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Regrow Borneo Update

Some incredible progress has been made with our re – planting efforts. So far, we have planted and restored our first two hectares of our restoration site with the aid of KOPEL BHD who we are very thankful for the help and support.



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HUTAN – Kinabatangan Orangutan Conservation Project

It was an honor to have Helson and Amidi, from HUTAN – Kinabatangan Orangutan Conservation Project and Gaia, over from the 18th until the 22nd of September. Our research assistants Ashraft, Alut and Koko had the opportunity to carry out hornbill river and nest surveys in Lot 6 with them and although it was short, they received many inputs and new knowledge on the protocols of the survey and breeding behavior of hornbills in Sabah. Nothing beats the feeling of going out to spot hornbills along the mighty Kinabatangan river and the excitement of finding their nesting trees in the forest! We, at DGFC, are hoping to partake and engage more in works that will improve the knowledge of the ecology and survival of all hornbill species in Sabah.



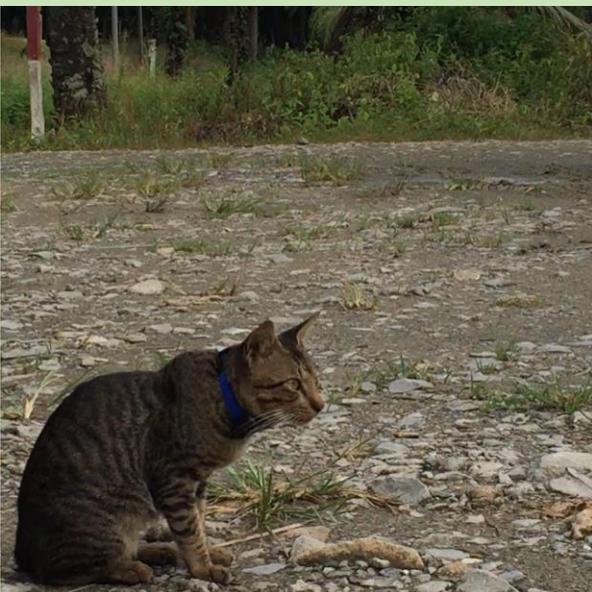
Health at the Edge – Project Update

One of the main goals of the Health at the Edge project at DGFC is to understand the potential interactions among domestic cats and other wild carnivores inhabiting both oil palm plantations and forested areas, and to assess the risk of pathogen transmission to susceptible species.

For the last couple of months, we have been deploying GPS trackers on some of the “kucing rumah” (domestic cat in Malay) to better understand how and where they move in plantations and neighbouring forest.

In collaboration with Felda Global Ventures Holdings and its plantation managers in the Kinabatangan, we aim to develop a strategic plan for the promotion of healthy animal communities, both wild and domestic, as well as health prevention for plantation workers.

This project is funded by Panthera Small Cat Action Fund.



It's not all good news...

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Unfortunately, with the more frequent fragmentation of our beautiful forests, animals are being forced to come into more contact with humans and anthropogenic factors such as roads.

Regrettably two endangered species were killed on the road in the Kinabatangan District in less than 10 days: a Sunda pangolin and a hairy-nosed otter.

We know this isn't a nice thing to show. However we do so to urge people to be more alert whilst driving, especially with wildlife crossing the road more regularly.



Newly Published Articles

In the past couple of months DGFC has published two notable collaborative articles. Below is some information on the papers and where to find them:

Ancient genomes suggest the real reason woolly rhinos went extinct -

Climate change responsible for the extinction of the woolly rhinos. Small contribution made by DGFC in this very interesting research published in Current Biology. The paper is Open Access.

Find paper [here](#)



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Ancient Genomes Suggest the Real Reason Woolly Rhinos Went Extinct

Big Nose of Borneo: Following The Trail of The Elusive Proboscis Monkey -

Our latest publication in collaboration with our friend Ikki Matsuda from Chubu University and colleagues from Sabah Wildlife Department and University of Zurich. This paper is dedicated to Dr Diana Angeles Ramirez Saldivar who left us two years ago.

Find paper [here](#)



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Picture of the Month



Hope for the sun bear in the Kinabatangan with this mum caught on camera trap carrying her cub in her mouth. If we give them space and we stop hunting them, they will survive!

Picture credit: One of our good ol' trusty camera traps.



Special Thanks!



All of us at DGFC would just like to once again say a massive thank you to everyone who has supported the Regrow Borneo project so far. We cannot express how much we appreciate all the help and donations.

We have no intention of stopping, as with every tree that we plant we get one step closer to stabilising this incredible ecosystem and helping all the amazing inhabitants.

If you are still yet to donate and would like to - please go to the [Regrow Borneo: Just Giving Donation Page](#) or please go to the link in the DGFC Facebook Bio.

Terima Kasih Banyak Banyak!





Danau Girang Field Centre

Danau Girang Field Centre was opened in July 2008. It is located in the Lower Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary, Sabah, Malaysia.

Danau Girang is owned by the Sabah Wildlife Departments and supported by Cardiff University. Its purpose is to further scientific research with the aim of contributing to long-term conservation projects in the area and develop a better understanding of our environment and the living things we share it with.

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