



The Kukang Rescue Program in 2019



The Kukang Rescue Program is primarily aimed at combating the illegal trade in animals and protecting the slow loris (*Nycticebus coucang*) in Indonesia, especially in the North Sumatra province. However, the program activities are constantly expanding in number, intensity and quality. This report is a summary of events that took place not only in Sumatra, but also in the Czech Republic, Europe and on the Internet in 2019.

Rescue and rehabilitation centre in Sumatra

In 2019, the program's rescue and rehabilitation centre got extended by several new constructions. The quarantine for slow lorises has been enlarged and one new house (the so-called "pondok") for animal keepers and one for watchmen have been built. A new waterwork with a biological wastewater treatment plant was also created in the centre, where the water undergoes several stages of purification using different layers of material. As part of this construction, the entire centre's piping system, which had been largely damaged and clogged, was replaced. The spring was also cleaned and concreted to prevent further water pollution. Furthermore, reconstruction works were carried out on damaged parts of the centre.



Extended quarantine for slow lorises



New enclosures in the slow loris quarantine



New pondok for animal keepers



New pondok for the night watchman



New waterwork with biological wastewater treatment plant



Repair of the surgery lamp in the clinic

Furthermore, the insect farm was expanded, producing a large number of worms. In order to provide slow lorises with the best food possible, we breed darkling beetles (*Zophobas morio*) in our farm. We sell excess larvae of this species on the local market as food for birds and invest the money earned from the sale back into the farm.



Reared larvae of *Zophobas morio*



Breeding of a new generation of *Zophobas morio*

In 2019, also other modifications and improvements took place in the rescue and rehabilitation centre. One of them was the filling of the pond located in the administrative part of the centre next to the offices. This pond serves partly for fish breeding and partly as a natural habitat for wildlife and plants. The pond provides safe access to water, shelter, food and breeding area for the local fauna. As a result, even an otter was seen in the pond. In 2019, other activities contributing to increasing the biodiversity of the whole area were systematically developed. Pools, wetlands and other water-retaining places were created in the centre area in order to slow down the water runoff from the landscape. Several dozen flowering and fruiting plants and trees were planted. In addition, we preserved several dead and fallen trees and their trunks as places for living, reproduction, and as

a shelter and food source for insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds, bats, and other mammals naturally occurring in the centre. These measures implemented in the rescue and rehabilitation centre's area represent a contribution to increasing the biodiversity of the whole locality. Last but not least, it serves as an inspiration for local staff, visitors and children attending the English-Environmental School run by The Kukang Rescue Program adjacent to the centre.



Newly filled pond adjacent to the offices



One of the pools in the rescue and rehabilitation centre



Part of a dead tree preserved for animals



Repair of the compost in the rescue centre

Volunteers and visits:

As every year, several visits from various parts of the world came to the rescue and rehabilitation centre. The centre was visited, for example, by the primate keeper from the Wroclaw Zoo Karolina Nowacka and the Deputy Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Indonesia Jakub Černý who came within the implementation of the “Small Scale Development Cooperation Project” grant. In addition to visiting the ongoing construction of the “School at the End of the World” in Basukum, the English-Environmental School and the rescue and rehabilitation centre in the village of Bandar Baru, Jakub Černý also came to see the field area in Kuta Male. The rescue and rehabilitation centre was visited also by two representatives of the German organization dedicated to the slow loris conservation called Plumploris, namely Ingo Kloppenburg and Marcel Stawinoga. There were also several volunteers in the centre - Emese Angyal from Budapest, who participated in educational and awareness-raising activities, Vít Kanyza and Ondřej Smékal, who came to shoot a documentary about The Kukang Rescue Program, Stanislav Lhota, who coordinated field activities in the Kuta Male area, and Czech volunteers Luboš Příbrský and Bára Příbrská.



Vít and Ondřej when filming in Sumatra



Volunteer Emese from Hungary

Cooperation with local government agencies

In January 2019, the Indonesian foundation Yayasan Peduli Kelestarian Satwa Liar (PASAL Foundation), which runs activities of The Kukang Rescue Program in Indonesia, and the local government agency BBKSDA North Sumatra under the Ministry of the Environment and Forestry of Indonesia jointly approved and created a final draft of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the conservation of small mammals of Sumatra. Implementation of this agreement was expected to start in 2019. Unfortunately, several bureaucratic traps emerged during the year due to new laws and regulations that showed that the PASAL Foundation would have to receive letters of recommendation from Jakarta not only from the Ministry of the Environment and Forestry, but also from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights. The initially anticipated three-month process turned into a several-month bureaucratic struggle full of meetings and negotiations with these ministries. The resolution of this situation and the final signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, loosely translated as “Cooperation on the Conservation of Small Mammals of Sumatra”, are expected during 2020.



Meeting with representatives of BBKSDA and Indonesian Association of Zoological Gardens and Aquaria (PKBSI)



Preparation of an MoU with BBKSDA North Sumatra in conservation of small mammals of Sumatra

Education and raising awareness about wildlife and nature conservation

Raising awareness among children and communities of farmers in Sumatra was crucial last year, mainly thanks to the “Small Scale Development Cooperation Project” grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic in cooperation with the Czech Embassy in Indonesia. Everything that happened in Indonesia, in the Czech Republic and on the Internet in connection with these and other educational activities is described in four subchapters below.

Indonesia:

In January, a grant called “Small Scale Development Cooperation Project” (SSP) was officially approved for our Indonesian foundation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic in cooperation with the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Indonesia. The application was primarily focused on activities related to helping local communities in Indonesia. These activities included raising awareness, educating children, support of sustainable production of coffee, i.e. the so-called “Kukang Coffee” project, and reduction of hunting of endangered and protected wild animal species in the selected area - the title of the application was “Support of Three Communities in Northern Sumatra through Environmental Education, Sustainable Coffee Production and Endangered Species Conservation”. After the grant was approved, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed at the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Indonesia between the PASAL Foundation, represented by František Příbrský, the Foundation’s Director, and the Embassy, represented by the Ambassador Ivan Hořek. One of the main goals of the grant was the construction and subsequent equipment of the school called “School at the End of the World” in cooperation with the Basukum community represented by Tomas Tarigan. Thanks to this school, children from the local community will get a chance to get not only environmental education, but also some experience in making traditional souvenirs, etc.



Signing of the agreement at the Czech Embassy



Construction of the School at the End of the World

In addition, the grant supported the establishment of the so-called “English-Environmental Clubs” (EEC) for youth who meet and discuss various current environmental issues facing Indonesia. In addition, in three key partner villages of Bandar Baru, Kuta Male and Basukum, environmental education was expanded and supported, schools and libraries have been equipped with furniture, notebooks, a projector and other teaching materials, and children have acquired new school uniforms. Furthermore, the “Kukang Coffee” project was launched. This project is based on the production, processing and sale of conservation coffee from the Kuta Male community and the involvement of local farmers in the protection of endangered animal species. You can learn more about this project in the chapter “Cooperation with local communities in Sumatra” below. A big thank you goes to the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Indonesia and especially to the Deputy Ambassador Jakub Černý for his support during the grant implementation. Following the successful completion of the SSP 2019 grant, an application for the next year, SSP 2020, was filed at the end of October. This time, this application was mainly aimed at supporting the establishment and operation of the so-called “Kukang Coffee Community”,

i.e. a community of farmers producing the conservation coffee and thus protecting endangered animals. This application was also approved at the end of 2019 and its content will be the main purpose of our work with communities in 2020.



School at the End of the World



English-Environmental Club for youth



New library for children of Bandar Baru



Jakub Černý during the control of the grant realization

The PASAL Foundation School lessons for children living close to the rescue and rehabilitation centre continued in the new building throughout 2019. Children attend the school for free, three times a week in the afternoon, out of which twice a week they learn English and once a week they receive environmental education. Every year at the end of the semester (i.e. twice in a school year), final reports are handed to children and the best students get awarded. In addition to the students themselves, their parents, all teachers and the leaders of the Indonesian PASAL Foundation are always present at this gala event. In 2019, children of Bandar Bar attended new environmental lessons motivated by activities developed by the Green-books organization. Several of these lessons were led by volunteers from Liberec Zoo, Adéla and Ilham.



Children from the Bandar Baru school in new uniforms



Final exams of children from the school in Bandar Baru



Handover of final reports and awarding the best students Students with final reports with their parents and teachers

For children from PASAL Foundation School and their parents, excursions to the Medan Istana Jambu Botanical Garden and to the Rahmat International Wildlife Museum & Gallery in Medan were organized under the guidance of the Education and Training Coordinator Novi and Assistants Syifi and Cici. Also, on 17 August 2019, these children celebrated the 74th anniversary of Indonesia's independence through games and environmentally-oriented activities.



Visit of the botanical garden in Medan



Visit of Rahmat International Wildlife Museum & Gallery

Environmental education and English lessons were also held every day in the Kuta Male Library during the first two weeks of February. On 16 February, the environmental lessons resulted in the celebration of the World Pangolin Day.



Playing of the slow loris game in Kuta Male



World Pangolin Day celebrations

Czech Republic and foreign countries:

The Czech part of the Kukang team traditionally gave presentations and organized or participated in many events across the Czech Republic. In 2019, however, members from abroad were also actively involved - Kukang events were held in Sweden, Poland and Hungary. Due to the large number of events below, we will only list their name and venue without further detailed description.

List of lectures by The Kukang Rescue Program in 2019
EAZA Annual Conference – Prosimian TAG, Valencia, Spain (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Commission for Prosimians of the Union of Czech and Slovak Zoological Gardens (UCSZOO), Hodonín Zoo (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Annual meeting of the Czech Coalition for Biodiversity Conservation (CCBC), Liberec Zoo (The Kukang Rescue Program)
University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Faculty of Science of the Masaryk University in Brno (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Wroclaw Zoo, Poland (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Jihlava Zoo (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Municipal Library of Prague on Mariánské Square, Prague (The Kukang Rescue Program)
ZooKaleidoskop, Liberec Zoo (The Kukang Rescue Program)
In-situ Commission of the Union of Czech and Slovak Zoological Gardens, Ostrava Zoo (Stolen Wildlife)
“Wildlife Crime in the Czech Republic” Seminar, Prague (Stolen Wildlife)
Safari Park Dvůr Králové (Stolen Wildlife)
University of Ostrava, Ostrava Zoo (Stolen Wildlife)
Conference “Right to Abuse?”, Prague (Stolen Wildlife)

Last year, The Kukang Rescue Program teamed up with a group of well-known Czech actors and actresses. These celebrities selflessly supported Kukang at a charity event called "FOR A MOMENT WITH KUKANG", where they presented models from the charity second hand Moment Charity Shops at an open-air grass fashion show. The event, organized by the Kukang Program together with the Czech Coalition for Biodiversity Conservation (CCBC) and Moment in the Naturalists Station in Prague, was also complemented by workshops and competitions for children. In the main building of the Prague Naturalists Station was also placed an exhibition of photographs by Lucie mapping the activities of the program in Sumatra.



**Fashion show of actors at the event
FOR A MOMENT WITH KUKANG**



**Slow loris games for children at the event
FOR A MOMENT WITH KUKANG**

List of events in 2019 and their venues	Type of event
FOR A MOMENT WITH KUKANG, Prague Naturalists Station	Benefit event
The Kukang Rescue Program exhibition, Prague Naturalists Station	The Kukang Rescue Program exhibition
The Kukang Rescue Program exhibition, Faculty of Environment CULS	The Kukang Rescue Program exhibition
EAZA Annual Conference – Prosimian TAG, Valencia, Spain	Poster
Winter Fair Bake Sale, International English School Årsta, Sweden	Stand
Day for Zoos, Olomouc Zoo	Stand
CCBC Conservation Projects Day in Liberec Zoo, ZŠ Montessori 2.C	Stand, games
Ostrava Zoo Run for Gibbons, Ostrava Zoo	Participation and support
Around the World Festival, PVA EXPO PRAGUE	Stand
World Animal Day, Dvorec Zoo	Stand, workshop, games
Children Day and Kukang Day, Hodonín Zoo	Stand, games
Children Day and Kukang Day, Zoopark Na Hrádečku	Stand, workshop, games
Day for Zoos, Liberec Zoo	Stand, workshop, games
Kukang Day, Ostrava Zoo	Stand, workshop, games
Bojnice Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Olomouc Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Brno Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Ostrava Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Hodonín Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife

Plzeň Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Jihlava Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Na Hrádečku Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Dvorec Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Tábor Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Zoopark Chomutov	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Hluboká Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Regional Authority of the Central Bohemia Region	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Dobrá Elementary School	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Ostrava-Výškovice Elementary School	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
V. Košáře Elementary School and Kindergarten	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
A. Hrdličky Elementary School	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Secondary School of Technology and Transport in Ostrava-Vítkovice	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
House of Children and Youth Orlová-Lutyně	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife



Kukang Day in Olomouc Zoo



Conservation Projects Day in Liberec Zoo



Children Day in Hodonín Zoo



Children Day in Zoopark Na Hrádečku

Several Kukang activities took place abroad, too. We would like to mention Swedish students from the International English School Årsta in Stockholm, Sweden, who, together with their teacher Staffan Dahlberg, already for the second time organized the sale of home-baked sweets, this time during the so-called Spring Fair Bake Sale. The proceeds from the sale supported selected organizations, one of them being The Kukang Rescue Program. Our Polish partner Wroclaw Zoo in cooperation with its DODO Foundation organized a presentation by František Příbrský for the public and zoo employees. Worth mentioning is also the motivational [speech](#) of Tom Flengeris from Canada, who in this way recommends The Kukang Rescue Program.



Swedish students at the Spring Fair Bake Sale



František's presentation in Wroclaw Zoo



František's presentation at the EAZA Annual Conference



Kateřina's presentation in Liberec Zoo

In 2019, the Czech Coalition for Biodiversity Conservation (CCBC) launched a new program offering lectures for schools, the so-called “CCBC to Schools”. The Kukang Rescue Program represented by Kateřina Holubová will not be missing. The video presenting Kateřina as a lecturer of this program can be seen [here](#).

Stolen Wildlife campaign:

As of the end of 2019, the Stolen Wildlife (SW) campaign had been launched for a year and a half. The campaign reveals the overlooked facts of illegal trade in wild animals and parts of their bodies in the Czech Republic and throughout Europe. The main tool of this campaign is the educational website www.stolenwildlife.org (also optimized for mobile phones), in Czech version www.ukradenadivocina.org. The website is supplemented by the Facebook and Instagram page “Ukradená divočina – Stolen Wildlife”. Another tool is the photographic exhibition of the Stolen Wildlife, which is installed, in print or is being finalized already in 14 Czech and Slovak zoos, at several schools, offices and in other places. In 2019, many important Czech institutions joined the campaign. Among them was the Brno Zoo (report on the Stolen Wildlife exhibition in Brno Zoo [here](#)), the Slovak Zoo Bojnice (more [here](#), [here](#) and in the article [here](#)), the Olomouc Zoo (photo-panels of the campaign installed in the zoo area can be viewed [here](#)), and several schools in the Moravian-Silesian Region.

The website (including its mobile version) was continuously extended and updated throughout the year. Worth mentioning is the [article](#) about the EAGLE Network organization written by Jana Hajduchová (Support Officer, EAGLE Network). A short [introduction](#) of Dominika Formanová, SW team member, was also added.



Stolen Wildlife Path in Olomouc Zoo



Poster on the Stolen Wildlife Exhibition in Brno Zoo

At the beginning of the year, a press release was published about the bronze award of the SW photographer Lucie Čížmářová and her photograph “Enough of the Plastic!” in the “Science - Environment” category of the Tokyo International Photo Awards (TIFA). One of several outputs of the press release is available [here](#) or for preview on the competition’s website [here](#). This photo was taken as part of the second series of SW photographs in the studio of the Secondary School of Clothing and Services in Vizovice. More info [here](#).

The SW campaign was also featured in the latest issue of PETmedia. You can learn more [here](#) or directly on the magazine’s website [here](#). The Stolen Wildlife was also given space in the summer issue of the Ostrava Zoo magazine called Ostravský Čolek [here](#).

After joining the Stolen Wildlife campaign, Bojnice Zoo got actively involved in its promotion. In the Slovak weekly Život 31/2019, an article by Jaroslav Šlast'an (press spokesman of the Bojnice Zoo) on banned souvenirs was published, and it includes the SW campaign as well. The article is available [here](#).

A series of reportages about the SW exhibition in Bojnice was created:

- [TV Prievidza](#)
- [RTVS](#) (28:16)
- [TVJOJ](#)

Or see articles:

- [Pravdive.eu](#)
- [Globsk](#)
- [Hlavné správy](#)
- [Polovníctvo & rybarstvo](#)
- [Ahojmama](#)
- [Učiteľské noviny](#)
- [Startitup.sk](#)
- [Refresher.sk](#)
- [Globsk](#)
- [Startitup.sk](#)
- [Prefer.sk](#)
- [Teraz.sk](#)
- [24hod.sk](#)

- [Dnesky](#)
- [Plus 7 dní](#)
- [Netky.sk](#)



Stolen Wildlife campaign in the Bojnice Zoo in Slovakia



Stolen Wildlife in the Dobrá Elementary School

The entire second series of SW photographs will be launched in early 2020 in cooperation with several other major Czech and foreign organizations (such as Prague Zoo, Safari Park Dvůr Králové, TRAFFIC, WildAid and others). As with the first series of photographs, all the specimens or parts of animals in the photographs of the second series, such as tiger bones, corals, bear bile, poisoned birds, etc., were seized by the control authorities in the Czech Republic. Photo panels of the second series will also be provided free of charge to everyone interested in printing and exhibiting at their institution. The first preview of the 2nd series of SW photographs was published on the occasion of the International Vulture Awareness Day (7.9.), because the new series is aimed, among other things, at threats to the world populations of vultures and their poisonings. The motto of this first photograph is “DEATH HIDDEN IN THE BAIT”. On the topic of vulture poisoning, the SW campaign collaborates with the globally recognized Vulture Conservation Foundation (VCF).

In 2019, there were several lectures not only about Kukang, but also about Stolen Wildlife. František Příbrský presented SW in Safari Park Dvůr Králové as part of the opening of the Stolen Wildlife exhibition, which will appear in this zoo in early 2020. Pavla Říhová included a SW presentation in the program of the “Wildlife Crime in the Czech Republic” seminar which was attended by 150 inspectors, customs officers, policemen, prosecutors, and judges. Kateřina Holubová presented SW and the issue of illegal wildlife trade to students of the University of Ostrava at a lecture at the Ostrava Zoo. The Ostrava Zoo’s Education Department would like to include this lecture in its offer of educational programs, which would be their first lecture for university students.



Preview of the 2nd series of SW photographs



Awarded photo by Lucie “Enough of the Plastic!”

The Facebook page of the campaign is constantly publishing new information and cases – both from the campaign website and from the Czech Republic and the world. Worth mentioning is the well-watched and shared post about bear paws used to prepare soup as a luxury delicacy, see it [here](#).

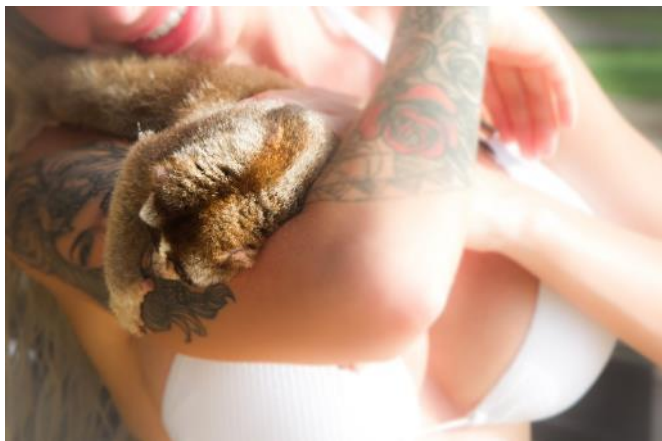
I Am Not Your Toy! campaign:

The campaign “I Am Not Your Toy!”, aimed against popularization of slow lorises as pets mainly on the Internet, has been running for several years. In addition to the constant raising awareness on Facebook pages, websites or elsewhere on the Internet, 2019 saw several other media achievements mentioned below.

At the beginning of 2019, a press release entitled “The Kukang Rescue Program team has documented illegal offering endangered slow lorises to tourists in Thailand” was published, which marked a big media interest. The press release was published by The Kukang Rescue Program together with all its partner zoos from the given period, i.e. Ostrava Zoo, Olomouc Zoo, Liberec Zoo, Hodonín Zoo, and the Wrocław Zoo from Poland. Several press releases were gradually shared on the Kukang partners’ Facebook pages. See, for example, [photos](#) and a successful [video](#). The press release was published also among NEWS FLASH of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA): on the Facebook page of Kukang [here](#) and of the European Association of Zoos and Aquariums (EAZA) [here](#). Here are some other media responses:

- [21. Století](#)
- [Novinky.cz](#)
- [Cysnews](#)
- [Naše město](#)
- [Globe24.cz](#)

The press release met with success, several positive reactions, and unusual interest. The obtained and processed materials as well as this issue as such will be further worked with within the campaign in the future.



Tourist with a slow loris on a beach in Phuket



Offering slow lorises for taking photos in Thailand

František Příbrský was invited to the live broadcast of the show Ráno na Seznamu (Morning on Seznam) on TV Seznam. The interview was about the current phenomenon of taking selfies with wildlife, its impact on wild animal populations, about The Kukang Rescue Program as well as about the wildlife trade as such. The recording of the whole interview can be watched [here](#).

Cooperation with local communities in Sumatra

The most important step in the cooperation with local people was the support of the development of three communities in the areas of Kuta Male, Basukum and Bandar Baru thanks to the aforementioned SSP grant of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic in cooperation with the Czech Embassy in Indonesia. In addition to all the already mentioned educational activities, this grant also enabled the work with farmers, mainly from the Kuta Male community. The staff of the Kukang program visited farmers and discussed with them the cultivation of “Kukang Coffee”, i.e. a conservation coffee with the aim of direct involvement of farmers in the conservation of wild animals. The “Kukang Coffee” project has thus reached its next stage. The “Kukang Coffee Community”, a community of farmers who would join this ambitious conservation project and benefit from it both professionally and financially was being prepared. By entering the community, these farmers commit themselves to protecting endangered and protected animal species in their surroundings, such as slow lorises, pangolins and others. The project details are coordinated with the Kuta Male community and its representative, Jhon Kartasi Gurusinga. In preparation for the project, the first sample of “Kukang Coffee” was produced, with a volume of approx. 20 kg being imported to the Czech Republic and roasted free of charge in a traditional Czech coffee roaster Caffè08 based in Děčín. Other activities of this project in the Czech Republic are planned in cooperation with Luboš Příbrský, a member of the Czech Kukang team. The “Kukang Coffee” project will be the main purpose of the SSP grant for 2020. Its title is “Supporting Livelihoods of a Community in Kuta Male, North Sumatra, and Protecting Local Endangered Wildlife through the Eco-friendly ‘Kukang Coffee’ Production” and it will loosely follow up the SSP grant implemented in 2019. In addition to developing coffee activities, the grant will be focused on supporting the education of the Kuta Male children. On the methodology of coffee production, distribution and conservation measures we continue to cooperate with the Indonesian SwaraOwa organization, which has been managing the “Coffee and Primate Conservation Project” on the Java Island for several years. All of these activities should contribute to securing this area before a pilot release of rehabilitated slow lorises takes place.



Harvesting the first beans of the “Kukang Coffee”



First samples of the “Kukang Coffee” brand

In the area of Kuta Male, in addition to working with the community, we continued in the monitoring of the current situation of the local slow loris population and evaluation of the habitat for future pilot release of rehabilitated slow lorises, including the selection of a future spot for a habituation enclosure.



Monitoring team in Kuta Male



Observing a greater slow loris during the monitoring



Bengal cat observed in Kuta Male during the night monitoring



Sumatran orangutan and long-tailed macaque jointly feeding on a ficus

In 2019, the work of the anti-conflict team (consisting of Novi, Syifa, Cici, Lucy, Emese and Marie) continued to meet with farmers and advise them to protect their fields from often endangered wildlife without killing these animals which would possibly mean violating the local law. Last year, the anti-conflict team visited farmers in Tongkoh, Raja Berneh and Kuta Male. The publication “How to protect your farm against animals while letting them live” is still available for preview or download [here](#). Along with brochures, Kukang coloring books were also distributed to farmers' children.



Brochure in the hands of a farmer from Tongkoh



Work of the anti-conflict team in Raja Berneh

Building the Indonesian team of wildlife and nature conservationists

As every year so far, in 2019 the Kukang team succeeded in recruiting new members both in Sumatra and in Europe. The Indonesian team does a good job and is regularly supported by the work of a large team, mostly from the Czech Republic, but also from some other European countries. One of the main goals of the program is to build an Indonesian team which will deal with most conservation activities related to slow lorises and other animals. You can have a look at how this Indonesian Kukang team looked like in 2019 in the photos below.



Indonesian Kukang team in the rescue centre



Part of the Czech Kukang team in Dvorec Zoo

The Indonesian Kukang team grew in 2019 with an old-new employee, Yanty Purba. Yanty previously worked as one of the teachers at our English-Environmental School. After a few-month break (family reasons), she returned to the Foundation and passed a probationary period for a new flexible job where she is responsible for the management and cleaning of office premises and their surroundings, taking care of guests, etc. The new position of the night watchman and lawn mowing worker got occupied by the new employee Abdoel Hadi. The employment contract was extended for all the current employees and signed by the new employees. Employment contracts for Indonesian employees are provided by the Indonesian PASAL Foundation, including social and health insurance, which is widely used by the Indonesian employees.

Thanks to the “Kukang Coffee” project, the field team consisting of coordinator Jhon Kartasim Gurusinga, Jesaya Temanta Karo-Karo and Wayudi Perangin-Angin got even more stabilized. Jesaya is a former slow loris hunter and Wayudi is a former pangolin hunter. In addition to the slow lorises and pangolins, both occasionally hunted also other animals in the area. Over a period of several years, we have built a close relationship with both of them, which will now result in an employment contract. Jesaya and Wayudi navigate perfectly in the forest, they know wild animals really well, and have thus become ideal field assistants. Thanks to these steps, The Kukang Rescue Program has succeeded in eliminating captures of slow lorises, pangolins and other endangered species in the area, thus protecting hundreds of animals from potential hunting. This significant success is already noticeable on the number of animals observed during the fieldwork.



Indonesian field Kukang team



Wayudi during the field monitoring

Partnership

In 2019, The Kukang Rescue Program acquired a new partner from among the European zoos, namely the German NaturZoo Rheine. This way, the family of zoos supporting the program's efforts to combat the illegal trade in animals and to protect wild animals (not only) in Indonesia is growing. This partnership with zoos is currently based on patronage, advice and financial and material support, and we thank all our partner zoo institutions for it!



NaturZoo Rheine, the new partner of The Kukang Rescue Program

Last year, The Kukang Rescue Program was supported by several companies, which include both the traditional supporter LENGAU s.r.o., i.e. Hračky Barvíř, and a new supporter Aquatechnik Moravia, s.r.o. in cooperation with the Hodonín Zoo. Worth mentioning is also the support of Claim System s.r.o. from Ústí nad Labem, a firm specializing in debt collection and business risk management. Claim System is another company that decided to support not only The Kukang Rescue Program, but also the Stolen Wildlife campaign.

Cooperation with the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Indonesia on the sustainable development focusing primarily on educational and awareness-raising activities and support for local communities has already been mentioned here. In addition, a donated ultrasound and a purchased centrifuge were sent to Indonesia in cooperation with the Embassy. Furthermore, a meeting was held last year on the future cooperation with representatives of the German organization Plumploris. Establishing new strategic partnerships and friendly relationships is very important in the field of nature conservation.



Pupils of our Bandar Baru school with Hračky Barvíř logo



Meeting of Kukang and Plumploris teams in Ostrava Zoo

In 2019, the activities of The Kukang Rescue Program were extended even to the Philippines, specifically to the Panglao Island, located within Bohol Province. Here, cooperation was initiated with the Vesna Panglao Conservation, an organization dedicated to the conservation of the marine ecosystem, where the ecological wastewater treatment plant was built with the support of the Kukang team. In the Philippines, as in Indonesia, wastewater is an under-resolved issue and Vesna could not afford to risk its wastewater polluting the emerging Marine Protected Reserve. The sewage plant was built on Panglao Island at the request of Lucie Černá, who co-runs the Vesna Panglao Conservation. The sewage plant was built following the example of the Sumatran eco wastewater treatment plants constructed in the Kukang's rescue and rehabilitation centre. After the construction of the plant on Panglao Island, the team members of Kukang and Vesna also met the mayor of the island, who expressed his interest in implementing similar eco-plants on a larger scale in other parts of the island.



**Ecological wastewater treatment plant
in the Philippines**



**Finalization of the wastewater treatment plant of the Vesna
Panglao Conservation**

Publicity

Last year, The Kukang Rescue Program appeared in several television reports, articles on the Internet, or in printed magazines. Here is a summary of some of the most important media outputs:

The daily MF Dnes published an interview with František Příbrský about his motivation to establish an organization for conservation of slow lorises in Sumatra, about its activities, about illegal wildlife trade in Indonesia, and many other issues. The interview can be found [here](#). The whole interview was published on 30 June also online at iDnes.cz [here](#), or see the Facebook link [here](#). The interview was also published in various forms in several regional issues of the 5Plus2 newspaper, for preview [here](#) and [here](#).

A large part of the Czech Kukang team are graduates of the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague, namely of the Faculty of Agrobiology, Food and Natural Resources. This faculty published an [article](#) about its graduates involved in The Kukang Rescue Program.

An article about the Kukang program based on the interview with František Příbrský on server Aktualne.cz [here](#).

An issue of the newsletter of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) focused on the illegal trade in animals published an article by Frantisek Pribrsky speaking about The Kukang Rescue Program and the support it has been receiving from several Europe's leading zoos. This article is found on page 12-13 of [this link](#).

Comprehensive interview with František Příbrský on i-region.eu [here](#).

The new show Prima Mazlíček (Prima Pet) highlighted the unsuitability of slow lorises as pets and The Kukang Rescue Program in its [broadcast](#) on TV Prima and on its [website](#).

Also, in the latest edition of Živá Univerzita, the journal of the Czech University of Life Sciences, you can find an article by František Příbrský on The Kukang Rescue Program with the title: “CULS graduates fight against illegal wildlife trade”. You can read it [here](#).

In early December, The Kukang Rescue Program published a press release entitled “The Kukang Rescue Program has got engaged in development aid in Sumatra! A grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic enabled education and work with farmers who are now beginning to protect endangered animal species”, which summarized the achievements of the implemented SSP 2019. The entire press release was published, for example, on the website [ParlamentníListy.cz](#). A Facebook post on the press release is available [here](#). The press release was published together with some of our partner zoos, namely Ostrava Zoo, Olomouc Zoo, and Hodonín Zoo.

An article titled “Cuteness as a Curse” about the unsuitability of slow lorises as pets and about the activities of The Kukang Rescue Program was published on TV Plus in the Příroda (Nature) section [here](#).

Activities of The Kukang Rescue Program are regularly mentioned in the EAZA newsletter of the Prosimian TAG, as the Kukang Program is part of its “Prosimian TAG *In situ* Conservation Plan”. In 2019, the program was mentioned in several issues:

- Newsletter No. 11 - Illegal offering of endangered slow lorises to tourists to take photographs with them for money documented by the Kukang team on Phuket Island in Thailand [here](#).
- Newsletter No. 12 - New annual report and charity event “For a Moment with Kukang” [here](#).
- Newsletter No. 13 - New buildings in the rescue and rehabilitation centre in Sumatra and the cover photo of a slow loris in the quarantine [here](#).

The Kukang Rescue Program in the certificate of this expert group is available [here](#).

Updated information is available on the website of the Indonesian Yayasan Bohemindo Foundation, co-founded by Michal Wasserbauer of Cekindo and other compatriots in Indonesia. The aim of this foundation is to bring together Czechs active in Indonesia. The Kukang Rescue Program can be found on the foundation's website [here](#).

In the third week of May, Kukang was declared an “NGO of the Week” at GIVt, promoting the Kukang Program through collaboration with e-shops that people can choose to donate to Kukang. More information can be found [here](#).

In 2019, a document entitled “Projects of the Liberec Zoo in the World” was published, documenting projects that, as the name implies, are supported and/or implemented in Sumatra by the Liberec Zoo. The document, which is opened by The Kukang Rescue Program, can be seen in the ZooCinema in the Liberec Zoo. Filming was directed by documentary filmmaker Michal Gálik.

Media outputs regarding the Stolen Wildlife and I Am Not Your Toy! campaigns are listed in the relevant chapter above.

In conclusion

The Kukang Rescue Program has experienced another successful year full of both traditional and brand-new activities. Positive results are brought by a system where activities in Indonesia are managed by the Indonesian PASAL Foundation, actively supported by the Czech non-profit organization The Kukang Rescue Program, z.s. The PASAL Foundation is an organization providing legal integrity in Indonesia and The Kukang Rescue Program, z.s. ensures financial support and awareness-raising activities in Europe.

Between 19 and 21 July 2019, the General Assembly of members of the Czech organization The Kukang Rescue Program, z.s. for 2019 took place in Píšťany where the past year was summarized and the following year was planned.



**Annual meeting of the Czech Kukang team
in Píšťany**



**Preparation of the exhibition of photographs by Lucie
at CULS in Prague**

Today, social networks are an important tool for sharing information and raising awareness. Therefore, in 2019, an Instagram account of The Kukang Rescue Program was established. This account can be found at: https://www.instagram.com/kukang_program/

Last year, several other important conservation projects were launched, and The Kukang Rescue Program is part of them. We would like to mention the completion of Ecocaravan, which was created under the auspices of a group of conservationists from JARO Jaroměř. This specially adapted caravan will be attending various festivals and other public events and will be packed with products, by purchasing of which people will support nature conservation. Another project of this group of people in cooperation with the photographer Jana Pechlátová and a number of Czech celebrities is the project Pomáhám přírodě (I Help Nature) (<http://pomaham-prirode.cz>) The Kukang Rescue Program is among the projects that are supported by the Ecocaravan or through the purchase of the charity calendar (I Help Nature). In the Ostrava Zoo and its surroundings, it is possible to meet a beautiful car covered with The Kukang Rescue Program motif.



Finished Ecocaravan



Ostrava Zoo car decorated with the Kukang Program motif

There was a lot going on in 2019 and this report is a summary of only the most important events. Even more plans and new projects are being prepared for the coming years. In addition to the “Kukang Coffee” project, it is worth mentioning the planned international Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Czech Republic and Indonesia on nature conservation and sustainable development. Representatives of The Kukang Rescue Program discussed this MoU in Indonesia together with representatives of the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Indonesia and representatives of the Indonesian Ministry of the Environment and Forestry, as well as in the Czech Republic at the Czech Ministry of the Environment with Deputy Minister of the Environment Smrž, other key people of this ministry, with the Ambassador of Indonesia in the Czech Republic and her Secretary, but also with colleagues from the Liberec Zoo and the Czech Environmental Inspectorate.



Kukang team supported the harvest festival in Kuta Male



Exhibiton at the Prague Naturalists Station

All these activities could not have been carried out without the support of our partner zoos, such as Ostrava Zoo, Olomouc Zoo, Liberec Zoo, Hodonín Zoo, Wrocław Zoo, and NaturZoo Rheine, and other organizations, such as the Czech Coalition for Biodiversity Conservation (CCBC), Czech Palm Oil Watch, EAZA Prosimian TAG and many others including private companies and individual donors listed on our website. Many thanks to everyone!

Behind all our activities and events is the work and willingness of many people. Therefore, in conclusion we would like to express our sincere thanks to all the members of the Czech and foreign Kukang team and all the volunteers who helped us implement many activities both in Indonesia and in the Czech Republic and abroad. We also greatly appreciate the help of all organizers, volunteers and partners of past events and lectures and all others who supported the program financially, materially, or by dedicating their time. However, a big thank you goes to everyone involved in the fight against the illegal wildlife trade and in the conservation of slow lorises.



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