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# Visitors

This month included a visit from Yayasan Sime Darby. Although a very short visit they did a number of walks, including a night walk. As one of the main sponsors of Danau Girang Field Centre, it was lovely to have them visit again as a reminder of all the conservation work they are supporting.



Jeffri Salim Davidson (YSD Governing Council Member) and Puan Hajjah Yatela Zainal Abidin (Chief Executive Officer, YSD)

Harvey Lilley and Rowan Sharp, from Atlantic Productions, visited DGFC as part of a wider visit of Sabah. The aim of the trip was to scout locations for a future TV programme that will be presented by Dame Judi Dench. They took part in an early morning bird boat, setting a crocodile trap and catching baby crocodiles on a night boat with Kerisha. We hope to see them again in April when the filming commences!

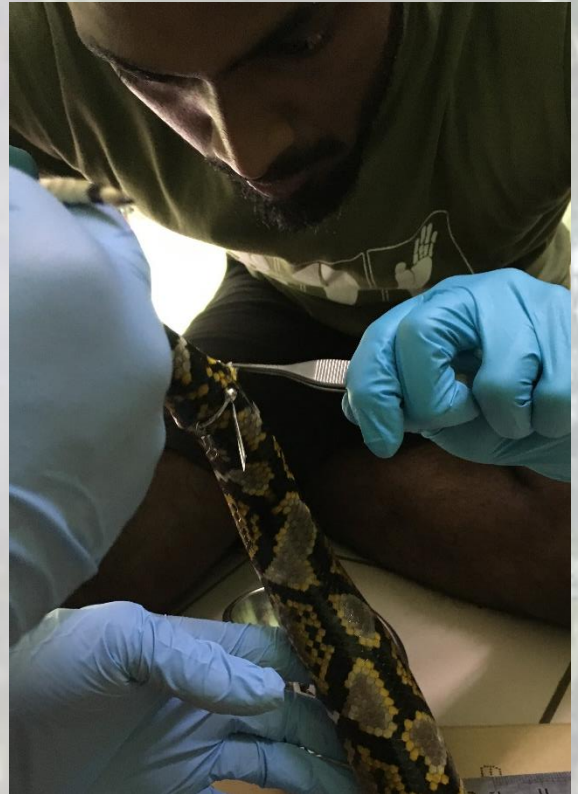


Rowan Sharp (Assistant Producer) and Harvey Lilley (Producer)

# Departures

## Roopan

After almost a year at DGFC we say goodbye to our vet. Roopan has helped with a range of procedures during his time at DGFC, such as processing Rich's pythons and helping with the tagging (photo) and bearded pig and clouded leopard tagging. Thank you Roopan for all your help and we wish you all the best for the future!



## Sam Cutler

After two months of helping with all the projects, Sam is returning to Australia. Over the course of the next year he is looking to continue his academic career by embarking in a Master, a PhD, or study veterinary medicine, he is yet to decide! His favourite part of being at DG was partaking in the herpetofauna procedures. Good luck to Sam in his future endeavours, he will be greatly missed!

# First Aid

The staff and students at DG recently took part in a three day 'Remote First Aid, AED and Search & Rescue course' with FieldSkills. The team learned a range of skills including how to help someone who is choking, how to deal with major injuries, how to perform CPR and how to use an AED machine amongst other things. A practise Search and Rescue mission was also carried out in the forest where the team members were able to showcase the skills they had learned over the three days. Well done team DG!



# Crocodile tagging

As part of Kerisha's PhD project, another crocodile (male) was tagged on the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month.



# Science Corner

**Matsuda I., Abram N., Stark D., Sha J., Ancrenaz M., Goossens B., Lackman I., Tuuga A. and Kubo T. 2018. Population dynamics of the proboscis monkey *Nasalis larvatus* in the Lower Kinabatangan, Sabah, Borneo, Malaysia. *Oryx*. doi: [10.1017/S0030605318000467](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0030605318000467)**

In December, members of the DGFC team, alongside colleagues from Japan, the NGO HUTAN, Sabah Wildlife Department and others had a new paper published in *Oryx*. The paper outlines the importance of protecting riparian forest corridors for the long-term survival of the endemic proboscis monkey in Sabah. The study conducted from 2004-2014 revealed significantly reduced group sizes, probably resulting from habitat fragmentation. However, the population size does seem to be stable, despite the impending risk to habitat. The paper suggests that restoration of riparian areas could be crucial to ensure the viability of the proboscis monkey population in the Kinabatangan.



# Conservation Corner

## Sunda Clouded Leopard



They are a medium sized felid species but the largest found in Borneo, weighing from 10-25kg. Their name comes from the irregular shape of their coat markings.

They have the longest teeth proportionate to skull length than any living cat and have extremely long tails that aid their semi-arboreal movement. Found in Borneo and Sumatra, the Sunda clouded leopard is listed as vulnerable on the IUCN red list and there is



estimated to be 8000-18000 in the wild but more population data is required to give a more accurate figure. The Sunda clouded leopard is threatened by habitat loss due to oil palm plantations and poaching for fur and traditional medicine trade.

The clouded leopard is fully protected in Sabah and plenty of conservation projects exist to preserve this beautiful species. Here at DGFC we have a GPS tracking project for clouded leopards. Butir pictured above was fitted with a tracking collar while anaesthetised earlier this year.



# Match Person to Project: PTY Edition





## 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 Field Centre is owned by the Sabah Wildlife Department 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.*

### **Danau Girang Field Centre**

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