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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Bumitama celebrates the Endangered Species Day with a newborn orangutan baby

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Jakarta, 23 June 2020 – The annual Endangered Species Day, which fell on 15<sup>th</sup> of May this year, is intended to remind us of the current environmental issues, the fragility of natural ecosystems and the species that inhabit them. Through the conservation efforts inside and around our operational permits, Bumitama has become a guardian of the habitats of endangered species as specified by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List. Some of the largest and richest of these areas are managed under the collaborative landscape-based programme called the Bumitama Biodiversity and Community Project (BBCP). In commemoration of the Endangered Species Day, allow us to share some of the more fascinating sightings that the BBCP Forest Rangers have encountered during their routine patrolling or captured on camera traps.

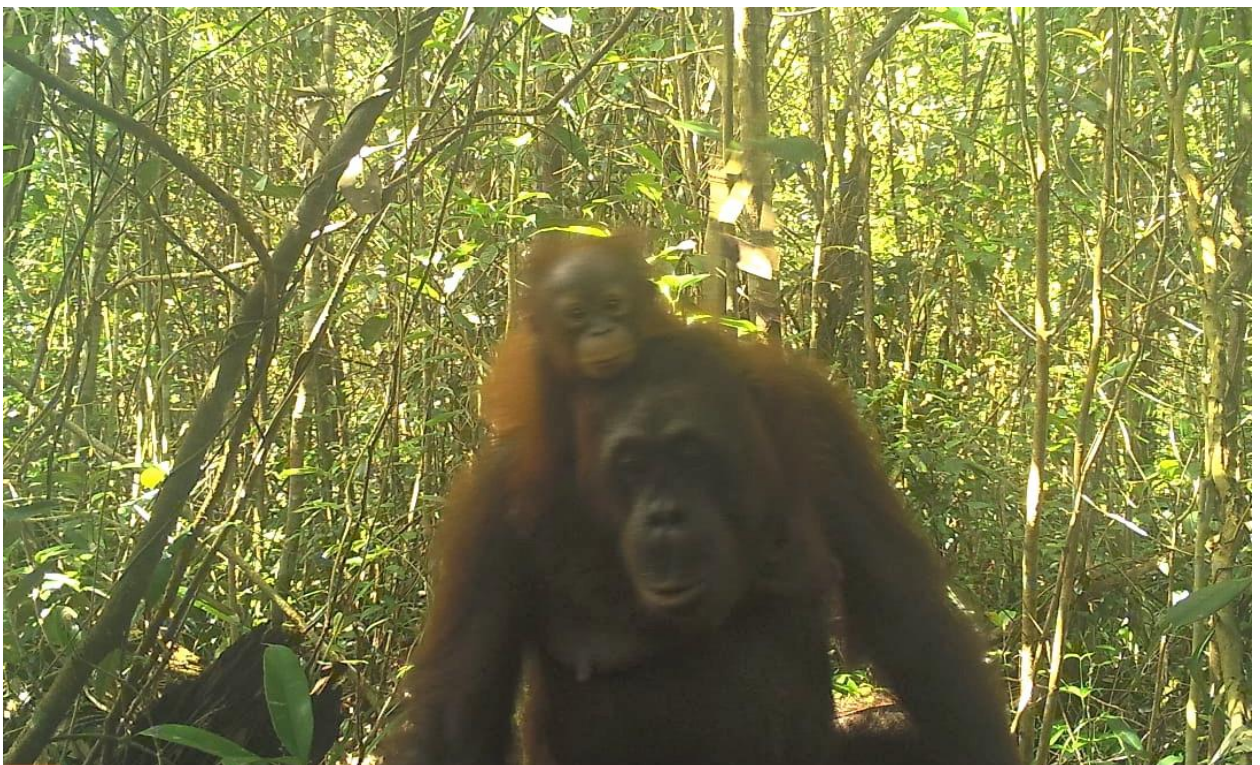


Pictures above: *bornean orangutan (pongo pygmaeus)*, *fanged pitcher plant (nepenthes bicalcarata)*, *sun bear claws mark (helarctos malayanus)*, *nest of woodpecker bird species*

To effectively look after the biodiversity in approximately 8,000 hectares of conservation areas, our team of BBCP Forest Rangers have been specially trained in wildlife monitoring using SMART tool as well as appropriate ways of camera trap placement and analysis of its results. When tracking the forest, observing and recording the sightings, the teams regularly encounter rare, threatened and endangered wildlife species such the bornean orangutans, proboscis monkeys, sunbears, hornbills and endemic and protected species of plants and trees.



Using the strategically positioned camera traps, we are able to monitor the presence of the camera shy or nocturnal animals that reside in our forests. About three months ago, we had started documenting a pregnant female orangutan. Our joy from this discovery was heightened when about two weeks ago, the camera traps recorded the same orangutan with a newborn baby on its back. We have decided to name her “Joyce” but as we are unsure of the sex of her baby, we are simply calling it “Joyce Baby”.



We are thrilled to report that the local orangutan population has increased by one and that our conservation areas are the home to a baby orangutan and its mother, who will be carrying the baby with her for the period of approximately 5 years. Bumitama and our Forest Rangers team are committed to protect these critically endangered animals and their habitat from the danger of forest fires, illegal hunters and loggers. We will be sharing further updates on Joyce and Joyce Baby upon new sighting reports from our team on the ground.

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