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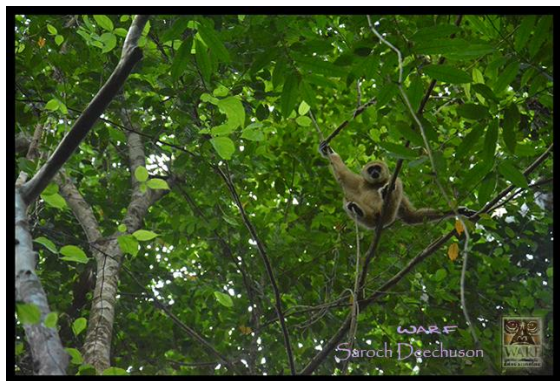
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Forest Gibbons updated

Crystal and Willy: This couple has been in their acclimatization cage for some time now and they are adjusting well to their new environment. Crystal sometimes is a bit too protective of the food basket but Willy has learnt some new sneaky skills to make sure he always gets enough. We are looking forward to their release in April; we think they are going to enjoy their freedom a lot.



Lek, Bank, Peanut (Left picture) and Kai: This family was seen in March and they seem to be thriving; Kai was seen playing with his father Bank who was teaching him how to move around. He is learning to swing, grab and jump so he can move around like his family. Peanut is the bodyguard of Lek, he is very protective of his mother, it's very cute and interesting to observe.

Namthip, Jorn and Sherpa: Also seen in March, this family looks as if it is about to grow; Namthip was observed looking very pregnant. She wasn't moving a lot and when she did it was very slow and her stomach was extremely big; we haven't seen this family again since then so we can't confirm it yet but we will let you know as soon as we can.

Cop and Newbe: A special trip was made to Cop and Newbe's territory to try to see this couple; whilst a sighting was not possible they were heard singing loudly giving us hope that they continue to live happily together in their new territory.

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Gibbons updated

Brany and Seagame: After calming down significantly around meal times this couple has been fully integrated; they have been observed displaying sexual behavior so we continue to be very positive about their future.

Champ and Mee: We are happy to announce that Mee is pregnant; it was first indicated in February and after close monitoring it has been confirmed. This usually very calm couple has become a lot more wary of human, they both try to keep staff away as much as possible and Mee is always certain that she gets more of the food than Champ; all good signs that they are going to be excellent parents.

New Gibbons from WARED:

We were lucky enough to be in receipt of two new male gibbons from the sanctuary in Ranong; Joy, a black white handed gibbon, and Eah, a pileated gibbon, came to us after successfully passing their blood tests. The two currently share an enclosure in the rehabilitation centre and are settling in well. They are both still a bit nervous of their new surroundings so it's hard to tell what their personalities are like but as they start to grow in confidence we will update you.



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Other News

Leafleting Trips: As part of a new push to spread the important message to tourists to never have their photos taken with wild animals, staff and volunteers have taken to the streets. They have been visiting popular tourist beaches, piers and towns to distribute fliers and pass on information; the trips have been both fun and successful with lots of new people being reached. This incentive will continue until there is no where on the island where tourists can claim they were unaware of the detrimental affects of the animal tourist prop industry.



Leafleting, British International School, Phuket International Academy

British International School: The education centre played host to children from the BIS this month with children from year 3 and year 5 coming to visit; they had lots of great questions and some of them even adopted gibbons. It's always great to see young children at the project and these kids were particularly interested and happy to see the gibbons. They had lots of stories to tell about pets they have had but they all promised never to keep a wild animal as a pet in the future!

Phuket International Academy: Some of the oldest students in attendance at PIA came to the education centre for some detailed information on gibbons; they were really keen to learn as much as possible and really challenged the volunteers who were working with their in depth questions.

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Overnight forest trips: The volunteers were treated this month with two overnight camping trips in the forest of Khao Phra Thaew Non hunting Area; they got to see some of the nocturnal residents of the forest including snakes, frogs, insects, turtles and even a moon rat. They all loved the experience of sleeping in hammocks with the sounds of the forest lulling them to sleep before tracking gibbons the following day.



Keeled Slug Snake – Lichen Spider