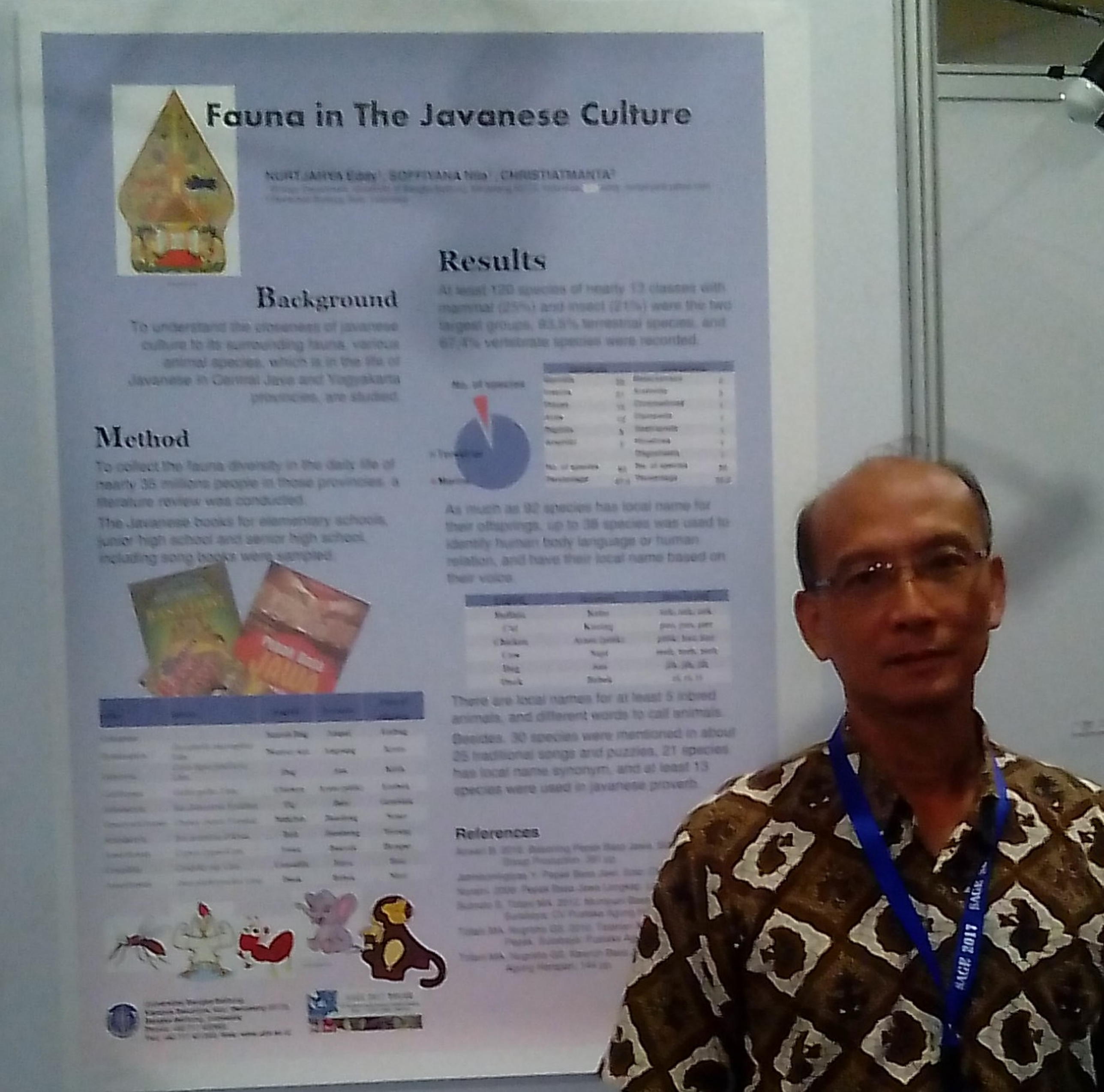
Fauna in The Javanese Culture
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Background
To understand the closeness of javanese culture to its surrounding fauna, various animal species, which is in the life of Javanese in Central Java and Yogyakarta provinces, are studied.
Method
To collect the fauna diversity in the daily life of nearly 35 millions people in those provinces, a literature review was conducted.
The Javanese books for elementary schools, junior high school and senior high school, including song books were sampled.
Results
At least 120 species of nearly 13 classes with mammal (25%) and insect (21%) were the two largest groups, 93.5% terrestrial species, and 67.4% vertebrate species were recorded.
No. of species
As much as 92 species has local name for their offsprings, up to 38 species was used to identify human body language or human relation, and have their local name based on their voice.
There are local names for at least 5 inbred animals, and different words to call animals.
Besides, 30 species were mentioned in about 25 traditional songs and puzzles, 21 species has local name synonym, and at least 13 species were used in javanese proverb.
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