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One of our camera traps

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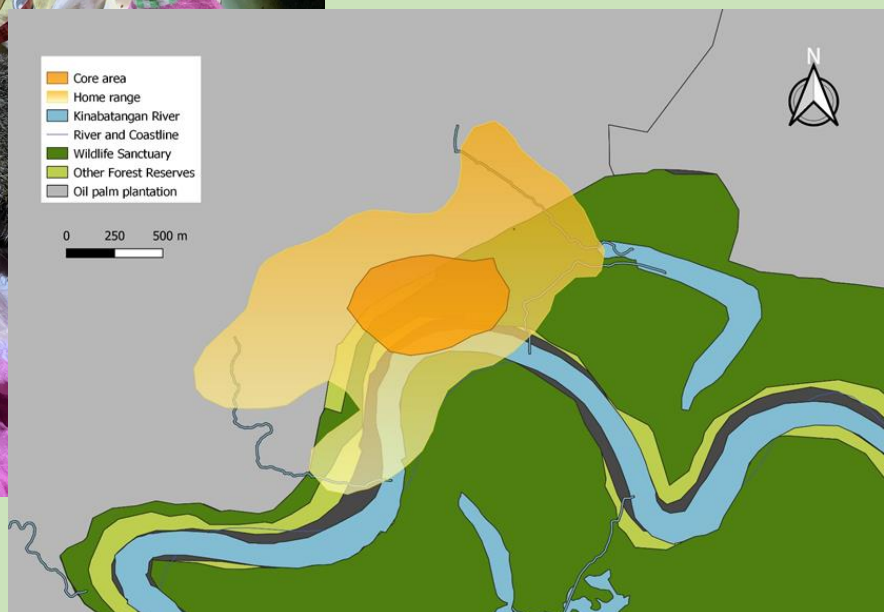
Regrow Borneo Update!

- We have finally finished planting in Kaboi Stumping 1.0. We planted 2406 saplings in this area (2300 saplings plus 106 pole plantings).
- The team has also started planting in Laab Swamp 1.0 and Kaboi Lake 2.0 but have not finished on site yet.
- In Laab Swamp, they are mix planting in a sense that they are applying two different techniques: pole planting and planting saplings.
- In Kaboi Lake 2.0 they are also doing mix planting: direct sowing and planting saplings.
- Seeds were collected from Resak and Salongapid species to be planted by direct sowing (more details to follow in next issue).



Leopard Cat Update AND a Flat Headed Surprise!

- Amanda is now done with fieldwork! She finished up right after using the last collar for a new deployment back in April. However, this collar did not get deployed on a leopard cat (LC); it was deployed on the very first collared flat headed cat! This is VERY exciting stuff!
- All collar deployment for the LC has been done since January, where the team concluded tracking due to battery exhaustion, mortality, or as for Bintang, the last one collared back in June, failure to locate them ever since November when it started flooding in the area. Efforts to retrieve the collar proved challenging due to changes in the lockdown Movement Control Order affecting accessibility to plantations, the seasonal floods, and the difficulties of locating the animal due to absence of signal from the collar. So far, no collars have been retrieved yet except for Laju's (who was possibly predated).
- Apart from tracking work, the team did some drone work on the habitat despite not being able to do on the ground sleeping site assessments. They also attempted a few trapping works, camera trapping efforts and night walks in plantations to look for cats to collar using the retrieved collar from Laju during fieldwork.
- Currently, Amanda is in her data analysis and writing phase. She is aiming to finish by the end of the year and possibly have the viva presentation by early next year.



Female flat headed cat 'Rani' fitted with a UHF collar and her home range estimated using Kernel Density.

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Our Visiting Herd

Throughout June and July, DGFC was regularly visited by a herd of approximately 40 individuals. They were spotted right next to the centre as well as enjoying themselves down by the banks of the Kinabatangan. We love seeing them here as they never fail to make us smile! Below are just a few pictures from their visit!



This young female was seen guarding the entrance to our generator room (left)

These 5 were spotted by one of our drones taking a bath (right)



Here the herd are preparing to cross the river, seemingly being led by an enthusiastic infant (left)

Recent Publication

Our recent paper on banteng hunting published in *Endangered Species Research* was featured in the local press.

You can read this paper [here](#).



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Danau Girang Field Centre

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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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