

**Supervisor's review of MSc. thesis: "Bird Communities Along the Altitudinal Gradient on Mt. Cameroon: Perspectives from Mist Nets" written by Miroslav Petruš**

Since 2011, we mist-netted birds along an altitudinal gradient of rainforest on Mt. Cameroon using a standard methodology. The primer goal of bird catching was to obtain data on occurrence of rare and inobtrusive bird species, and data on bird morphology and ecophysiology. Furthermore, we tried to collect the data on bird community species richness and composition using this method, additional to point-counts.

Miro's job was to clean, sort, analysed and interpret the data from mist-netting, which were collected by many members of the team for 8 years. However, Miro also participated in the field during one expedition in 2018. He had therefore an opportunity to get to know the environment of Mt. Cameroon and familiarize with the field methods. I think this was later important for his data analysis and interpretation.

Miro was an excellent student with a lot of enthusiasm, he worked rather independent and always contacted me soon if some problems raised. I must notice that he really wrote the thesis by himself and I tried to keep as many of his thoughts in the thesis. I only gave general advices and tried to correct the texts continuously.

I have one question. If you can compare our mist-netting data with other mist-netting studies from the tropics (and mainly from the rainforest), are the numbers of bird species and individuals caught (standardized by effort) comparable, or much higher, lower?

From my point of view, this is a high-quality MSc. thesis with some exciting results. I strongly recommend accepting the thesis with evaluation of 1.

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