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Dear Dr. Miftahul Ilmi,

I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled "New Distribution of the Hourglass Toad (*Leptophryne borbonica*) in Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park" by Berry Fakhry Hanifa, Muhamad Aslam Fadhilah, and Muhammad Asmuni Hasyim, Sandra Rafika Devi, Luhur Septiadi for consideration as a *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* research article.

In this manuscript, we show that this research add new distribution inventory of amphibians and can facilitate mapping of conservation priorities for amphibians.

We believe that our paper is appropriate for publication by *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* (<u>https://journal.ugm.ac.id/jtbb</u>) because is an open-access, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to the publication of novel research concerned with the advancement of tropical biology studies in the Southeast Asia Region. Our manuscript can be useful for creating conservation strategies carried out in the future.

This manuscript has not been published before and is not being considered for publication elsewhere.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

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