

Quarterly report

Gibbons of Peninsular Malaysia (UNGA) Outreach Programme 2023

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Background

The research project (Grant/Award Number: 26530-1) with the title “Population Densities of Agile Gibbon (*Hylobates agilis*) and their relationship With Habitat Characteristics and History of Disturbance in the Ulu Muda Forest Reserve, Malaysia” was concluded with the publication of the same title on [American Journal of Primatology](#) in May 2022. In order to fully utilise the remaining Small Grant by Rufford Foundation, this project leader will be conducting outreach programmes in various cities in Peninsular Malaysia.

The content of the programme includes 1) introducing the tropical rainforest of Malaysia, 2) overview of primates in Malaysia, 3) the biology of gibbons, 4) conservation issues in Malaysia and 5) how can we contribute towards the protection of gibbons.

Activity highlights

Tenby International School, Ipoh (30 January 2023)

A total of **200 students** attended the outreach programme. Due to the relatively large number, the programme was spilt into two sessions (90 students and 110 students respectively).





Ruang Kongsy, Penang (3 February 2023)

This is a collaboration between UNGKA and Nature Classroom, a local environment education social enterprise, and the programme was held at Ruang Kongsy, a community library and an event venue for hire in Penang. **23 individuals of students and parents** participated the talk.







SWIFT Offices, Kuala Lumpur (16 February 2023)

UNGKA was invited by local education and outreach organisation I-WELD to take part in their Nature Conservation Day for employees working within the SWIFT offices in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur. Around **75 individuals** were in attendance. We were given space to set up a booth and introduce small ape conservation to attendees.



Pocket guide

As UNGKA is one of the projects under the NGO Malaysian Primatological Society (MPS), we also took the opportunity to promote the sale of the newly launched 'Primates of Malaysia Pocket Identification Guide' at the end of the outreach programme. This is to raise fund for MPS's other education and conservation initiatives.





Financial report

The chart below provides a summary on the expenditure for the past programmes. Note that the expenses of the programme at Ruang Kongsi, Penang on 3 Feb 2023 was not included as the event took place close to my workplace, and there was no need for a mileage claim nor stipend.

Expenditure items	Mileage (MYR/km)	Estimated distance for return trip (km)	Cost per day (MYR)	Cost per unit (MYR)	Number of unit	Subtotal	Description
Mileage for return trip to Ipoh	0.1	340				33.66	From Tg Bungah, Penang to Tenby International School, Ipoh
Tolls						5.39	Juru - Ipoh Kuala Kangsar - Bandar Cassia
Food			7.2		1	7.20	Fixed daily rate of RM40/day
UNGKA Pamphlets printing				0.55	500	275.40	Art card 260gsm, 444x210mm, Jprint Studio
UNGKA pamphlets printing				1.56	60	78	A4: 157 gsm art paper, Print Expert Bangi
UNGKA bunting + stand				66.44	1	66.44	320 GSM tarpaulin, tripod stand with pipe 3ft, Print Expert Bangi
Grand total						466.09	

Table 1: Expenditure for the trip to Tenby International School, Ipoh, as well as the printing of the new UNGKA pamphlet.

Planning ahead

The upcoming UNGKA outreach programmes includes the following:

Taiping, Perak (2 – 3 June 2023)

This is also a collaboration between UNGKA and Nature Classroom, and an extension of the first outreach program we did with them. This will be a two-days-one-night trip, and we will conduct the education programme for the participants (students and their parents) on the first day, followed by a short field trip to the gibbon habitat at Maxwell Hill, Taiping.

Kluang, Johor (29 – 30 June 2023)

This is a collaboration with The Boys Brigade 1st Kluang Company, a Christian, semi-militaristic, uniform youth group, which is a global movement started in Glasgow, Scotland in 1883. This is to assist the students to fulfil the requirement for earning the “Environment Conservation” badge. This is also a two-days-one-night, with education programme on the first day, and a field visit at the gibbon habitat at Gunung Lambak, Kluang on the second.

Kluang, Johor (1 July 2023)

This programme will be conducted at the premise of Eden Welfare Charity Society (EDEN), Kluang, Johor. EDEN is a non-profit organization which serves as a “place of shelter for those who are going through the "dark storms" of their live” and training youth in leadership to enable them to serve and be agent of change in their family, school and in the community. The founder of the organisation invited the project leader to give a speech to the students to raise awareness in environment conservation.

Petaling Jaya, Selangor (Date: to be confirmed)

This programme will be conducted at SMK Sri Aman for secondary school students. Sessions will be conducted as co-curricular activities where students will be introduced to Malaysia’s primates with a focus on Peninsular Malaysia’s gibbons and their conservation. It may be conducted over a number of days over 2 weeks or more.