



PRESS RELEASE

Rescuing Sumatran Tiger “Corina” in the midst of Corona Pandemic

Dharmasraya, -- 31 March 2020 – Dharmasraya Sumatran Tiger Rehabilitation Center (PR-HSD) under ARSARI Djojohadikusumo Foundation (YAD) has recently received one Sumatran Tiger (*Pantera tigris sumatrae*) named Corina on Monday, 30 March 2020. Corina was evacuated by Natural Conservation Center Riau Office (KSDA Riau) from concession area of Industrial Plantation Forest (HTI / Hutan Tanaman Industri) belonging to PT. RAPP Blok Meranti at Teluk Meranti District, Pelalawan Regency, Riau Province.

Rescued from steel snares that left her left leg deeply scarred, Corina went through an evacuation process that started at Sunday, 29 March 2020. "We sincerely hope Corina can be saved by PR-HSD team, who had records of successful rehabilitation of three Sumatran Tigers named Bonita, Atan Bintang, and Inung Rio, all evacuated from Riau, back in 2019," remarked Suharyono, Head of Riau KSDA Center.

Corina arrived at PR-HSD site at Dharmasraya, West Sumatra on Monday, 30 March 2020 after 18 hours of land travel. The handover was carried out between the Head of KSDA Riau along with representatives of KSDA West Sumatra, to Operations Manager of PR-HSD, Drh. Saruedi Simamora. "We are very grateful for government's trust in YAD supporting Sumatran Tigers conservation through our 3R principles (Rescue, Rehabilitation and Release), which we have done for 7 tigers in our three years tenure." said Catrini Kubontubuh, Executive Director of YAD.

A day after arrival at PR-HSD, the medical team led by Drh. Saruedi Simamora conduct a medical check-up after giving her anaesthesia. The medical examination results as reported to the Head KSDA West Sumatra, the Head KSDA Riau, the Director of KKH, and the Director General of KSDAE-KLHK, are including physical examination, blood and parasite tests. Corina is a 3-year-old female weighing 77.8 kg and measuring 170 cm, and she was diagnosed with anemia and laceration. Anemia occurs due to a decrease in red blood cells, however not in a significant amount. "Lacerations or wounds caused by the snares are deep, but fortunately the tendons (connective tissue that links muscle to bone) are still intact," explained Drh. Simamora. "We will attempt treatment the best we could, though in worst case scenario, we might have to consider amputating her right leg," he added.

In a separate occasion, Hashim Djojohadikusumo, Chairperson of the ARSARI Djojohadikusumo Foundation (YAD) and the founder of PR-HSD, expressed his concern about poachers and their snares threatening the survival of Sumatran Tigers. "We are heartbroken that most people are still unaware on the importance of conserving wildlife, especially those who will become extinct if this continues," he remarked. He also appreciated the work of KSDA Riau officers who continued to work even in the midst of corona virus pandemic. "We are sending support in the form of vitamins to help increasing the immunity for 200 officers of KSDA Riau, currently working in remote areas," Hashim concluded.

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