

Project Update: August 2012

Research - Research on Miller's grizzled langur focused on the small sepan where this monkey has been observed over the past year. A blind was set up to observe monkeys using the sepan and listening/observation posts were established at three additional locations. Early results indicate that only one family group is using the small sepan. Additionally, the loud call of Miller's grizzled langur was recorded, the first time this has ever been accomplished. In addition, 80 camera traps are monitoring biodiversity activity in Wehea during 2012.

Education - EE ran its first student Rediscovery Programme in June 2012 for a group of 10 students from Wehea. The students spent 4 days in Wehea Forest, learning from Wehea elders and Wehea forest rangers. Activities included learning about and documenting the flora and fauna in Wehea Forest, nightly sharing of traditional Wehea Dayak stories and songs, lessons on conservation and making of traditional crafts using non-timber forest products. Additional programmes are being planned for later in 2012.

Conservation - Discussions were held in May, June and July 2012 with government officials, local community leaders and private logging companies to discuss sustainable management of Wehea and surrounding forests. Collaboration is being developed with a logging company a company to research the effects of logging on mammal activity. The Wehea Conservation Center (WCC) is well underway and three carved foundation posts for the main building were set on July 30th 2012. Wehea rangers held their first planning meeting at the WCC temporary offices in July 2012.

