

Project Update: September 2020

Introduction

With the funding from Rufford Foundation Small Grant, the first population assessment of agile gibbon (*Hylobates agilis*) commenced in April 2018 and ended in February 2019. Outreach activities have been carried in the form of educational programmes, web forum to various schools as well as the public.

Objective

- To increase the publicity of Small Apes of Malaysia Research & Outreach.
- To raise awareness among students in terms of gibbons in Malaysia.

Activities so far

March 2019 – Beacon Learning Centre, Penang

March 2019 – Dalat International School, Penang

April 2019 – SMK Convent Green Lane, Penang

May 2019 – SMK Jalan Mengkibol, Johor

June 2019 – Malaysian Primatological Society Outreach Centre, Langkawi

January 2020 – Rufford Malaysia Conference, Penang

June 2020 - Cognizing Ulu Muda Forest Through the eyes of the Researcher (online)

July 2020 – The Boys' Brigade companies in Johor (online)

Challenges

Game mechanism: the nature of most physical education programme is based on learning from the speakers while applying the knowledge onto the game. Challenges arise when physical contact is prohibited due to Covid-19 situation.

Next Steps

- The thesis titled “Population Densities Of Agile Gibbon (*Hylobates agilis*) And Their Relationship With Habitat Characteristics And History Of Disturbance In The Ulu Muda Forest Reserve, Malaysia” has been submitted to University Sains Malaysia on 17th April 2020. Examination is scheduled on 22 October 2020.
- I am currently working on the publication of the article with the same title.
- I am planning more talks and potential expeditions with high school students.
- I am going to share my experience and findings at IUCN National Conservation Action for Small Apes (Malaysia) on 24 October 2020.



