Form for the candidate: Midway evaluation

Candidate name: Nguyen Thi Hai Thanh

Project title: : Period of financing:

Mutualism of clownfish and sea anemone in captive condition 8/2015-8/2018

Main Supervisor:Co-supervisors: Ngo Dang Nghia, Dang Thuy Binh, Ha Le ThiAudrey GeffenLoc

Progress and status of the project:

All the experimental works has been done, data has been processing. Three papers published on peer journals has been prepared to be submitted in the next year.

Progress and status for the training component: Courses are completed, except for Ethics course will be completed in Spring semester, 2018. One conference presentation and one poster had been completed. One poster and one oral presentation planned for international conferences in 2018.

Status for manuscripts:

2 of 3 manuscrips have been outlined. Data of third paper has been analysing. The tiltes with priority of manuscripts will be:

No\%of complete	Experimental work	Data analysis	Introduction	Methodology	Results&	
					Discussion	
1	Paper 1: Mucous protein profiling helps to explain clownfish – sea anemone symbiosis					
	100%	90%	60%	90%	60%	
2	Paper 2: Molecular phylogeny of symbiosis clownfish - sea anemone interfering in coevolution					
	100%	90%	30%	90%	30%	
3	Paper 3: Dominant fish in clownfish social structure were chosen as individuals with high metabolic rate in larval stage?					
	100%	30%	10%	50%	20%	

Challenges in the project (both former and in the future):

Failure on getting scientific equipment on ocean acidification changed the original plan, moving the wet lab made a delay on PhD student's research.

Progression plan for finishing the project:

Time schedule will be followed as described below:

Time (Period)	Activities
	Completing data process for paper 1, writing paper 1. Completing data
Dec, 2017	process for paper 2
Jan, 2018	Editing paper 1, submitting paper 1, writing paper 2
February - March,	
2018	Study 2 courses in Spring: MNF990, and LAS 302; Otolith labwork
Arpil, 2018	Submitting paper 2, Otolith Symposium at Taiwan, Otolith labwork
May - Jun, 2018	Data analysis, writing, editing paper 3
July, 2018	Submitting paper 3, participate Conference at UK
August - Sep,	
2018	Writing thesis (Intensive)

Oct – Nov, 2018	Submitting thesis	
Feb, 2019	Complete 2 trial lectures, defend thesis	

Comments on the supervision:

Demonstrating flexible capacity, awareness on adjusting research plan adapting with new situation. Encourage, support student to complete research and publication plans. High responsibility.

Comments on administrative support: sufficient

Any other issues affecting the project:

Lack of realities on possibility of establishing ocean acidification facilities in NTU, insufficient connection between UiB and NTU on project proposal preparation.

