

Project Update: February 2010

We report on our activities from November 2009 – February 2010. We have conducted behavioural observations on a group of gibbons (two adult males (Bintang) and an adult female (Dewi)). We recorded their behaviour and their food resources, based on vernacular name. For 512 minutes we have followed this group, and recorded their food resources comprising fruits (97%), flowers (2%), and leaves (1%) based on 477 observations. We identified 25 species of forest trees that being consumed by gibbons.



The new record of faunal survey in this area, we found leopard cat (*Felis bengalensis*) and roosting site of fruit bats (*Pteropus vampyrus*).

Conservation capacity and education activities

We have conducted school visits in four different locations (two schools and two villages) nearby to Sokokembang forest from 22 - 25 December 2009. Activities such as games, paintings, and planting trees were done successfully, where 121 children participated.

We have distributed Javan gibbon posters (10 framed posters) and stickers to key persons (head of regency, district, and forestry agency) surrounding Sokokembang forest and Pekalongan regency to advertise our work and promoting Javan primate conservation.

We have initiated a Javan primate tour in Sokokembang village; we trained villagers as tour guides and provide their house as a home stay for visitors. In the first activities we had guests from Jakarta (15 people) staying for two nights to observe the gibbon and monkeys in Sokokembang village. We now have a trained villager, and two houses/family which are ready for home stay.

Popular publications

Photos and articles related to our activities were featured in one of the national news papers, on 18, 20 and 21 November 2009.

Our activities also receiving coverage from a national TV programme and broadcasted in “Jelajah Transtv” at 7 February 2010.