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ABSTRACT

Data on the occurrence of butterfly species at Gunung Halimun-Salak National Park is presented based on collections and observations obtained in 2004, 2007, 2009 and 2010. In total, 161 butterfly species (10 Hesperiidae, 23 Lycaenidae, 86 Nymphalidae, 17 Papilionidae, 21 Pieridae, and 4 Riodinidae) were recorded. Of the total number of species, 133 were recorded from Gunung Halimun and 82 were recorded from Gunung Salak. The occurrence of butterflies at this national park was compared with data known from other localities in Java. The significance of Gunung Halimun-Salak NP in terms of the butterfly diversity is discussed.

Key words: butterflies, endemic species, Gunung Halimun-Salak National Park, Java, occurrence

INTRODUCTION

Gunung Halimun-Salak National Park is one of twelve national parks in Java (wikipedia 2013a). The national park preserves several ecosystem types, including lowland rain forest, sub-montane forest and montane forest (Dephut 2013), and is considered the largest remaining sub-montane forest area in Java (Whitten 1994). The national park is located in three administrative districts: Bogor, Sukabumi and Lebak. It covers 113,357 ha of land, making it the second largest national park in Java, after Ujung Kulon NP which has approximately 120,600 ha of land. Initially in 1992, Gunung Halimun was a national park with 40,000 ha of land located at 6°37'–6°51' S and 106°21'–106°38' E (Kahono & Amir 2003). Gunung Salak was a nature reserve located at Bogor and Sukabumi districts with elevation ranges from 400–2,200 m asl. and the geoposition of the highest peak is located at 6°43' S and 106°44' E (wikipedia 2013b). In 2003, Gunung Salak was incorporated into the Gunung Halimun NP and the combined area became known as Gunung Halimun-Salak NP – the two are currently connected by a forest corridor of about 11 km long. The national park is of great importance because of its hydrological function for many surrounding towns and cities, and other ecosystem services yet to be fully realised.

Despite its close vicinity to Jakarta and Bogor, our knowledge of Gunung Halimun-Salak NP is still rather limited and fragmentary. The area is relatively difficult to access. The trip to reach Cikaniki, the research station at Gunung Halimun, can take about four hours by car from the park entrance Kabandungan with some difficulties due to poor road conditions. Similarly, the steep and often confusing climb to Gunung Salak also added to difficulties to reach the forest area. This relative inaccessibility partly explains the paucity of information on the biodiversity of the area.

The need to obtain data on biodiversity of Gunung Halimun-Salak NP for conservation management has led to a major initiative. A comprehensive study of the flora and fauna of Gunung Halimun was conducted through JICA programs for the Biodiversity Conservation Project (Phase I from 1995 to 1998, and Phase II from 1998 to 2003), as well as for the construction of facilities for biodiversity conservation in 1997 (see Yoneda *et al.* 2001).

An initial survey at Cikaniki area and Gunung Botol of Gunung Halimun NP by Ubaidillah *et al.* (1998) reported 77 species of butterflies. As a part of a publication on the insects of Gunung Halimun, Amir *et al.* (2003) reported 41 species of butterflies, and mentioned that there were probably more than 100 species. Sola *et al.* (2005) mentioned 20 common butterfly species found at Gunung Halimun. There is no previously published report on the butterflies of Gunung Salak. Surveys were therefore conducted to gain a better understanding of the butterfly fauna of Gunung Halimun-Salak NP.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

We conducted field surveys of butterflies at Gunung Halimun-Salak NP (Fig. 1) between July 2004 and June 2010 with standard method of scan sampling. Sampling periods at localities of Gunung Halimun and Gunung Salak were comparable: two persons for a total of 30 days each were allocated. Fieldwork at Gunung Halimun was conducted at Cikaniki area in July 2004 with support from Indonesian government project DIPA, and in August 2004 through collaboration with German-IPB student excursion program. A survey to cover Pameungpeuk area, which is located southwest of Kabandungan, was conducted in July 2007 with support from Indonesian government project DIPA. In June–July 2009 and June 2010, we conducted field surveys at several locations at Gunung Salak with support through Indonesian Ristek PKPP program: the 2009 Gunung Salak location included Cidahu to Kawah Ratu area, and the 2010 Gunung Salak location included Sukamantri, Curug Nangka

and Gunung Bunder. These locations were selected primarily because they were accessible. Some other routes were available, but were considered too risky to take especially during the wet season of 2010.



Figure 1. Map of Gunung Halimun-Salak National Park (Direktorat PJLKK/HL 2013). Gunung Halimun-Salak is located at three districts: Bogor, Sukabumi and Lebak, the borders are indicated by black bold lines. Prior to 2003, Halimun was a national park by itself (indicated by blue line). With the inclusion of Gunung Salak in 2003, the area of NP was extended considerably (indicated by light blue area).

Specimens were obtained using insect nets, killed by pressing the thorax, put in a glassine envelope and stored in a sturdy plastic box. Upon returning from the field, the specimens were mounted at the Entomology laboratory of Museum Zoologicum Bogoriense (MZB)-LIPI. Specimens were identified using Morishita (1981), Yata (1981), Aoki *et al.* (1982), Tsukada & Nishiyama (1982), D'Abrera (1985, 1986), Tsukada (1985, 1991), Maruyama (1991), and Seki *et al.* (1991). Additional references such as Ackery & Vane-Wright (1984) and Corbet & Pendlebury (1992) were also consulted. Recent changes in butterfly classification and nomenclature, such as those proposed by Aduse-Poku *et al.* (2009) on the synonymy of *Polyura* with *Charaxes*; Brower (2012) on the higher classification of Nymphalidae; Yata (pers. comm. – October 2013) on the revised status of *Appias leptis* (Felder & Felder, 1865) are followed. All specimens are deposited at MZB-LIPI.

Beta diversity "Sørensen index" was used to analyse the relationship between Halimun and Salak. This index was calculated by using EstimateS 8.2 (Colwell 2009).

RESULTS

In total, 161 butterfly species were recorded at the two localities combined: 133 species at Halimun and 82 species at Salak (Table 1).

Table 1. List of butterfly species at Gunung Halimun-Salak National Park compared to other locations in Java

No.	Species	Halimun	Salak	other locations in Java *
	Hesperiidae (no. 1 – 10)			
1	Ancistroides nigrita (Latreille, [1824])	1	0	b, h
2	Celaenorrhinus inaequalis Elwes & Edwards, 1897	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
3	Erionota thrax (Linnaeus, 1767)	1	0	a, b, e, h, m
4	Gangara lebadea (Hewitson, 1868)	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
5	Isma umbrosa (Elwes & Edwards, 1897)	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
6	Notocypta feisthamelii (Boisduval, 1832)	1	0	f
7	Parnara guttatus (Bremer & Grey, [1852])	1	0	a
8	Pirdana distanti Staudinger, 1889	1	0	h
9	Tagiades gana (Moore, [1866])	1	0	a
10	Zela onara (Butler, 1870)	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
	Lycaenidae (no. 11 – 33)			
11	Arhopala eumolphus (Cramer, [1780])	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
12	Arhopala overdijkinki Corbet, 1941	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
13	Arhopala paraganesa (de Nicéville, 1882)	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
4	Austrozephyrus absolon (Hewitson, 1865)	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
15	Dacalana vidura (Horsfield, [1829])	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
6	Heliophorus epicles (Godart, [1824])	1	1	f, i, k
7	Hypolycaena amasa Hewitson, 1865	1	1	a, h
8	Hypolycaena erylus (Godart, [1824])	0	1	a
9	Jamides alecto (Felder, 1860)	0	1	a, b, c, f, j
20	Jamides caerulea (Druce, 1873)	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
21	Jamides celeno (Cramer, [1775])	1	0	a, b, c, h, j
2	Jamides pura (Moore, 1886)	1	0	a, b, c, h
.3	Lampides boeticus (Linnaeus, 1767)	0	1	a, b, c, f
4	Miletus boisduvali Moore, [1858]	1	0	a, b, c, o
2.5	Miletus zinckenii Felder & Felder, [1865]	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
6	Nacaduba kurava (Moore, [1858])	0	1	was not obtained at other locations
27	Poritia erycinoides (Felder & Felder, 1865)	1	0	was not obtained at other locations

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No.	Species	Halimun	Salak	other locations in Java *
28	Prosotas dubiosa (Semper, [1879])	1	0	a, b
29	Prosotas nora (Felder, 1860)	0	1	a
30	Prosotas pia Toxopeus, 1929	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
31	Surendra vivarna (Horsfield, [1829])	1	0	a
32	Udara dilecta (Moore, 1879)	1	1	f
33	Yasoda pita (Horsfield, [1829])	1	1	c
	Nymphalidae Charaxinae (no. 34 – 35)			
34	Charaxes (Polyura) athamas (Drury, [1773])	1	1	a, f, h, j
35	Charaxes (Polyura) moori Distant, 1883	1	0	h
	Nymphalidae - Cyrestinae (no. 36 – 38)			
36	Chersonesia rahria (Moore, [1858])	1	0	a, c, h, q
37	Cyrestis lutea (Zinken, 1831)	1	1	c, d, f
38	Cyrestis nivea (Zinken, 1831)	1	1	c, f
	Nymphalidae - Danainae (no. 39 – 55)			
39	Danaus genutia (Cramer, [1779])	1	1	a, c, f, j
40	Danaus melanippus (Cramer,[1777])	1	0	c, g, h, j
41	Euploea algea (Godart, [1819])	1	1	a
42	Euploea climena (Stoll, [1782])	0	1	b, c, p
43	Euploea corinna (MacLeay, [1826])	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
44	Euploea eunice (Godart, 1819)	1	1	a, b, c, f, g, h, i, j, k, q, s
45	Euploea eyndhovii Felder & Felder, [1865]	1	0	f
46	Euploea gamelia (Hübner, [1823])	0	1	f
47	Euploea mulciber (Cramer, [1777])	1	1	a, b, c, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, s
48	Euploea phaenareta (Schaller, 1785)	0	1	a, c, g, h
49	Euploea radamanthus (Fabricius, 1793)	1	1	a, c
50	Euploea sylvester (Fabricius, 1793)	1	0	f, h, l
51	Idea hypermnestra (Westwood, 1848)	1	0	c
52	Ideopsis gaura (Horsfield, [1829])	1	0	h
53	Ideopsis vulgaris (Butler, 1874)	1	1	a, c, f, j
54	Parantica albata (Zinken, 1831)	1	1	f, j
55	Parantica pseudomelaneus (Moore, 1883)	1	1	c
	$\textbf{Nymphalidae - Heliconiinae} \ (no.\ 56-61)$			
56	Acraea issoria (Hibner, [1819])	0	1	d, e, f, r
57	Cethosia hypsea Doubleday, [1847]	1	0	a, c, h
58	Cirrochroa clagia (Godart, [1824])	1	0	c, f, h, i
59	Cirrochroa emalea (Guérin-Méneville, 1843)	1	0	a, h
60	Vagrans egista (Cramer, [1780])	1	0	c, d, f, k
61	Vindula dejone (Erichson, 1834)	1	0	a
	Nymphalidae - Limenitidinae (no. 62 – 77)			
62	Athyma asura Moore, [1858]	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
63	Athyma nefte (Cramer, [1780])	1	0	a, b, c, f, h, j
64	Athyma perius (Linnaeus, 1758)	1	0	was not obtained at other

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				locations
55	Athyma pravara Moore, [1858]	1	1	a, c
56	Athyma reta Moore, 1858	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
57	Athyma selenophora (Kollar, [1844])	1	1	f
58	Bassarona teuta (Doubleday, [1848])	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
59	Dophla evelina (Stoll, [1790])	1	0	a, b, c
0	Euthalia agnis (Vollenhoven, 1862)	1	0	f
71	Euthalia monina (Fabricius, 1787)	0	1	b, f, h
2	Moduza procris (Cramer, [1777])	1	0	a, b, c, g, h
3	Neptis clinioides de Nicéville, 1894	1	0	c, q
4	Neptis hylas (Linnaeus, 1758)	1	1	a, b, c, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, o, p, q, r, s
5	Neptis vikasi Horsfield, [1829]	0	1	a, c, f, h, k, p
6	Tanaecia trigerta (Moore, [1858])	1	0	a, c, f, h, p
77	Tanaecia iapis (Godart, [1824])	1	1	a, c, f, g, h, i, p, q
	Nymphalidae – Nymphalinae (no. 78 – 87)			
8	Doleschallia bisaltide (Cramer, [1777])	1	0	a, b, c, h, i
9	Hypolimnas bolina (Linnaeus, 1758)	1	1	a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, o, p, q, r, s
0	anonia almana (Linnaeus, 1758)	1	1	a, b, c, f, g, h, i, j, q
1	Junonia atlites (Linnaeus, 1763)	1	1	a,b,c,f,g,h,l,q,r
32	Junonia iphita (Cramer, [1779])	0	1	a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, q
3	Junonia orithya (Linnaeus, 1758)	1	1	b, c, s
4	Kaniska canace (Linnaeus, 1763)	1	1	f
35	Rhinopalpa polynice (Cramer, [1779])	0	1	was not obtained at other locations
36	Symbrenthia hypselis (Godart, [1824])	1	1	a, c, f, j
37	Symbrenthia lilaea (Hewitson, 1864)	1	1	d, e, f, g, i, j, r
	Nymphalidae – Pseudergolinae (no. 88)			
8	Amnosia decora Doubleday, [1849]	1	1	c, f, i
	Nymphalidae – Satyrinae (no. 89 – 119)			
9	Amathusia phidippus (Linnaeus, 1763)	1	0	a, b, f, g
0	Discophora celinde (Stoll, [1790])	1	0	g
1	Discophora necho Felder & Felder, [1867]	0	1	f
2	Elymnias casiphone Geyer, [1827]	0	1	c, f, h, j
93	Elymnias ceryx (Boisduval, 1836)	1	1	f
94	Elymnias dara Distant & Pryer, 1887	0	1	was not obtained at other locations
)5	Elymnias hypermnestra (Linnaeus, 1763)	1	1	a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, p, q
6	Elymnias kamara Moore, [1858]	0	1	С
97	Elymnias nesaea (Linnaeus, 1764)	0	1	a, b, f, q
98	Erites medura (Horsfield, [1829])	1	0	a, c, p, q
9	Faunis canens Hübner, [1826]	1	1	a, b, c, d, f, g, h, i, k
00	Lethe confusa Aurivillius, 1897	1	1	a, c, d, f, g, i, j, k
01	Melanitis leda (Linnaeus, 1758)	1	1	a, b, c, e, f, h, j, q

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02	Melanitis phedima (Cramer, [1780])	1	1	a, b, c, f, i
.03	Melanitis zitenius (Herbst, 1796)	0	1	a, b, c, f, h, k, p
04	Mycalesis horsfieldi (Moore, [1892])	0	1	a, b, c, f, h, j, k
.05	Mycalesis janardana Moore, 1857	1	1	a,b,c,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,q
106	Mycalesis mineus (Linnaeus, 1758)	0	1	a, b, c, n, s
07	Mycalesis moorei Felder & Felder, [1867]	1	1	c, g, i, k
108	Mycalesis nala Felder & Felder, 1859	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
09	Mycalesis sudra Felder & Felder, [1867]	1	1	c, e, f
10	Neorina crishna (Westwood, 1851)	1	0	a, c, f, g
.11	Orsotriaena medus (Fabricius, 1775)	1	0	a, c, g, h
12	Ragadia makuta (Horsfield, [1829])	1	0	c, i
13	Taenaris horsfieldii (Swainson, [1820])	1	1	was not obtained at other locations
14	Thaumantis odana (Godart, [1824])	1	1	c, h
115	Ypthima nigricans Snellen, 1892	1	0	c, d, g
16	Ypthima pandocus Moore, [1858]	1	1	c,d,e,f,h,i,j,k,q,r
17	Ypthima philomela (Linnaeus, 1763)	1	1	a, b, c, h, j, q
18	Zeuxidia dohrni Fruhstorfer, 1893	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
19	Zeuxidia luxerii Hübner, [1826]	1	0	c, h
	Papilionidae (no. 120 – 136)			
20	Atrophaneura nox (Swainson, 1822)	0	1	a
21	Graphium agamemnon (Linnaeus, 1758)	1	0	a, b, c, f, h, j, m, o, r, s
22	Graphium antiphates (Cramer, [1775])	1	0	a, h, s
.23	Graphium bathycles (Zinken, 1831)	1	0	c
24	Graphium doson (Felder & Felder, 1864)	0	1	a, b, c, h, m, o, s
25	Graphium evemon (Boisduval, 1836)	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
26	Graphium sarpedon (Linnaeus, 1758)	1	1	a, b, c, e, f, h, j, m, o, s
27	Lamproptera meges (Zinken, 1831)	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
28	Pachliopta aristolochiae (Fabricius, 1775)	0	1	a,b,c,f,h,j,k
29	Papilio demoleus Linnaeus, 1758	1	0	b, c, f, m, o, s
30	Papilio demolion Cramer, [1776]	1	1	a, b, c, i, j, m, o, s
31	Papilio helenus Linnaeus, 1758	1	1	a, b, c, f, h, i, k
32	4 Papilio karna Felder & Felder, 1864	1	1	was not obtained at other locations
.33	Papilio memnon Linnaeus, 1758	1	1	a,b,c,f,h,i,j,k,m,o,r
34	Papilio paris Linnaeus, 1758	1	0	c, f, i
35	Papilio polytes Linnaeus, 1758	1	0	a, b, c, f, h, j, m, o, s
36	Troides helena (Linnaeus, 1758)	1	0	a, c, f, h, o
	Pieridae (no. 137 – 157)			
137	Appias leptis (Felder & Felder, 1865)	1	0	a, c, h, i
138	Appias lucasii (Wallace, 1867)	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
139	Appias nero (Fabricius, 1793)	1	0	a, b, h

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140	Appias pandione (Geyer, [1832])	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
141	Catopsilia pomona (Fabricius, 1775)	0	1	a, b, c, f, h, j, m, o
142	Catopsilia pyranthe (Linnaeus, 1758)	1	0	a, b, c, h, j
143	Cepora iudith (Fabricius, 1787)	1	1	a, b, c, f, h, i, k
144	Delias belisama (Cramer, [1780])	1	1	b, c, e, f, i, j, k
145	Delias crithoe (Boisduval, [1836])	1	1	f
146	Delias dorylaea (Felder & Felder, [1865])	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
147	Delias hyparete (Linnaeus, 1758)	0	1	b, c, f, h
148	Eurema alitha (Felder & Felder, 1862)	1	0	a, b, c, h, j
149	Eurema beatrix (Toxopeus, 1939)	1	0	was not obtained at other locations
150	Eurema blanda (Boisduval, 1836)	1	1	a, b, c, f, h, i, j, k
151	Eurema brigitta (Stoll, [1780])	1	0	f, j, r
152	Eurema hecabe (Linnaeus, 1758)	1	1	a,b,c,e,f,h,i,j,k,m,o,s
153	Eurema lacteola (Distant, 1886)	0	1	f
154	Eurema sari (Horsfield, [1829])	1	0	a, b, c, h, j, o
155	Gandaca harina (Horsfield, [1829])	1	1	a, c, f, h
156	Leptosia nina (Fabricius, 1793)	1	1	a,b,c,e,f,h,i,j,m,o,s
157	Prioneris autothisbe (Hübner, [1826])	1	1	f
	Riodinidae (no. 158 – 161)			
158	Abisara kausambi Felder & Felder, 1860	1	0	a, h
159	Stiboges nymphidia Butler, 1876	0	1	was not obtained at other locations
160	Taxila haquinus (Fabricius, 1793)	0	1	was not obtained at other locations
161	Zemeros flegyas (Cramer, [1780])	1	0	h
		133	82	

^{0 =} absence of species, 1 = presence of species.

The Sørensen index showed that the difference in the species proportion between the two localities was 50%. According to the result of Harmonis (2013), the similarity threshold of butterfly habitats for Sørensen index is 40%, so our finding of 50% indicates that the two localities are similar.

The butterfly species in Halimun-Salak represents 26% of the total number of species known from Java (Table 2). The proportions of the butterfly families in Halimun-Salak were in the ranges of 8–46%, with the families Hesperiidae and Lycaenidae lowest in proportions.

^{*} a = Ujung Kulon, b = KRB, c = Bodogol Gede-Pangrango, d = Selabintana Gede-Pangrango, e = Patuha, f = Ciremai, g = Pangandaran, h = Nusa Kambangan, i = Baturraden, j = Wonosobo, k = Turgo Merapi, l = Wonogiri, m = Lawu-Magetan, n = Pacitan, o = Alas Purwo, p = Sempu, q = Meru Betiri, r = Ijen, s = Baluran (see Peggie & Amir 2006, Peggie 2008, 2012, Peggie & Noerdjito 2011).

Table 2. Proportional representation of families relative to the total number of species known from Java

Family	Number of species in Halimun-Salak	Number of species in Java*	Proportion of Java (%)
Hesperiidae	10	120	8
Lycaenidae	23	189	12
Nymphalidae	86	217	40
Papilionidae	17	37	46
Pieridae	21	49	43
Riodinidae	4	12	33
Total	161	624	26

*Sources: Peggie (in prep.), based on compilation of Morishita (1981), Yata (1981), Aoki *et al.* (1982), Tsukada & Nishiyama (1982), D'Abrera (1985, 1986), Tsukada (1985, 1991), Maruyama (1991), Seki *et al.* (1991), de Jong & Treadaway (2007)

Regarding the status, twelve species recorded at Gunung Halimun-Salak NP are endemic to Java and Bali (Table 3). They reach 31% of 39 endemic species for Java (see Morishita 1981, Yata 1981, Aoki *et al.* 1982, Tsukada & Nishiyama 1982, D'Abrera 1985, 1986, Tsukada 1985, 1991, Maruyama 1991, Seki *et al.* 1991, Peggie in prep.). In relation to the conservation value, *Troides helena* was found at Halimun. This species is one of five butterfly species in Java, which are threatened by trade and thus regulated by CITES (included as Appendix II) and protected under Indonesian law (Noerdjito 2001, Peggie 2011).

Table 3. Occurrence of butterflies endemic to Java (or Java and Bali) in Gunung Halimun-Salak NP

Species	Family	Status	Localities of Occurrence
Cyrestis lutea (Zinken, 1831)	Nymphalidae	Endemic Java & Bali	Halimun & Salak
Euploea gamelia (Hübner, [1823])	Nymphalidae	Endemic Java	Salak
Elymnias ceryx (Boisduval, 1836)	Nymphalidae	Endemic Java	Salak
Mycalesis nala Felder & Felder, 1859	Nymphalidae	Endemic Java	Halimun
Mycalesis moorei Felder & Felder, [1867]	Nymphalidae	Endemic Java	Halimun & Salak
Mycalesis sudra Felder & Felder, [1867]	Nymphalidae	Endemic Java & Bali	Halimun & Salak
Ypthima nigricans Snellen, 1892	Nymphalidae	Endemic Java & Bali	Halimun
Zeuxidia dohrni Fruhstorfer, 1893	Nymphalidae	Endemic Java	Halimun
Appias lucasii (Wallace, 1867)	Pieridae	Endemic Java	Halimun
Delias dorylaea (Felder & Felder, [1865])	Pieridae	Endemic Java	Halimun
Eurema beatrix (Toxopeus, 1939)	Pieridae	Endemic Java	Halimun
Prioneris autothisbe (Hübner, [1826])	Pieridae	Endemic Java	Halimun & Salak

DISCUSSION

This research shows that Gunung Halimun-Salak National Park is an important conservation area within Java in terms of the butterfly diversity. Gunung Halimun-Salak NP with the coverage area of 113,357 ha, is less than 1% of the total area of Java of over 13,200,000 ha. Yet, the national park supports at least 26% of the butterfly diversity of Java. The relatively high proportions of Papilionidae (46%), Pieridae (43%), and Nymphalidae (40%) at Gunung Halimun-Salak NP (Table 2) indicate that these families are well represented in the national park. These numbers at Gunung Halimun-Salak NP are slightly higher than those for Ujung Kulon NP, with 16 spp. (43%) of Papilionidae, 18 spp. (37%) of Pieridae, and 78 spp. (36%) of Nymphalidae (see Peggie 2012). Variation in ecosystem types of lowland rain forest, sub-montane forest, and montane forest (Dephut 2013; Kartawinata 2013) may contribute to this high diversity of butterflies. The differences of butterfly numbers between Gunung Halimun-Salak NP and Ujung Kulon NP are possibly also due to the different sampling efforts allocated.

About 189 species of Lycaenidae are reported from Java (D'Abrera 1986, Seki *et al.* 1991, Vane-Wright & de Jong 2003, Peggie in prep.), but only very few were found during fieldwork at Gunung Halimun-Salak NP. There were only 18 species from Halimun, and 9 from Salak. Only four species: *Heliophorus epicles*, *Hypolycaena amasa*, *Udara dilecta* and *Yasoda pita* were found at both locations, so the total lycaenid species from Gunung Halimun-Salak NP was only a mere 23 species, which compares poorly with the 189 species recorded from Java. Thirteen species out of the total 23 species were previously recorded from other locations in Java (Table 1, see Peggie & Amir 2006, Peggie 2008, 2012, Peggie & Noerdjito 2011). This finding indicates that the Lycaenidae of Java is still poorly known.

At least 120 species of Hesperiidae are reported from Java (Maruyama 1991, Vane-Wright & de Jong 2003, de Jong & Treadaway 2007, Peggie in prep.), but only ten species were obtained during fieldwork at Gunung Halimun-Salak NP. This low number should not be taken as the disappearance of most species, but reflects undersampling. It should be noted that sufficient efforts were not dedicated to obtain Hesperiidae. When we started our inventory in 2004, the main objective was to record the nymphalid butterflies. However, we collected all other families as well but the efforts of collecting the smaller and easily missed lycaenids and hesperiids were obviously not adequate.

The different species compositions of butterflies found at Halimun and Salak (Table 1) may be related to variation of habitats. As suggested by Häuser *et al.* (1997), variation in

habitats is positively related to species diversity. About 500 plant species were initially recorded from Gunung Halimun (Wiriadinata 1997), and subsequent surveys revealed an additional 345 species (Wiriadinata 2002).

Estimating the beta diversity using Sorensen index indicated that Halimun and Salak are similar. Halimun and Salak are adjacent to each other and the climate conditions are also very similar, with many wet days all year long (Kahono & Noerdjito 2002). The similarity is possibly also due to the relatively similar vegetation type and the fact that the localities are adjacent and connected by a forest corridor.

The importance of Gunung Halimun-Salak NP is also reflected from the presence of a significant number of species endemic to Java. As many as 31% or 12 Javan endemic species were found out of 39 endemic species recorded from Java (Peggie in prep.). The island of Java does not support many endemic species compared to other islands of Indonesia because of the shared distribution with Sumatra, Kalimantan, and the Lesser Sundas, so the presence of these 12 endemic species in the national park is of great significance. These endemic species include five species (*Appias lucasii*, *Delias dorylaea*, *Eurema beatrix*, *Mycalesis nala* and *Zeuxidia dohrni*) which are of special importance because based on our surveys in Java from 2004 – 2010 they were found only at Halimun and no where else in Java. The high level of endemism at Gunung Halimun-Salak NP may be due to the pristine condition of the forest and the high altitude, as suggested by Lewis et al. (1998), that many endemic species occur in forests above 500 m asl.

Various species of butterflies may be useful as an indicator of habitat quality. For instance, 33 species were found only at Gunung Halimun-Salak NP (see Table 1), including five endemic species mentioned above, which constitutes 20% of the total 161 species reported from the national park. Therefore, we would suggest monitoring these indicator species as part of the conservation management programs of the national park.

The findings of this research show the importance of Gunung Halimun-Salak NP. It is possible that additional species may be revealed because many areas of Gunung Halimun-Salak NP have yet to be surveyed.

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