



Picture 1. The pair and its offspring at the release site

REINTRODUCTION PROGRAMME

During the last two months, our successful breeding pair continued to breed with the hatching of two new juveniles. The pair is always using the same box and, in the coming months, a camera will be installed in this box to better monitor the breeding (for future ringing) and get valuable information on the rearing behaviour. A new release in the coming months is still in progress and, after validation of a MoU between CCBC and PT. Antam Pongkor Gold Mine (release site owner), the first steps will start with the building of the habituation cage, selection and health checking of the birds in CCBC.

FOCUS

For our biggest pleasure, Renaldi Ednin Vernia our new CCBC Education Officer since October 2014, started his Education Programme in Pongkor.

After his first visit on the site in November 2014 to be introduced to local people and decide what approach he is going to use with them, Renaldi implemented different activities with the children. The first one is the design of an Educational book based on the Black-winged Starling. It includes several games such as mazes and origamis; and small stories about the wildlife trade and the conservation of bird species. Even if this first book was only a draft for trial, it was very well received.

The children were enthusiastic to get knowledge on birds through an entertaining way and the parents happy that some people provide basic Education to their children. Considering the big success of this book, new ones will be created in the near future; each book teaching about a specific topic (bird behaviour, conservation, wildlife trade, etc.) and an organised curriculum with the children will be planned so they can receive different knowledge at each visit.

The club focused on bird species other than the Black-winged Starling and the children successfully recognised birds such as kingfisher by observing and describing the colours, the size and the vocalisations.

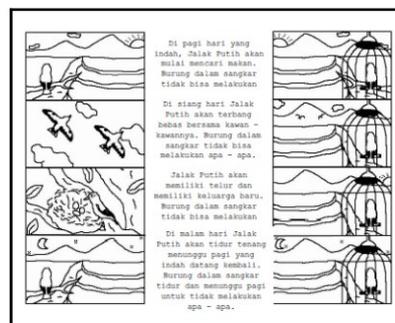
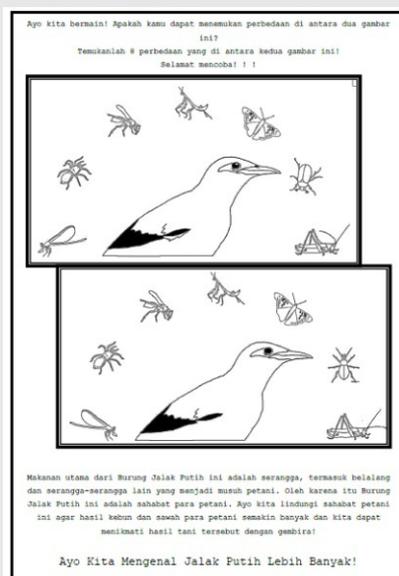
The energy, coming from the children during the last session is promising for the future. However, many children want to participate in this activity and currently, only 3 small pairs of binoculars are available. Every binocular donation is more than welcome for our Education programme!

Finally, Renaldi also maintains a good relationship with villagers and farmers by visiting them every day and talking about the benefit to keep Black-winged Starlings in their lands. People are receptive to his talk and actually happy and thankful that someone is dedicated to them, most of them feeling abandoned by organisations managing their lands (Gold Mine, National Park). He is also giving writing skills to the Head of the village to allow him to write proposals by himself and raise the profile of his village. Finally, many meetings were hold by different representatives of villages and government; and CCBC were always present to introduce our programme and make sure that every new implementation will include the protection of the species and local people leaving with it.

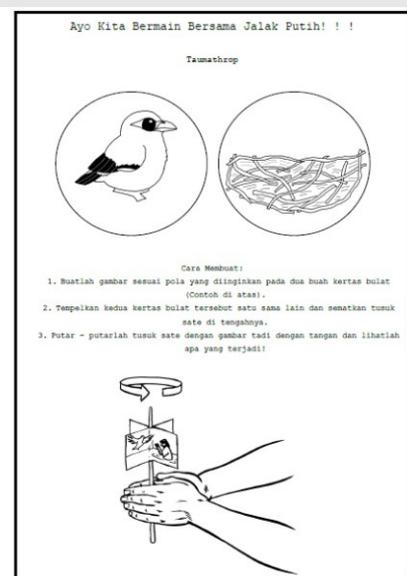


Picture 2. Bird Watching Club

Another activity implemented by Renaldi is the “Children Bird watching Club”. The children were again targeted for this activity and they were able to follow the monitoring team for one day with small binoculars, kindly donated by Chester Zoo.



Picture 3. The education material



In CCBC, we are all proud of Renaldi's work and how he raised the Education Programme for the Black-winged Starling which was unfortunately stagnant since the first release. His enthusiasm and ability to be "everybody's friend" make him a compulsory component of this programme!



Picture 4. Education and awareness activities

"I totally love this job! Education is my life and saving the animals is my passion. I can do both of them with this job and it's so awesome. Educating people on the site is an incredible experience; they are very nice and open to me. Seeing the children and people enthusiastic with the education activities, it's more than enough for me to see that we still have hopes to save our nature. I am really grateful to be an Education Officer at CCBC."



Picture 5. Renaldi Vernia (Education Officer)

SURVEY IN THE WILD

The survey of forest in search of wild Javan Green Magpie will start again soon, thanks to the kind support of Chester Zoo and the Rufford Small Grant Foundation. The partnership between CCBC and YPAL (Yayasan Perbumi Alam Lestari) was strengthened by a recent visit of Pupung Nurwatha in CCBC who confirmed his wish to include his organisation in this programme. The survey will start at the end of the rainy season (around April) and, in the meantime, meeting with Unpad University in Bandung will allow us to get and train students for the future survey. Equipment such as sound recorders, binoculars, tripods, GP5.. were already acquired and we can't wait recording the first wild Javan Green Magpie!

CAPTIVE POPULATION

We are really proud to be, since January 2015, a member of ISI5 and a ZIMS user. This new development will allow us to get a better communication with other ISI5 member and raise the profile of our work in CCBC for the captive animals.

The building of the fence to prevent any further theft attempt is almost finished. The Conservation Centre is now surrounded by a 3 meter high fence with access doors and gate to facilitate the entrance of our keepers. The doors will be closed every night. In addition, we received two guard dogs that will be released in the fenced area during the night. They are now under training by our vet.

Breeding continued for the last two months for most of our captive birds. The good news is the hatching of the F2 generation of Javan Green Magpies. The juvenile is now 2-month old. However, several deaths were sadly observed in our Black-winged Starling population and all our efforts are now focussed to understand the reason of these sudden deaths. Current health checking and analyses would allow us to better know the causes of death.

Finally, the transfer of 4 (22) Javan Green Magpies, 4 (22) Sumatran Laughingthrushes to Taman Safari Indonesia happened on the 18th of November 2014 and all of them are going well in their new institution. Moreover, 4 Javan Warty Pigs (22) were transferred to Taman Safari on the 25th of November 2014 but the 2 females died soon after their arrival to Taman Safari.



Picture 6. Fence around the Breeding Center area

Taxonomic	Common Name	BeQinninQ	Births	AcQuisitions	Deaths	Dispositions	EndinQ
<i>Cissa tha/assina</i>	Short-tailed green magpie	12.12.1	0.0.1	0.0.1	0.0.1	0.0.0	12.12.2
<i>Acridotheres melanopterus</i>	Black-winged starling	28.1.8.9	0.0.1.1	0.0.0	0.1.9	0.0.0	28.1.7.1.1
<i>Garrulax bicolor</i>	Sumatran laughing thrush	20.1.6.0	0.0.3	0.0.0	0.0.2	0.0.0	20.1.6.1
<i>Garrulax rufifrons</i>	Red-fronted laughing thrush	6.6.0	0.0.2	0.0.0	1.0.2	0.0.0	5.6.0
<i>Rhinocichla mitrata</i>	Spectacled laughing thrush	9.3.0	0.0.0	0.0.0	0.0.0	0.0.0	9.3.0
<i>Sus verrucosus</i>	Javan wild pig	12.1.2.0	0.0.0	0.0.0	0.0.0	0.0.0	12.1.2.0
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Table 1. Species Inventory in CCBC on the 31st January 2015

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