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ABSTRACT

Habitat management for birds in plantation forest could improve the function of plantation forest in supporting bird diversity. Artificial food provisioning or supplementary feeding is one method known in wildlife habitat management. The objective on this study is to examine response of birds in Gunung Walat Education Forest to artificial food provisioning. A total of 84.5 hours observation did not record use of feeders by birds. This might be caused by several factors, including 1) no habituation by birds to feeders; 2) food is not the limiting factor for birds in Gunung Walat Education forest, and 3) direct and indirect human disturbance to birds and feeders. To reveal whether artificial food provisioning affect birds, a longer and more frequent observation is needed. Habitat management for bird conservation in Gunung Walat Education Forest needs to be combined with extension and conservation education to the surrounding community on the importance of bird conservation.

Key words: Habitat management, birds, artificial food provisioning