

The Sun Bear Voice

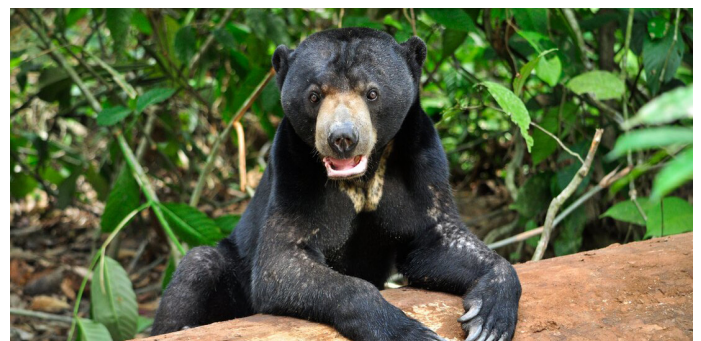
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Bear Story

Observant Bear: *Kudat*

Kudat, a lovely 12-year old, male bear currently being kept in Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC). Here is a little story about Kudat's past life. Kudat was originally captured from Tawau district but was sent to the Kudat district.

He was kept and presented as a 'Panda' together with his female friend, Panda, at Victoria Mini Zoo, Kampung Parapat, Kudat. The bears were confiscated in 2010 by Sabah Wildlife Department after the public had complained that animals were being kept in an unsatisfactory environment. It was revealed that the bears were kept illegally.

Kudat, together with his friend Panda, were living in a small cage with no natural habitat at all. Wild animals belong to the wild and are not for entertainment. Due to increasing rates of people wanting to see wild animals, there are more people tending to illegally capture and confine animals for profit. We are fortunate enough that there are still many people who want to protect wildlife.

Last month, I was given a task to observe Kudat's behavior in the Bear House. For the 10 days I was observing him, I noticed that he was a very observant bear. Every time the bear keepers or volunteers passed by his cage, he would sniff and observe them for a few seconds. Kudat likes to hear the sound of keys jingling. When a bear keeper (Pradeep) who usually hangs his keys from his pocket starts walking towards Kudat's cage, Kudat peeks from his cage to where the sound of keys is jingling.

One of the things that Kudat likes is his hanging basket on the wall. Kudat usually sleeps in the basket and he seems so peaceful sleeping. I guess he really likes that basket. Kudat also likes to play with water. He stands, reaches into his water container and uses his paw to splash water on his body.

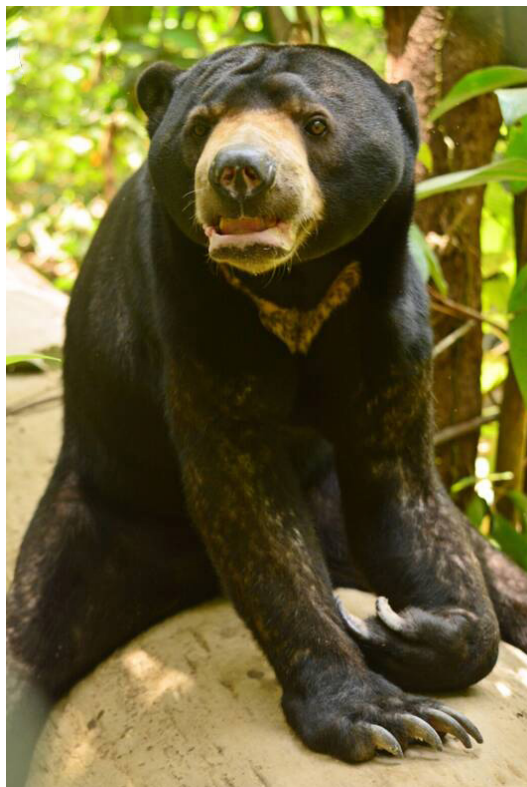


Image: *Hi, my name is Kudat!*

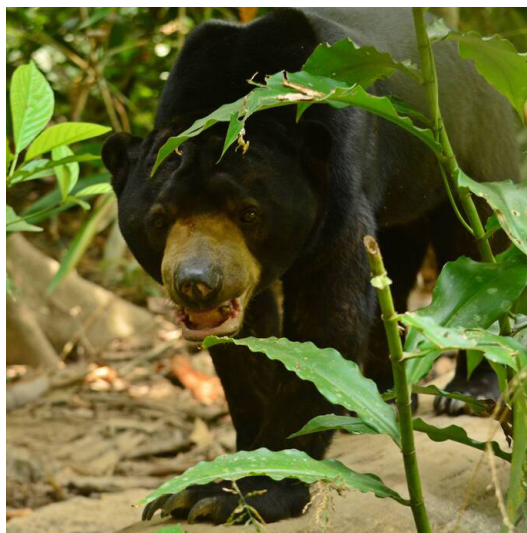


Image: *I am watching you!*



Kudat is not as aggressive as other bears. Every time the other male bear (Along) started banging the guillotine door between the forest enclosure and Kudat's cage trying to pick a fight with Kudat, Kudat would just sit back in his cage and watch sweetly.

Although Kudat is cute, he can be rough when he meets a female bear. When integration through body contact was made between Kudat and Simone, Kudat engaged in rough play with Simone. All we can say is, Kudat is really a playful bear. Indeed, they are cute and adorable, but remember, they are meant to live in the wild. The 10 days observing a particular bear was just not enough. I wish I had more time to observe and understand more about their behaviour.

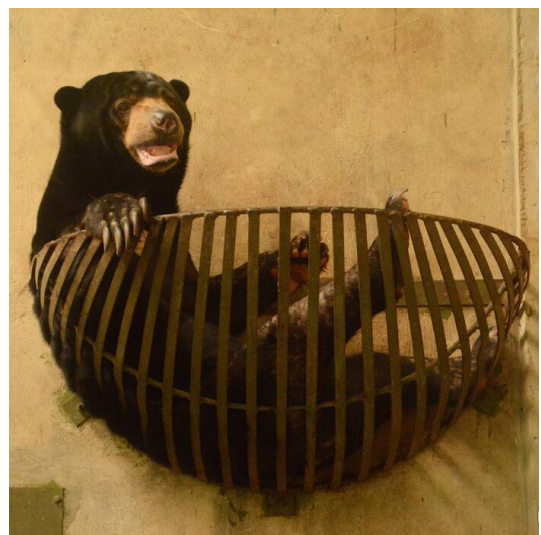


Image: Kudat loves his basket.

Story by Vincent Chin Yung Fook (UMS Intern Student)

Bear Story

Phin is making a new friend!

Like many other endangered sun bears, Phin was taken from the wild and kept as an illegal pet near the logging camp in Sipitang district. He was rescued and transferred to the Lok Kawi Wildlife Park on 1st March 2014.

For long years in captivity, these sun bears are often neglected and poorly cared for. Over 8 years, Phin may have suffered emotional and psychological trauma, as he was not given an opportunity to learn forest skills. Increasing his chances of survival in the forest are made possible through the hard-release program.

It has been lonely for Phin as he was not easily accepted by any of the other female bears. They growled whenever they met, and neither one wanted to play with him. We decided to give Phin a gentle friend, Diana, to ensure that he received the best care after being put through unimaginable trauma.

On 24th February 2020, we integrated Phin with Diana. When the sliding door opened, Phin quickly went into the exercise den to greet his new friend, Diana.

Their responses were quite amazing. Phin is usually quite shy and timid, but he was brave enough to begin playing with Diana. Happy wrestling sign!! Diana was perfectly gentle, using her paws to play! They shared their story moment together! Both of the bears now often play on the ground.

BSBCC's enrichment programs are a vital activity in improving the bears' environments and care based on their natural behaviours and instincts. Phin enjoys exploring various enrichments such as gunny sacks, dead logs, branches, pulp feeder, and the Aussie dog ball stuffed with spices and frozen juice ice blocks.

Phin has a soft-heart and he will let Diana be the first in line to investigate the enrichment. Phin appears to be more comfortable with Diana.



Image: Phin was rescued and then transferred to BSBCC on 10th March 2014, together with Ronnie, Sunbearo, Sigalung, and Diana.

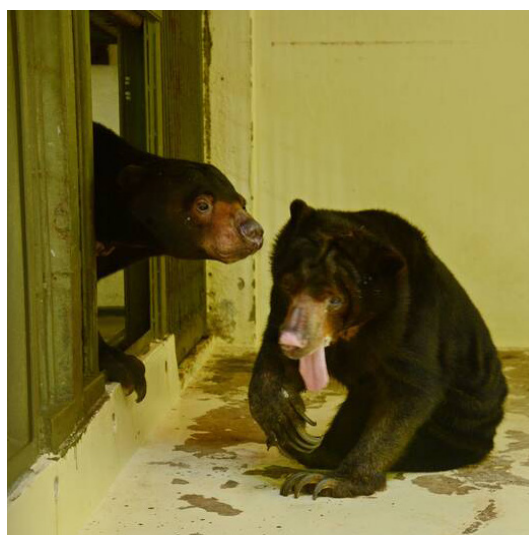


Image: The shy and timid Phin made the first step to approach Diana

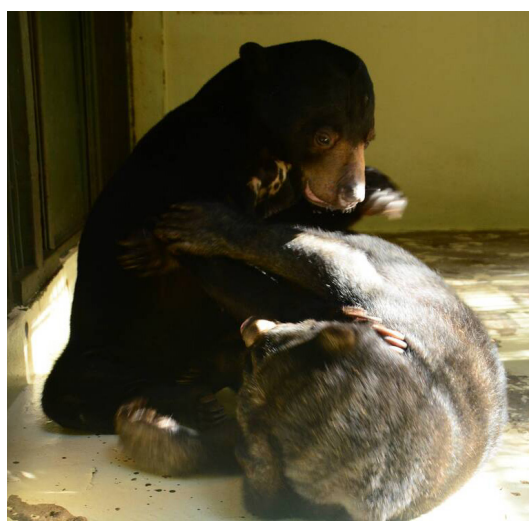


Image: Phin and Diana did a friendly wrestling - a good sign for intergration



Image: *Phin in the basket*

So lovely to see he finally has a true friend. Phin is keen to make the most of his freedom. Phin is usually seen roaming around in the exercise den with Diana and then wiggling himself in for a nap in the comfortable basket. And if Diana is busy, Phin will find other things to do!

The friendship between them has blossomed and STRONG bonds of trust have been established. Phin is doing very well and getting the love and care he deserves.

Story by *Chiew Lin May*

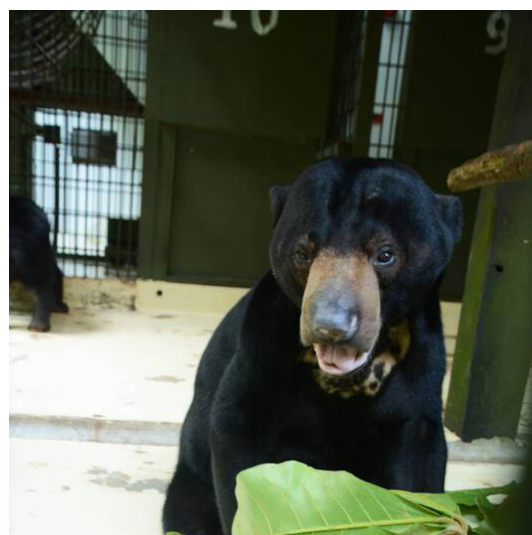


Image: *Getting comfortable in the new area*

Bear Story

Sigalung

Beary cheekiness that's hard not to love

Among many male bears at BSBCC, one particular bear stands out, even with his quirks and cheekiness. He has an exceptionally small snout and rounded body size for a male bear. With pitch black eyes and a nose that may appear bigger than it actually is due to his dark-coloured snout, he is actually a simple, adorable and kind-natured bear. At 12 years old, BSBCC has been his home for the past 6 years. He was named after the logging camp where he was rescued from – Seagalung, but the spelling has been adjusted to Sigalung.

According to reports, some villagers found Sigalung along with another adult male bear, Phin, near the logging camp in Sipitang, Sabah. They were assumed to be orphan bears kept as illegal pets after their mother got killed. Initially, both bears were rescued and brought to the Lok Kawi Wildlife Park where they underwent quarantine period before being sent to BSBCC on the 10th of March 2014. Sigalung appeared healthy when he first arrived alongside five other bears at the centre. Like most bears upon arrival at the centre, he barked at people and appeared to be aggressive at seeing a new environment. When he was moved by transportation cage into the then newly built second bear house, he was belligerent.

He has since adapted well to his new surroundings. Sigalung has now blossomed into a different bear who is intuitive, energetic and adventurous. When he is excited, especially when he knows he will be receiving enrichments, he will cling onto the metal bars of his indoor den and whip his head side to side. He, at times, will get enticed by the presence of other male bears. He gets cheekier by day and we love to see how much he has grown into his character. Sigalung is one of the healthiest bears in the centre and we hope his health continues to flourish as he embraces adulthood.

Any wild animal kept as an illegal pet and confined for years would surely be impacted in their natural behaviour, whether physically or psychologically. At

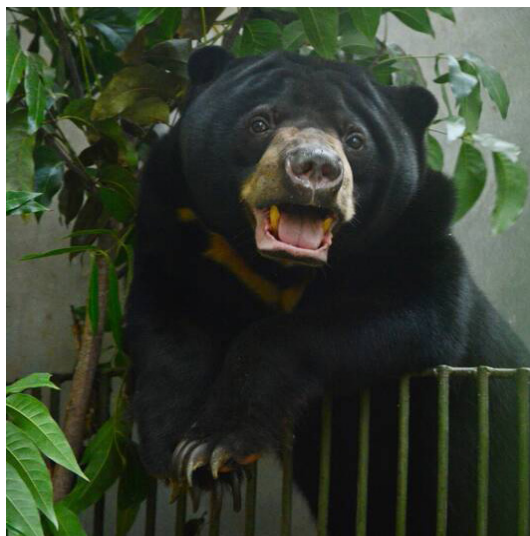


Image: Always camera-ready!

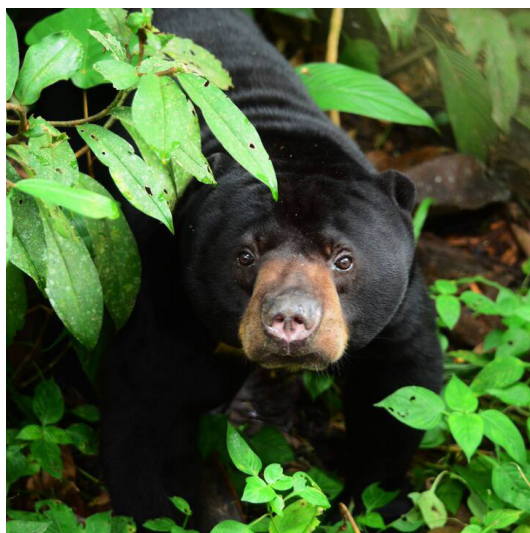


Image: He finally conquered his fears and is now free to explore his very own forest enclosure



Image: Sigalung (left) meeting an old friend, Phin (right)

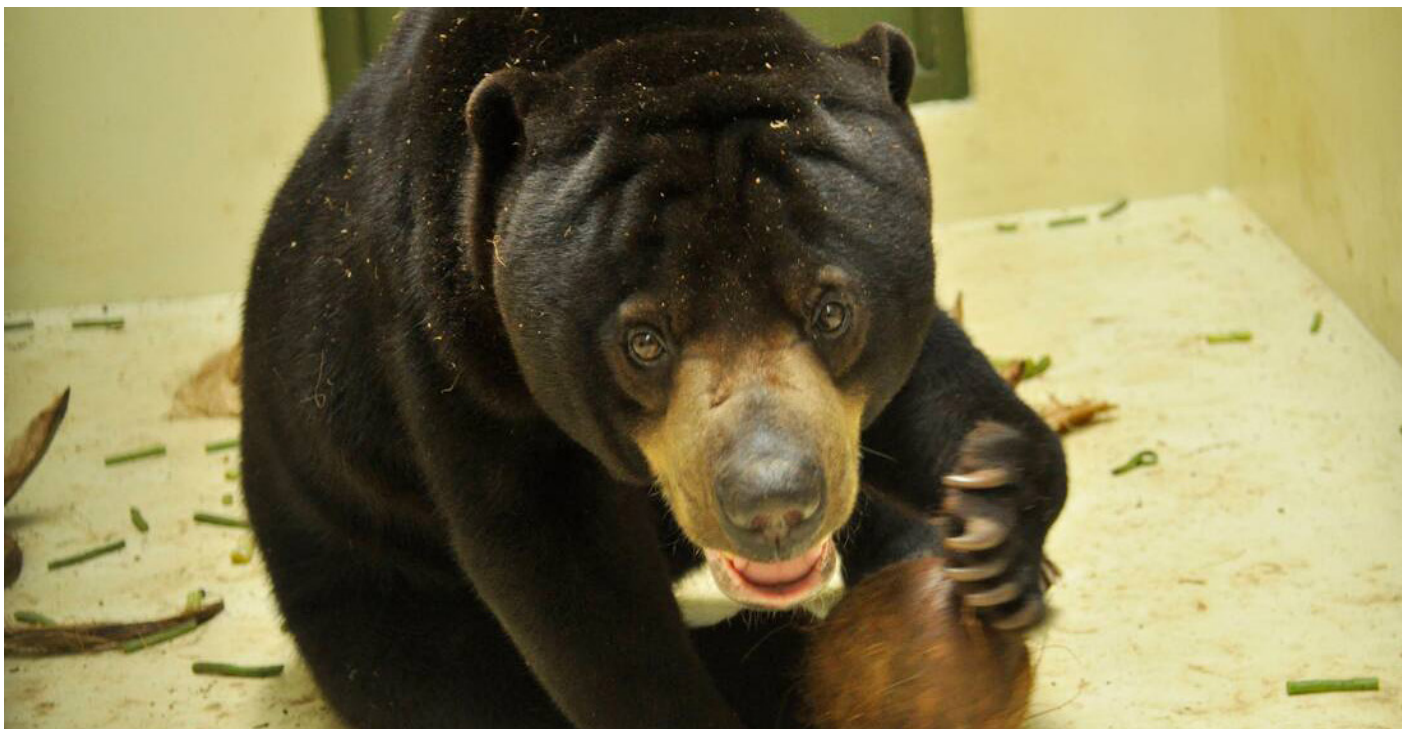


Image: Meet Sigalung- the cheeky bear (with his coconut treat)!

the centre, he not only gets to experience the natural forest environment, he gets to meet other bear friends, receives a sufficiently healthy diet under supervision of veterinarians and keepers, as well as enrichments to cater to his bear needs. Enrichments not only help to keep him occupied, but also to learn adequate survival skills that are vital in his rehabilitation process before being released to the wild.

It is not easy for male bears to be integrated with other male bears. Adult males get very territorial and aggressive. Sigalung was only ever integrated with one male bear, Phin, his old pal back in 2014. However, the process was unsuccessful due to Sigalung's aggression as he played too roughly with Phin.

When he initially arrived at the centre, Sigalung was hesitant and scared of going out into the forest enclosure to explore. Nowadays, whenever the guillotine door is opened, he shows eagerness and anticipation to step out into the natural forest environment. He bolts directly for the forest that is calling out to him even when it's drizzling out. In the forest enclosure, he loves to dig, forage and explore nature at its finest. He hides in bushes or piles of dead wood and likes taking cover under the shade of fallen trees and branches. Although it took him about 2 years

to be integrated into the training pen for the purpose of fence training, his first step into the forest was a memorable one thanks to the staff and volunteers who were patient, determined and consistent in their efforts. Finally, on July 27th 2017, he conquered his fear, set his paws on the grass after so long and is now enjoying the taste of freedom in the forest - exploring and doing what bears do best!

Sigalung and his kind are one of the many treasures in our ecosystem. Sun bears are precious beings that deserve so much love! However, due to their elusive and solitary behaviour, they were called the forgotten bears for a reason. Up until recent years, not much has been known about sun bears, be it general knowledge and awareness or scientific research. They are important to the forest as they are agents of seed dispersal, they control the termite population, keep the forest environment healthy, and their digging enhances nutrient cycling in soils as well as providing habitats for other animals in their excavated holes in trees.

The prime reason for their declining population here in Malaysia is the pet trade. Orphaned sun bears whose mothers are almost always killed by poachers are kept in captivity from a very young age. These bear cubs who are dependent on their mothers do not get

exposure to the very skills that help them to learn how to survive in the forest. People intending to keep sun bears as pets might think that they're cute as cubs but once they get bigger, it gets tougher to contain them and people might get hurt or worse - the bears may be abused. There have been cases of people going to the extent of depriving these bears of their canines or claws to ensure the owner's safety, but forget that the bears need these essentials to survive in the wild. Keeping the bears as pets is the very first breach in nature. Rehabilitation is a very lengthy and complicated process and often, rescued bears kept in captivity for too long have reduced chances of being rehabilitated and released back into the wild.

The forest ecosystem provides for the various species of animals including sun bears that thrive by giving back to nature through their natural bear behaviours. Let's be like sun bears and be more mindful of our actions towards nature and other creatures! Sun bears may be cute, but they are not pets!

Story by Amanda Wilson

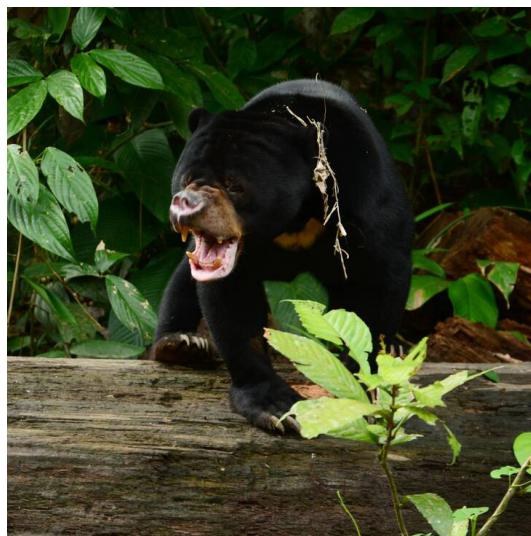


Image: "I'm hungry, can I go now?"



BSBCC Corner: Reopening of BSBCC to the Public

Reopening of Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre, Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, Lok Kawi Wildlife Park to Visitors:

The Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre, Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre and Lok Kawi Wildlife Park, which have been closed to public visitation since March 18, 2020, when the Movement Control Order was announced by the Government, is receiving visitors from 15th June 2020.

This follows the announcement by the Government that ecotourism may now operate as usual.

These centres, however, will still adhere the Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment (MoTCE), the National Security Council (MKN) and the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) with regard to strict preventive measures on the spread of COVID-19 virus.

Director of Wildlife, Mr. Augustine Tuuga advised visitors to follow the SOP which has been set as the new norm to avoid the spread of COVID-19 while visiting these centres.



Image: Preventive measures signage placed at the entrance of the Centre



Image: The first group of visitors to arrive the Centre received a surprise gift from our CEO & Founder Dr (Hon) Wong Siew Te



BSBCC Corner: Virtual Sun Bear Day 2020

May 16th marks the celebration of Sun Bear Day, Teacher's Day and Dr Wong's birthday. This year, to embrace the new norm, we have brought Sun Bear Day to you (through screens from the comfort of own homes, of course). Thank you all for making our BSBCC virtual tour a success, with many fans and supporters having viewed the virtual tour live on our Facebook page (it has hit 7.3k views and reached more than 42k people across the world!). Many thanks to those who joined our drawing, video making, and crosswords competition! You have made our Sun Bear Day more exciting! We also wanted to thank our friends, sun bear fans and supporters, and all the staff at BSBCC for making the event possible and a success! The first virtual program was indeed a stepping stone for more to come.

Please visit <https://www.bsbcc.org.my/virtual-sun-bear-day-2020.html> or scan the QR code below for the event highlights.



Image: Behind the scene of the Facebook Live interactive session



Image: Dr Wong was greeted by one of the bears in the enclosure during the virtual tour.



BSBCC Corner:

Saving Sun Bears book launch

Global launch of the heartwarming biography *Saving Sun Bears: One Man's Quest to Save a Species* was conducted in conjunction with World Environment Day on Friday the 5th, June 2020 through several online broadcasting platforms. It was organized by the University of Sunshine Coast Australia (USC) to kickstart their annual World Environment Day Festival this year. ABC Radio's Annie Gaffney interviewed Sunshine Coast Author Sarah Pye and Malaysian Ecologist Dr Wong Siew Te about the importance of sun bears, and the journey that led to this inspirational book. The launch also featured Publisher Marshall Moore from Hong Kong, singer Amir Yussof and his song dedicated to sun bears, called Calling On You, short videos from Chris Morgan, Saira Mann, BSBCC staff Lin May and Thye Lim, and Dr Wong's wife Chia-Chien and daughter Winnie.

The Sunshine Coast Council's World Environmental Day Festival was a four day event which continued until Sunday. The last day included another interview for Sarah with Dr Wong, along with an impromptu book reading. The whole launching was a huge success as over 10k people tuned in and over 70k reached on social media platforms. Thank you Sarah for making the biography a reality and strengthening the relationship between BSBCC and USC.



Image: Any purchase of *Saving Sun Bears* through BSBCC will received a signed copy from the Hero himself!



Image: Promotional poster for the online broadcast of the book launch

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 early September 2020. 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.

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.

Important Announcement



First and foremost, we at the BSBCC hope that everyone throughout the world is safely fighting through the COVID-19 pandemic. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the overwhelming support that we have been receiving during these recent months.

We are aware that during this pandemic, there are many of you who are still very much interested in joining us in our conservation efforts to help rehabilitate the sun bears. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any volunteering/ internship applications at this moment. It has been decided that this temporary deferral shall be honored until the 31st of August 2020. However, it may be subject to change in the near future.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused due to this announcement. We do hope that your desire and passion to help the sun bears at BSBCC continues to burn brightly throughout this period. We would love to have you join us in our battle as soon as possible. Until then, please stay safe and take good care of yourselves.

Thank you!

Volunteer Stories

Volunteering at BSBCC

by Niklas Wellerfors

My name is Niklas Wellerfors and I am a student from the school Spanga gymnasium in Sweden. I am doing my internship here in Borneo taking care of the sun bears. This is a very rare opportunity I have been given that not too many people are able to experience. This is a once in a lifetime experience and I am truly grateful for it. Sadly we are being sent home early because of certain circumstances. You could call it unlucky, but as I see it, I am still lucky that I even could be here for the time I was. I got so much out of it even with the lack of time. It is really crazy being able to see the rainforest and not only that but also taking care of the animals that live in the rainforest. The thing I like most about the sun bears is each bear is very different, they all have their own personality just like humans. Some bears are small and cute, and some bears are big and feisty. Some bears absolutely love carrots while some bears would really prefer pumpkin. Some bears sit like a human eating food and some bears climb up somewhere to eat. Each bear has a different sun mark. My favourite bear is Bermuda, he is big and feisty, and really likes to eat. Over the short time being here I noticed stuff like this while feeding or cleaning and it is like you slowly get to know each bear. Even though the time was too short to learn every name of the bears, I got to learn some of their personalities. Not only that, I also got to know the staff here, who are really funny and helpful. Before coming here, I knew very little about sun bears but now I know the importance of helping them. It is so great to even help a little in saving these small, cute bears and knowing I did something for them feels so good. I would really recommend everyone reading this to volunteer at BSBCC or just do something small like spreading the message of the sun bears situation.

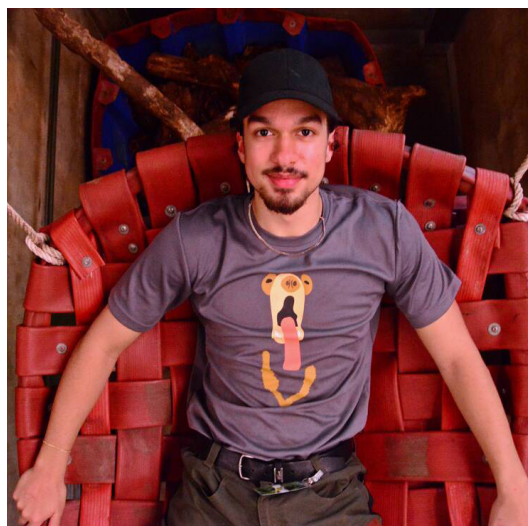


Image: Putting the hanging circle hammock into test!



Image: Making structural enrichment with bear keeper, Mr Bithrenley

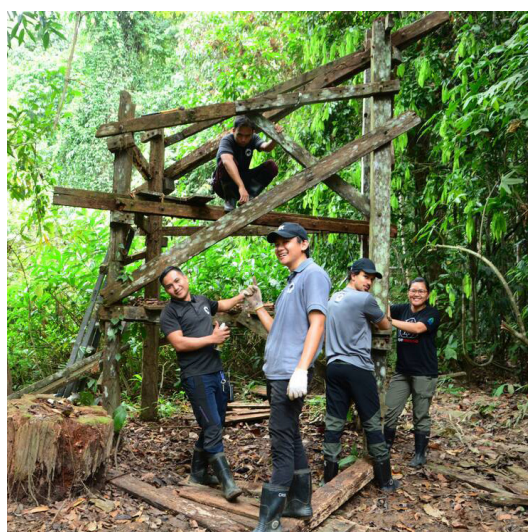


Image: Demolishing the old platform at Pen G

A Short Yet Interesting Journey

by Gillian Gabriel

First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. Hi! My name is Gillian Gabriel or you can call me Gee. I am currently in the final semester of my degree. Each final year student of University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is required to finish their final semester by completing an internship program. My major course is Conservation Biology. With three and a half years of studies, I decided to do my internship at Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC). I discovered BSBCC from the website and you can tell that it was love at first sight. I got really curious about how they handle the sun bears and I was quite fascinated with the positive feedback given by the previous volunteers. I also thought to myself that this is a great opportunity to expose myself to the real life world as a conservationist. So, I decided to experience it on my own and lucky me, I was accepted!

Professional and friendly, yes that's my first impression of BSBCC management. All the staff are really friendly, playful and they would never make you feel left out. They are also quite professional. Although I was assigned with my own buddy keeper, Bithrenley, the other staff were willing to teach, guide, and educate me as well.

I thank my buddy keeper for teaching and guiding me during my internship. Never once did he get angry at me for not catching up real quick. In fact, he taught me bit by bit and he never put me under pressure. I had a great time working with him. He has a great way of explaining things to make them easier for me to understand. He is also funny and is really caring. They told me that the buddy keeper is in charge of our safety and our work progress. And I personally think my buddy keeper for doing a pretty great job, he took his responsibility really well.

Sun bears? Honestly, they are ten times more adorable in real life than what you have seen posted on any social media or website. One of my favourite things to do is to feed them. The way they hold the food and chew it, is so adorable! I consider myself lucky because I got to see them face to face. My favourite sun bear is Simone, a female bear who loves climbing, observing,



Image: Picture taken the day before the Movement Control Order (MCO) started operating



Image: With Sunny on a sunny day!

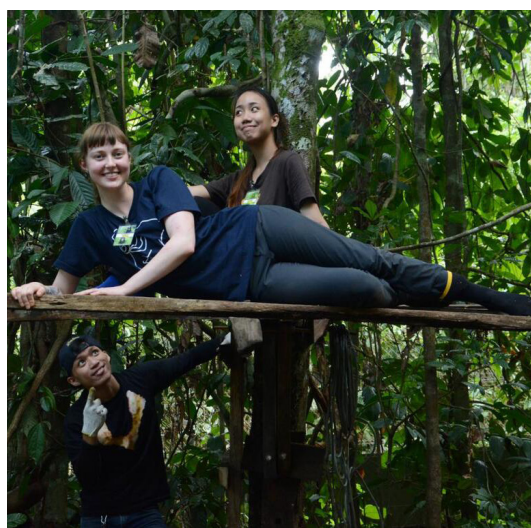


Image: Sitting on the Tower of Heaven. Guess I'm an angel now
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and relaxing. I consider her as the most obedient bear in BSBCC. My buddy keeper and I decided to make enrichment for her; we called it 'The Flying Boat'.

I am so amazed with the final product and truly thankful to my buddy keeper for assisting, guiding and helping me. From the above picture, the word 'boat' is used because the structural shape of the product resembles a boat. The product was installed at the top of the cage to which the term 'flying' is used because this provides the bear to view things from a higher place.

The kitchen. For the first few weeks, I admit that I was quite slow. There are a lot of things going on in the kitchen. And it is really important to note down every single thing because you would not want to ruin a single menu. However, as the weeks passed by, I kind of got used to it. I almost memorized half of the schedule, although I often made a simple mistake, I still congratulate myself for doing a great job.

Another thing that made my internship ten times better was the other volunteers and intern students. I got to meet and live with them (at Paganakan Dii) and I got to share experiences with them too. Although I only had a few weeks to get to know them, I had a great time. Besides, they are really down when it comes to seeking a new adventure.

I was also assigned to do behavioural research on one of the female bears, named Panda. I would spend two hours of my working day, observing Panda. And I tell you, she is really adorable! I think I might have gotten crazy because at some point I wished she could talk. At least I would have someone to talk to during the observation.

Working was fun until a virus outbreak happened; it was on the 18th of March in 2020 when a Movement Control Order (MCO) took place. People were restricted from leaving their houses and were advised to practice social distancing. This was the time when less staff were required to come to work and intern students were advised to stay at home, following the rules given by the higher authorities from UMS. At that point, staying at home was the best choice to flatten the



Image: Vincent, Astrid, Cameron and I went to feed the bears in the forest enclosure (Look at the bear getting so excited)



Image: Me, Khoirul and my buddy keeper, Bithrenley, working on the enrichment for Simone



Image: Making enrichment (ginger leaves) with Khoirul and Olivia

curve and to minimize the risk of getting the virus.

However, the adventure did not just stop there. The other intern students and I moved to Bjorn Hala. Every evening, the intern students, Vincent and Ezi, the rest of the staff and I spent the time by making enrichment. And we always prepared different types of enrichment. We also shot videos as part of the assessment for the donation campaign and we included Sunny, BSBCC's mascot, in the video.

Apart from making enrichment every evening, our supervisors, Wawa and Pradeep, also gave me a task to do at home. I prepared a report about the bear I was observing, Panda. I found a lot of interesting reviews and studies that I could relate to. One of the things I discovered was that the enclosure complexity and natural environment is really important. Now I understand why we prepared different types of enrichment every day. It's like a toy and entertainer to them to keep them from getting stressed out!

Bjorn Hala has a special place in my heart. I agree 100% with the phrase "It is not about the places, it's the people". Despite the virus outbreak and being miles away from my hometown and family, Bjorn Hala made me feel like I was home and I never felt alone. Boboy, Mizuno, Danny, Becca, and Wawa were like my family in Bjorn Hala. They are really funny, caring, crazy and they are pretty good at cooking as well. Thank you for feeding me, sharing with me your funny, creepy, and sad stories. I will forever cherish you guys!

To conclude my 12 weeks of internship program, I came to the realization that there are a lot of exciting and interesting things going on while working at BSBCC. I cannot explain it with words and I bet you cannot even imagine it. From going to the forest to find termites, to staying 24/7 working at home, I learnt a lot of things and that is all coming from the people around me. It was an honor to be a part of the team and to witness and experience a lot of things. I hope that one day our paths will cross again and I get to experience another adventure working with wild animals!

I thank you BSBCC for being a hero to sun bears!



Image: Shooting video at home with other volunteers



Image: Looks like we're so into our work when actually we're just pretending

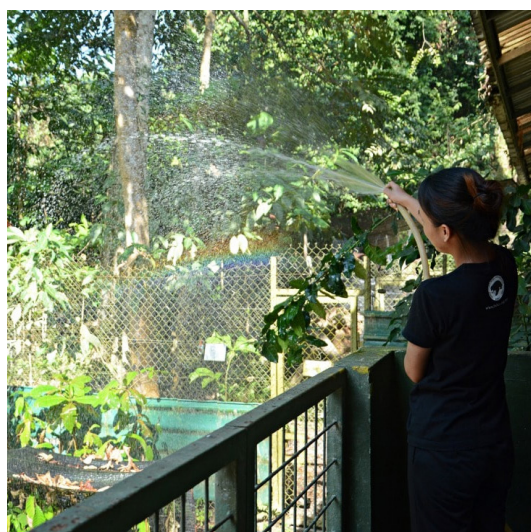


Image: Wawa: "Wahh, there's a rainbow! Let me take your picture"

A different kind of experience

by Muhammad Khoirul Afandi

Hi! I am Khoirul, one of the ticketing staff/shopkeepers at Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre. All of the ticketing staff had been given a task for two weeks to gain experience and more information about how the operations take place in the bear house. Since I started working here, this is actually my first time working in a bear keeper role. This was a good chance for us to gain some experience so that we, as frontline staff, can give some new information that we did not know before.

During my two week training, the bear house offered a lot of work and required a lot of energy! The tasks given at the bear house included cleaning the bear cages, preparing a lot of food for the bears, feeding inside and outside the bear house area, completing fence checks, creating enrichment, etc.

I have gained so much experience and I have learnt so much during these two weeks that it is hard to know what to include in this blog post. I want to say thank to those who were involved in teaching me and helping me during my training program at the bear house, especially to my buddy (Danny) and to all the bear keepers.

Some of the pictures during my training program at the bear house:

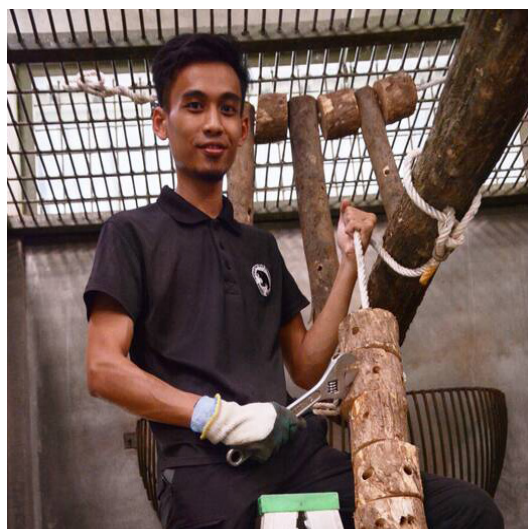


Image: Setting up structural enrichment in one of the bear den



Image: Egg Carton enrichment - filled with ginger leaves and peanut butter.



Image: Preparing sensory gunny sack filled with stick spices



Image: Making my enrichment assignment project with Buddy (Danny)

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



A pot of **honey!**



A **hammock!**



Food for one week!



Enrichment toy!



Medication for one year!

Adoption Programme

May/June 2020 adopters

1. A.J. Bruno
2. Adela, Bianca, Florina & Ciprian Iliescu
3. Alana Sheehan
4. Alexander Ludwig
5. Alexandra Prudente
6. Allison Chng
7. Andrew Lim
8. Angie, E-Shyen & E-June
9. Annabelle Symes
10. April Huzjak
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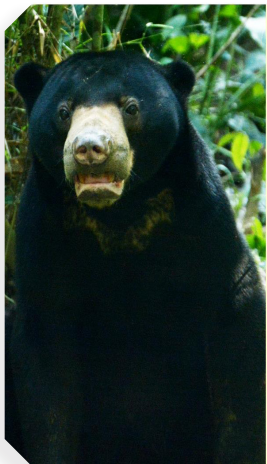
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Thanks for the generosity in supporting our Sun Bears especially during moments like this!

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

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Linggam adopted by **Ashvin & Vani**



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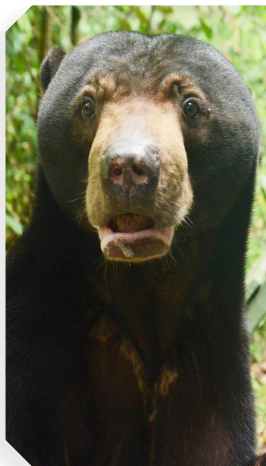
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Thank you for taking a sun bear into your heart.

Linggam was found in August 2004, in a logging camp at Pinangah village. He grows up as a slender but healthy bear with big brown eyes. A choosy bear when it comes to food and enrichment, he lives his life happily with his female bear-pals: Susie, Kuamut, Cerah, Jelita and Manis.

Om adopted by **Lisa Goldman**



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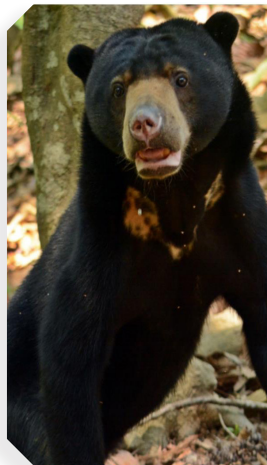
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Thank you for taking a sun bear into your heart.

Om is an energetic bear that found as a bear cub in a plantation back in August 2005. The days in BSBCC bear house often filled with the sound of enrichments thrown around and hitting the wall by Om, a good indicator of his joyful and healthy life in BSBCC.

Ah Lun adopted by **Steven Moy & Family**



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Ah Lun

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Thank you for taking a sun bear into your heart.

Ah Lun arrived Sepilok in July 2010, where she was found previously stayed in a small cage. Ah Lun is like a lady-boss bear as she always shows her dominance towards her group members. She loves exploring the forest enclosure together with her closest bear-pal, Julaini.

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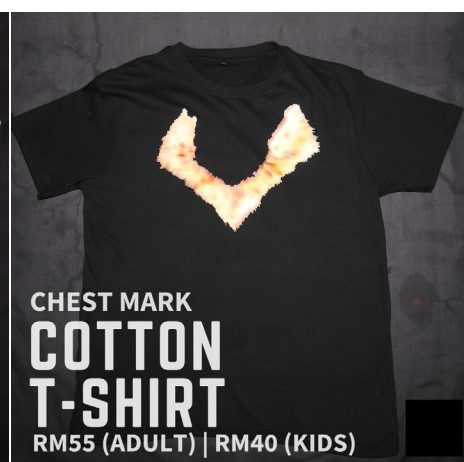
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