

Project Update: January 2016

We carried out the phase one of field survey for Javan gibbon distribution in October 2015 where previously we have coordinated with national park staffs and local guides through presentation and discussed whether the potential locations that we would survey to checked Javan gibbons existence was accessible.

We involved 12 people that divided into three teams that consisted of team leader, team member, local guide and park ranger. Each team did survey in two different locations. Before the field survey, briefly we explained about our method as well as how to handle some research equipment such as range finder, binoculars and GPS to park rangers and local guides. We were very happy to see some local guides were able to shared information particularly about GPS using to other locals we met in the field.

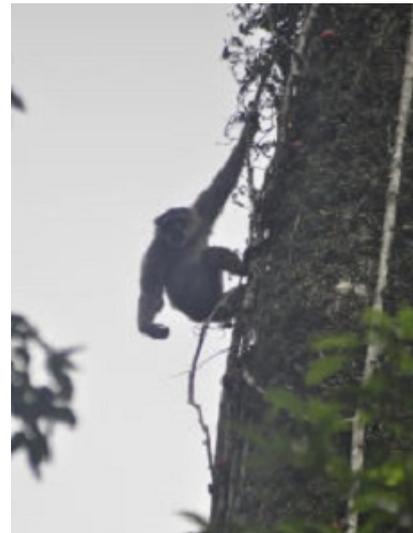


Figure 1: Javan gibbon eating fig fruit

We received good result from our first field survey where we found total 59 individuals of Javan gibbon based on 29 direct encounters in six locations with composition of 45 adults, 11 sub adults and three infants. As additional information, we also collected data of vegetation composition in the locations where we found Javan gibbons.

We are planning to carry out the second phase of field survey from January to February 2016 where we also now preparing materials to conduct outreach programme in three elementary schools around national park after we finished field survey.



Field observation: one of the field team looking for Javan gibbon

The coordination between team leader and park ranger in the field



Mountainous forest, suitable habitat for Javan gibbon

Adult Javan gibbon

