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Gibbon Rehabilitation Project (Phuket): GRP

Gibbons updated



Peepoo (left picture), Santi, Bambam: Because Bambam can't be released back to the forest since she is blind, our plan was to try and keep Peepoo with Santi and get a new female to accept Peepoo in the new family. At least that would reduce the time Peepoo had to spend in a cage by 5-6 years if we were successful.

The first step was to take Bambam out from Santi and Peepoo, which was done. We had mixed feelings separating mother and child but it was for a good reason. In the next step we moved Lumduan in to the cage next to Santi and Peepoo. It all looked good, Lumduan and Santi were given time to get to know each other, and we opened the door between the 2 cages for short periods so Peepoo could play with Lumduan.

But bad luck struck again, Santi first got sick and then became blind. We had his eyes examined but sadly he cannot be treated and will never regain his sight. So for medical reasons this plan had to be abandoned.

At the end of July (we had hard rain for over a week) Peepoo got very sick, treatment with antibiotic was administered, and it looked like she was getting well again, but our little Peepoo could not totally recover and unfortunately she passed away.

Now we have had Santi sterilized and Bambam has been moved back to the cage next to him. Our hope now is that once Santi is more use to not being able to see, they can at least have some company from each other.

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Lumduan has been moved to a cage next to Maesa, Emily and Arya's. She is now old enough that we will try to find a male companion for her, so she can go back to a life as a free gibbon in the jungle.

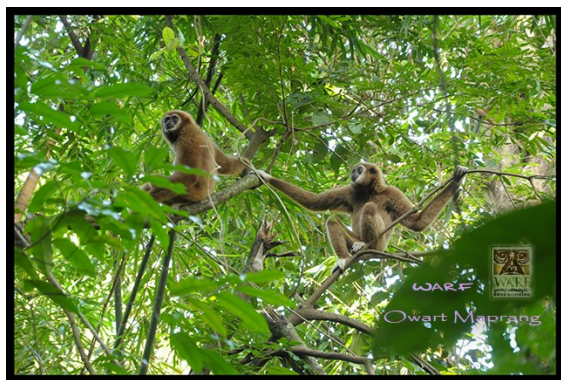
Champ and Mee have been staying in cages next to each other since April 2015. At the end of August, we tried letting them stay together in the same cage. In the beginning Mee seemed a bit stressed and there was a small clash, after which Champ had a small cut so we had to separate them for a while. After we were sure Champ was OK we successfully tried them together again. Now they stay together full time, enjoying each other's company in a way that gives us hope of a baby to come. So fingers crossed.

Muki and Khun Sual came back from GRPC on 17 Oct 2015. After unsuccessful attempt to release them in Chaing Mai

Slow loris: Chery

Since she came to us she has had problems with her teeth, and had a lot of trouble chewing her food very well. Ultimately, her health problems were too much, and she passed away in her cage.

Forest Gibbons updated



Seagame and George are doing very well since they were released. They are getting more and more adapted to life in the forest. On the 8th October '15 Seagame couldn't be found at daily feeding. The staff searched the area around the feeding spot, but they couldn't find her. However, next day for feeding she was back again with George. Seagame had probably just been for a tour around the forest. It is very difficult to find Gibbons in the forest if they don't sing or move around, so she could have been high up in the canopy eating all along, and we just couldn't see her.

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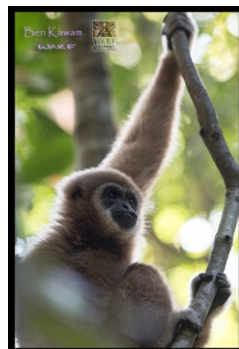


Arun, Toffee and New baby (left): After Aloha (first baby of this group was lost) in the beginning of February 2015, both Arun and Toffee have been seen around Bang Pae waterfall and they came to visit Rehab site a couple of times. On 11 of Oct 2015 we found Toffee with a new black baby, not far from Bang Pae waterfall. We believe that the baby was born in September or the beginning of October 2015.

Kip, Jo, Omyim: We have no report since the beginning of this year. They were found last time in the end of February 2015. Spotting gibbons can be quite difficult, as they like to stay high in the canopy, and often keep to themselves.

Lek, Bank (right), Peanut, Kai: Was seen when we moved Seagame and George in April, and again 11th October 2015 in their own territory.

Payu, Claire: We have no report since the beginning of this year. They were also last seen at the end of February. Clair was missing for more than 2 years and we don't know where she was during that time, it is likely that she was in a different, more distant part of the forest. It is possible that she's gone back, and that Payu went with her. There are large parts of this forest that we don't see or almost never see at all.



Hope, Yoge, Happy: Have not been seen for quite some time, but we still get reports that they have been heard singing in the area near Tonsai Waterfall.

Namthip, Jorn, Sherpa: Were found in their territory in October engaged in a singing contest with the Lek family that lasted more than an hour. Sherpa was playing around and was very interested in a giant squirrel that was in the same tree as she was. Namthip has a very big belly but we have expected her to have a baby very soon before, so it is hard to tell with her. Let's hope it is actually a baby coming this time.

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Plan for the next release: Epson-Sylvia



Beginning of November 2015 the release cage was built and we moved Epson and Sylvia into the cage a few days later. The plan is to open the cage and release them on the 12th of December 2015. They have settled down in their forest cage, and we are looking after them every day, bringing them food and water, and making sure the cage is intact so they don't release themselves ahead of schedule.

Gibbon Rehabilitation Project (Chiang Mai): GRPC

Nuan-Nat-Beauty-Tony: Seem to be doing well, we have had a report that Khun Sual came to visit and a fight occurred (see Khun Sual story below).

Bobbie-Dr Tum: Unfortunately, Dodo is still missing, and now Dr Tum is missing as well, since 11th July 15. There is no sign of him, but we still hope for his return.



Muki – Brittany: After release several times Muki became more aggressive towards people and had to be recaptured. He was taken back to the village, and now he has been moved back to GRP (Phuket). When Muki was taken back to the village, Brittany was also caught and is now living at the GRPC site.



Jane – Khun Sual (left): Were released in May 2011, and sadly this group is not doing well. Khun Sual disappeared a few times and came back to the site with injuries suspected to come from fighting with other groups. On one occasion he was found fighting with a dog as well. Jane has been missing since a month after being released.

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Jun-Thong (left): Doing are well in the forest, and are still living happily together.

Tom-Ollie: Were released in the middle of August, but sadly Tom died from a heart attack 2 weeks after being released. We can at least be happy that she lived her last weeks as a free Gibbon.

Trying new groups.

Brittany-Khun Sual: After bringing Muki back to the village, and after Jane went missing, we tried to pair Brittany and Khun Sual together, but Khun Sual became more aggressive towards people and not seem interested in Brittany at all. On the 29th of September, we found Khun Sual at **Nuan-Nat-Beauty-Tony's** area with bad injuries because of a fight with that group, and he was not eating at all. He was then captured and taken back to the village to recover. Because he couldn't stay in the forest it was decided to bring him back to GRP (Phuket) in October along with Muki.

Bobbie –Ollie: After Tom died, Ollie was moved in the hopes that Bobbie could be a good match, but unfortunately that didn't work out. Bobbie has gone missing, and she has not been seen after that.

Brittany and Ollie are now being tried together.

Gibbons in GRPC recently

Group: Nuan, Nat, Beauty, Tony

Group: Jan, Thong

Group: Brittany, Ollie

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School Camp: AEC for Conservation



In November, GRP happily teamed up with students from the Prince of Songkla University to host two “AEC for Conservation” school camps at our project at the Bang Pae Waterfall. Students from five schools around Phuket came to learn about the Gibbon Project, and about other important environmental issues and everyday things they can do to help protect our environment. They participated in games and activities

about various conservation issues including poaching and endangered species, recycling, the AEC, and how they can take action.

The Assistant Chief of Pakhlok local office joined us, and voiced his support of conservation and the importance of environmental awareness. The Chief of the Khao Phra Thaeo Non-hunting Area also spoke to the students about how to help protect our environment.

After a full day of learning, playing games, and exploring the national park, the students were quizzed on what they learned, and everyone went home with fun prizes for answering questions and helping their classmates.