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MEETING WITH CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS IN JAKARTA

An opportunity to meet with Dr Susie Ellis, Vice President of Conservation International's Indonesia and Phillipines Program was organised and Michelle Wild, Leif Cocks and I flew to Jakarta on 20th June. Our Jakarta colleagues were all in attendance and the first two days focussed on the Javan Gibbon Centre, the current situation, our future requirements and how do we finance our dreams and goals.

The Javan Gibbon Centre has been established now since Nov 2002 and SGP has put in a large proportion of the operating costs up until now. Your committee wanted to meet with our CI partners and work out the future plans and ensure that we are both moving in the same direction. We came away from the two-day meeting very pleased with the amount of discussion, ideas and responsibilities offered and accepted. With the number of moloch gibbons available to come in for rehabilitation increasing, as our centre and our focus becomes better known, we and CI, have initiated an ambitious five year plan. More land is required for a Stage 2 centre to house the rehabilitated gibbons that will become breeding pairs, with the resultant offspring becoming the young gibbons available for release into protected forest.



Pictures from L to R: Michelle Wild, Leif Cocks, Susie Ellis, Ida Yuniati, Pak Jatna Supriatna, Dianne Gates, Pak Barita Munullang and in front Sunarto.

Our existing centre would then operate solely as the quarantine site and initial introduction area, depending on our funding for construction of the required enclosures.

In the week that Michelle, Leif and I were there, we also visited Taman Safari and the new Schmutzer Primate Centre which has been recently built close to Ragunan Zoo in Jakarta. Plus we had the opportunity to meet with a group of young researchers who have been doing the latest census on Javan Gibbon numbers, densities and locations. They shared with us lots of new information about requirements for future forest protection and support. Another of our current projects is to encourage a major meeting of all Javan Gibbon researchers, stakeholders and NGO's involved in their conservation. I would like to thank both Michelle and Leif for the contribution of their valuable time and interest to attend these meetings.

I stayed on in Java another week as I wanted to have time to spend at the JGC, seeing what was happening on a daily basis, doing a bit of training and getting to know how the centre was working and what assistance they need. Plus, it was a time for me to re-charge my batteries, it is sometimes difficult keeping up my energy level, when the result of our work sometimes seems so distant.

I fell in love over there!! With Silvery gibbons all over again!!

Your President, Dianne Gates

Our members will be sad to hear that we have had two gibbons die over the last few months.

Young *Wali* was unwell over a six week period, with TB being the cause of death. Also our first resident female, *Chimoy* died while I was there on July 1st. Her death has now been confirmed to be chronic Hep B with pneumonia. We were aware that Hep B and TB would be

one of our major problems in the rehabilitation process and we are working with Ida and our keepers to ensure we are doing everything we can to prevent further losses.

Please continue your support of our work, re new your membership, if you live in Perth, please come to our events, think of ways to raise funds for our work, come on committee. There are all kinds of ways you can help save the Silvery Gibbon from extinction.



IDA, PROTECTOR OF JAVAN GIBBONS

When we were at the meeting in Jakarta, the CI team were all bowing low and tipping their brows to our Ida, Queen of the Javan gibbons, they were calling her. The Jakarta Post had run a half page article on Ida and the Javan Gibbon Centre. Quote from Ida 'If we find five one year old baby gibbons in the market, it means 10 gibbon pairs are dead. The little ones, from birth to three, are carried along by their mothers, which have to be killed first to get the babies, with the eventual death of the father from loneliness'. Jakarta Post June 22, 04

VANISHING VOICES, THE PLIGHT OF THE GIBBONS

This is a very good article about all gibbons and their precarious future, which Asian Geographic has run in their issue 2/2004. We had been in contact with the Editor about this article for some time and then at last, over May it was finalised. A big thrill and delight for our Perth readers, our own *Regina* from our Silvery Gibbon family at the Perth Zoo is featured on the front cover, photo courtesy of Derek Smith. Plus, there is a reference to the establishment of the Javan Gibbon Centre and our support for Silvery Gibbon Conservation. If you would like a photocopy of the article, please email me on dianne@silvery.org.au

HALIMUN NATIONAL PARK AND THE VILLAGES

Yes, we are still in touch with our YEH team in Bogor. We carried another two suitcases of childrens' clothes and other small treasures to be distributed in the three villages that run their guest houses for eco tourism in Gunung Halimun National Park. Halimun NP is home to our largest population of wild Javan gibbons.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE: A DIGITAL CAMERA!!, PLEASE??

When we were in Jakarta, visiting our Javan Gibbon Centre, plus the Cikananga Animal Rescue, we talked about how much we could share with you, our members, if we had a digital camera or even a digital movie camera. I know this is a very big ask, but maybe someone out there is updating their gear and would like to talk to SGP about a good home for their old equipment. We travelled with the laptop that Michelle had donated from Perilya Ltd, (Aug 03) and the mobile phone that Leslie Wall had donated (April 04), both items were very useful on the trip and saved us much time and money. Please call Michelle Wild on 9243 5369 or email wildfire@iinet.net.au

ZOOTOBER – coming along again, and we are invited!!

During the October school holidays, SGP has been asked to host another display at the silvery gibbon enclosure at the Perth Zoo. The purpose of the display will be to raise the awareness of our visitors to the plight of the silvery gibbon and to inform them of the efforts being made both here, and in Java by SGP, to assist this species.

The display will be set up from Monday October 11th to Sunday October 17th. If you can help us to look after the display over those days, please call Michelle Wild on 9243 5369 and book your spot/slot on the roster. If you are not a Docent, but are a SGP member, then we can still use your help, we will just book you with a Docent/SGP member.

'HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN'

Linda, we extend our sincere 'Thanks' for another fabulous Astor night, great movie, neat magic bags, and the whole evening was a brilliant success. We had 400 guests and Linda and her team, Jennifer, Margaret, Judy, Chris, Michelle, Sheila and her family, Ratna, Aisha and her friends, all ensured a good time was had by all. We did purchase 600 plastic cups, we must encourage you to use them again, if you want seconds!!

Very nice banking for Silvery Gibbon Project, again many Thanks to all.

BINGO NIGHT, ANOTHER FUN NIGHT

It was a cold night, but good fellowship and warm smiles in the South Perth Bowling Club, thanks to Kieran and his members for sharing their club rooms. After a tasty steak and salad, it was EYES DOWN for those numbers, those elusive numbers. We had arranged for our good friend Ian Crombie to do the calling for us, but then he was on standby to go to Broome (some excuse, Mr Crombie) and he asked Colin Graham to help out. Colin did a great job and kept those houses filling. Great prizes, thanks to Pat Nock, Ellie McGann, Ruth Williams, Toni Gregory, Ratna and Linley. Another very successful event, lots of winners, and Silvery Gibbon Conservation the biggest winner!!

Vietnam Tour, November 2004

GOOD MORNING VIETNAM! Well, you have the opportunity to say that every day for three weeks on another specially designed trip for SGP! Again, fully organised, all transport and accommodation included. We only have a few places left on this very special SGP Tour. We are taking you to the best primate rescue centre in all of SE Asia, Cuc Phuong, where they are working with many rare and beautiful leaf monkeys, an opportunity not to be missed.

For further details, please contact: Michelle Tel 9243 5369 or email wildfire@iinet.net.au

OUR WEBSITE & YOUR SKILLS

Do you receive your newsletter from SGP by email? Do you enjoy working on your computer, would you like to help Silvery Gibbon Conservation in this area? We are in urgent need of someone with an understanding of the internet and websites, who would like to help with a re-vamp of our website. Our site has been established for about 7 years and we do need to do some renovations and updates. Yes, we did run this request in the April newsletter and we thought we had it in hand and then we have had another hiccup.

If you would like to get involved, please call Dianne on 9293 3052.

WINGRAVE PRIMATE PRINTS—AREN'T THEY JUST STUNNING!!

Robin Wingrave, our very talented Cairns artist, has made SGP an exclusive and a very generous financial offer for us to handle the marketing of these limited edition prints. We have planned that the project will cover a two year period. We sent out a quality flyer, showing the range of stunning images with your last newsletter. These detailed and appealing prints will suit any room in your home, will make a nice gift for members of your family interested in the environment, an excellent birthday or Xmas gift. Please have another look at the flyer and put your order in now, or tuck it away in a safe place for purchase in a few months. The images are on our website www.silvery.org.au, click on the leaf labelled *The Wingrave Collection* far right of screen. If you have lost your flyer, let me know and I will put another one in the mail to you.

This is a triple win situation, you, our supporter will receive a quality limited edition of only 200 copies print, Robin gets good publicity for his stunning work and SGP gets dollars to continue our Conservation work for a critically endangered gibbon, we all win, with your support.



SUPPORTING OLIVE RIDLEY SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION

Members will remember a short article about our contribution to a conservation group working in Bali with the Perancak Village, who are protecting turtle nests in their area.

We recently received our certificate to thank us for our adoption of two nests. Dr Kris Warren of Murdoch University is looking for more financial support from classes, groups etc to ensure this grass roots project survives until it can benefit from a larger funding group. Please contact Kris on Tel 9360 2647 or her email is kwarren@murdoch.edu.au

SPEAKING OF DR KRIS WARREN:

Dr Kris Warren will be repeating the lecture she gave at the Reg Gates Memorial Lecture in July 2003 for SGP, this time hosted by the Perth Zoo Docents on November 10th in the Theatre, all welcome. The talk will cover her work with Orang-utan Conservation at the rehabilitation centre in East Kalimantan and her involvement with the IUCN and the international conservation community to save Orang-utans in the wild.

Please call Dianne on 9293 3052 for more information.

For Sale

IBM ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER: This machine is in good condition and full working order, plus has six additional golf balls, which provide optional fonts.

Make an offer, all proceeds to SGP, please call Michelle on 9243 5369.

<p align="center">Silvery Gibbon Project Diary</p> <p align="center">Sunday September 19th RSPCA ANIMAL EXPO, ASCOT RACECOURSE.</p> <p align="center">SGP AND ASIAN RHINOS —a combined information display and stall on the day</p> <p align="center">Please come along and say 'Hello', Open from 9.30am to 4pm.</p> <p align="center">Admission \$8 Adults, \$5 kids and a family pass for \$20.</p> <p align="center">Sunday September 26th, OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—1pm at the</p> <p align="center">Perth Zoo Theatre, Please see enclosed flyer for more information.</p> <p align="center">ZOOTOBER SGP display within the Perth Zoo to promote awareness of SGP</p> <p align="center">see more details in rest of this issue, Oct 11 to 17thPerth Zoo</p>
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**Would You Like To Nominate For
The Silvery Gibbon Project Committee?**

We currently have 6 main Committee members. There is a meeting each month, plus help is required for any functions or events we have planned. We have a couple of smaller sub-committees operating through this coming year to organise the next Art Auction, the SGP Tours, and our work in Java. We definitely need more help, at the moment the load is on a few very dedicated members. Please put your name forward and tell us the skills and time that you may have. Areas that need help are Events, Publicity and writing proposals for specific funding.

NOMINATION FORM FOR SILVERY GIBBON PROJECT INC COMMITTEE

I, _____ nominate _____

for the position of _____

SIGNED _____

I accept the nomination for this position.

SIGNED _____

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUE?

With your mailing label for this newsletter,
we have added the date that your membership will expire.

**AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO KEEP MEANING TO JOIN,
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEND YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TODAY!!**

REMEMBER, YOUR SUPPORT IS SAVING A SPECIES
SILVERY GIBBON PROJECT IS CONSERVATION IN ACTION &
100% OF ALL PROFITS SUPPORT THE CONSERVATION OF *HYLOBATES MOLOCH*.

PRIMATES HELPING PRIMATES