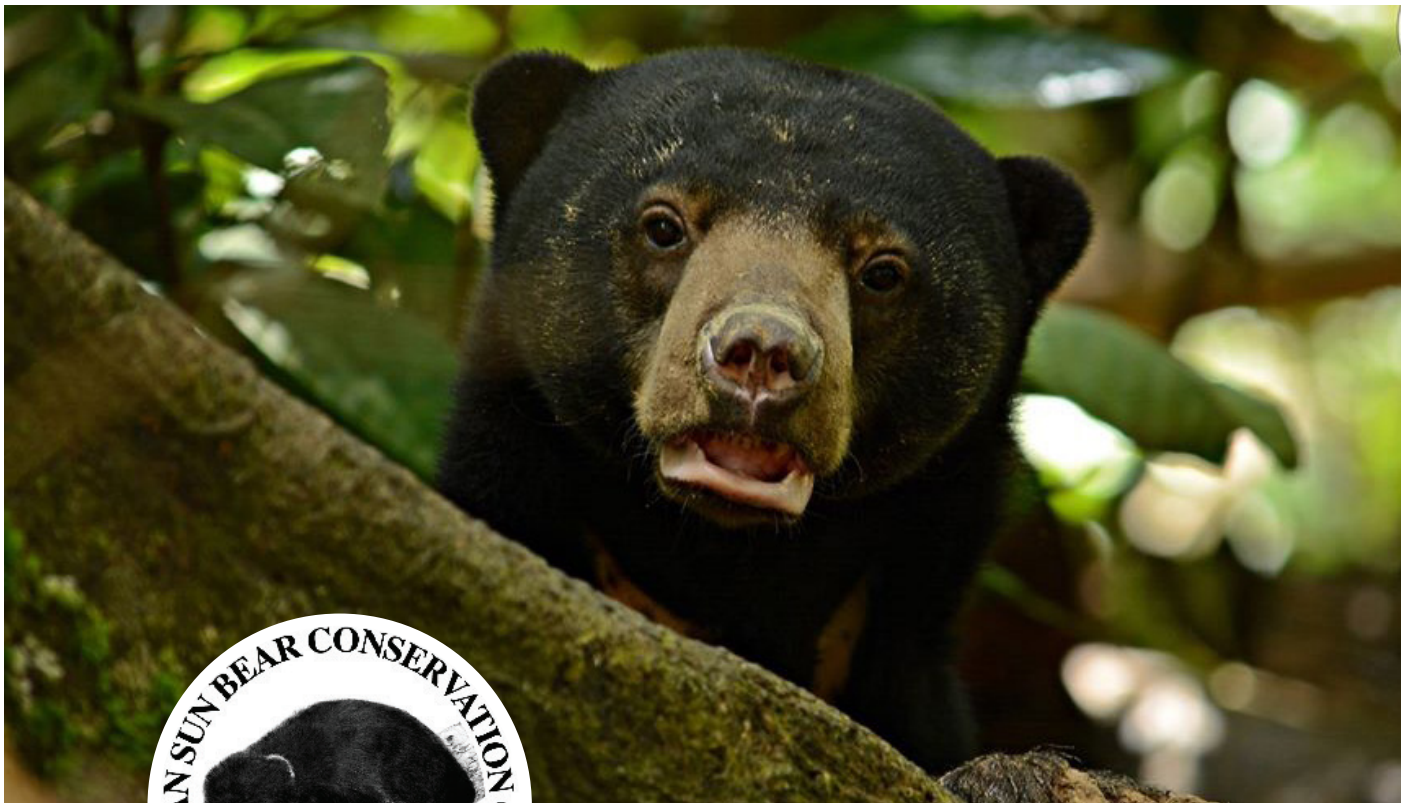


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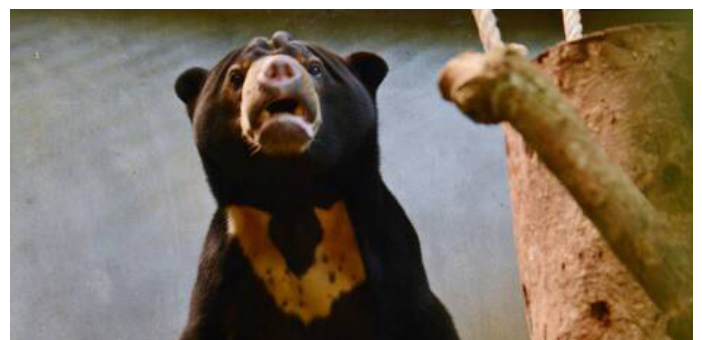


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Special message

from Dr (Hon) Wong Siew Te

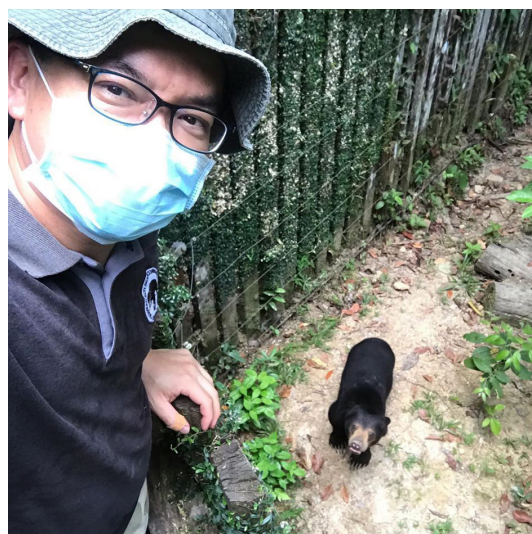
Dear Supporters,

We hope that you, your family and loved ones are all in safe health as we are still completely focused on the health and wellbeing of the sun bears in our care. Our mission to better the lives of the vulnerable Bornean sun bears will not be placed on hold just because of the negative impacts of COVID-19 on humans. Not an easy task, now more than ever.

The past few months have been a major wake up call for all of us, especially in our own actions towards our one and only planet Earth. From the Australian bushfires to the forest fires raging in the northern parts of Thailand, we are all now facing the same situation - a global pandemic outbreak.

Hence, our main priority now is the safety of the rescued sun bears under our care and our bear care team, which is working hard to keep the centre up and running. However, as of a month ago, our centre had to be closed down and this has been affecting our major revenue stream; in turn, threatening our daily operations.

Despite that, with the generosity of you, our beloved supporters, the situation is bearable. We are forever



grateful for the kind donations and adoptions of our bears during this critical moment. 🙏

THANK YOU!

As we are always active in our social media platform, please look out for further advisories and contact us directly regarding any enquiries. Thanks again for your deepest understanding and continued support.

Please stay home, stay safe and take care of yourself and your loved ones!

On behalf of our rescued sun bears and compassionate staff members,

Dr (Hon) Wong Siew Te, D.J.N.
C.E.O. and Founder

Bear Story

The Path towards being a Sun Bear

The Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC) has been responsible for the care of rescued sun bears, including 4 bears that were received between 2017 and 2018. These four bears are Soo (5 years old), BJ (4 years old), Kina (4 years old), and Sika (3 years old). All four of them were 'raised' by people as cubs before they were handed over to BSBCC through Sabah Wildlife Department or personally by the owner. Soo was bought at Sook Keningau Market, BJ was bought for RM 300 in Pitas and Sika was kept as a pet in a chicken mesh cage in Pensiangan by her owner while Kina was claimed by her caretaker to have been abandoned by her mother by the roadside at Kota Marudu. They grew up without the care of their mothers as their mothers were probably killed by poachers but BSBCC do see potential in them to behave like wild bears due to their young age, if they undergo the proper rehabilitation process in the next few years.

In order to proceed with their rehabilitation process, they would first need to be transferred to the Bear House, which, due to the high stock density at BSBCC, would mean that three older bears, Phin, Wan Wan and Mamatai would need to be brought to quarantine while another two older bears, Om and Ronnie, would need to be rotated in the Bear House.

The transfer process was undertaken in three phases, to help avoid overdue stress among the bears. During the first phase, BJ and Kina were transferred into translocation boxes at Quarantine while Phin was darted. Once the 3 bears were ready for transfer, Phin was brought to Quarantine while BJ and Kina were brought to Bear House 2.

The second phase involved the darting of Mamatai and Wan Wan and then bringing them to Quarantine. At the end of Phase 2, Om and Ronnie were transferred to a different section of Bear House 2 using the sky bridge structure. The last phase was then completed with the darting and transfer of Soo and Sika from Quarantine to Bear House 2. The entire transfer process of all nine

sun bears followed through really smoothly without any undesirable incidents.

In order to make the bears feel more comfortable in their new environment, each pen is prepared with a thick layer of dried leaves on the floor and also a couple of gunny sacks. The purpose of the dried leaves is to reduce any injuries that might be inflicted on their foot pad due to pacing in a new environment while the gunny sacks are for them to play with. BJ and Kina had no issues with their new environment. As soon



Image: Kina sitting on her favourite structure; the vertical log just after coming into Bear House 2

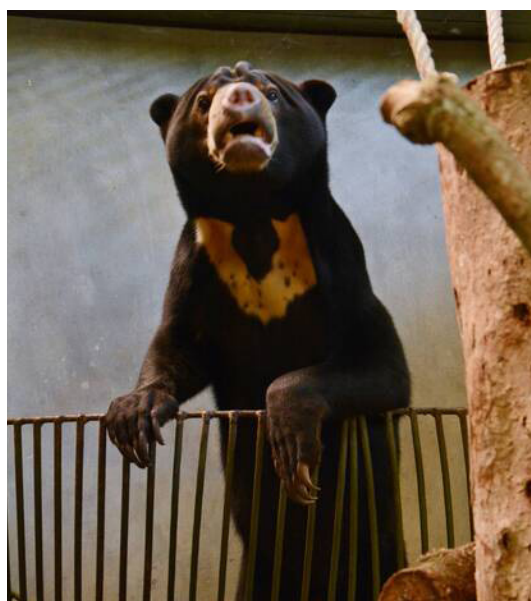


Image: BJ enjoying his view from the basket in Bear House 2



Image: Wan Wan walking around her pen at Quarantine

as they were in the pens in Bear House 2, they were exploring the entire new space. Both were climbing the structures that were present – a lovely hammock and a vertical log. BJ really seemed to like the hammock while Kina enjoyed climbing the vertical log. When Sika and Soo woke up from their anesthesia, Sika was also as curious as BJ and Kina in her own pen while Soo was alert with the new arrangement; just like how she was in Quarantine. At Quarantine, Phin, Wan Wan and Mamatai were calm when they awoke. However, Phin was not used to having dried leaves underneath his feet. He was walking around the pen, taking food that was provided for him but his gait was a little peculiar. Wan Wan was preoccupied sniffing the scent of another bear named Diana at Quarantine. Mamatai on the other hand was enjoying herself with the gunny sacks that were given to her.

On the following day after the transfer process, Phin, Wan Wan and Mamatai were doing well at Quarantine. Our main priority was with the four that were at Bear House 2. BJ, Kina and Sika consumed all of the food given to them and they showed signs that they were doing well in Bear House 2. Kina happily clawed the log that was available to her; Sika was resting like any wild bear on the log structures while BJ was in the basket. Because of their calmness, they were all integrated together to ensure that they continued to

benefit from this social enrichment. Soo was the only bear who remained on high alert to her surroundings. She stayed at the highest point in the pen and only came down when the keepers left Bear House 2. In the evening, a few keepers were selected to sit in front of her and coax her with food. The reason for this exercise was not to get her used to the keepers but to be calmer with their presence, as the keepers would need to provide her with supplementation, medications and applications of topical medications in case of any injuries. By the end of the day, Soo came down and took the food that was given to her by the keepers and she also took her supplementation. She remained at this low are of the cage, exploring the ground and eating the ration of food provided for her. Over the following days, the four of them continue to behave positively. Environmental enrichments such as Aussie Dog balls, Fire Hose Pockets and coconuts were also provided to them and they did not hesitate to interact with the enrichments provided. With all these positive signs of progress, in the upcoming weeks or months BJ, Kina, Soo, and Sika would continue with fence training and, ultimately, reverting to their natural behavior in the wild. We at BSBCC hope that the rehabilitation process will go well and we look forward excitedly to their release into their natural habitat some day in the future.

Story by Pradeep Gunasegaran

Bear Story

On their way to the *Forest Enclosure*

It was now time for BJ, Soo, Kina and Sika to undergo fence training before they could be released into the forest enclosure. Fence training is very important as it helps to prevent the sun bears from escaping in the forest either to another pen or out of BSBCC's area. Not to worry as the fence voltage will never be harmful to them because it is always controllable by our respective staff. The bears will proceed to enter the forest enclosure only if they pass the fence training. These fence training sessions are performed almost every day for roughly a month.

First and foremost, let me briefly explain the history of these four bears. Kina, is a rescue bear (55), followed by Sika (56), Soo (57) and BJ (61). When referring to Kina's name, we know that she was from Kinarut District, Sika was from the village of Sikalabaan in Pensiangan district, Soo's name was given by her previous owner because she was bought from Sook Keningau Market, and lastly BJ was from Pitas before he was handed to Lok Kawi Wildlife Park when he just five months old. All of them were kept as pets by the villagers before being rescued.

Okay, let's begin with Sika. She was the first candidate among the four of them to do fence training. Unfortunately she was also the last one to pass the training. On her first day of training, she was very cautious about stepping on the ramp to get any food. She almost finished her food (only a few pieces were left). Unfortunately, she got zapped later by the hotwire and she responded by climbing the fence. But then, Sika improved day by day. The days before she successfully passed the fence training, she already knew about the hotwire, so she kept her distance from it. She also ate the food which was placed on the ramp. She was the last candidate declared to have passed because she kept avoiding going close to the food near the hotwire on her last days of trial.

Let's move to Kina, the brave girl. She is a very good explorer when it comes to food (a little bit of a big

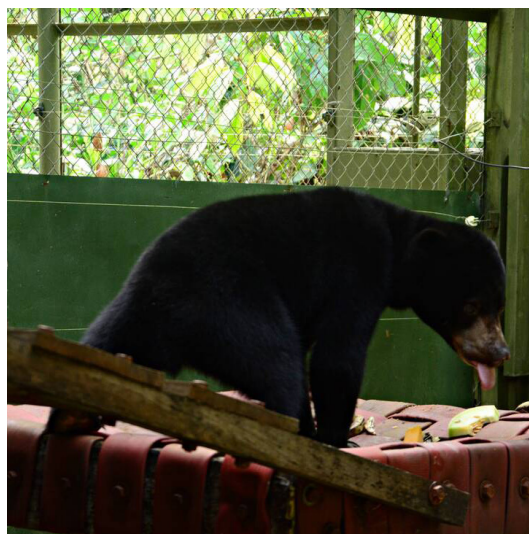


Image: Sika went down to the lower ramp to grab her food.

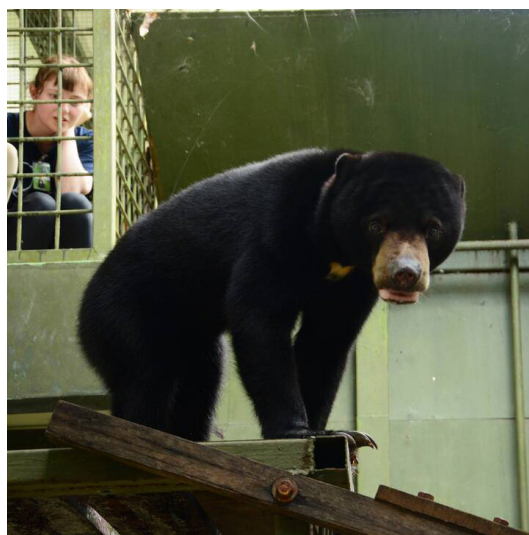


Image: Sika being curious and alert!

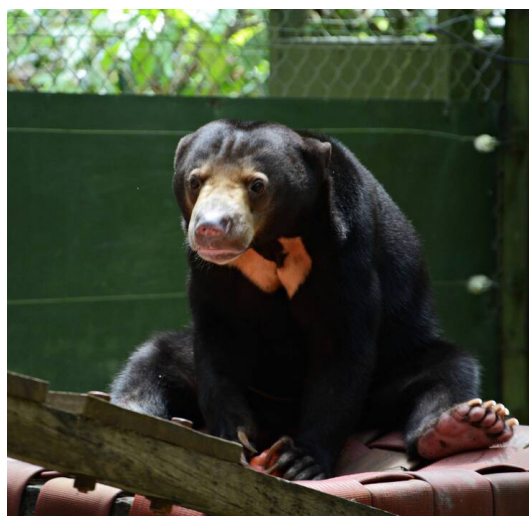


Image: Our best food explorer!

eater). The day we observed them as a group, she was the most dominant, monopolizing the food. She already knew from training each day how to grab the food without touching the electric fence, even though the food was located underneath the fence. Maybe, because she already got zapped on her first day of training and days after, she knew how to defend herself from getting zapped later. Kina together with BJ always finished the food in the training pen. By the way, she was the second one after Soo that successfully passed in this fence training session and on March 29th, 2020, she was released into the forest enclosure (Pen G).

Congratulations to our, Kina!

Next, our one and only male bear in this group, BJ. On BJ's first day of fence training, he was really scared to

venture out and get his food. You can see in the picture (Photo 6) below how he tried to grab his food. He always lay down to grab his food. A few times, his front legs touched the top ramp. He never touched the ramp with all four legs at once. He was very cautious with his new and unfamiliar surroundings. So, on his first day, his extreme caution prevented him from being zapped. However, he became a little braver each day, especially when the four of them were released into the training pen together. He knew how to get his food and never hesitated to walk on the ramp and below ground as well on all four legs.

Good job, BJ

And the last bear being observed was Soo. Pity for Soo, on her first time being trained, she got zapped



Image: BJ and Kina ate the bananas and licked the honey on the ramp.

on several occasions. Her response to the zap was to bark a few times. Gradually, she became more alert to the electric fence, even though most of the time she rarely came out from her cage. Still, she went out occasionally to the training pen to get some food. Guess what? Surprisingly Soo has recently become a little more daring. Now, Soo and Kina never mind when the guillotine door is closed. They still continue their casual exploration of the training pen, thinking only about the food. Big applause to Soo, even though she was fairly inactive during several days in observation (spent most of the time in her cage). Lately, though, there has been a plot twist, and she has ended up being the first one to successfully pass the fence training session.

Bravos to Sika, Kina, BJ and Soo! Welcome to your new world!

This is the time for them to explore the outside environment on their own and to be independent. I am so sure that this is what every animal wants. They can move around in a much larger area than their cage and see the bright world out there waiting. Fence training is never as bad as some people think. This is a crucial step before giving the bears their 'dream world'.

Story by Ezi Nurayu binti Abd. Wahab (UMS Intern student)



Image: Kina and BJ just starting their journey to get the available food in the training pen.

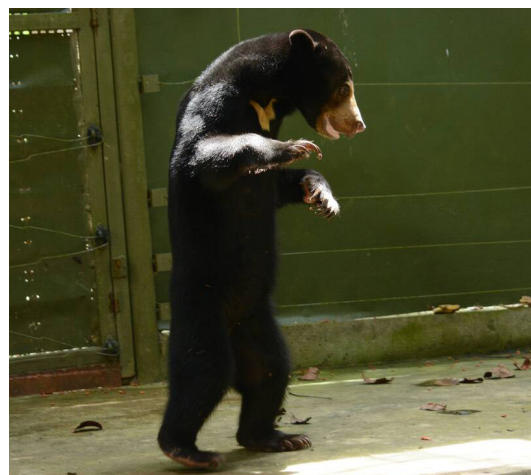


Image: Soo stands with her two hind legs in the training pen.



BSBCC Corner:

Dental health care by Vet Dental Specialist

BSBCC is honoured to have Veterinary Dental Specialist - Dr. Cedric Tutt helping the rescued sun bears in dental surgeries. Most of the dental issues are a result of inappropriate diet or bar biting during their years kept in a cage.

Seven of our bears have received root canal treatments, tooth extractions, and dental cleanings on infected and fractured teeth. All procedures went well.

We are also grateful to have other veterinarians from other organizations perform this procedure, sharing their expertise with great generosity and giving the best care to our lovely bears. It has truly been an incredible experience!



Image: Group photo with Dr Cedric Tutt and veterinarians from different organizations.

Educational Activities

Exhibitions

World Wildlife Day @ Tawau

On the 4-5th of March 2020, BSBCC attended the annual World Wildlife Day 2020 organized by Sabah Wildlife Department at the Tawau Community Hall, Tawau, Sabah. Lots of NGOs and State Departments were invited to the event, which was directed at primary and secondary schools students and also the public. The two-day event was filled with numerous activities such as informative talks, choral speaking competitions, and lots of booths opened by the attending NGOs and departments. The event was officiated by Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment, Dr. Jamili Nais. Also attending the event was the Director of Sabah Wildlife Department, Augustine Tuuga. Big thanks to Sabah Wildlife Department for inviting us to this big and important event.



Image: Group photo of all those involved in the short drama by HUTAN-KOCP



Image: Colouring competition for the primary school students



Image: Mr Haniff giving some quizzes to the students visiting BSBCC's educational booth



Image: Secondary school students with their quiz prizes.



Image: Ms Melynda giving a presentation to the participating students of the event.

Volunteers & Internships

BSBCC currently houses 43 rescued Sun Bears in our two Bear Houses and a quarantine facility. Each day, the once captive Sun Bears are provided with ample food and activities to stimulate healthy bear behaviour. Volunteers and interns help our keepers to achieve our goals in looking after the welfare of these bears and helping them in their rehabilitation process.

BSBCC Volunteer Programme

BSBCC continues to receive help from volunteers across the world. The BSBCC volunteer programme, conducted in collaboration with APE Malaysia, has been active up to the mid-March 2020, before the COVID-19 pandemic has put a hold on the programme until further notice. Volunteers in this programme were supervised by BSBCC staffs with much-appreciated assistance from the APE Malaysia team. Besides helping the keepers in caring for the bears at the Centre, volunteers also helped to spread awareness on the plights of Sun Bears through the education booth at our visitor Centre.

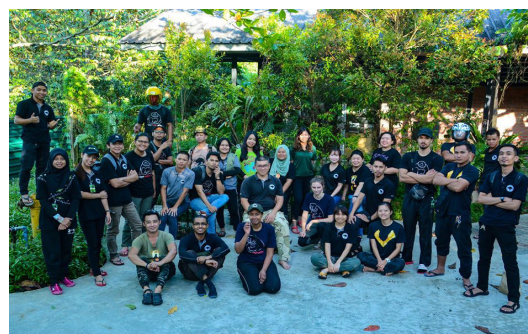
Internship at BSBCC

BSBCC welcomes students from any local and international institutions for their internship at the Centre. Interns will have the opportunity to learn about the rehabilitation of once captive Sun Bears. Interns will also study the importance of bear enrichment and of cleanliness of the facility. They will also have a rare opportunity to learn about the behaviours of this little known species up close.

BATs group

The BATs group programme at BSBCC will learn about Sun Bear ecology, helping in basic building techniques and develop their teamwork and leadership skills in the challenging environment.

Name	Role	Country	Duration
Muhammad Khoirul Afandi	Volunteer	Malaysia	2 nd - 15 th March
Nurul Haslinda Binti Abdul Kahar	Volunteer	Malaysia	16 th - 17 th March
Olivia Nord (APE Malaysia)	Volunteer	Sweden	7 th - 17 th March
Hafsa Mohamed Ahmed (APE Malaysia)	Volunteer	Sweden	7 th - 17 th March
Niklas Wellerfors (APE Malaysia)	Volunteer	Sweden	7 th - 17 th March



We would like to take the opportunity to **thank** our volunteers although due to unfortunate circumstances, their volunteering program had to be cut short due to the nationwide Movement Control Order. All the best, take care and we hope to see you in the future!

If you would like to make a difference and enjoy the experience of a lifetime, please join us. Learn about our volunteer programme on our website www.bsbcc.org.my/volunteer.html or email us at info.bsbcc@gmail.com for further enquiries.

Volunteer Stories

5 Swedes in Borneo

by *Ludwig Gassner*

Hi! This is my short story about my trip and work at the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC). I am Ludwig Gassner and I'm 18 years old. I live in Sweden and I am currently in my last year of studying to become an animal caretaker. When the opportunity arose that I could have an internship here in Borneo I could not turn it down. This was supposed to be an experience of a lifetime and it really was. We have been through and learnt so much, so I do not even know where to begin.

We are 5 volunteers that came here from Sweden. We are all in the same class at school, so we were good friends even from the beginning. We all flew here together, and the flight was very long because we are from Sweden so it took about 24 hours to get here. I believe that was the longest any of us had ever flown before. But eventually we got here, and we were, as most of the volunteers here, staying at Paganakan dii. Our first day when we got here, we got to rest. It was much needed after the jetlag and the long trip. The next day we got to follow our two volunteer coordinators and they helped us to get a small introduction of the BSBCC and all the staff. They helped us to get settled and went grocery shopping with us. The first week of working you really had a lot to take in. All the routines, names of the bears and staff was a great deal of information to memorize and remember. We all got our own keeper and mine was Adneen. He was the one that was going to keep an extra eye on me and to give me different tasks that we needed to do.

A normal day in the bear house usually looked like this:

In the morning you always prepare the food for the bears and clean their cages. You need to feed the bears 3 times a day and you clean the cages once every morning. In the afternoons we usually feed the bears and make enrichments.



Image: Making bear enrichment from woods around the centre.

The founder of the centre is Wong Siew Te (Dr. Wong) and lucky for me I got to meet him, and not only that but we had sessions with him every week where we could ask him questions and he told us about the centre, the project and how it all started. He was extremely nice and incredibly down to earth, and it has been a pleasure listening to him talking about his work here. A true inspiration.

He told us all about why he keeps the bears the way he does and how it all works, and this is what I learnt:

The point of the centre is to conserve and increase the Bornean Sun Bear population. There are two subspecies of sun bear and the Bornean sun bear is one of them, and they only exist here in Borneo. That is a big reason why the species is so threatened by extinction and that is a reason why the BSBCC was founded in the first place. The purpose of the centre is to conserve sun bears by rehabilitating them so they can get reintroduced into the wild. Wild Sun bears live in the rainforests of Borneo and it's difficult for the bears to survive because of the competition of other

animals and all the threats they may face. Bornean Sun bears suffer from poachers, pet keeping, deforestation, gallbladder extractions and other natural predators. The Sun bears that live at the BSBCC have either suffered from people keeping them as pets or poachers killing their mothers when they were cubs. Sometimes people find these orphaned cubs and keep them as pets, and that's when the problems start. Most of the bears at the center have been kept in a small cage their whole life so they don't know about the outside world or the forest. That's when something called stereotypical behaviours start. They are predators so they naturally have big territories that they patrol. Then when they are locked up in small cages that are not even close to the size they need, they pace. Pacing is a common stereotypical behaviour that the bears do when they cannot express their natural behaviours for example, having large territories. So that's where the centre comes in. They can't just put a former captive kept bear that has spent its whole life in a cage directly into a big rainforest environment. The bear wouldn't know what to do and it would get extremely stressed and do all kinds of unpredictable behaviours. That's why the bears get to live in a pretty small cage first and move up to bigger ones once they show signs that they are ready for it. Then after they have shown in the big rainforest enclosure that they have all the right attributes and skills that a bear needs to survive, they can be released into the wild.

And that is what I have learnt during my time here at the BSBCC.

Thanks to all the staff and the people that made this possible. And a special thanks to Dr. Wong for letting us come here and giving us the chance to help his centre. Also, a special thanks to my buddy Adneen and to my second buddy Roger.



Image: Meal prep in the kitchen with Adneen, the bear keeper.



Image: Session with Dr Wong.



Image: Enrichment all set and ready for the bears!

Small Things Make a Big Difference

by Eva Wiktor Wikström

Hello! My name is Wictoria, and I am 19 years old. I come from Sweden, and I have been volunteering here at BSBCC for 5 weeks with 4 of my classmates as a part of our internship in school, where we are studying to become animal caretakers. During these weeks, on the other side of the world, I have learned so much about so many things, and I am very glad that I got the chance to experience this.

When we got out from the airport in Sandakan, after our almost 24 hour long journey, we were hit by the blazing sun, and I quickly realized that the upcoming weeks weren't going to be easy. Working in 30°C when you are used to the Swedish winter with 0°C is very hard, and the first week was very rough. Everything was so new, and the hot weather in combination with the jet lag and the language barrier (I really struggled with my English at first), made everything more difficult, but everything got easier as time went on. I quickly got into the routines, and I got to know the keepers fast, which made everything better. We have been laughing and joking a lot, and they are all very easy to talk to.

Except for the daily routines such as preparing food, cleaning the cages and feeding all the bears etc., we all got one project each to work on with our buddy keeper. I got to help with the integration training with the three bears Phin, Wan-Wan and Mamatai, so that they could share cages (without fighting) instead of staying alone. I helped to observe the bears, and every minute for half an hour, I wrote down each bear's behaviour. We did this almost every day for a few weeks, and it was very fun and unique – especially to see Wan-Wan and Mamatai spend the days together during my last week here. You really get to see the bears' different personalities while working so close to them.

I also really enjoyed making enrichments for the bears. Spending just one hour making small, simple enrichments using fire hoses, leaves, dog toys and things like that, can keep the bears entertained for double the time. In this case, you can really say that even the smallest things can make a big difference.

Thank you to everyone at BSBCC, both the staff and bears, for making this possible. This is an experience I will never forget, and I am very happy that I got the chance to do this. I will bring so many memories back home to Sweden. Volunteering is a good and simple way to help endangered species, and since not many people have heard about the Sun bears and their conditions, I now feel like I have a responsibility to spread the word about them and make people more aware of these amazing bears.



Image: Making bear enrichments using ginger leaves.



Image: Sorting out faecal samples in the clinic.

Bringing the World to the Bears

by Mae Elliessa Shaifubahrim

My first experience volunteering at a conservation centre

Prior to joining the volunteer program at the Borneo Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC), I had little affiliation or experience with wildlife or the conservation industry. I signed up to volunteer at BSBCC for two weeks to learn about a species endemic to my homeland. In these two weeks I discovered a lot about the sun bears (*Helarctos malayanus euryspilus*) but the majority of my takeaway from this experience was becoming aware of the importance of the work they are doing at the centre, not just for the bears but especially for the bigger cause of conservation and ecosystem/world/livelihood balance.

A day in the routine of a bear keeper

Volunteers are gently integrated into the routine of an extensive list of tasks conducted daily to observe the bear house upkeep and care for the bears' wellbeing—both physical and mental. The keepers do a lot—food prep, cleaning, feeding, enrichment contraptions, building pens etc. to care for forty-three bears is no small feat.

My favourite task would be food prep: preparing a wide (and very very large) assortment of food for the bears' daily intake. Nothing like a store filled with kilos upon kilos of food washed, cut, weighed, some cooked, and sorted for soon-to-be-very happy bears. The next morning we sweep and clean the same weight in poop. There is nothing like it.

I have the utmost admiration and respect for the eight keepers at BSBCC. Seemingly shy and reserved at first, they turned out to be quite a cheeky bunch. The keepers conduct their work with much integrity and were a joy and pleasure to get to know, learn from, and to work with.

Getting to know the bears

In my time at BSBCC I learned to identify a few individual bears by their appearance and behaviour. Each bear has their own particular black spotted-yellow chest mark. *I found myself quite drawn to Simone who spends much of her day sitting on top of her water container to observe keepers and passersby as they go about their business. I was often entranced by what her thoughts could be as I observed her, and she observed me.*

Björn Halla // People

For the duration that I was volunteering, I lodged at "Björn Halla" (translated from Swedish to mean "Bear Cave"). A very modest keep that houses some of the staff of BSBCC. It is in this house that I got to know better and was taken by the varied personalities of the people of BSBCC. I witnessed the meticulous care and regard BSBCC in-house vet, Boon takes toward animals. There was one night Dr. Wong (founder of



Image: Stuffing ginger leaves with some peanut butter and honey into fire hose as enrichments for the bears



Image: Some may argue they bear (pun intended) resemblance to dogs (uhm. how?) but the upkeep of a bear is incomparable to any domestic house pet (they are wild after all, hello?). Photographed are bears Rungus, Fulung, and Montom.

BSBCC) arrived at the house with a nest of two baby squirrels that had been blown away by the night's heavy rain. I was low-key jumping in my seat at the novelty of the situation while everyone else seemed to behave as if it were absolutely normal. So chill.

I sat with Pradeep at the dining table for enlightening conversations in regards to conservation, wildlife, and even his house cats. The rest of the house are a varied collection of lovely personalities and goofs Yen Wah, Rebecca, Andy, Mizuno, and Jeniur. With housemates like these I hardly had a dull moment in the house. I highly recommend staying at the staff house if it is available- it is one of the facets of this trip that enriched my experience here even more so.



Image: Aiman (intern), Bith, Pradeep, Mizuno, Adrian and Danny (keepers) demonstrate their brute strength (wowowow) as Eileen (volunteer) and I test the hammock we just built for the bears. The hammock was made from recycled fire hose donated by the fire department. They bear-ly (heh) made the picture.



Image: Adrian (keeper), Tindra (volunteer), me, Jeniur (keeper and my assigned Buddy) carrying a log to be placed in one of the enclosure for the bears. While the rest of us manage a smile for the camera, Adrian expresses our true sentiments in the hour of extracting this piece of log.

Adoption Programme

Welcome a Sun Bear into your family, class, club or corporation by adopting a Sun Bear or buying a gift of Sun Bear medicine, food, or toys to show you care and support the valuable work of BSBCC.

Adopting a bear is a great way to learn about Sun Bears while helping BSBCC meet the costs of rehabilitation. Funds raised by the adoption program are used to better the lives of all bears.

Gifts with meaning



Adoption Programme

March/April 2020 adopters

1. Amber Wong Wen Yee
2. Amelia Peterson
3. Andrea Radosevich
4. Anja & Thorsten
5. Anna Gee
6. Ashok, Roopa & Abhishek Raj
7. Beatrice Thio Hui Jin
8. Ben & Seen
9. Bente Pederson
10. Borneo & Beyond
11. Bryan Kilroy
12. Caleb Zi Hao Leong
13. Camilla Chong Xin Qing
14. Camilla Menhardt
15. Carol Collis
16. Carol Wong (Wong Ka Yuk)
17. Caroline Hornberger
18. Chang Shu Chen
19. Chang Yin Liang
20. Chek Ah Lek
21. Cheng Wan Peng
22. Cheryl De Souza
23. Chew Yew Mai
24. Chia Wei Xu & Vienna
25. Chin Chee Min
26. Chin Shih Kay
27. Chin-Chen Kao
28. Chong Ming Jia
29. ChoonRou Tan
30. Chris (Christopher Ward)
31. Chris Annadorai
32. Chris Ramm
33. Christian Stempert
34. Chu Yi Herng & Chu Yi Zhing
35. Cimeron Morrissey
36. CK Chang
37. Claire Buckingham
38. CraneBeary by Simyee
39. Danya Furda
40. David Hudson
41. Davidine Sim
42. Diong Swee Gaik
43. Dylan Amici
44. Dylan Caldwell
45. Eileen & Paul Hanson
46. Elena (Elena Garavelli)
47. Eliska Ehrenbergerova
48. Elton Chong (Chong Teck Lean)
49. Enoch, Esther & Ethan
50. Eva Bumann
51. Eva Herkel
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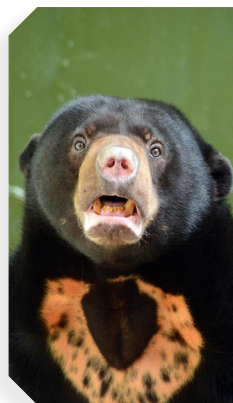
The My Bear Adoption Programme allows corporates or individuals to exclusively adopt Sun Bears at BSBCC. Four of our bears, Kuamut, Susie, Ah Bui, and Julaini were adopted in April 2020 through this programme.

Thanks for the generosity in supporting our Sun Bears especially during moments like this!

Find out how to adopt a Sun Bear from our website:

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Kuamut adopted by Beatrice Theo



Certificate of Adoption

This certificate is awarded to

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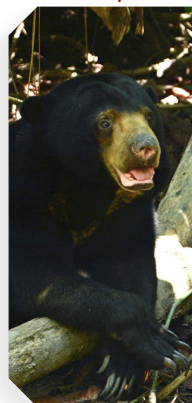
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Thank you for taking a sun bear into your heart.

Kuamut was named after the town where she was rescued from. She was kept illegally as a pet and grew up with a large metal chain around her neck. But now, she is living her life happily and enjoying her new home at BSBCC.

Susie adopted by Jia Sin Lai



Certificate of Adoption

This certificate is awarded to

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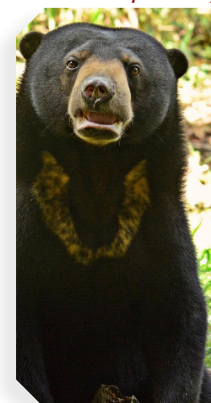
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Thank you for taking a sun bear into your heart.

Susie was an ex-pet that was rescued from Tawau district in August 2008. Susie has a grumpy manner but she is clever in finding her own food in the forest. She enjoys her freedom exploring the forest enclosure with her other bear friends.

Ah Bui adopted by Jit Sin High School 82-87 Alumni



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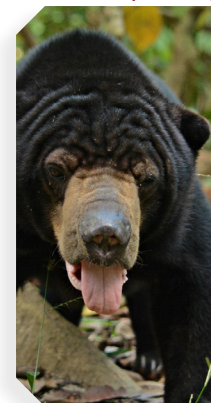
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Thank you for taking a sun bear into your heart.

Ah Bui was rescued from Sook village, Keningau and arrived BSBCC in May 2012. She has a beautiful symmetrical chest mark pattern. Ah Bui is perfecting her survival skills where she has been found building a tree nest.

Julaini adopted by Jit Sin High School 82-87 Alumni



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Thank you for taking a sun bear into your heart.

Julaini also known as 'The Wrinkled Friend'. Although he has an obvious cataract on his left eye, Julaini does not have any problem finding his way around the forest enclosure. Julaini prefers spending his time on ground foraging for his favourite food.

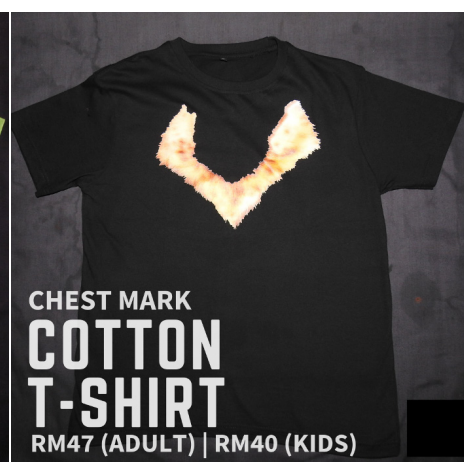
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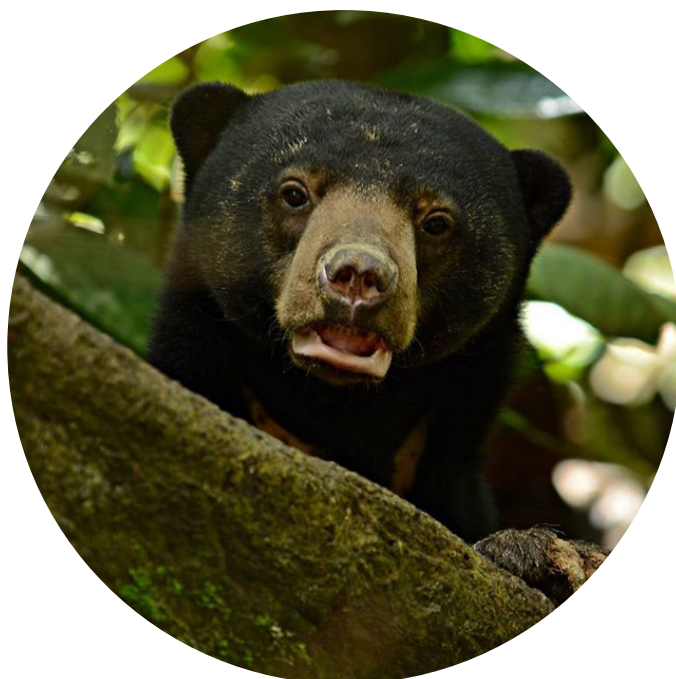
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