

2019 CLIFF-GRADS Awardees



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What is your academic background?

I'm studying tropical forest ecology and silviculture at Southern Cross University, Australia. Most of my work investigates the influence of site condition change on vegetation assemblage. My current study is identifying the recovery pathways of secondary dipterocarp forests in southern Vietnam. I am using a combination of forest inventory data, field experiments and quantitative ecological analyses to investigate the influence of macrosite and microsite factors on the dynamics of vegetation structure and compositions.

Which project have you been selected for?

"Assessing (agro)forestry landscape restoration options in livestock-degraded regions of montane Kenya and Tanzania", supervised by Rosa Maria Roman-Cuesta, Todd Rosenstock, Muhammad Ahmad, Deissy Martinez and Jacobo Arango.

How will this award impact your study?

I hope my study in Vietnam can be deepened with knowledge gained from the project, in particular one of my chapters in my current PhD which aims to suggest options for reforestation in southern Vietnam. Even though the major forest disturbances in my study area were logging and Agent Orange spraying, I think studying soil degradation and vegetation regeneration capacity could share much in common with livestock-degraded forest land in Kenya and Tanzania.

Tell us a bit more about yourself?

Identifying trees and describing soils at the same time on field are my favourite. However, I want to specialise in determining soil-vegetation relationships and how these interactions influence the succession progress of tropical vegetation communities temporally and spatially
