



Camera Traps Seblat
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Progress Report I

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Continuation of the 1 year camera trap project in the TWA Seblat Conservation Area.

Training

Continued training was conducted in the first week of August with the second patrol unit with 7 mahouts scheduled to leave on patrol the next day. This second patrol unit was not present for the original training that was held in June.



The lesson was a practical training session for the mahouts to learn hands on with the actual cameras. The mahouts learnt about the general usage and setup of the camera settings to the best method of actual implementation into the field and practised these methods for a full day of training.

Also provided to the patrol units were reminder cards on how to perform the tasks required while in the field.

- How to place, test and secure the camera to a location
- Check the battery levels
- Retrieve the data and replace with a new SD card
- Input GPS coordinates into the camera
- Record the data into the camera trap notebook

Two Cameras Stolen

It appears two test cameras placed in June have been stolen. One location the remains of the sling were left over with parts of the camera housing attached and the 2nd location the camera and entire sling were stolen.



The evidence left at these locations suggest the camera were hacked at with machetes. These people are likely illegal loggers or poachers entering into the TWA Seblat Conservation Area and noticing the cameras situated on regular patrol tracks. Obviously not wanting their identities to be known or any photos taken they have managed to remove the cameras all together.

To make things a lot safer in future placements of cameras it is recommended that cameras are placed off the main patrol track but in obvious locations where animals are present. Also the purchase of better security for the cameras has already been arranged and should arrive in the coming weeks in Sumatra.

Better Security

Secure boxes and cables



Bushnell security boxes have been ordered along with more secure slings to deny people access to and potentially removing the cameras from their location.



These have been purchased from America and hopefully will arrive in the first week of September in time for the next patrol unit to retrieve the latest data from the cameras and place the security boxes.



New Cameras

3 New Cameras Placed In the Field



Four new Bushnell Trophy Cam HD camera traps were purchased from an outlet in Jakarta along with relevant SD cards and batteries sufficient to last a period of time within the forest before retrieval of data and replacement. At present only 3



of the new cameras were placed in the field and the fourth withheld until the next patrol where a better and much more safer location can be sought to place the 4th camera. Below are the camera locations with corresponding GPS locations

Camera 1

~~Location Name: Mernanti~~

~~GPS S.03.07.36.2 | E.101.41.30.6~~

Camera 2

~~Location Name: Jambu~~

~~GPS: S.03.05.57.4 | E.101.40.21.5~~

Camera 3

Location Name: Batu Bara

Date: 10 August, 2014

GPS: S.03.06.38.5

Camera 4

Location Name: Pulau

Date: 11 August, 2014

GPS: S.03.05.35.8

Camera 5

Location Name: Simpang Ahmadiyah

Date: S.03.04.48.1 | E.101.40.34.

Photos



