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Forest Gibbons updated

Epson and Sylvia (Picture below): Our latest couple to have been released is continuing to do really well, we are still feeding them once a day but now instead of waiting for us in the morning by the basket they are often far away showing that they are becoming more independent.



Arun, Toffee and the Baby: Since the arrival of their baby Arun and Toffee have been seen regularly by members of GRP when they are in the forest. The new parents seem to be very proud of their new addition! Happily they all seem to be doing really well, we hope soon to be able to tell you if they have had a son or a daughter.

Payu and Claire: Some really exciting news this month about two gibbons we hadn't seen for a long time. Claire and Payu had not been seen for almost a year, when Claire reappeared after had been missing for two years and Payu left his family for join her. But we're pleased to tell you that they have been sighted a few times together and that the new couple seems to be settled and happy.

Cop and Newbe: After the breakdown of the Jorn, Cop relationship, Cop and Newbe were forced out of the group leaving Jorn, Namthip and their adopted son Sherpa. We were worried what this meant for the remaining Gibbons and whether we would see them again but thankfully they were seen recently as a newly formed pair looking calm and pleased to be together.

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Gibbons updated



Crystal and Willy (left picture):

This feisty couple are a very interesting pair to watch; they love to jump around and swing together and their sometimes aggressive behavior towards humans has reduced a lot now that they can focus on each other. In fact Crystal loves to groom Willy so much he is starting to lose some hair on the top of his head. Because of this and because they are such a strong couple we are planning to release them early this year as being in the forest will give Crystal something else to focus on.

Annie and Aye Aye (right picture): This couple are continuing to do very well, they're still very relaxed with each other and love to spend time lying on their backs being groomed. Annie is definitely in charge but Aye Aye seems quite happy with that! This couple looks set to be released at some point this year, we'll be sure to keep you updated on when that will happen.



Champ and Mee: These gibbons are a very good couple, very calm and happy to be together; their integration has been so smooth that they are another couple we are hoping to release this year.

Joey and Phi Phi: When we first paired them together we weren't sure whether or not they would work as they seemed to dislike each other; they were either ignoring each other or being a bit aggressive. But all of a sudden everything changed and they started to have positive interactions so the decision was made to let them spend time together. And it has been very successful, when they door is opened in the morning they immediately move into the same enclosure and sit with each other; we are very positive about this couple's future!

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Tunda and Lumduan: Lumduan has matured very quickly, changing from a very calm, playful gibbon into one that is quite restless and occasionally aggressive. Luckily her new partner is a very relaxing influence on her. Tunda and Lumduan have been spending time together for a couple of weeks now, they still have a few arguments at feeding time so we keep them separate then but generally they love to play together.

Seagame and Brany: Another new couple! After Seagame had to be recaptured after the death of her partner George in the wild we were worried how she would deal with being back in captivity. But Seagame is a very professional gibbon and she has been doing really well. So well in fact that we decided to pair her with one of our more boisterous gibbons – Brany. And this week after showing lots of positive behavior we decided to start letting them spend time together. Hopefully this is the start of an exciting new chapter for both of them.

Other News



Scout Day : Bangrong School: On December 29th, 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.

Team GB Visit: The volunteers working in education on January 7th got an unexpected treat when members of the Great Britain Paralympic Swim Team dropped by for a visit. They were really interested and enthusiastic about our project and our gibbons; but of course they loved Tam the most. They took a lot of pictures of her and decided she could be their Thai Training Camp mascot. Go Tam!

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