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Salam lestari!

The June 2021 issue of YAD News paints a new color on the latest happenings in YAD programs. This issue contains reports and interesting articles about the activities of YAD environmental conservation team in West Sumatra, Riau, and East Kalimantan. In addition to factual information, fascinating first-hand accounts are also presented about the development of rehabilitation progress on both orangutans and sumatran tigers, as well as the wealth of vegetation in conservation area managed by YAD.

There is also an article about a surprise birthday gift for Hashim Djojohadikusumo – Chairman of YAD, where we can tune in to the history of YAD's contributions to cultural conservation activities in DI Yogyakarta.

Meanwhile, there is an interesting article about jewelry by Ariana Embirikos from New York, a global philanthropist who supports YAD's conservation activities. Embirikos has created a special jewelery collection, which proceeds are to be donated to YAD.



Finally, we would like to thank all those who are involved in the publication of YAD News. We hope that all the information inside can bring fresh spirit and enthusiasm to YAD team and beyond, and be both rewarding and inspiring. Happy reading!

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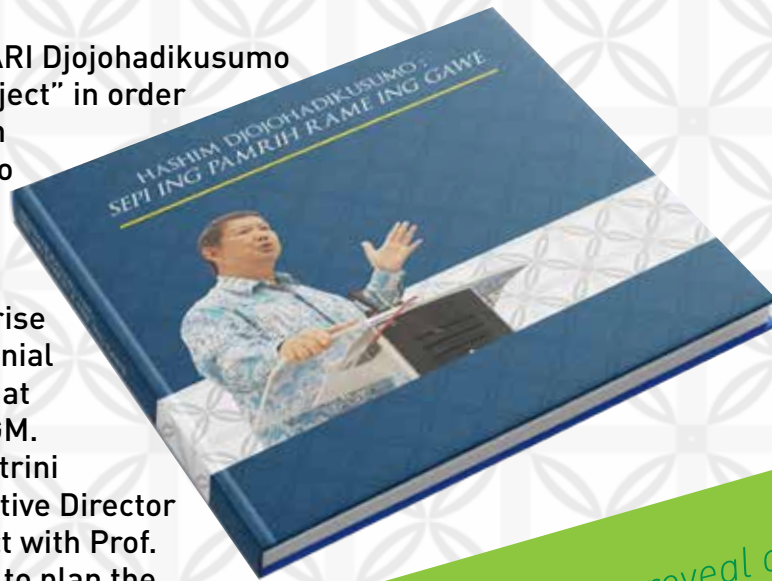


SURPRISE GIFT FOR HASHIM DJOJOHADIKUSUMO

It was decided that the book will contain testimonies and personal recounts of writers, who are people connected to Hashim both personally or through YAD.

Upon suggestion by ARSARI Djojohadikusumo Foundation, a “secret project” in order to commemorate the 67th birthday of Hashim Sujono Djojohadikusumo on 5 June 2021 was carried out. This secret project entails organizing a surprise gift in the form of testimonial book from his colleagues at Yogyakarta, especially UGM. Since December 2020, Catrini Kubontubuh as the Executive Director of YAD has been in contact with Prof. Inajati Adrisijanti (Poppy) to plan the preparation of this book. Soon after, Poppy formed an editorial team consisting of herself, D.S. Nugrahani (Nia), and Jujun Kurniawan. It was decided that the book will contain testimonies and personal recounts of writers, who are people connected to Hashim both personally or through YAD. Some of the writers are YAD scholarship awardees from 2008-2020. Some others are people who once worked alongside Hashim in various joint projects between YKHD/YAD, Gadjah Mada University, and Yogyakarta Heritage Conservation Center since 2006.

There are 32 articles in total, 11 of which are written by professors of UGM Faculty of Humanities, 12 written by YAD scholarship awardees, and the rest are Hashim’s colleagues from his projects at Yogyakarta. Poppy and Nia as editors purposefully kept the various writing styles of every writer so that the anthology of articles compiled in this book felt personal, captivating, and diverse. All the articles are full of honest and personal impressions of the



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writer towards Hashim.

This anthology of articles ended up painting a mosaic on the figure of Hashim beyond what is known to the public. It is especially interesting that many of the writers who felt to have been helped by Hashim in one way or another, but still have much to learn of him, and vice versa.

It is an interesting bond, but all the writers came to one conclusion, that Hashim is a philanthropist who cares deeply about the state of education and heritage conservation in Indonesia. Aside from the reveal of his down to earth side, we also know of his generosity that expect nothing in return of his deeds. Thus inspired the title of this book: HASHIM DJOJHADIKUSUMO: SEPI ING PAMRIH RAME ING GAWE.

The book meant to be a modest birthday present for this wonderful person was delivered to him during a virtual conference with the writers on 10 June 2021. As it is supposedly a “surprise gift”, the conference was “camouflaged” as a meeting with UGM professors. We sincerely hope that this modest gift in the form of prayers and gratitude from his friends at Yogyakarta can find a place in his heart.

Recording of the moment the book was received is available at YAD youtube channel at: <https://youtu.be/xCzbouy3xsl> (JK)

E-Book : https://www.yad.or.id/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Hashim-Djojohadikusumo-Sepi-Ing-Pamrih-Rame-Ing-Gawe-2021_isbn.pdf



Tree Identification at Prof Sumitro Djojohadikusumo Conservation Area (AK - PSD) ARSARI



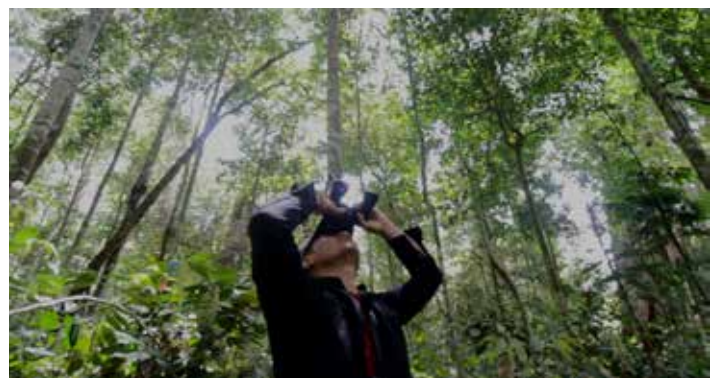
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be more challenging to navigate due to several damaged and muddy roads.

Prof Sumitro Djojohadikusumo Conservation Area (AK - PSD) ARSARI is home to various tree species and other plants. However, information on the data of every species is still minimal, prompting AK-PSD team to conduct tree identification within the area. The purpose is to record and conduct surveys of tree species in the conservation area. In addition, this activity also serves as educational medium for Wanadhyaksa members whose job is maintaining and protecting Prof. Sumitro Djojohadikusumo Conservation Area (AK - PSD) ARSARI.

Data collection was carried out in one of the forests in Prof. Sumitro Djojohadikusumo Conservation Area (AK - PSD) ARSARI, which is a miniature forest. The location is approximately 20 minutes away from the AK-PSD ARSARI Guard Post by cars or motorcycles. The route to the location is decent, made of soil and rocks, but during rainy season it will

Before heading to the location, there are several tools that need to be prepared. Among those are field equipment, inventory equipment, and logistics. Field equipment consists of boots, GPS, machetes, backpacks, and first aid kits. Meanwhile, inventory equipment consists of binoculars, 5 kg plastic, hanging labels, black cloth for photo background, parameters, digital camera, and stationery.





The steps for tree identification process are as follow. First, observe the morphology of the tree, such as the shape of leaves, flowers, fruits, and stems. Next, record other supporting characteristics such as existence of sap, aroma (of leaves and bark), color, and others, which will make the identification process easier. Then, collect samples of leaves, fruit, flowers, and bark (if the species is known, there is no need to collect samples). After collection, photograph the samples, label them, and put them into 5 kg plastic bag for further identification in the Herbarium or for expert identification. Then, record the vern name or local name of the tree to help identification process. Also, don't forget to take note of the coordinates of data collection location and record the general ecological condition.

The process of identifying trees or plants is one of the soft skills that must be mastered by someone who engages in forest or conservation activities on daily basis. Because this is of tremendous importance to identify the potential that exists in the forest, such as the types of rare trees/plants, trees with high economic value, protected trees, etc. In addition, knowledge about tree or plant species will be very useful when venturing the forest,



especially for survivors in harsh condition. Therefore, we need to identify forest trees/plants, as an effort to conserve our biodiversity. For further detail on sample collection procedures, see the Youtube channel of the ARSARI Djojohadikusumo Foundation.



ESTABLISHING TIGER CONSERVATION CENTER IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC



Signing the Cooperation

A virus-based disease has just swept every corner of the world. Coronavirus disease 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19, first detected at the end of 2019 and has now blown a hole on the economy both on global and micro scale, including in ARSARI Djojohadikusumo Foundation. ARSARI Djojohadikusumo Foundation actively supports the government's efforts in conserving biodiversity, especially protected and endangered wildlife. YAD's role in conserving wild animals and their habitats is contained in a cooperation agreement with Riau Natural Resources Conservation Center on Strengthening the Functions of the Giam Siak Kecil Wildlife Reserve and Bukit Batu Wildlife Reserve and Biodiversity Conservation through the Development of Rescue, Rehabilitation, and Release Activities for Sumatran Tigers and other endemic animals at Riau Natural Resources Conservation Center. The output of this collaboration is the establishment of a conservation center for Sumatran tigers located in a conservation area managed by the Riau BBKSDA.

This commitment towards cooperation was signed on July 29, 2020, at the time when the world was experiencing COVID-19 pandemic. It is certainly not an easy feat to pioneer projects to ensure continued collaborations with Riau BBKSDA in the midst of a pandemic. Based on the agreement between the two parties, it was decided that several activities



Administering Elephant Supplements

would be prioritized as the first steps in the cooperation. Meanwhile, other activities will be carried out in the following year.

Among the recurring activities are coordination and consultation related to the cooperation, preparation of FS and DED of Indonesian Sumatran Tiger Conservation Center, conducting surveys and observing the location for planned construction of Indonesian Sumatran Tiger Conservation at SM Giam Siak Kecil, procurement of pompon boats as part of the center's infrastructure, supplements for elephants at BBKSDA Riau, as well as preparing masterplan of transit cage at BBKSDA Riau Office. There are many programs



Coordinating Plans for Transit Cage



Location Mapping Survey PKHSI

planned and developed to reach the goal of this cooperation, and we sincerely hope that this pandemic will end soon and this earth will return to its thriving and amiable state.



Building Pompong Boat



Current Condition of Ria

Ria is a Sumatran Tiger (*Panthera tigris sumatrae*) rehabilitated by PR-HSD ARSARI since 3 May 2020. After been evacuated by Riau BBKSDA team (Natural Resources Conservation Center) due to conflict between humans and animals at the area belonging to PT. Riau Indo Argopalma (RIA), Tanjung Simpang Village, Pelangiran, Indragiri Hilir, Riau Province.

The conflict involving Ria has happened for quite some time, to the point that it started a rumor that Ria might be a suspect maneater. It was further strengthened with several cases of Sumatran Tigers attacking humans in conflict area.

It was not easy to rehabilitate a suspect maneater such as Ria. At the beginning, Ria showed a different attitude with other tigers under PR-HSD care. She didn't show her aggressive side such as attacking or hiding when humans came close. Overtime, after spending 2 months and 10 days in treatment cage, Ria was ready for the next step of her



"Sumatran Tiger Ria climbed out of water spring at PR-HSD ARSARI e



enclosure" (doc: Tika)

rehabilitation program in enclosure cage. Her transfer from treatment cage to enclosure cage was meant to return her natural instinct, including avoiding interaction with humans. After following through 8 months of rehabilitation in enclosure cage, on 13 March 2021 Ria was transferred back to treatment cage for observation. During that period, medical team observed several changes in her behavior, including aggressiveness and anxiety when staff came near her and she also went into hiding and avoided direct contact with staff. The return of her wild instinct after her time at enclosure cage signaled an improvement in her rehabilitation process. This can become Kembalinya perilaku Ria menyerupai sifat liar harimau pada umumnya setelah melalui proses rehabilitasi di kandang enklosur menandakan adanya peningkatan dalam proses rehabilitasi yang dijalani Ria. PR-HSD medical team can use this observation as consideration for future rehabilitation program for Ria. (KA & DHAS)

Conservation Collection: Jewellery for the Environment

There are many unique and out-of-the-box ways to show concern and support for environmental conservation. One of such inspiring ways is done by Ariana Embirikos, a contemporary and fine art jewellery designer based in the United States. Recently, Ariana released a pendant necklace set under the name Conservation Collection, made from hand-finished recycled brass on a high-quality cord knot, with shapes inspired by various trees. This collection features Cedar Tree, Acacia Tree, Palm Tree, and Pine Tree. Each tree is dedicated to an organization that plays a role in conservation, including ARSARI Djojohadikusumo Foundation (YAD). The tree dedicated to YAD is the Palm Tree edition. The palm tree carries the philosophy of victory, triumph, and peace. It also carries a personal reminiscence of Ariana's childhood in Malaysia and the Bahamas, of summer days under the sun, beautiful beaches, and the rich and vibrant ocean. 50% of the sale of



this beautiful and environmentally friendly necklace will be passed on to YAD to fund its environmental conservation programs, particularly in the rehabilitation and release of Sumatran Tigers and other Sumatran endemic animals, as well as maintaining a sanctuary in the nature for rescued Orangutans. The more support and partners to walk the path of conservation together, the more YAD is passionate in continuing its conservation efforts. These beautiful necklaces can be found at @embirikos Instagram account, and purchased through the website www.embirikos.com for \$60 apiece. Let us support conservation while still looking fabulous.



Bornean Slow Loris (*Nycticebus menagensis*)

Bornean Agile Gibbon (*Hylobates albibarbis*)

Blue flycatcher (*Copsychus saularis*)

Wildlife and Their Natural Habitat

During the entirety of May 2021, PSO-ARSARI together with PT ITCI KU assisted East Kalimantan Natural Resources Conservation Center (BKSDA) and Class I of Agricultural Quarantine Center at Balikpapan in releasing several types of wild animals to return to their natural habitat. Among them were 311 species of wild birds previously smuggled to Surabaya and immediately secured by Agricultural Quarantine Center in early May. The confiscated birds including blue flycatcher (*Cyonis superbus*), white-rumped shama (*Copsycus malabaricus*), oriental magpie-robin

(*Copsycus saularis*), greater green leafbird (*Chloropsis sonnerati*), purple-throated songbird (*Leptocoma sperata*) and olive-winged bulbul (*Pycnonotus plumosus*) have been returned to East Kalimantan through Class I of Balikpapan Agricultural Quarantine Center and the East Kalimantan KSDA Office. Their release into the wild can be successfully carried out due to the support and cooperation of various parties involved.

Aside from these birds, there were also 4 wildlife species returned to the wild on May. There was one aves species, 2 females and 1 male Bulwer's pheasant (*Lophura bulweri*). One reptile species, reticulated python (*Malayopython reticulatus*). And two primate species, 2 male Bornean slow loris (*Nycticebus*

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menagensis), and 2 male Bornean agile gibbon (*Hylobates albibarbis*).

Returning these wild animals to their habitat is extremely important thing as a form of our responsibility to the environment, to the nature we live in. A sustainable life is a life that works together in harmony between us humans and other living creatures, especially wildlife endemic to Indonesia. A great sense of responsibility has been shown with thwarting efforts of illegal animal trading, rescuing animals wandering into residential areas, and many other efforts born of the concern for the environment.

Nature is the original habitat of wildlife because nature is their home. Allowing them to continue living in nature is always better than keeping them in confinement. Letting them live in nature is beneficial for their sustainability, because with suitable habitats with readily available food sources, they can continue their lives, reproduce, and result in a good balance of ecosystems for nature, which in turn will also benefit us humans.

Because mother nature always gives, even without us asking.



The forest where wildlife were released



*Reticulated Phyton (*Malayopython reticulatus*)*





