

Project Update: October 2019

From the research, I managed to establish a small conservation programme in central Sulawesi. It's been 3 years now. At the beginning, there were only 300 bats, and now there are thousands of them. We have worked with the community to protect it; you may find the information here www.poniki.id. It is still in Bahasa Indonesian, but we are working to translate it to English.

Kamu suka durian? Do you love durian?

Sheherazade, H. Ober & S.M. Tsang (2019).
Contributions of bats to the local economy
through durian pollination in Sulawesi,
Indonesia. *Biotropica*, DOI: 10.1111/btp.12712



1 Waktunya makan! Eating time!

Kelelawar minum nektar (cairan manis) pada bunga.
Bats feed on nectar

2 Penyerbukan Pollination

Kelelawar berpindah ke bunga lain, Serbuk sari (jantan) dari bunga sebelumnya jatuh ke kepala putik (betina) di bunga ini.
Bats pollinate durian flowers.

Panen durian! Harvest time! 3

Bunga durian yang diserbuki oleh kelelawar berkembang menjadi buah-buah durian yang kita nikmati!
Flowers develop into fruits, which we enjoy!

Kelelawar penyerbuk durian Bats as durian pollinators

Kelelawar gua pemakan nektar
Eonycteris spelaea
Cave nectar bat

Kalong sulawesi
Acerodon celebensis
Sulawesi flying fox

Kalong hitam
Pteropus alecto
Black flying fox

Find out more from our recent paper:

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/btp.12712>

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