

The Kukang Rescue Program ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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THE KUKANG RESCUE PROGRAM IN 2021

The Kukang Rescue Program is primarily focused on combating the illegal trade in wildlife and protecting slow lorises in Indonesia, primarily in the province of North Sumatra. Like all over the world, the COVID-19 pandemic continued in Indonesia in 2021 and it is not of great importance to repeat that even The Kukang Rescue Program did not escape the difficulties associated with its spread. However, it must be added in one breath that despite the related difficulties, the activities of the program continue successfully and in many cases are still expanding. This report is a summary of the most important events that took place in 2021 not only in Indonesia but also in the Czech Republic and the rest of the world, including the internet.

RESCUE AND REHABILITATION CENTRE IN SUMATRA

The biggest event of this year was the June visit to the Kukang Centre by the Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic, Richard Brabec, together with representatives of the Czech business sector. The visit was part of the mission of the Czech Republic to Indonesia on 20-25 June 2021, led by Minister Brabec. Through it, the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic reached a milestone in cooperation with the Ministry of the Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia. During the visit to this country, a "Letter of Intent" was signed, which is the result of several years of efforts by the ministries of both countries to cooperate in the field of environmental protection and sustainable development. Conservation and research activities in Indonesia, supported mainly by Czech and other European zoos, were also highlighted, and cooperation between selected universities of both countries was strengthened.

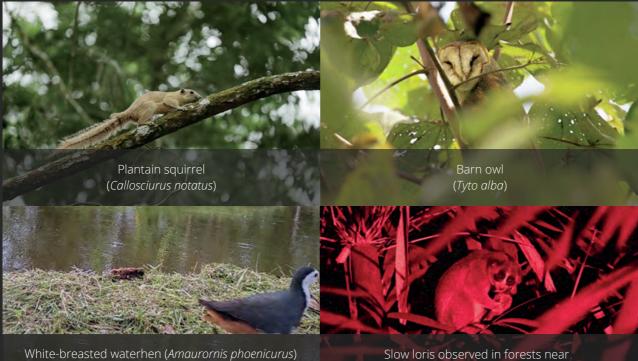
The Kukang program also participated in organizing this mission. For its representatives, the highlight of the mission was the already mentioned visit by the entire Czech delegation, during which the minister expressed great support for the conservation activities of the program in the rescue centre. The entire progress of the mission is nicely summarized in <u>this video</u>.





Kukang Centre is full of life. On its premises, we have been building various biodiversity hotspots for several years, which should provide refuge for various species of wild and often protected animals, from insects to mammals. These biodiversity measures are beginning to bear fruit and more and more species of wild animals are found in the centre and even raise their young here.

As every year, Lucie Čižmářová and Stanislav Lhota monitored the occurrence of slow lorises and other nocturnal animals in selected areas. Unfortunately, due to the worsened Covid situation, this annual monitoring could not continue in Kuta Male. For these purposes, a new area was chosen, namely the vicinity of the rescue centre in Bandar Baru. The field team will continue to monitor this area in the coming years in order to compare data from both locations and assess how wild nocturnal animals are doing here and how their population changes over time.



captured by camera trap in the centre

low loris observed in forests nea Bandar Baru village



Field team before night mission around the rescue centre



Common palm civet (*Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*) captured by camera trap in the centre

COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN INDONESIA



On 16 April 2021, a new foundation, titled Yayasan Patron Satwa Indonesia (PATRON Foundation), with a purely Indonesian structure was established. The intention of this step was to achieve the conclusion of a cooperation agreement for the protection of threatened small mammals of Indonesia with the branch of the Ministry of the Environment BBKSDA Medan.

Regarding this new cooperation agreement, we continue to actively negotiate with all the relevant authorities. The original assumption was that the official visit of the Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic to Indonesia would help to conclude it. Unfortunately, even by the end of 2021, the agreement could not be concluded, and the signing process was suspended by the Indonesian Ministry for the time being.

COOPERATION WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN SUMATRA

The Kukang Coffee project continues successfully, as evidenced by the fact that over 50 Indonesian farmers have already joined the growing Kukang Coffee Community, becoming conservationists. The field team, led by coordinator Jhon, started talking with farmers from the villages of Amburidi and Lau Buluh, which are adjacent to the village of Kuta Male and, like it, are located close to the Leuser Ecosystem. These farmers have expressed interest in joining the Kukang Coffee project. Further cooperation with them, training, and possible acceptance into the Kukang Coffee community will take place in 2022.



Agreement on cooperation with a farmer in Kuta Male New member of the Kukang Coffee Community

The construction of Kukang Coffee House has been completed in the Kuta Male village. This building is used for processing (i.e. dehusking, drying, manual picking of bad beans) and storage of coffee, but also for training farmers from the Kukang Coffee Community. In addition, we are moving our English-environmental library for local children to it. The construction was financed thanks to a grant called "Small Scale Development Cooperation Project", which we received thanks to the support of the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Jakarta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. The Kukang Coffee project has thus moved a big step forward.



Newly built Kukang Coffee House



Greenhouse for drying of coffee in Kukang Coffee House Final processed coffee from farmers is exported to the Czech Republic, where the Kukang Coffee café was established in Ústí nad Labem in 2020 for the purpose of selling the coffee. Despite the difficult times when its premises were closed for a long time and coffee could only be sold through the delivery window, this café decided to support the medical staff at the Masaryk Hospital in Ústí nad Labem at the beginning of 2021. Therefore, the volunteers of The Kukang Rescue Program together with other supporters of the program contributed financially so that Kukang Coffee could make these frontline fighters against the coronavirus happy for three weeks



The goal was to encourage health workers and give them strength and positive energy during this particularly difficult time for them. The project to support health workers was also supported by the company Bushman (photo and info here) and Bohušovická mlékárna (photo and info here). In three weeks, healthcare workers were pleased with 5,895 cups of coffee! In the café in the Pařížská Street, in addition to medical workers, police officers and firefighters also received free coffee. Furthermore, as an expression of thanks, employees of the zoos, thanks to whose support the Kukang program operates in Sumatra, also received a free cup of coffee in the café.



On 2 June 2021, the Kukang Coffee café in Ústí nad Labem celebrated the first year since its opening. During that year, the Kukang Coffee project began to cooperate with Laura Coffee, a family roastery and café in Ostrava. This happened thanks to the Ostrava Zoo, where since 2021, Laura Coffee offers Kukang Coffee on one of the grinders at its stand. In addition, the project began to cooperate with the Prague café Pragovka that is owned by Ha Thanh Špetlíková, well-known actress and girlfriend of Arthur Sniegon, our colleague from the organization Save Elephants. In addition, Kukang Coffee is also available to visitors of the Prague veterinary center Vetmania. In May, the café tested and included a new product in the offer – a light roasted version of Kukang Coffee, which is significantly fruitier and tastes very different from the dark roasted one. At the end of August, cooperation also began with the Municipality of the City of Ostrava, as part of which Kukang Coffee is regularly purchased by the mayor and his entire office.



In June, the café organized a fundraiser for our partner Hodonín Zoo, which was largely destroyed by a tornado. In the café, people could contribute to a collection box, which also received 5 CZK from each coffee sold. A nice sum of 10,000 CZK was fundraised in the month of operation of the collection.

EDUCATION AND RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT NATURE AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Education, especially for children and communities of farmers, continued in the past year despite the restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Everything that happened in connection with education in Indonesia, in the Czech Republic and on the internet is described in the three subsections below.

INDONESIA

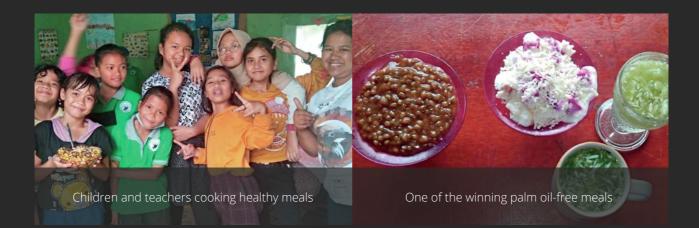
Classes at the Kukang School, an English-environmental school run by the program and now attended by over 30 children, continued throughout the year, albeit under stricter hygiene measures. The semester ended in June and 6 students with the best results were awarded. In 2021, the school also joined the international initiative "Education4Conservation", which aims to educate pre-school children about nature and its conservation. As part of this initiative, teachers use the same curriculum in different institutions in several countries. Kukang School, therefore, opened a new class for pre-school children and now exchanges experience with teachers not only from other parts of Indonesia but also from Madagascar or Botswana.



Children from the Kukang School

Lesson within the Education4Conservation initiative

On the occasion of the International Palm Oil Free Day falling on 1 February, the children from Kukang School, like every year, discussed the issue of palm oil and, together with their teachers, cooked a healthy meal without using palm oil. This year, teachers Novita and Syifa also entered the competition of healthy Indonesian palm oil free recipes, organized by the organization Save Balikpapan Bay together with Czech Palm Oil Watch. With their dish "Kapurung", they placed a beautiful 2nd place overall, and even took 1st place twice in the category "healthiest recipe" and "most eco-friendly recipe".



As part of the cooperation between the PATRON Foundation and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Syiah Kuala University, Lucie Čižmářová gave a lecture to Indonesian students and professors on the topic of protection of slow lorises and pangolins in Indonesia, veterinary problems of these species, and the involvement of zoos in nature conservation. The lecture took place as part of a series of professional lectures focusing on veterinary aspects called International work for animal health/vet. As a follow-up to this lecture, one of the students, Akhmad Julian Gaputra, made a video about the threat to slow lorises in Indonesia as part of his studies. The video and further description can be seen <u>here</u>.



For the needs of environmental lessons at the Kukang School in Sumatra, this year we received a donation - binoculars donated by the public to the pan-European collection of the EAZA Silent Forest campaign (Silent Forest, EAZA Silent Forest Group). More information about the campaign and the certificate for the telescopes can be found **here**.



CZECH REPUBLIC AND ABROAD

The Czech part of the Kukang team has traditionally lectured and organized or participated in many events throughout the Czech Republic and abroad. Despite the extensive restrictions associated with the COVID-19 disease pandemic, the number of events was high, so we only list them and their venues below without further detailed description.





The Kukang Rescue Program Lectures

Global Biodiversity Conservation Conference (GBCC), Wroclaw Zoo: DODO lectures, Wildlife conservation in human landscapes (ALKA Wildlife) Conference, 13th seminar Wildlife Crime in the Czech Republic, Mini-festival Taste Bali and Indonesia, Laura Coffee, Palacký University Olomouc, University Syiah Kuala Aceh, Ústí nad Labem Zoo

Kukang Coffee Lectures

Global Biodiversity Conservation Conference (GBCC), Wroclaw Zoo: DODO lectures, Wildlife conservation in human landscapes (ALKA Wildlife) Conference, 13th seminar Wildlife Crime in the Czech Republic, Mini-festival Taste Bali and Indonesia, Laura Coffee, Commission for prosimians of the Union of Czech and Slovak zoos

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Global Biodiversity Conservation Conference (GBCC), Zoo Ústí nad Labem, Ostrava Zoo - The 70th anniversary of zoo foundation, Ústecké Prosecco Festival in Ústí nad Labem, Benefit festival Útulek fest in Ústí

nad Labem, Musical festival Fondy Fest in Koštov

Thematic Lectures

Ústí nad Labem Zoo: **Role of the zoo in nature conservation and its <u>future</u>**, EAZA Annual Conference - Prosimian TAG: Slow loris archs, Fresh Festival in Liberec - Kukang Coffee and CCBC,Czech University of Life Sciences Prague - The Kukang Rescue Program and the role of modern zoos in nature conservation

Other Events

Annual meeting of the Czech Coalition for Biodiversity Conservation (CCBC), Liberec Zoo, *In-situ* Commission of the Union of Czech and Slovak zoos, Hluboká nad Vltavou Zoo - Support of *in-situ* projects discussion, Day for Zoos in Olomouc Zoo - Stands, workshops, games

Stolen Wildlife Exhibitions

Malkia Park, Tallin Zoo

STOLEN WILDLIFE CAMPAIGN

The Stolen Wildlife (SW) campaign, co-founded by the Kukang program, has already been operating for 3 years. In October, the third series of campaign photos, which will be published in 2022, was shot. The individual images were traditionally photographed in the studio of the High School of Clothing and Services in Vizovice. Educational photo panels of the Stolen Wildlife Exhibition can now also be seen in Malkia Park in Slovakia and in Tallinn Zoo in Estonia. These gardens thus became other partner organizations of the campaign. More on the organizations and institutions that have joined Stolen Wildlife can be found <u>here</u>.



Shooting of the 3rd series of campaign photos

Stolen Wildlife team in photo studio in Vizovice

In addition to the installation of informational photo panels in its premises, Tallinn Zoo also created an interesting educational video in cooperation with SW. This video shows how, for example, even ordinary citizens-tourists who want to bring an exotic souvenir from their travels can be unwillingly involved in trafficking of products from protected wildlife. The video with English subtitles can be viewed <u>here</u>. Individual educational photo-panels can be found across the zoo near the enclosures of animals threatened by illegal trade.



A special five-member team for detecting criminal activity in the field of trafficking in endangered species of animals and plants, which also includes members of Stolen Wildlife Pavla Říhová and Dominika Formanová and who in December 2020 left the CITES department of the Czech Environmental Inspectorate (CEI), works since the beginning of the year in the newly established Environmental Forensic Sciences Centre of Charles University in Prague. This workplace has no powers to investigate criminal offences but former CEI inspectors devote themselves to the issue of wildlife crime in the field of research and continue to cooperate with the Customs Administration of the Czech Republic and the Police of the Czech Republic. More in the article <u>here</u>.

SW team member Pavla Říhová gave several interviews during the year. She gave an **interview** to the magazine Prirodovedci.cz about her current position at the Environmental Forensic Sciences Centre, the focus of this workplace, future prospects and the scope of illegal trade and its fight against it in our country. On Czech Radio Plus, Pavla was joined in an **interesting interview** by Jana Hajduchová, a member of the non-governmental organization EAGLE Network, and naturalist Jan Dungel, who explained the context and background of poaching and illegal trade in wild animals in the world and in the Czech Republic. In **Ekolist**, Pavla described Operation Hunter and how the several-year investigation of this case unfolded, uncovering an elaborate system of illegal trade in wild species in the Czech Republic.

BUILDING THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM OF NATURE AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONISTS

Just like every year, the Kukang team managed to recruit new members, either in Sumatra or outside of it. The Indonesian team is doing a good job and is consistently supported by the work of a large team mainly from the Czech Republic but also from other countries. Incidentally, building an Indonesian team to handle most of the conservation activities associated with slow lorises and other wild animals is one of the main goals of The Kukang Rescue Program.



Jenny, who is one of the main characters of the Indonesian team and the director of the PATRON Foundation, became a Bachelor of Law with the support of our organization. Jenny has come a long way both in her studies and in her career as a field conservationist of endangered species. Her knowledge of criminal law will be very useful in our work, especially in the fight against the illegal wildlife trade.

In the past year, members of The Kukang Rescue Program have begun to focus a little more on identifying and investigating of selected cases wildlife smuggling. For this purpose, several Indonesian investigators have been employed and trained to investigate cases of illegal wildlife trade. Due to the need to keep their identities confidential, their names cannot be published.



Indonesian Kukang team in Sumatra

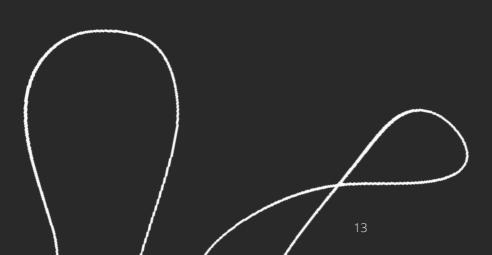
ENSURING A SUITABLE POPULATION OF SLOW LORISES IN HUMAN CARE, I.E. *EX SITU*

In addition to the long-term complex conservation of primates in the place of their occurrence (*in situ*), a complete novelty among the activities of the Kukang program is the support for the creation of a sustainable backup population of these primates in human care, the so-called *ex situ*. That is why the Kukang program promotes the construction of breeding centres for pygmy slow lorises (so-called slow loris arks) within the framework of modern zoos associated mainly within the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) as one of the possible solutions. For this, the program works with a group of experts on prosimians called Prosimian TAG. The "slow loris arks" are already starting to appear in several zoos, such as the Olomouc Zoo (a new building realized in cooperation with the company Bidli.cz), the Ústí nad Labem Zoo (a new, unique in Europe breeding and exhibit complex with conservation and educational overlap) and the Ostrava Zoo (a new building with an exhibit for gibbons and extensive breeding facilities). A breeding facility already exists in Jihlava Zoo and in many ways, it is a model for others. German Dortmund Zoo is also planning to build a slow loris ark, as it already has pygmy slow lorises in its exhibit.



Pygmy slow loris involved in a breeding programme in Jihlava Zoo

And why is the creation of backup populations as important as the program's field activities? Slow loris populations are being decimated in the wild by the black wildlife market, where these primates are mostly sold as pets. In addition, slow lorises are also threatened by the trade for medicinal and ritual purposes or the loss of their habitat, in addition to being hunted and offered to tourists as photo props for money. For these reasons, the number of slow lorises in the wild is dramatically decreasing. Unfortunately, we are getting into a situation where the populations of slow lorises are declining even in human care in modern zoos, and this threatens their future breeding and the maintenance of a backup population. That's why the program supports the construction of breeding centres for pygmy slow lorises (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) within modern zoos, especially those associated within EAZA.





Upcoming breeding facility with a new exhibit for pygmy slow lorises in Ústí nad Labem Zoo

The goal is to create a stable and genetically diverse backup population of slow lorises in human care, which could eventually be a source of slow lorises for release back into the wild should the current threats disappear. František Příbrský has become the deputy coordinator for the European breeding program for pygmy slow lorises (the so-called EAZA *Ex situ* Programme) and will help popularize the breeding of this species in an effort to maintain and expand it in Europe. As part of the popularization and explanation of the topic, we have released a **new video** about the creation of the European "slow loris arks". This appeals to zoos to help us create a modern-day Noah's Ark.



PARTNERSHIP

In 2021, The Kukang Rescue Program gained two new partners from among modern zoos. The first of them is the Ústí nad Labem Zoo, which is undergoing a major transformation and has ambitious plans to return to the top zoos. The second partner is Zlín Zoo, which is one of the most successful and most visited Czech zoos. This significantly expanded the number of our partner zoos, of which there are already ten by the end of 2021. This partnership with zoos is based on patronage, advice and financial and material support. A big thank you to all our partner zoo institutions, because without them we simply could not function!





In 2021, the Czech non-profit organization entered into official cooperation with the Ústí nad Labem Museum, the aim of which is mutual promotion, cooperation on museum collections, sharing spaces, organizing events, etc. As for the Indonesian foundation, on 12 July, it concluded an agreement on cooperation with the veterinary faculty of Syiah Kuala University in Aceh. The signing of the cooperation agreement took place between the director of the PATRON Foundation, Jenny, and the dean of the faculty, Reza, at the Rahmat International Wildlife Museum & Gallery in Medan.

It has been more than a year since the Kukang program together with the Ostrava Zoo started cooperating with the Philippine organization Vesna Panglao Conservation. This NGO deals with the protection of the marine ecosystem by establishing marine reserves and coral nurseries, education, and work with local communities on the island of Panglao, which falls under the Philippine province of Bohol. Our cooperation takes place mainly in the field of solving the problem of wastewater polluting the coast of Panglao Island - by building ecological root wastewater treatment plants. The first one is already in full operation for guests of Vesna and the adjacent diving centre Almira. The model first tested in the Kukang Rescue Centre in Sumatra is thus becoming international. The village management and the villagers themselves are enthusiastic about the eco wastewater treatment plants and it looks like they will start building them in other places on the island.



Our partner Na Hrádečku Zoo launched a 24-hour auction of **photos of animals kept in this zoo**, the full proceeds of which were donated to The Kukang Rescue Program. They managed to collect a beautiful amount of CZK 16,000, which was further increased by one Czech crown from every Prima popsicle sold in the zoo area and by the proceeds from the summer cinema.

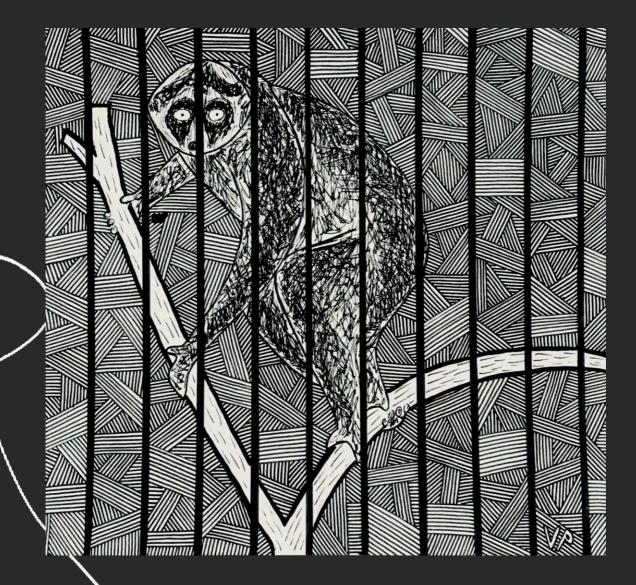
PUBLICITY

In 2021, the final footage of the upcoming documentary mapping the activities of the Kukang program over the past three years was shot, and now its post-production is underway. The main co-production partners are Olomouc Zoo and Ostrava Zoo, however, cooperation was also established with the production company Bionaut. The premiere of the documentary is planned for 2022. In addition, another filming was completed, this time in June in cooperation with the British production company WildSpace Production and the Indonesian production company ASA Films. The goal was to shoot footage for a video promoting nature conservation, focusing on the Kukang Coffee project. The video will accompany a Netflix documentary called Our Great National Parks: Leuser narrated by former US President Barack Obama, which will include footage of slow lorises filmed in Kuta Male. The film will have its world premiere in April 2022.

In the past year, The Kukang Rescue Program appeared in several television reports, radio, articles on the internet and in print media. Here is a summary of some of the most important media outputs:

A short advertisement about the project and the café was shot at Kukang Coffee café. The commercial was filmed by a volunteer of the Kukang program in the position of cameraman and editor Ondřej Teplík. The video can be viewed <u>here</u>.

The Czech Coalition for Biodiversity Conservation (CCBC), whose members include our Kukang rescue program, has launched a new public online library of "CCBC for Schools" as a tool for environmental education. Of course, it also includes slow lorises, the issue of illegal wildlife trade, and our conservation activities in Sumatra. The online library (completely free of charge) can be found on the <u>CCBC website</u>.



DATE	TITLE OF THE ARTICLE OR REPORTAGE	MEDIA LINKS
14/1/2021	František Příbrský: Let's stop the illegal wildlife trade in pangolins and slow lorises	<u>Nature Solutionaries</u>
26/1/2021	Wroclaw Zoo: Organizations from all over the world thank our visitors!	Zoo Wroclaw a DODO Foundation
19/2/2021	Slow lorises are the only venomous primates. We convinced poachers to protect them, says Příbrský.	<u>Blesk.cz</u>
23/2/2021	An initiative in Sumatra leads the way in saving endangered pangolins and slow lorises	<u>Sustainability times</u>
25/2/2021	UJEP Graduate saves slow lorises	Podcast UJEP
27/2/2021	About pangolins with František Příbrský	<u>Český rozhlas Sever</u>
6/4/2021	Health professionals are given coffee from Sumatra. As a thank you for their work.	<u>Ústecký deník</u>
11/4/2021	Let's save slow lorises!	<u>Česká televize</u> <u>– Nedej se</u>
19/4/2021	Taste the story	<u>Uličník ústecký</u>
28/5/2021	Daily on a visit - He is helping as far away as Sumatra	<u>Deník –</u> Zlínský, Olomoucký, … and <u>Facebook</u>
17/6/2021	Minister of the Environment Richard Brabec visited the Kukang Rescue Centre in Sumatra and supported protection of slow lorises and pangolins	<u>MŽP ČR, UTAMANEWS,</u> <u>EnviWeb.cz, Ekolist</u>
3/7/2021	Let's save pangolins!	<u>MF DNES</u>
3/2021	Kukang Coffee – the story of coffee, that protects nature	Pražská EVVOluce
9/10/2021	About environmental photojournalism and the fight against animal trafficking with Lucie Čižmářová	<u>Český rozhlas Sever</u>
16/10/2021	The mission of modern zoos is not only education, but also the protection of threatened animals	<u>Český rozhlas Sever</u>
3/11/2021	Proud Zoo People - European Association of Zoos and Aquaria - František Příbrský	EAZA - official
26/11/2021	Kukang Coffee – Coffee with an overlap	<u>Uličník ústecký</u>
10/12/2021	In Sumatra, thanks to development aid from the Czech Republic, a new "coffee house" was created for Kukang Coffee growers, who help to protect slow lorises, pangolins and other endangered animal species.	<u>Ekolist</u> a <u>Facebook</u>

IN CONCLUSION

The Kukang Rescue Program has had another busy and varied year full of both traditional and completely new activities. A system where activities in Indonesia are provided by an Indonesian foundation, now the PATRON Foundation, actively supported by the Czech non-profit organization The Kukang Rescue Program, z. s. has still been successful. The PATRON Foundation is an organization that, in addition to the activities themselves, also ensures legal integrity in Indonesia and The Kukang Rescue Program, z. s. provides financial support and educational activities in Europe.

Like every year in the Czech Republic, the general meeting of the Czech non-profit organization The Kukang Rescue Program, z. s. was held, this time in the Kukang Coffee café in Ústí nad Labem. The past year was discussed here, as well as plans for the following months. In addition, in 2021, a six-monthly meeting of the organization's members took place, where further activities of the rescue program were planned, mainly those in the Czech Republic and on the internet. Since October, the Kukang Coffee team has been strengthened by Lenka Slabá. Next to Luboš, Lenka starts to hold a managerial and operational position in the café.



Traditional Indonesian wedding of Jenny and Ridho

Czech Kukang team at Ostrava Zoo Run for Pangolins

The big event of 2021 was the launch of The Kukang Rescue Program's sister program, focused on the conservation of Sunda pangolins in Sumatra - on 9 March, the Trenggiling Conservation Program was officially launched. The program operates under the Indonesian PATRON Foundation and is supported by three main partners: Prague Zoo, Ostrava Zoo, and Zoo Olomouc. Another partner of the program is the Gabrielis Foundation of the company Adore s.r.o., which produces advertising pencils and office supplies. On this occasion, the new website of the program was launched and published - <u>www.trenggiling.org/en/</u>. More information can be found in the <u>press release</u>, in <u>Kateřina Holubová's lecture</u> or in <u>František's article</u> on the blog of Bohemindo Yayasan

The launch of the program did not escape the attention of, for example, the <u>World Association of Zoos and</u> <u>Aquariums</u>. In support of this program, the Ostrava Zoo Run for Pangolins took place in the beautiful natural grounds of the Ostrava Zoo on 27 August. The proceeds from this already traditional charity run amounted to an incredible 210,442 CZK, which supported the construction and operation of the rescue and rehabilitation centre for pangolins in Sumatra. More in the <u>video from the run</u>. One of the activities of the Trenggiling program is the fight against wildlife smugglers with a focus on pangolins. That's why František Příbrský, together with Tomáš Ouhel from the Liberec Zoo and the LESTARI organization, went to Indonesia with the aim of tracking down and catching a large smuggler of pangolins from Sumatra. They gave regular live telephone interviews about this trip to Czech Radio Junior, led by the young presenter Viki and her adult colleague Denisa Kimlová. The <u>first interview</u> took place in person before the flight at Václav Havel Airport in Prague. These activities will develop more in the following years.



Komar during the construction of pre-release enclosure designed especially for pangolins Almost finished pre-release enclosure that was financed by Prague Zoo

At this point, we would like to traditionally express our big thanks to all our partners and supporters for all the favour they have shown us over the years. First of all, we would like to thank our partner zoos, without whose financial and moral support we simply could not have come into existence, let alone develop such activities as we manage to implement today. We greatly appreciate that despite the difficult, long months after which the zoos were closed due to the pandemic, their support continued. In the same way, the unceasing support of companies and many individual kind donors is a great honour and at the same time an obligation for us. We are of course also very grateful to our numerous volunteers who go to Indonesia or different corners of the Czech Republic in their free time to promote activities of the program and nature protection in Indonesia and give out their smiles at our Kukang stand or who help in other ways. Last but not least, we would like to thank all our colleagues from conservation organizations, zoos and their unions, partner government institutions, universities and others for fruitful and friendly cooperation and unceasing inspiration. Thanks to all of you, the Kukang program is where it is. Thank you and we hope that you will keep your sympathy for us in the years to come.



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