which 15 species were new records for the park. Supplemented with literature records (Martens 1867; Boettger 1890; van Benthem Jutting 1948, 1950, 1952; Loosjes 1953; Marwoto 1998; Subasli & Munandar 1999; Heryanto 2001; Heryanto et al. 2003), a total of 63 species are now known from GHSNP. Based on our samples, the iChao1 estimate suggested that 48 to 93 occur in the park. However, it should be noted that our samples are all from natural forest. Other habitats in GHSNP like deforested areas or brooksides with potentially different snail communities have not been sampled, so the iChao1 estimate is probably an underestimate. For example, we found only a single introduced species, Allopeas clavulinum, and it is known that introduced species are generally restricted to modified habitats and rarely invade primary forest (Tillier 1992; Cowie 1998; Hausdorf 2002; Nurinsiyah et al. 2016). Thus, it is not surprising that four additional introduced species were already known from the GHSNP from other surveys (see Heryanto et al. 2003).

With 63 recorded species, the land snail fauna of GHSNP is richer than that of two other mountainous areas in Java that have been recently surveyed, Gunung Ciremai National Park in West Java with 48 recorded land snail species (Heryanto 2008) and Gunung Slamet in Central Java with 62 species (Heryanto 2012). The species richness of GHSNP is also higher than that of two recently surveyed limestone areas in Java, Sukolilo with 33 species (Nurinsiyah 2015; Nurinsiyah et al. 2019) and South Malang with 55 species (Nurinsiyah *et al.* 2016), although only 399 specimens were collected in in this study, whereas GHSNP 1123 specimens were collected in Sukolilo and 2919 in South Malang. Although GHSNP does not even cover 1% of total area of Java, it hosts some 25% of the 242 land snail species known from Java (Nurinsiyah 2018). 21 of the species found in GHSNP are endemic to Java, whereas 14 of the species found in Gunung Ciremai, 15 of the species found in Gunung Slamet National Park, six of the species found in Sukolilo and six of the species found in South Malang are endemic to Java. Thus, GHSNP is of critical importance for the conservation of biodiversity in Java and Indonesia.

Three environmental variables i.e. elevation, annual mean temperature, and amount of deadwood influenced the composition of land snail communities in GHSNP. Twenty one out of 43 species were recorded in a short elevation range. Five species were recorded only at sampling points above 1500 a.s.l. e.g. Diplommatina planicollis, m Meghimatium striatum. Microcvstina fruhstorferi, Parmarion pulpillaris, and Philalanka nannophya; and six species were recorded only at area below 1000 m a.s.l. e.g. Cyclophorus rafflesi, Glessula sumatrana, Landouria winteriana, Microcvstina circumlineata, Paralaoma javana, and Trochomorpha appropinquata. However, most of these species actually have wider elevation ranges (van Benthem Jutting 1950, 1952; Nurinsiyah & Hausdorf, 2017). The overlap of the land snail communities of the four sampled locations in the Mt. Halimun and Mt. Salak regions in the ordination plot (Fig. 4) showed that the different geographical regions of the GHSNP are not characterized by distinct land snail communities, but that the occurrence of snail species does depend more on the availability of suitable microhabitats.

With regard to the factors that affect the species richness of the land snail communities in GHSNP, the only correlation we found is the decrease of species richness with decreasing soil pH. However, the statistical power for this analysis was low because of the low number of investigated plots, the low abundance of the species, the low species richness of plots and the limited habitat diversity that has been sampled. Many of the species that require a constantly high humidity like the caenogastropods are threatened by local extinction if the canopy cover is reduced so that insolation increases and, thus, temperature increases and humidity decreases at the forest floor (Schilthuizen et al. 2005; Nurinsiyah et al. 2016). We have not found this effect in the parts of GHSNP surveyed, because we surveyed only natural forest habitats with a more or less intact canopy cover.

GHSNP has suffered from deforestation since decades. The annual deforestation rate was 1.2-2.3% between 1989 and 2003 and from 2003 to 2007 5006 ha of the park were deforested in Bogor district (Kubo & Supriyanto 2010; Carolyn et al. 2013). Although the total area of GHSNP is 113,357 ha, only about 60,000 ha remained covered with forest (Kubo & Supriyanto 2010). Future studies of degraded habitats in the GHSNP are needed to investigate the effects of the degradation on the native snail communities. This will also be important for assessing the distribution of introduced species in the GHSNP because an opening of the canopy cover favors introduced snail species with a

higher desiccation tolerance (Nurinsiyah *et al.* 2016).

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