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#### Gibbon Rehabilitation Project (Phuket): GRP

#### Forest Gibbons updated

**Epson and Sylvia:** In November Epson and Sylvia were move from the Rehab Site into a forest acclimatization cage, and on December 12<sup>th</sup> they were released from their cage into the forest. They spent their first day as wild gibbon eating lots of leaves and exploring the trees near their cage. On her second day living wild in the forest, Sylvia fell from a tree, but the next day she was swinging around and eating like normal again. Over the last few weeks Epson and Sylvia have gotten more adventurous and continued to enjoy swinging and foraging in the forest.



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George and Seagame: This month brought some sad news from the forest. In early December, George was not seen at the feeding site in the forest. The staff searched for him, but were unable to find him, and so left food in the hopes that he would return. After still not seeing George at the feeding site for a few days, we sadly discovered that he had died, and found his body not far from the feeding site. Seagame had to be recaptured, and taken back to the rehab center. Here we are trying to find a new mate for her, so she can be released back into the wild.

Gibbons updated

**Champ and Mee:** After seeing positive interactions between Champ and Mee from separate cages, we made the decision to open up the separation, and let Champ and Mee be together all the time. They seem happy together, and are sharing food and socializing with each other a lot.

**Crystal and Willy:** This month we also made the decision to let Crystal and Willy be together all the time, and opened the separation between their cages. We have seen a lot of social and intimate behavior, and have high hopes for this couple in the future.

Centara Grand Beach Resort Phuket

We are hugely grateful to the Centara Grand Beach Resort Phuket for donating the money to build a brand new cage. This month we were able to complete the construction of the cage, and have already moved two gibbons into it!

Sports day: Bangrong School

On December 29<sup>th</sup>, we also happily participated in a Sports day with a local school near the project (Bangrong School). We teamed up with some of the forest rangers and competed against school children and teachers in friendly games all day. Our volunteers enjoyed learning some traditional Thai games, and the GRP team proved to be pretty tough competitors.

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#### Gibbon Rehabilitation Project (Chiang Mai): GRPC

Brittany and Ollie (Left): After Brittany and Kuhn Saul had to be recaptured, and Kuhn Saul taken back



to Phuket, we tried pairing Brittany with Ollie. This couple got along quickly, and we have been able to release them back into the forest. After they were released they were seen fighting with another family group, Nat, Nuan, Beauty, and Tony, however they have been doing well since then.

Nat, Nuan, Beauty, Tony (Right): this family group has been doing well in the forest. They did fight with Brittany and Ollie, after their release this month, but they have been living happily in the forest.

**Jun and Thong:** We are pleased to report that this couple is still happily living in the forest.

