



# The Kukang Rescue Program

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## The Kukang Rescue Program in 2020



The Kukang Rescue Program is primarily focused on combating the illegal trade in animals and protecting slow lorises in Indonesia, especially in North Sumatra. Like the rest of the world, Indonesia was hit by a wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, and The Kukang Rescue Program did not escape the difficulties connected with its spreading. However, despite all the problems that the program had to face in the past year, its activities are still expanding in number, intensity, and quality. This report is a summary of the most significant events that took place in 2020 in Indonesia as well as in the Czech Republic and the rest of the world, including the Internet.

### Rescue and rehabilitation centre in Sumatra

In 2020, activities of the rescue and rehabilitation centre were partially limited due to restrictions announced by the Indonesian government in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. Activities in the centre were limited mainly to construction and maintenance work. The quarantine for slow lorises had undergone regular maintenance and repair of the roofing material. Reconstruction work was also carried out on the damaged parts of the centre. A new guest house (so-called “pondok”) was built, financed by Czech members of the Kukang team Vít Kanyza and Ondřej Smékal.



Foundations of the pondok above the pond



New pondok for volunteers and guests



A view of the clinic of the rescue and rehabilitation centre



New roofing material of the quarantine for slow lorises

Last year, the insect farm was further expanded. This has increased the scope for expanding the breeding of *Zophobas morio* darkling beetles, whose surplus larvae we sell on the local market as bird food. Boxes with one generation of larvae and one generation of darkling beetles, which is enough to establish a new insect farm, were donated to the Siantar Zoo. The breeding curator, together with other representatives of this zoo, have shown interest in breeding this insect. The Siantar Zoo often accepts seized slow lorises which the zoo's representatives would like to send to our centre in the future for rehabilitation and possible subsequent release back into the wild. The plan is to expand insect breeding to include crickets, which are also suitable food for slow lorises.



Breeding of *Zophobas morio* darkling beetles



Expansion of the farm with space for breeding of crickets

### **Volunteers and visits:**

At the beginning of the year, just before the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, several visitors and volunteers from different parts of the world visited the rescue and rehabilitation centre. The first was the Deputy Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Indonesia Jakub Černý with his family, who arrived to review implementation of the “Small Scale Development Cooperation Project” grant (see below), the team of the Turtle Foundation (director Hiltrud Cordes and colleagues from Portugal, Cape Verde and Indonesia) or a representative of the Hodonín Zoo Iva Uhrová. The centre was also visited by Lesley Small, the Australian founder of the Malaysian “Sumatran Sun Bear Team” project, and her New Zealand colleague from the “Stay Wild” organization, Vanessa Rowe. Then came the Czech adventurer and photographer Jiří Novák, who is trying to monitor the last remnants of the original wild tribes - in Indonesia, for example, he visits the Papuan tribe of Korowai. During January, volunteers Ondřej Král and Michal and Lucie Schultz arrived in Sumatra to help with educational activities. In February, several Czech members of the Kukang team visited the centre, such as the Czech coordinator of the Kukang Coffee project Luboš Příbrský together with Bára Příbrská. At the same

time, documentary filmmakers Vít Kanyza and Ondřej Smékal and Tereza Smékalová arrived with the aim of shooting additional materials for the forthcoming big documentary on the activities of The Kukang Rescue Program. Stanislav Lhota also arrived at the end of February with the aim of continuing field monitoring of the Kuta Male area and its wild population of slow lorises.



**Volunteers with a field team in Kuta Male**



**Luboš checking Kukang Coffee**

In addition to Vít and Ondřej, several other documentary filmmakers were shooting in our area in 2020. Among them, for example, was the Liberec Zoo team represented by Tomáš Ouhel and Pavel Zoubek in collaboration with filmmakers Pavel Soukup and Jakub Freiwald, who filmed footage for a documentary on the illegal trade in pangolins in the rescue and rehabilitation centre. In March in Sumatra, Ostrava Zoo's filmmaker Enrico Gombala also obtained footage for the purposes of his home zoo. In December, another major shooting took place in our field area. For the online film and series provider Netflix, the British production company WildSpace Production in cooperation with the Indonesian production company ASA Film is shooting a series of documentaries about national parks and their wildlife. Our organization is working with them to shoot the story of slow lorises for a documentary about the Gunung Leuser National Park. As part of this cooperation, a promotional video about our conservation activities will also be created. The expected date of the official presentation of this document is February 2022.



**Ondřej shoots footage for the planned documentary**



**Filming of a documentary for Netflix**

## **Cooperation with government agencies in Indonesia**

The Indonesian foundation Yayasan Peduli Kelestarian Satwa Liar (PASAL Foundation), which sponsors and implements The Kukang Rescue Program's activities in Indonesia, had worked intensively with local authorities, embassies, lawyers and ministries in the past year (Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Ministry

of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Law and Human Rights) on the bureaucratic complexities associated with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between our Foundation and the Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry, namely their BBKSDA North Sumatra conservation agency. The draft agreement on cooperation on the conservation of small mammals of Sumatra had been created in the past, but despite all efforts, the agreement was not signed last year. This is also the reason why in 2020 no slow loris could be accepted to the rescue and rehabilitation centre. Last year, the owner and director of the Indonesian Zoo called Taman Safari Indonesia Group and Secretary General of the Indonesian Zoos Association (PKBSI), Tony Sumampau, also began assisting with the implementation of this cooperation agreement. Nevertheless, we are still working intensively with all the above-mentioned authorities regarding the new cooperation agreement.



**Tony Sumampau with representatives of BBKSDA and Siantar Zoo on the visit of the rescue centre in the Bandar Baru villag**



**Negotiations between the Ambassador of the Czech Republic and the Deputy Minister for Law and Human Rights on the MoU**

### **Cooperation with local communities in Sumatra**

The most important step in the field of cooperation with local people was the acquisition of a second grant called “Small Scale Development Cooperation Project” (SSP) concerning in particular the establishment of a “Kukang Coffee Community” in our field area. The grant is entitled “Supporting the livelihoods of a community in Kuta Male, North Sumatra, and protecting local endangered wildlife through the eco-friendly ‘Kukang Coffee’ production”. The grant was obtained from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic in cooperation with the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Indonesia and it was a free continuation of the already implemented SSP from 2019.



**Meeting with the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Indonesia Ivan Hořek regarding the second SSP grant**



**Beginning of the Kukang Coffee project supported by SSP grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic**

Thanks to the achieved results and the sustainability of the whole project, the grant can be considered very successful. We managed to achieve excellent successes in almost all goals that we had set. The Kukang Coffee Community in Kuta Male has been established to grow and process conservation coffee based on a unified methodology. Before joining the community, farmers signed an official cooperation agreement, which provides them with all the benefits of the membership, but also obliges them to protect endangered and protected wild animal species. An official Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the mayor of the village between the Kuta Male Village and the PASAL Foundation to support and develop this Kukang Coffee Community and to end the hunting of protected wildlife species in the area. The mayor himself joined this community.



**Meeting with the mayor of Kuta Male and signing the MoU within the Kukang Coffee project**



**A farmer from Kuta Male sorting peeled Kukang Coffee**

Individual farmers receive advice and are supervised by a newly formed team consisting of a coordinator and two assistants (former poachers). The team was trained in a coffee factory in Keban Jahe. They learned how to process high-quality coffee, starting with its proper peeling, through drying and sorting, to the methods of determining the quality, etc., under the supervision of the experienced owner of the factory. The coffee is further processed and stored according to high standards. Last year, a total of 50 farmers joined the Kukang Coffee Community or sold coffee, from whom 1,263 kg of moist, green coffee was purchased by the project. A machine for peeling of the inner layer of coffee berries, so-called parchment, was purchased for coffee processing.



**A farmer's entry into the Kukang Coffee Community**



**A farmer from the Kukang Coffee Community on his farm**



**Hand-picking of ripe Kukang Coffee**



**Peeling of parchment with a new peeler**

Last but not least, a detailed marketing plan for the subsequent promotion, distribution and sale of this Kukang Coffee, based on its international export to the Czech Republic, was devised. On the basis of this project, an entire café was established in the Czech Republic in the town of Ústí nad Labem, which Czech journalists have called “the first conservation café in the Czech Republic”. In 2020, the first batches of coffee produced by Sumatran farmers were exported to the Czech Republic.



**Manual sorting of low-quality Kukang Coffee beans**



**Export of Kukang Coffee to the Czech Republic**

Another important step in the implementation of the SSP grant was the construction of the Kukang Coffee House, which is designed for processing and storing of the coffee and one part of which will also serve as an English-environmental library and space for the education of local children. The construction of this house has been delayed due to the constraints and the overall difficult situation associated with the pandemic and will be completed in early 2021.



**Construction of the Kukang Coffee House**



**Kukang Coffee House before finalization**

At the end of May, the Kukang Coffee café in Ústí nad Labem was completed after several months of work and was thus ready to open. At that time, the restrictions associated with the coronavirus pandemic in the Czech Republic were conveniently relaxed. On 29 May, the Kukang Coffee café was officially introduced. In addition to the numerous Kukang team, this event was attended by more than 50 invited guests (capacity was limited due to space reasons), involving people who had helped with the café, as well as colleagues from non-profit organizations, zoos, friends of the program, and journalists. During the grand opening, a banquet, a welcome drink, a tasting of Manu Choco chocolate from Ústí and especially of Kukang Coffee was prepared for the guests. Part of the event was a tour of the cafe, including a new roaster, which can be seen directly from inside the café.



The Kukang Coffee café in Ústí nad Labem



Grand opening of the Kukang Coffee café

On 2 June, the Kukang Coffee café was officially opened to the public. Since then, the café has been regularly visited by many people from the general public, colleagues and celebrities - among them, for example, Czech travellers [Dan Příbáň \(Trabantem napříč kontinenty\)](#), [Petr Horký \(Piranha Film\)](#), [Miroslav Náplava \(Neznámá země\)](#) and many others. The quality and roasting of coffee are coordinated in cooperation with Pavel Štěpař (coffee roastery [Ústecká pražirna](#)) and with Zdeňek Lokaj (coffee roastery [Namleto](#)). In addition, Kukang Coffee has been also sold by the Ústí nad Labem Sport Pivnice Dřevák, it is purchased by the Ústí nad Labem IT company Solitea and several others. A Kukang Coffee mobile stand was also put into operation in 2020 and appeared at several festivals, cultural events and Christmas markets on Lidice Square in Ústí nad Labem.



Czech travellers in the Kukang Coffee café



Kukang Coffee mobile stand

We can consider the launch of the Kukang Coffee project to be the greatest success of the past year. This project makes a significant contribution to the continued zero hunting of threatened species (including the shooting of slow lorises and other endangered species as pests to local farmer's fields), which has been observed in this area for several years now. The Kukang Coffee project brought great opportunities not only for former poachers, now passionate conservationists and members of our organization, but even for the entire farming community.

It is no exaggeration to say that, thanks to these activities, we have already managed to protect hundreds of slow lorises and other endangered species from potential capture. We share news and interesting events with the world both from the Ústí nad Labem café and directly from Sumatra on separate [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages of the Kukang Coffee project.



**Kukang Coffee in Sumatra**



**Christening of Kukang Coffee in the Czech Republic**

In addition to working with the local community, monitoring of the current situation of the local population of slow lorises and the occurrence of other wild animals continued in the Kuta Male area. Part of the monitoring is also an evaluation of the environment for the future pilot release of rehabilitated slow lorises, including the selection of a place for a habituation cage. The aim is, for example, to estimate the abundance of the local population of wild slow lorises so that the impact of the release of rehabilitated individuals on this population can be subsequently assessed.



**Monitoring team with headlamps provided by Plumploris**



**Observation of a greater slow loris during monitoring**

The monitoring is led by Lucie Čižmářová and Stanislav Lhota and, as every year, both our field assistants and former poachers Kaban and Wahyudi took part in it as well. This way, both of them gain valuable experience for future monitoring of released rehabilitated slow lorises. The mayor of Kuta Male, John Sembiring, is increasingly enthusiastic about our activities, and has even offered us his land for the construction of a habituation cage and the release of rehabilitated slow lorises. The field team examined his land and found that it was probably one of the few suitable places with preserved forest and located in an area that this team assessed during the field monitoring as ideal for the life of slow lorises. It is possible that in the future we will use this place for the construction of a habituation cage for the purposes of pilot release of rehabilitated slow lorises.



Lucie and Wahyudi before night monitoring



Observation of a Bengal cat during monitoring

## Education and awareness-raising on wildlife and nature conservation

Education, especially for children and farmer communities, had continued in the past year despite the limitations associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The work with farmers took place mainly thanks to the SSP grant, the content of which is described in the previous chapter. Everything that happened in connection with the education of children in Indonesia, in the Czech Republic and on the Internet is described in three subchapters below.

### Indonesia:

At the beginning of the year, specifically on 14-15 February, a competition was held at the Kukang centre, where 24 selected students from 8 high schools competed for beautiful prizes in English speech on a topic prepared by them on nature conservation. The course of this two-day competition is recorded in [this video](#).



Speech by one of the competing students



Indonesian-Czech competition jury



**Awarding of prizes to the winners**



**Winners of both categories together with the organizers**

At the beginning of March, the English-environmental “School at the End of the World” was inaugurated. The school was built in the village of Basukum under the leadership of our colleague Tomas Tarigan, who was motivated by our already functioning English-Environmental School in the village of Bandar Baru. We supported the construction thanks to the first year of the SSP grant from 2019 (see the Annual Report “[The Kukang Rescue Program in 2019](#)”). The school was equipped with books written in Indonesian and English on animals and nature, and the first environmental activities for children from five adjacent villages took place there. Thanks to this school, children from the Basukum community under the leadership of Tomas will get a chance to gain not only environmental education and basic knowledge of English, but also, for example, experience in the production of traditional souvenirs, etc.



**Grand opening of the School at the End of the World**



**One of the first environmental lessons in the new school**

Teaching continued in 2020 also in our English-Environmental School ([PASAL Foundation School](#)) which is located in the village of Bandar Baru, close to the Kukang centre. This school is attended for free by children living near the rescue and rehabilitation centre three times a week during the afternoon, of which they learn English twice a week and take regular environmental classes once a week. At the end of a semester (i.e. twice in a school year) there is a traditional distribution of certificates and awards for the best students. In addition to the students themselves, their parents, all teachers and the management of the Indonesian PASAL Foundation always take part in this ceremony. In 2020, children at Bandar Baru took part in new environmental lessons, motivated by the activities of the NGO [Green-Books.org](#).

One of the recent graduates of the PASAL Foundation School recorded an English-spoken [entertaining-educational video on the current topic of prevention against COVID-19](#).



**Lecture by students on the topic of microplastics**



**Eco-activities of the PASAL Foundation School**



**Parents of students with teachers**



**Graduates of the PASAL Foundation School in 2020**

The Czech community living in Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia, as part of Bohemindo Discussion at the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Jakarta also learned about the issue of endangered animals and the activities of the Kukang program. The discussion was complemented by an exhibition of photo-panels created by Lucie, which map the activities of The Kukang Rescue Program. This discussion also summarized the activities of the SSP grant in 2019 and 2020. Many thanks go to the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Indonesia, and especially to the Deputy Ambassador Jakub Černý for his support during the implementation of the grant in both years.



**Bohemindo Discussion at the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Jakarta**



**Preview of the exhibition at the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Jakarta**

Students of the International School in Medan ([Medan Independent School](#)), the capital of the North Sumatra province, are also involved in nature conservation, and we are pleased to be working with this school to give lectures on the protection of pangolins. In addition, students created educational websites [Endangered Sumatran Animals](#). Here, in addition to the biology of selected endangered species of animals living in Sumatra, you can also learn about what threatens these species in nature and what organizations help them. There is also a page about slow lorises and our organization which helps slow lorises in Sumatra. Students and their teachers did a great job!

### **The Czech Republic and abroad:**

The Czech part of the Kukang team traditionally lectured and organized or participated in many events throughout the Czech Republic. Despite the extensive limitations associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of events was high, and therefore we only list their titles and venue without further detailed description.

<b>List of events in 2020 and their venues</b>	<b>Type of event</b>
Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences, the Netherlands (Wildlife Management)	Lecture (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Palacký University in Olomouc (Development and Environmental Studies and Indonesian Language)	Lecture (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Museum of Ústí nad Labem – Zoology Club	Lecture (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Annual Meeting of the Czech Coalition for Biodiversity Conservation (CCBC), Liberec Zoo	Lecture (The Kukang Rescue Program)
CCBC to Camps	Lecture - 3x (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Botičská Grammar School in Prague	Lecture - 3x (The Kukang Rescue Program, Stolen Wildlife, Zoo and wildlife conservation)
In-situ Commission of the Union of Czech and Slovak Zoological Gardens, Dvůr Králové Safari Park	Lecture (Zoo vs activists)
Children's Day in Na Hrádečku Zoo - 2x	Stand, workshops, games
Day for Zoos in the Olomouc Zoo	Stand, workshops, games
Travel Festival Prima ZOOM WorldFilm 2020	Stand
Benefit Festival Útulek Fest in Ústí nad Labem	Stand (Kukang Coffee)
Music Festival Fondy Fest in Koštov	Stand (Kukang Coffee)
Pirates in Ústí nad Labem - Lidice Square	Stand (Kukang Coffee)
Christmas in Ústí nad Labem - Lidice Square	Stand (Kukang Coffee)
Prague Zoo	Exhibition - Stolen Wildlife (1st and 2nd series)

Dvůr Králové Safari Park	Exhibition - Stolen Wildlife (1st and 2nd series)
Bojnice Zoo	Exhibition - Stolen Wildlife (1st and 2nd series)
Bratislava Zoo	Exhibition - Stolen Wildlife (1st and 2nd series)
Chleby Zoo	Exhibition - Stolen Wildlife (1st and 2nd series)
Regional Office of the Pilsen Region	Exhibition - Stolen Wildlife (1st and 2nd series)
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	Exhibition - Stolen Wildlife (1st and 2nd series)
Ostrava Zoo	Exhibition - Stolen Wildlife (2nd series)
Olomouc Zoo	Exhibition - Stolen Wildlife (2nd series)
Jihlava Zoo	Exhibition - Stolen Wildlife (2nd series)
Hluboká nad Vltavou Zoo	Exhibition - Stolen Wildlife (2nd series)
Na Hrádečku Zoo	Exhibition - Stolen Wildlife (2nd series)



**Travel Festival Prima ZOOM WorldFilm 2020**



**Day for Zoos in the Olomouc Zoo**

The Czech Coalition for Biodiversity Conservation ([CCBC](#)) has launched a new program offering lectures for schools and a practical library of online educational materials called “[CCBC to Schools](#)”. Educational videos are also part of this library of materials. Two videos from the Kukang rescue centre have also been newly created, which are a [tour of the centre](#) and a [view of the insect farm](#). CCBC to Schools is an educational program for primary and secondary school students that aims to help parents and schools educate a generation of children with a positive attitude towards people, animals and plants.

## Stolen Wildlife campaign:

As of the end of 2020, the Stolen Wildlife (“SW”) campaign had been launched for two and a half years. The campaign reveals the overlooked facts of the illegal trade in wild animals and their body parts in the Czech Republic and throughout Europe. The main tool of this campaign is an educational website [www.stolenwildlife.org](http://www.stolenwildlife.org). The website is complemented by a Facebook and Instagram page “[Ukradená divočina – Stolen Wildlife](#)”. Another tool is the Stolen Wildlife photo-exhibition, which is installed, in print, or its preparations are being finished in 16 Czech and Slovak zoos, at several schools, offices and other places.



The theme of rhino horns presented by SW



The Stolen Wildlife Path in the Bojnice Zoo

At the beginning of January, the SW campaign officially presented the 2nd series of educational photographs ([here](#)), author of which is again Lucie Čížmářová. Six new photo-panels highlight carbofuran poisonings of predators and vultures, the illegal trade in corals and the killing of cetaceans, the use of bears for their bile and the killing of tigers for traditional Asian medicine. New photos were supported by [Czech Society for Ornithology](#) and international conservation non-profit organizations dealing with the illegal killing and trafficking of wild animals and parts of their bodies – [Vulture Conservation Foundation](#), [Global Tiger Forum](#), [WildAid](#), [TRAFFIC](#), [Turtle Foundation](#) and [Earth League International](#). The Veterinary Faculty of the University in Barcelona [Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona](#) began to use the electronic version of the exhibition for its teaching and the exhibition was also supported by the company [Claim system s.r.o.](#). Furthermore, the entire 2nd series gained the attention of the professional photographic public, as it received the Honorable Mention 2019 award in the category [Photo Essay in the international competition Tokyo International Foto Awards](#) and Honorable Mention 2019 in the Deeper Perspective category of International Photography Awards. Both series of photos are available on the newly created tab on the SW website [here](#).



The issue of illegal tiger products in the 2nd series of SW



The issue of vulture poisoning in the 2nd series of SW

We are honoured that not only the [Ministry of the Environment](#), but in 2020 also the [Customs Administration of the Czech Republic](#) took over the auspices of the SW campaign. Thank you very much and we believe that our cooperation will be fruitful! Another new partnership for SW is a joint campaign of CCBC and [Save Elephants](#) entitled EVILVORY, drawing attention to the illegal ivory trade. A series of 4 photographs captures the various links in this black market - from a poacher in the African savanna to a buyer of luxury goods on the other side of the world. The faces of the project are Petr Čtvrtníček, Leoš Noha, Lenka Tranová, Koboyo Dolike and Maxime François Mededa. The author of the pictures is photographer Dan Vojtěch.



Example of the EVILVORY campaign



Exhibition of both SW series in Jihlava Zoo

On 19 August, the Stolen Wildlife exhibition was opened at the Regional Office of the Pilsen Region. The exhibition and the SW campaign as such were presented by Pavla Říhová, a member of the SW team. Subsequently, there was a block of short lectures introducing to the public the issue of species extinction, the CITES Convention, breeding of exotic species in the Czech Republic, and finally the issue of illegal trade, including the most serious cases in the Czech Republic. SW was also mentioned in Pavla Říhová's interviews for the Nature Conservation Forum on the topic of [CITES and wildlife crime](#) and in an interview within a show [Table for Three](#) on the [Neurazitelný.cz](#) server (all interviews are available only in the Czech language).



SW opening at the Regional Office of the Pilsen Region



Exhibition of the 2nd SW series in the Na Hrádečku Zoo

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a letter to the Chinese Ambassador to the Czech Republic entitled “Statement of support and call for a ban on uncontrolled hunting and consumption of wild species” was written in cooperation with several Czech organizations, institutions and experts. The SW website was chosen as an ideal place for this letter. Its preview is available [here](#).

## **Building an Indonesian team of wildlife and nature conservationists**

As every year so far, new members had been accepted into the Kukang team in 2020, both in Sumatra and beyond. The Indonesian team does a good job and is systematically supported by the work of a large team, mostly from the Czech Republic, but also from other countries. One of the main goals of The Kukang Rescue Program is to build an Indonesian team that will handle most of the conservation activities associated with slow lorises and other wild animals. What this Indonesian Kukang team looked like in 2020 can be seen in the attached photos.



**Indonesian team in new uniforms**



**T-shirts of the charity Wild Run**

The year 2020 was a turning point for the expansion of our field team, which consists of its coordinator Jhon Kartasim Gurusinga and two field assistants, Jesaya Temanta Karo-Karo and Wahyudi Perangin-Angin. This team is actively involved in the above-mentioned field research and monitoring, including the functioning of the Kuta Male community and the Kukang Coffee project. Interesting on this field team is that both assistants used to be poachers (Jesaya is a former slow loris hunter and Wahyudi is a former pangolin hunter), but today they are already passionate conservationists. Thanks to this effort and the employment of ex-poachers, The Kukang Rescue Program has succeeded in eliminating the hunting of slow lorises and other endangered species in this field area, thus protecting hundreds of animals from potential capture.



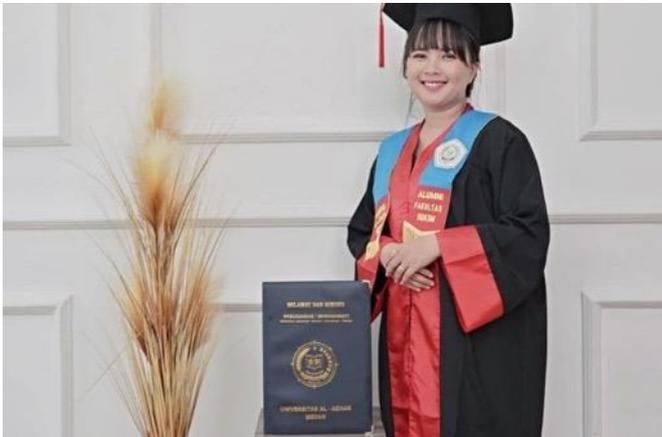
**Field team in Kukang Coffee uniforms**



**Field team during a discussion over Kukang Coffee**

In recent years, the Indonesian management of our Indonesian PASAL Foundation has been formed. One of the key figures of this foundation is Jennie Natalia Simanjuntak, who represents the leading role of the foundation and the role of assistant director of The Kukang Rescue Program. Jenny is a young and talented animal protector who also just graduated from criminal law college. Another key member is Komar Karyadinata Gurusinga. Komar has lived with The Kukang Rescue Program since its very beginnings – first he worked as a builder and gradually worked his way up to the position of administrator of the rescue and rehabilitation centre.

Novitasari Br Bangun is also a permanent member that has been working as an education coordinator since 2015. Novi runs our English-Environmental School (PASAL Foundation School) and is in charge of the awareness campaign, which includes cooperation with schools in the vicinity of the rescue and rehabilitation centre, awareness-raising events in public places and work with farmers living on forest borders. Finally, the latest coordinator is the aforementioned Jhon Kartasim Gurusing. Jhon is in charge of the ambitious Kukang Coffee project and our field team.



**Jennie Natalia Simanjuntak**



**Komar Karyadinata Gurusinga**



**Novitasari Br Bangun**



**Jhon Kartasima Gurusinga**

## **Partnership**

In July, the Kukang Rescue Program officially acquired two new zoo partners. The first is private [Na Hrádečku Zoo](#), which decided last year that 1 CZK from each of its tickets sold would go to The Kukang Rescue Program. Another 1 CZK of each [Prima zmrzlina](#) ice cream sold in this zoo was added to support our program.



**Children's Day at the Na Hrádečku Zoo**



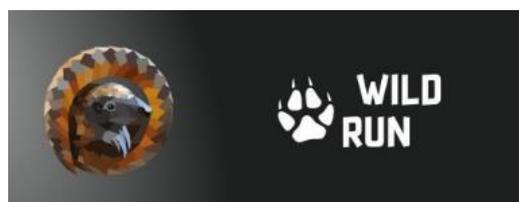
**Handing over a gift certificate from the Na Hrádečku Zoo**

The other partner is the Dutch [Ouwehands Zoo](#) in the city of Rhenen which supports the program through its foundation [Ouwehands Zoo Foundation](#). This has significantly expanded the number of our partner zoos, which are now eight in total! At present, this partnership with zoos is based on sponsorship, advice and financial and material support. Many thanks to all our partner zoo institutions!



Every year, [DODO Foundation](#) and [Zoo Wroclaw](#) run a charity run called [Wild Run](#), which aims to raise awareness of wildlife protection and raise funds for selected conservation projects in Southeast Asia. This year, for the first time ever, one of the supported projects was also our Kukang Rescue Program. As part of the cooperation, the packages for the participants of this run included, among others, Kukang Coffee packages. Videos from Wroclaw Zoo promoting both the Wild Run charity run and Kukang Coffee can be viewed [here](#). In addition, our Indonesian team sent a greeting to the event organizers and all the runners, taking picture of themselves in [Wild Run T-shirts](#).

Another new partner of The Kukang Rescue Program is the German organization [Plumploris](#), which, like us, is dedicated to the conservation of slow lorises and which is closely connected to the Dortmund Zoo. In 2020, negotiations were also held on future cooperation with representatives of the organization [Scorpion Wildlife Trade Monitoring Group](#), which focuses primarily on investigating and combating the illegal trade in wild animals in the Sumatran provinces of North Sumatra and Aceh. Establishing new strategic partnerships and friendly relations is very important in nature conservation.



## Publicity

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

Date	Name of the article	Title of the media and link to the article
13/1/2020	The Stolen Wildlife campaign presents the 2nd series of educational photographs	<a href="#">Lidovky.cz</a> , <a href="#">Olomoucká drbna</a> , <a href="#">Zoo Praha</a> , <a href="#">Safari Park Dvůr Králové</a> , <a href="#">e-chomutovsko.cz</a> , <a href="#">Regionalist</a> , <a href="#">Praha.eu</a> , <a href="#">Jihlava</a> , <a href="#">Dvůr Králové nad Labem</a> , <a href="#">Vulture Conservation Foundation</a> , <a href="#">Radio Prague International</a> , ...
13/4/2020	News from the forest - slow lorises	<a href="#">Zátoka nosatých opic</a>
15/5/2020	The Kukang Rescue Program: A series of photos on the conservation of greater slow lorises within The Kukang Rescue Program won the Czech Nature Photo 2020 competition in the new “conservation” category!	<a href="#">Ekolist.cz</a>
17/5/2020	COVID-19 crisis special issue	<a href="#">Prosimian TAG</a>
2/6/2020	Conservation Education   Enjoy a cup of coffee, learn about AND help wildlife conservation	<a href="#">EAZA</a>
2/6-1/7/2020	Opening of Kukang Coffee, the first conservation café in the Czech Republic	<a href="#">Pozitivní zprávy</a> , <a href="#">Jsme úspěšní</a> , <a href="#">JO Magazín</a> , <a href="#">Cysnews.cz</a> , <a href="#">Tojesenzace.cz</a> , <a href="#">ReceptyOnLine.cz</a> , <a href="#">iDNES.cz</a> , <a href="#">Usteckydenik.cz</a> , <a href="#">Impuls.cz</a> , <a href="#">ackcr.cz</a> , ...
10/6/2020	We turned poachers in Sumatra into conservationists	MF Dnes, <a href="#">iDNES.cz</a> , <a href="#">Impuls.cz</a>
29/6/2020	In Ústí, he sells coffee from poachers who have promised to protect slow lorises	Ústecký deník, <a href="#">Usteckydenik.cz</a>
8/6/2020	Standa Lhota: Life in the times of corona	<a href="#">Zátoka nosatých opic</a>
2/7/2020	The Olomouc zoologist won the award for photographs of endangered slow lorises	<a href="#">iDNES.cz</a>
26/7/2020	Kukang Program - Kukang Coffee	Koktejl
28/7/2020	The story of coffee, that protects nature	Enter UL
6/8/2020	František Příbrský: Slow lorises are not pets. We try to save them from poachers.	<a href="#">Český rozhlas Sever (Czech Radio North)</a>
9/8/2020	The zoo protects nature even in distant lands	MF Dnes
13/8/2020	References of graduates - Faculty of Agrobiolgy, Food and Natural Resources CULS in Prague	<a href="#">Lucie Čizmářová</a> , <a href="#">František Příbrský</a>
13/9/2020	Welcome to Kukang Coffee	<a href="#">Prosimian TAG</a> and <a href="#">Prosimian TAG</a>

30/10/2020	GIFT UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE - COFFEE THAT PROTECTS SLOW LORISES	<a href="#">Zoo Olomouc</a>
31/10/2020	With František Příbrský on slow lorises and The Kukang Rescue Program	<a href="#">Český rozhlas Sever (Czech Radio North)</a>
7/11/2020	Czech zoos protect slow lorises in Sumatra	<a href="#">Kudy z nudy</a>
22/11/2020	The Kukang Rescue Program has been protecting slow lorises in Sumatra for 6 years	<a href="#">WAZA News</a> , <a href="#">Kudyznudy.cz</a> , <a href="#">Parlamentní listy</a> , <a href="#">21. století</a> , <a href="#">Epocha plus</a> , <a href="#">Cysnews.cz</a> , <a href="#">Hodonínský deník</a>
16/12/2020	Year-long cooperation of The Kukang Rescue Program with European zoos and a coloring book with the educational story entitled “The story of Gerhana, the little slow loris	<a href="#">Prosimian TAG</a>

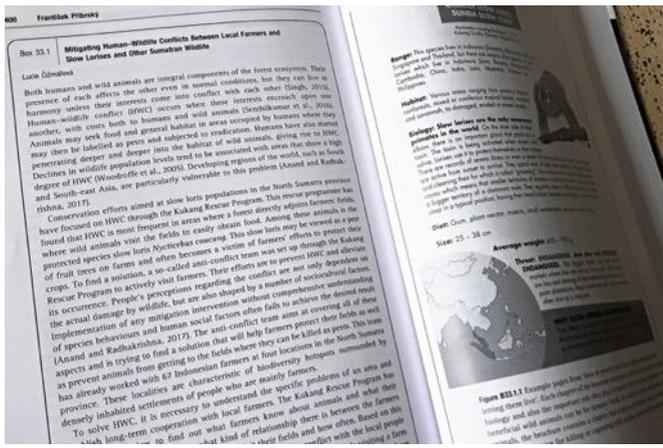
The Kukang Rescue Program also appeared in several media outputs of the Ostrava Zoo. Petr Čolas and František Příbrský gave an interview to the editor of MF Dnes from the Moravian-Silesian Region on the topic of the modern mission of modern zoos, nature conservation and rescue programs supported by the Ostrava Zoo. Among other things, The Kukang Rescue Program was highlighted in the interview as one of the main *in situ* projects of the Ostrava Zoo, and the space was also dedicated to the new Kukang Coffee project. More in the [interview preview](#) or in the online version of the interview in iDnes stated in the table above. On 4 July, a special issue of Zoo magazine was published as a supplement to MF Dnes dedicated mainly to the Ostrava Zoo and the key role that this and other modern zoos play in the conservation of nature and threatened species in various parts of the world. The Kukang Rescue Program was highlighted in this supplement, too. Furthermore, the Ostrava Zoo hosted the filming of the virtual conference called “The Role of Zoos in Environmental Education and Awareness Raising” that took place on 25 November. The whole conference (in Czech only) can be viewed [here](#). The Kukang Coffee project presentation can be watched from 3:21:30. This year’s conference, which was exceptionally held online this year, was attended by 174 teachers, mostly from the Moravian-Silesian Region. Also, the Czech Radio Ostrava broadcasted interviews on the topic of The Kukang Rescue Program, Kukang Coffee, responsible tourism and partnership with the Ostrava Zoo.

The Yayasan Bohemindo organization asked František Příbrský to write articles on the topic of nature conservation from time to time, and thus to create his own blog. Bohemindo’s goal is to cooperate and connect non-profit organizations, volunteers, public administration and business entities in Indonesia. The blog is managed by a traveller, guide and journalist Pavel Zvolánek. Articles of various lengths will gradually appear on the site, most of which will be thematically focused on the conservation of wild animals and nature, not only in Indonesia. The blog can be found [here](#). There are already several articles available, namely [From a slow loris on a dusty street to a rescue program](#), [Sonya and her story - slow loris and other exotic animals as pets?](#), [The Kukang Rescue Program - goals and activities of the rescue program](#) (available only in the Czech language).

In collaboration with our partner organization Little FireFace Project, we participated in the expert book titled “Evolution, Ecology and Conservation of Lorises and Pottos” by Cambridge University Press. František Příbrský is the author of a chapter on the illegal trade in wild animals in Sumatra and The Kukang Rescue Program, and Lucie Čížmářová wrote a section on reducing conflict between humans and wildlife and on our brochure for farmers titled “How to protect your farm from animals while letting them live.” More information can be found [here](#). A nice illustrative [infographic](#) was created for our chapter.

On Saturday 24 October, the international online conference SLOW2020, focused on research, conservation and biology of slow lorises and slender lorises, took place. Jenny Simanjuntak, one of the key members of our

Indonesian team, presented our activities in the conservation of slow lorises in Sumatra. The whole conference can be watched [here](#) (presentation of The Kukang Rescue Program can be found at 03:04:06).



“Evolution, Ecology and Conservation of Lorises and Pottos” Jenny’s short introduction for the SLOW2020 conference

In the course of 2020, many materials were shot in Sumatra and in the Czech Republic for the purposes of documentaries, reports, commercials, and educational videos. Most of these outputs will be published during 2021 or 2022. The documentary “Conservation activities of the Liberec Zoo in SE Asia” can be watched by visitors to the Zoo-Cinema at the Liberec Zoo since 2019. The film also includes our Kukang Rescue Program. This section has been newly published with English subtitles [here](#). The whole document “Conservation activities of the Liberec Zoo in SE Asia” can be seen [here](#).

During July and August, the Kiss Radio ran a commercial for the Kukang Coffee project. An article on this project also appeared in the Papoušci (Parrots) magazine and several other printed magazines and newspapers in the Czech Republic as well as, for example, in materials published by the Moscow Zoo.

## In conclusion

The Kukang Rescue Program marked another successful year full of both traditional and completely new activities. Positive results are still brought by the system, where activities in Indonesia are provided 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 not only the activities but also legal integrity in Indonesia and The Kukang Rescue Program, z.s. provides financial support and awareness-raising activities in Europe.

In 2020, the *Nycticebus coucang* species was taxonomically divided into two separate species - *N. coucang* and *N. hilleri*. The area in which we operate can be considered a border area of these two species' distributions. As a result, our conservation activities might cover both species, although this will be the case in particular for confiscated slow lorises accepted to our rescue centre. Slow lorises living in our field area should, according to the definition of the area on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, belong to the species of Sumatran slow loris (*N. hilleri*). These two species should differ mainly in coat colour.

We have also launched a new, modern website [www.kukang.org](http://www.kukang.org). Here you will find all the important information about slow lorises, about the program and on how to help. At the bottom of the page you can click to the Kukang Coffee project page as well as the I Am Not Your Toy! and the Stolen Wildlife campaigns. The website is available in Czech, English and soon in Indonesian. We have also launched a new [Kukang Coffee project](#) website with information not only about the project and the café, but also with an [e-shop](#). In addition to the usual Kukang promotional items, the e-shop now offers also [Kukang gift packages](#). You can choose from packages with coffee and other goodies or, for example, a package with a kukang plush toy, handmade natural soaps and much more.

Our coordinator of veterinary care and welfare and photographer Lucie Čižmářová achieved a great success. On 5 May, Lucie won the first place in the “Czech Nature Photo” competition in the “Endangered Species and Their Protection” category, announced by the Prague Zoo, with her series of photos on the conservation of slow lorises and The Kukang Rescue Program. The story of this series entitled “Conservation of slow lorises or We have built a rescue and rehabilitation centre in Sumatra” can be read on the [Czech Photo](#) website. On 25 June, the awards ceremony of the winning photographers of the Czech Nature Photo 2020 took place in the Czech Photo Center gallery, during which Lucie received the award from the director of the Prague Zoo Miroslav Bobek (see the [video](#)). At the end of the year, Lucie drew attention also to the growing threat to macaques not only in Indonesia through her photo “Forced to Live Together”, which was among the 15 best photos in the “Man and Nature” category in the Nature Photographer of the Year 2020 competition, where a record 19,547 photos from 95 countries competed this year!



Introductory photo of the winning Czech Nature Photo 2020 series: Wild slow loris while foraging



More photos from the Czech Nature Photo 2020 winning series: Slow loris at a dusty road waiting for confiscation



**The director of the Prague Zoo, Miroslav Bobek, hands over the first prize to Lucie in the Czech Nature Photo 2020**



**The winning series of images from The Kukang Rescue Program in the Endangered Species and Their Protection**

In the period from 17 to 19 July 2020, the 2020 Annual Meeting of the members of the Czech organization The Kukang Rescue Program, z.s. took place, summarizing the past year and discussing plans for the following year. In September, the headquarters of The Kukang Rescue Program, z.s. were officially moved from Prague to Hradec Králové to Ostrovní 214, Hradec Králové 500 09. Kateřina Holubová is officially registered as the new chairwoman. A new member, Petr Coufal, who is a professional webmaster, joined our team. Another new volunteer, this time from Hawaii, USA, is Alia Zelko. Alia is a veterinarian who has lived and worked in Indonesia for several years, founded Vets In The Wild and now helps The Kukang Rescue Program with grant applications.

Before Christmas, on 23 December, the annual meeting of the Indonesian PASAL Foundation's employees, who are already 13 in total, took place in the rescue centre in Sumatra. Employment contracts were extended for all the current employees and were signed with new employees. These contracts for Indonesian employees are provided by the Indonesian PASAL Foundation, including social and health insurance. Despite all the limitations and operational and economic problems associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation's management set itself the goal of not dismissing any of the employees during this difficult time, which was successfully achieved.



**Annual meeting of the Czech Kukang team**



**Annual meeting of the Indonesian Kukang team**

As for the whole world, for Indonesia and our Kukang Rescue Program the word "pandemic" was one of the most inflected words in 2020. In April, the pandemic in Indonesia gained momentum and many restrictions occurred (ban on social events, closure of restaurants and shops, restrictions on traffic, etc.). All this was also reflected in the activities of our organization (cancellation of several events and plans, suspension of projects, temporary closure of the school, etc.). However, despite all the restrictions in 2020, many existing activities continued and many new ones took place - this report is a summary of only the most important events.

Undoubtedly, the most ambitious project is the Kukang Coffee project, which has already achieved many successes, enthusiastic farmers and hundreds of protected endangered animals in a short period of its existence. Many plans and new projects are being prepared for the coming years. Definitely worth mentioning is the emerging Trenggiling Conservation Program, which will focus on the conservation of the most trafficked mammals in the world, the living “tropical cones” - pangolins. This program is realized in cooperation of our PASAL Foundation with three Czech lead zoos - Prague Zoo, Ostrava Zoo and Olomouc Zoo.



**Enrico Gombala from Ostrava Zoo while filming primates in Sumatra for the purpose of education in the zoo**



**The “Forced to live together” photograph, which reached the finals of the Nature Photographer of the Year 2020 competition**

All the mentioned activities would not be possible without the support of The Kukang Rescue Program’s partner zoos, namely Ostrava Zoo, Olomouc Zoo, Liberec Zoo, Hodonín Zoo, Na Hrádečku Zoo, Wrocław Zoo (DODO Foundation), NaturZoo Rheine, Ouwehands Zoo (Ouwehands Foundation), but also other zoos such as Jihlava Zoo and organizations such as the Czech Coalition for Biodiversity Conservation (CCBC), EAZA Prosimian TAG, the Czech Palm Oil Watch and many others, including private companies and individual donors, which are listed on our website and in our transparent account. Many thanks to everyone!

Behind all the achievements and events is the work and willingness of many people. In conclusion, we would like to sincerely thank all the members of the Czech and foreign Kukang team and volunteers who helped carry out countless activities in Indonesia, the Czech Republic, and elsewhere abroad. We also greatly appreciate the help of all organizers, volunteers, and partners of events and lectures, and all others who supported the program financially, materially, or by devoting their time. Worth mentioning is, for example, the creation of the initiative “[Hand in Hand](#)” by Eva Šlosarčíková, which aims to support selected conservation programs, including ours, through online auctions. However, many thanks go to all those who are involved in the fight against the illegal wildlife trade and in the conservation of slow lorises and other endangered animal species!



**The first proceeds of the Hand in Hand fundraising initiative**



**Celebration of the founding of Kukang Coffee Community**

Unfortunately, the year 2020 also brought a very sad event. In August, the father of The Kukang Rescue Program, mentor and friend, director of the Ostrava Zoo Petr Čolas, left us forever. Petr Čolas was not only an exceptional director, but also a great person with a huge heart and visions. In 2014, he decided to support The Kukang Rescue Program, so he was already at our “birth”, watching, advising and always supporting us, in better and worse times. Over the years, he became our close friend and without exaggeration, the Ostrava Zoo became our family. He set the direction in nature conservation and thanks to him, the Ostrava Zoo has become a leading zoo that successfully breeds hundreds of animal species and thus serves as a genetic bank of endangered species, provides animals for successful release into the wild, helps protect species and habitats around the world and serves as an educational and research institution. In addition, it provides a refuge for an inexhaustible range of local species of animals and plants and has become not only a zoo but also an amazing botanical park.



**Petr Čolas visiting the PASAL Foundation School**



**Petr Čolas visiting Kuta Male**



**Petr Čolas while rescuing sea turtles in Indonesia**



**Petr Čolas on a survey of the river on the island of Natuna**



**Petr Čolas starting the Ostrava Zoo Run for Kukang**



**Petr Čolas in his Ostrava Zoo**

As Petr used to say, being a director is rather a managerial-office position, but he himself proved that he was far from just a clerk. He often stepped to the sink and washed the dishes at the rescue centre in our pondok in Sumatra, for example, just because he enjoyed it. Nature has lost its huge protector. We will miss him a lot, but we will try to follow in his footsteps...



The Kukang Rescue Program team

[www.kukang.org](http://www.kukang.org)

