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Gibbon Rehabilitation Project Chiang mai (GRPC)



On the 5th of May 2 GRP staff members and 3 volunteers made the long, two day drive to northern Thailand to prepare the site for our first planned release in Pang Chum Pee community forest. During their stay they built a pre-release cage in the forest and moved our first release candidates Bobbie and Songkran to their new home. Bobbie and Songkran will remain in this cage until their scheduled release on the 16th June.

Gibbon Rehabilitation Project (Phuket)

Forest Update

On the 13th of May we had a very successful trip to the forest and found 10 members of our wild gibbon population.

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Payu Family (left picture)



We were fortunate this month to find Namthip and Newbe, together and well. Following the tragic loss of adult female Dao last year and the unexpected return of her partner Payu to our rehabilitation site in February, only 2 members of this family remain in the wild. For several months we've been unable to locate Newbe, (Payu and Dao's son), and Namthip, (Payu's sister), so this month we were thrilled to finally hear singing coming from their territory and quickly made our way

thought the forest to find them. Despite the loss of their other family members this Aunt and Nephew combo seem to be thriving just fine together.

Cop Family (right picture)

Staff and volunteers had to be careful while observing the Cop family this month as young Sherpa has suddenly become very brave and very curious. At three years old, life is a constant game for Sherpa and he loves to show off his impressive speed and agility in the trees. While he normally remains high in the tree tops, this time he had great fun swinging down low, leaping over our heads and then racing back up into the canopy. Although it's a joy to see his acrobatics up close, we hope this behaviour is just a phase and he'll soon return to playing high up in the tree tops.



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Toffee, Arun and Kip

Since Arun moved into the Kip family territory to pair up with daughter Toffee, the pair have often been observed together with Toffee's mother Kip. Although initially Kip was obviously scared of Arun, it seems she has now relaxed in his presence and all three have even been heard singing together.

Jo and Omyim

Kip's partner Jo and their youngest son Omyim had not been seen since their family was split up and their whereabouts was unknown. We're pleased to report both gibbons were found alive and well not far from the Payu family territory.

Hope Family

Although there have been no sightings of this family by our staff and volunteers this month, local people at Tonsai waterfall have reported gibbon singing coming from their territory, a good indication that all's well with the family.

Wildlife Rescues May 2014



On the 1st of May GRP staff were called to assist the DNP with the capture of a pig tail macaque which had taken up residence in the grounds of a hotel at Rawai Sub District in the south of Phuket. Although we're unsure of the macaque's origin, they were wearing a collar and had probably been kept as a pet, or used to harvest coconuts in a local plantation.

On the 19th of May we also assisted DNP staff from Tonsai waterfall with the rescue of a stump-tailed macaque from near the Phuket's mining museum at

Kathu.

Both macaques have since been sent to the DNP Wildlife breeding sanctuary in Phang Nga.

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Slow Loris Update

This month we are sad to report the tragic loss of our slow loris Tammy, who was killed by a python during the night of the 30th May. How the snake got into her enclosure remains a mystery but we can only assume it managed to squeeze its body between the mesh on her enclosure. After finishing its meal however, the snake was too fat to leave the cage again and was found by staff the following day.