

BORNEAN SUN BEAR CONSERVATION CENTRE



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Oakland Zoo Borneo Expedition

On 10th November 2013, a team of 15 members from Oakland Zoo comprising staff and volunteers arrived at BSBCC for a 3-day voluntary programme. Several activities were arranged for the team to help out BSBCC including sun bear husbandry, landscaping, consultation discussion and sun bear behavior observation. Besides sharing their time and energy, the Oakland Zoo team also brought some t-shirts for the staff and enrichment materials for the sun bears.



Oakland Zoo Borneo Expedition members helped prepare food for the sun bears before feeding them at the forest enclosure.

Donations in kind

BSBCC was grateful to receive several donations in kind during 2013 from different organizations and individuals. These donations are very helpful in supplementing the operations of caring for the sun bears at BSBCC.



Left: Toys for sun bears donated by Oakland Zoo. **Right:** Towels and enrichment materials for the sun bears donated by ISS International School, Singapore.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Educational visits to BSBCC

Educational activities were conducted throughout the year to continuously spread awareness about sun bears and their conservation. A total of 1,228 people from various local and international schools and organizations visited the Centre in 2013 (See Appendix IV).



Clockwise from left: Telling stories about sun bears to students from SJK (C) Tai Tong, Sandakan. BSBCC staff and team from APE Malaysia guiding students from Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore making enrichment for sun bears. Group photo with Sandakan Tekka Society. Introductory talk about sun bears to students from Yu Yuan School, Sandakan.

Skype talk with Stuart Point Pre School, Australia

Stuarts Point Pre School, Australia initiated a “Sun Bear Project” which aims to raise awareness of the tremendous efforts of BSBCC and to make the little known sun bear famous in Stuarts Point and Scotts Head. The preschool held sessions introducing the children to sun bears and the work of BSBCC in helping to save the sun bears. They also did a “Sun Bear Fundraiser” by selling cakes at their school. On 4th March 2013, the children had a “Skyping the sun bears” experience where BSBCC’s Founder and CEO, Wong Siew Te had a live talking session with the children at the observation platform.



Wong showing the Stuart Point Pre School children the sun bears at the forest enclosure by having a live session through Skype.

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We would also like to thank all of our volunteer groups and individual volunteers for their donations of time, energy, ideas and materials as well as care for the existing bears on site. Your commitment to the cause of the bears is invaluable and we appreciate all you have done for the bears!

Appendix IV: Group visits to BSBCC in 2013

No.	School/ Organization	No. PAX	Activity	Date
1.	Politeknik Sandakan	5	Educational tour	31 st Jan 2013
2.	ISS International School, Singapore	29	Observation, enrichment, guided tour & talk.	19 th Feb 2013
3.	International Society of Mangrove Ecosystem (ISME)	8	Educational tour	13 th Mar 2013
4.	International Environmental Education Exchange Programme participants	25	Guided tour, EE activity: bear vs human sense of smell	23 rd Mar 2013
5.	Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore	24	Observation, enrichment, guided tour & talk.	4 th Apr 2013
6.	Dr. Oz and Malaysian Pam Oil Council (MPOC)	8	Educational tour	24 th May 2013
7.	Sabah State Library	18	Educational tour	6 th Jun 2013
8.	International Borneo Bird Race participants	30	Educational tour	7 th June 2013
9.	Subang Jaya Field Trip – We are going wild.	18	Educational tour	9 th June 2013
10.	Sabah Tour Operator	30	Promotional tour and talk together with SOURC	10 th June 2013
11.	Miami University	20	Educational tour	10 th June 2013
12.	Janakalya Kosa Welfare Trust	40	Educational tour	15 th June 2013
13.	JISCO	19	Educational tour	16 th June 2013
14.	International Expeditions	9	Educational tour	16 th June 2013
15.	Miami University	21	Educational tour	21 st June 2013
16.	SMK Sandakan	23	Educational tour	22 nd June 2013
17.	SK Ming Chung, Sandakan	80	Educational tour	29 th June 2013
18.	Zumba for sun bears organizers	19	Educational tour	7 th July 2013
19.	Rainforest Discovery Centre (RDC), Sandakan practical students	7	Educational tour	15 th July 2013
20.	My EXUMA Yatch Clientele	9	Guided tour	16 th July 2013
21.	MyFM Roadshow Crew	4	Educational tour	19 th July 2013
22.	Dreams Little Bears Sandakan Fundraiser Artists, performers and crews of Big	15	Educational tour	20 th July 2013
23.	Djoser group Holland	24	Educational tour	25 th July 2013
24.	Yu Yuan School, Sandakan	8	Educational tour	27 th July 2013
25.	Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) vet students	5	Educational tour	28 th July 2013
26.	SMK Muhibah		Educational tour	31 st Aug 2013
27.	Sokka Gakkai Malaysia, Sandakan Branch	120	Educational tour	16 th Sep 2013
28.	SMK Lok Yuk	46	Educational tour	28 th Sep 2013
29.	Sabah Tour Guides Association	31	Talk and educational tour.	4 th Oct 2013
30.	South Island School, Hong Kong	24	Observation, enrichment, guided tour & talk.	8 th Oct 2013
31.	Neways International	200	Educational tour	12 th Oct 2013
32.	SJK (C) Tai Tong, Sandakan	112	Educational tour	19 th Oct 2013
33.	American International School, Hong Kong	20	Observation, enrichment, guided tour & talk.	22 nd Oct 2013
34.	Yu Yuan School, Sandakan	50	Educational tour	28 th Oct 2013
35.	Environmental Education Race participants	9	Bear husbandries & educational talk	30 th Oct 2013
36.	Interact Club, Yu Yuan School, Sandakan	38	Educational tour	2 nd Nov 2013
37.	SMK Elopura, Sandakan	20	Educational tour	9 th Nov 2013
38.	Sandakan Tekka Society	60	Educational tour	9 th Nov 2013

Appendix V: Financial Summary for 2013

Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (Malaysian Accounts)

BSBCC MALAYSIA

FUNDS RECEIVED JAN to DEC 2013

I Grants & Donations

Received from	Date	Amount
Yayasan Sime Darby 3rd Quarter	18-Jan	104,264.36
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment	22-Apr	134,800.00
Yayasan Sime Darby 4th Quarter (1/2)	6-May	52,723.35
FORESS	6-Jun	600.00
LEAP Inc. (building professional fees \$17,000)	6-Jun	52,338.00
Seaworld Busch Gardens Conservation Trust	12-Jun	15,497.50
Stuarts Point Pre School	12-Jun	730.95
Red Endangered	18-Jun	811.21
Jisco DO0133	5-Jul	570.00
Miami University DO132 &137	5-Jul	1,200.00
Jeffrey Lunric	18-Jul	1,000.00
Sipadan Water Village Travels & Tours SB	18-Jul	1,120.00
Zumba fundraising 6 July 2013	18-Jul	6,888.00
Yayasan Sime Darby 5th Quarter	26-Jul	74,583.50
Michael Hedegaard	7-Aug	1,000.00
Amy Scott	19-Aug	1,540.54
Loh Ping Yee (Adoption of Natalie)	28-Aug	300.00
Exotic Borneo Sdn Bhd	5-Sep	1,000.00
Sepilok Tropical Wildlife Adventure	12-Sep	1,320.00
Sabah Hotel Box	23-Sep	644.55
Sokka Gakai	23-Sep	1,000.00
Borneo Eco Tours Sdn Bhd Adoption programme - Damai for a year	29-Oct	1,160.00
UNDP Malaysia	23-Dec	78,923.33
Donations RM500 and below		5,809.60
Animal Projects & Environmental Education		6,560.00
Borneo Eco Tours DO130 &134		1,080.00
Neways International (Australia) Pty Ltd		37,178.90
Sticky Rice Travel SB		1,900.00
SWV Travels & Tours SB		570.00
Volunteers in house		7,220.00
Unidentified donors		655.00
		594,988.79