

Sehari Mengenali Harimau

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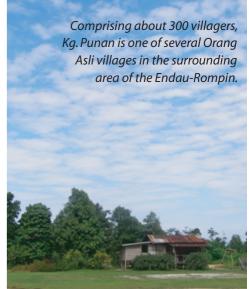
Sekolah Kebangsaan Punan Outreach Programme, 19th June 2007

This outreach programme was a site-specific component of MYCAT's campaign to reduce local wildmeat consumption and trade. A joint project with the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP) and Johor National Park Corporation (JNPC), it



aimed to enhance Kg Punan's appreciation for wildlife in their backyard; the Endau-Rompin National Park.

The day-long programme involved 43 students, including 6 from the village pre-school, and was helmed by Suzalinur Manja Bidin (MYCAT), supported by Loretta Ann Soosayraj (MYCAT), Hazril Rafhan (DWNP) and Julia Ng (TRAFFIC).



The programme was devised based on adaptations from WCS' Teachers for Tigers and WWF-Malaysia's Pengembaraan Si Belang, amongst others. Shy and anxious at first, the children soon warmed up, and actively participated in the interactive sessions. They were awed by the stunning photographs of the park's plants and animals shown during the presentation given by Anne Majanil (JNPC).



An activity where the students mapped their own territory in their village, to better understand the importance of a tiger's territory.

Tiger Origami. This step-by-step craft exercise was a little challenging, but all managed to produce attractive cats with various patterns!

Eagerly, most of the students attempted to answer the quiz questions. Even the pre-school kids didn't want to be left out, and one of them managed to get a difficult question correct!

The day drew to a close with the students making pledges to help tigers and other wildlife in Endau-Rompin.



They wrote down their oaths on cut-outs of wildlife which were placed on a banner, now displayed in the school as a reminder of their commitment to the wildlife of Endau-Rompin.



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