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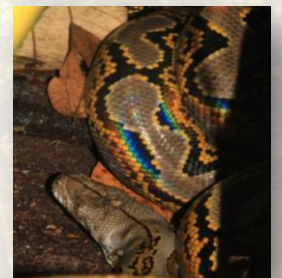
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Visitors and goodbyes...



Daniel Martin and Mohd Rasfan:

From Agence France Presse, came to DG to follow our camera trapping in the forest corridor for a night with the possibility of writing a report on our research.

KuNur Atiqah Ku Azir, Rosmawati Zainal, Nadia Natasha Nordin and Halimatu Assaadiah Muhammad:

A second group of vet students from University Putra Malaysia came to DGFC for a few nights to shadow projects going on at the centre.

Thomas Meignan, Manon Guaine and Agathe Pirog:

This month we said goodbye to three French students from the Agrocampus Ouest Engineer School. They were at DG for 4 and a half months. Manon and Agathe took over the nocturnal primate work, following resident radio collared slow loris, Boss. Thomas' project was working alongside Luke on a crocodile project.

Selamat Jalan Anto and Murni...

Highly valued staff members of the DGFC family, Saroto B Payar (Anto) and Murni Binti Muhamad Samir and their three daughters and son, sadly left the centre at the end of this month. They have been at DG from 2010 assisting in the running of the centre. Anto and Murni will be available to assist during field courses if necessary.



Terima kasih untuk segala-galanya!
Thank you for all your hard work!



DGFC/MESCOT Symposium

On Monday 18th February, DGFC organised a half-day symposium in Batu Putih. All staff and students presented their findings to the local community including the members of MESCOT/KOPEL.



This was later followed by a question and answer session. This is the start of a long-term collaboration with MESCOT.

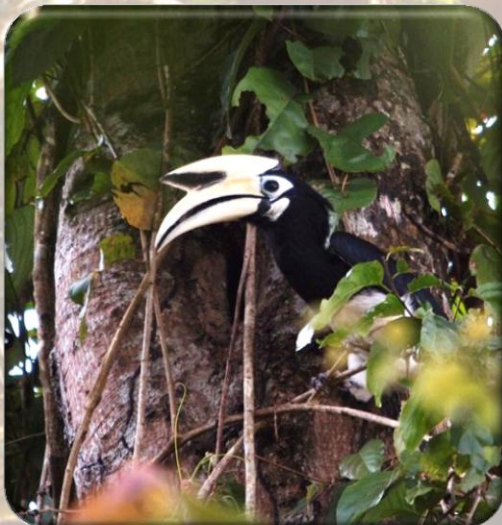


Hornbill nest at DG!

In late February, a pair of nesting Oriental Pied Hornbills was discovered just 30 metres from the DG jetty. Check out these amazing pictures of the nest, taken by Baharudin Resake!

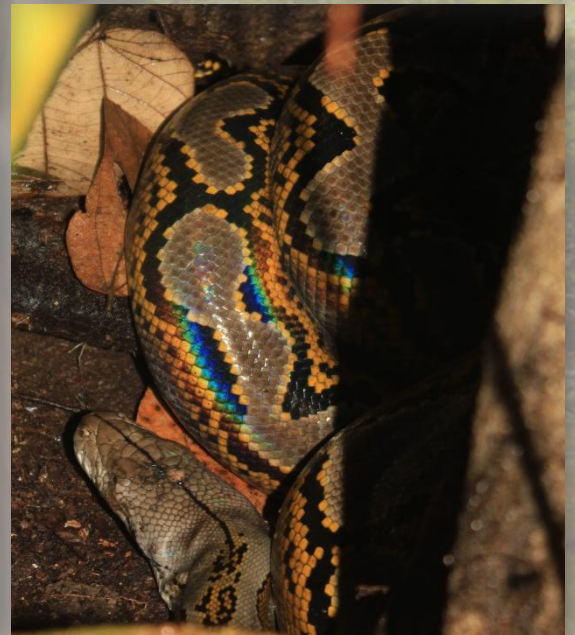


Currently, one of our PTY students, Helen Cadwallader, is carrying out a project on hornbills nesting cavities and this is the first active nest we have found this year.



Reticulated python release at DGFC...

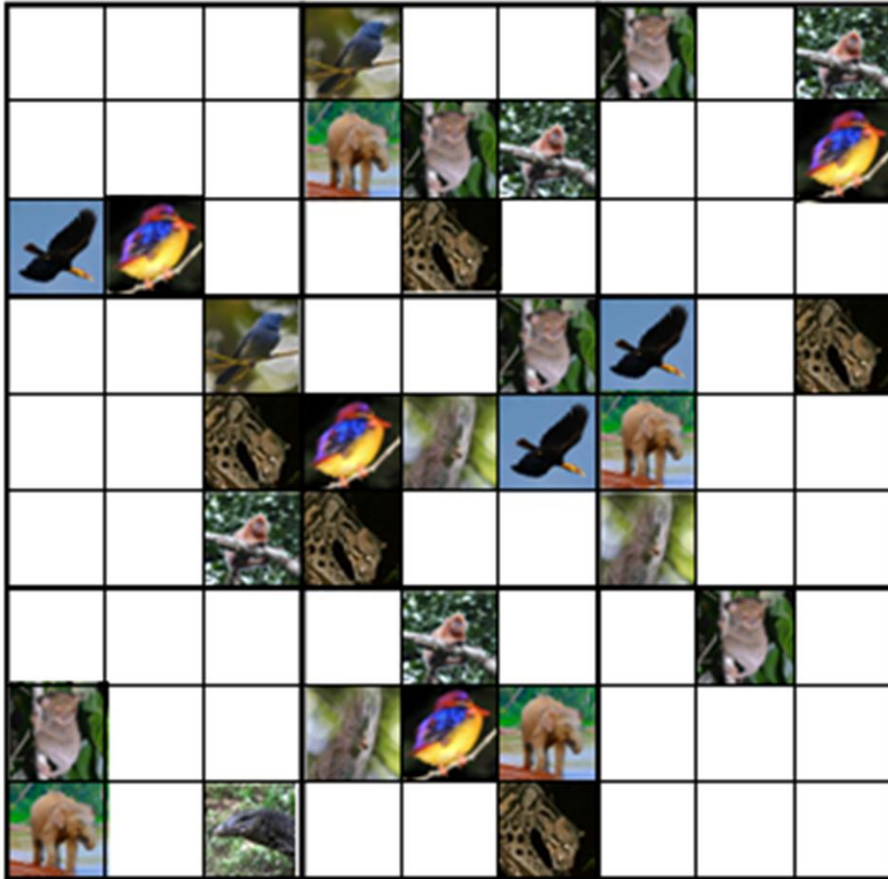
During early February a reticulated python was found in Kota Kinabalu, Wisma Muis, very close to the Sabah Wildlife Department Headquarters. It was brought to DG and sampled. The next day a team went 20km downriver to release the animal into Lot 5 of the Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary.



Jungle Sudoku!

A jungle twist on the classic Sudoku cube. Your task: To fill in the blanks...

There's only one rule... All nine animals must appear once and only once in each row, column and box (bold lined).



Animals this month:

- ❖ Kingfisher (Camila Goossens)
- ❖ Clouded leopard (Thomas Meignan)
- ❖ Western Tarsier (Thomas Meignan)
- ❖ Silvered langur orange morph (Josie Jackson)
- ❖ Spider web (Meg Harris)
- ...
- ❖ Wrinkled hornbill (Josie Jackson)
- ❖ Bornean elephant (Helen Cadwallader)
- ❖ Black naped monarch (Baharudin Resake)
- ❖ Monitor lizard (Helen Cadwallader)

Conservation Corner:

Bornean Bay Cat

Scientific name: *Pardofelis badia*

ICUN status: Endangered

Wild Population trend: Decreasing



Endemic to the island of Borneo, the bay cat is limited to forested areas and altitudes of up to 800 meters. Though little is known about this elusive small carnivore, it has been recorded in lowland, swamp and hill forest throughout Sabah, Sarawak and Kalimantan. Bay cats have been observed either directly or by camera traps to be active at all times of day and night. Bay cats can have either a red or a grey coat although the reasons for this variation is unknown. The size of the bay cat population is estimated at no more than 2,500 mature individuals across Borneo.

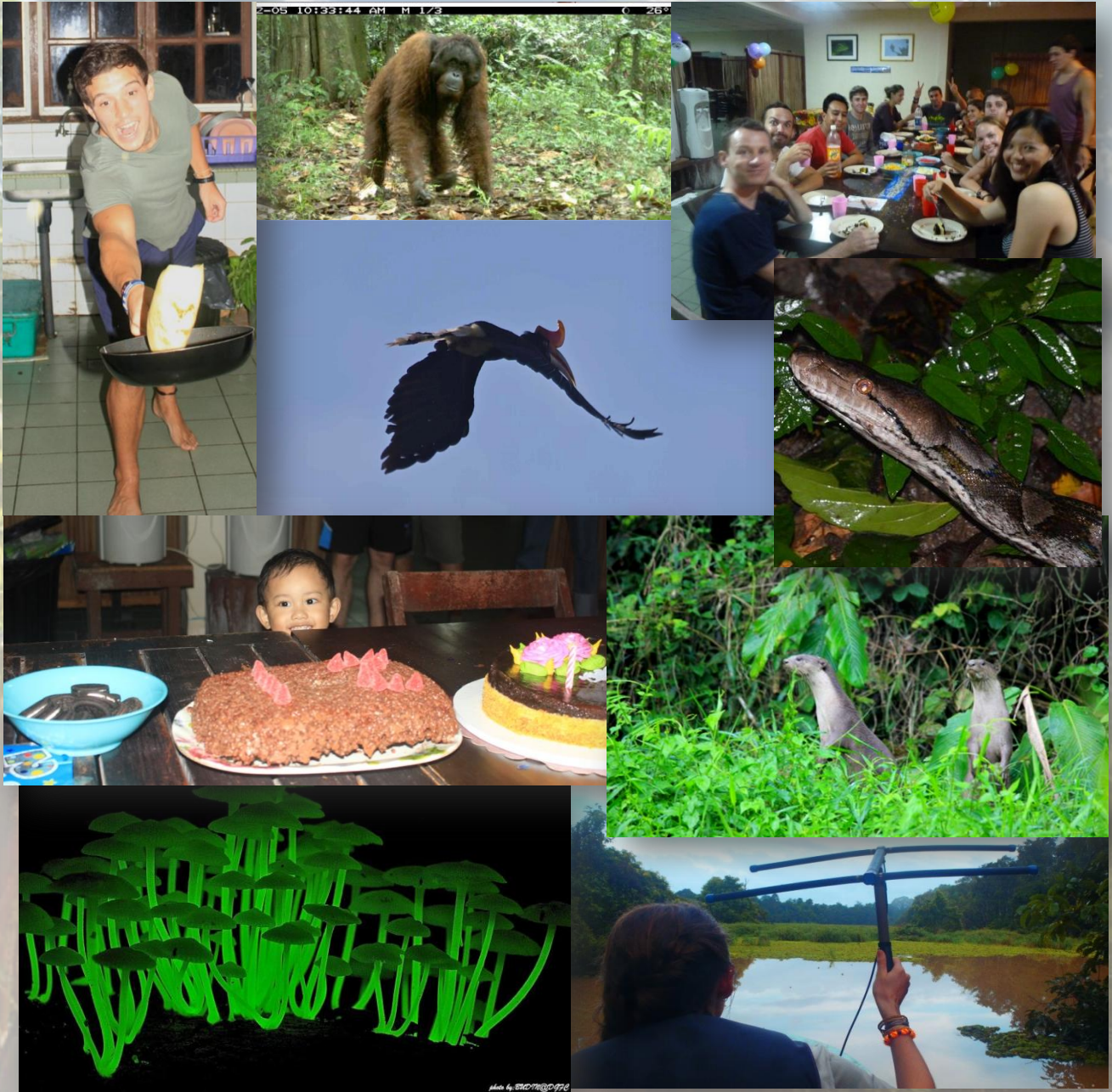
Threats:

- **Habitat loss via deforestation** - If current rates are maintained, it is estimated that 20% of the remaining bay cats will be lost over the next 12 years.
- **Fur trade**
- **Pet market**

Conservation:

- Listed on the CITES appendix II.
- Fully protected by law throughout in most of its range.
- Hunting and trade prohibited in Indonesia (Kalimantan) and Malaysia (Sabah and Sarawak).

Photos of the Month!



Photos left to right: Isaac enjoying pancake day; amazing photo of a male orang-utan from our camera traps; Mike's birthday; rhinoceros hornbill flying over the Kinabatangan River; reticulated python; Igo is excited about the amount of food for Mike's 21st; smooth otters; beautiful glowing mushrooms; Danica on the boat looking for the collared proboscis monkey, Matsa.

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 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.*

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