



## The Kukang Rescue Program in 2018



The Kukang Rescue Program is primarily focused on combating illegal trade in animals and on protection of the greater slow loris (*Nycticebus coucang*) in Indonesia, especially in the province of North Sumatra. However, the activities of the program have been expanding in terms of number, intensity and quality. This report is a summary of events that took place not only in Sumatra, but also in the Czech Republic, Europe and on the internet in 2018.

### Rescue and rehabilitation centre in Sumatra

In 2018 the rescue and rehabilitation centre of the program was extended by several new buildings. A new entrance gate was built, a small building for guards and the whole rescue centre were fenced with a 1.5 m high net in order to get better protected. In the quarantine section of the rescue centre a new gate was built which closed this area and it will not be open to the public. A new, bigger store for material and equipment was built. Reconstruction works on the damaged parts of the centre, repair of the damaged fence, replacement of the leaf roof of the quarantine for slow lorises and protection of the insect farm against rain were carried out.



Foundations of the entrance gate



Newly built entrance gate



**Building for storing of material**



**Fencing of the rescue and rehabilitation centre**



**Replacement of the leaf roof of the quarantine for slow lorises**



**New gate of the quarantine section**

The clinic of the rescue and rehabilitation centre was equipped with an inhalation anaesthesia, for which a collection under a [crowdfunding campaign](#) was organized in 2017. The clinic was equipped with a new special cabinet and other small equipment as well.



**Installation of a new inhalation anaesthesia**



**Equipped clinic of the rescue and rehabilitation centre**

Further adjustments and improvements were made in the centre. One of the improvements was construction of a "biodiversity-drainage" pond which serves as a secure environment for wildlife and plants. It aims to contribute to increasing biodiversity of the entire rescue and rehabilitation centre that covers an area of approximately 2.5 hectares. In addition to safe water access, providing shelter, food, and breeding space for local fauna, the pond also helps to retain water from its soaked surroundings. This "biodiversity-drainage" pond was built in front of the office in the quarantine part of the centre. Beyond the pond and around the clinic were also built draining gutters that drain water into other pools on the grounds. In addition to the pond construction, other activities that contribute to increasing biodiversity of the whole area have been systematically carried out since

the establishment of the centre. In the centre have been preserved many pools, swamps and other places where water is intentionally retained in order to slow down its drainage from the region. During the construction of the centre the original vegetation was preserved on its grounds. Moreover, dozens of flowering and fruit plants and trees were planted. Several dead and fallen trees and their trunks (for example, a 5m long tree trunk that was hit by a lightning) were also preserved. This so-called "dead wood" serves as a place to live, breed, as a shelter and a source of food for insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds, bats and other mammals that occur naturally in the centre. These measures in the rescue and rehabilitation centre serve also as an inspiration for local staff, visitors and also for children that attend the English-Environmental School run by The Kukang Rescue Program in the centre's neighbourhood.

A new waste reduction and sorting system was introduced in the centre and an insect hatchery was expanded and improved.



**The drainage and biodiversity pond**



**A bin for sorted waste**



**Meal-beetle larvae before pupating**



**Collection of fortnight insect production**

### **Volunteers and visits:**

Like every year there were several volunteers and many visits from different parts of the world in the rescue and rehabilitation centre. For example, our colleague Louise Fletcher (IUCN SSC Pangolin Specialist Group) spent several weeks in the centre. Also, the director of Ostrava Zoo Petr Čolas, the director of Liberec Zoo David Nejedlo or a vet Jan Hnízdl, the owner of Animal Clinic in Prague ([www.animalclinic.cz/en](http://www.animalclinic.cz/en)), visited the centre. The Animal Clinic donated some drugs and an autoclave to the program. Also, the coordinator of veterinary care and welfare of the rescue program Lucie Čížmářová was on her traineeship at the Clinic.



Louise Fletcher together with Lucie and Indonesian assistants



The visit from partner zoological gardens

## Cooperation with local government agencies

In 2018 the Indonesian foundation Yayasan Peduli Kelestarian Satwa Liar – the PASAL Foundation (in English the Wildlife Preservation Foundation) that manages and implements The Kukang Rescue Program in Indonesia and a local government agency BBKSDA North Sumatra (The Natural Resources Conservation Agency ), under the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia, approved a final draft of a new cooperation agreement on protection of small mammals in Sumatra. Implementation of this agreement will begin in 2019.

## Education and raising awareness about protection of animals and nature

Last year, key educational activities were increasing awareness among children and the public and creation of a new awareness campaign Stolen Wildlife. Everything what occurred in relation to these activities in Indonesia, the Czech Republic and on the internet is described in the three subchapters below.

### Indonesia:

Classes at the English-Environmental School were moved to a building that was constructed for this purpose. This school is for free for children living near the rescue and rehabilitation centre. Children attend the afternoon school three times a week, they learn English twice a week and they have environmental lessons once a week. At the end of each semester, the pupils receive their school reports and the best students are awarded. This special event is always attended not only by the students themselves, but also by their parents, all the teachers and the management of our Indonesian foundation (from now on the PASAL Foundation only).



A new building of the English-Environmental School



Handover of school reports and awarding best students

We organized a trip to the Siantar Zoo for the children from our school and their parents under the supervision of the coordinator of education and public awareness Novi and the assistants Syifa and Yanti. We dispatched a whole bus for 51 people attending the trip altogether (31 children, 16 parents and 4 members of the Indonesian Kukang team). The children learned about animals in the zoo and the threats that endanger them in an entertaining way, they wrote down interesting things about animals and played various games for sweet rewards.



The bus for the school trip to the Siantar Zoo



Education of the pupils in the Siantar Zoo

Every year on August 17<sup>th</sup> Indonesia celebrates the Independence Day. The Kukang Rescue Program takes part in the celebrations and supports this day in various ways every year. In 2018 the children from our English-Environmental School celebrated the day together with their teachers who prepared fun activities during which the children engaged in nature conservation as well.

In Sumatra, there was a lecture on illegal trade in animals, pets, protection of slow lorises and The Kukang Rescue Program for new pupils from the above-mentioned English-Environmental School. Also, a lecture on protection of pangolins and slow lorises was organized for children at the Medan International School ([www.mismedan.org](http://www.mismedan.org)). Other educational and awareness-raising activities for local children continued during the year 2018.



Children celebrate the Independence Day in the rescue centre



A lesson in the International School in Medan

In December, the management of The Kukang Rescue Program spent a couple of days in Thailand on the Phuket Island in order to document offering of slow lorises to tourists for taking photos with them. The Phuket Island should be one of the places where these illegal practices occur most often. A monitoring on daily basis was carried out on the places known on the internet for the possibility to find Thai people with slow lorises there (beaches of Patong, Karon, Kata, the streets and the centre of Patong, surroundings of the Kata beach, etc.). On the Karon beach the team managed to find a Thai woman who was offering a slow loris for taking photos with it. Several outputs following the survey will be published in 2019 and works with the acquired material will continue further.

## **Czech Republic:**

As usual, the Czech part of the Kukang team organized or participated in many events throughout the Czech Republic. Due to the large number of events, we only list them without further detailed description.

### **List of The Kukang Rescue Program lectures in 2018**

Palacký University Olomouc, Department of Zoology (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Palacký University Olomouc, Department of Development & Environmental Studies (The Kukang Rescue Program)
University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Primary School SNP 6, Ústí nad Labem – 6 lectures (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Ostrava Zoo (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Jihlava Zoo (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Ecofestival in Nitra, Slovak Republic (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Get to Know Another Coffee, People in Need Langhans Centre in Prague (The Kukang Rescue Program)
Sumatra in Danger, Výstaviště in Prague – 2 lectures (The Kukang Rescue Program, Stolen Wildlife)
Fair Party, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (Stolen Wildlife, The Kukang Rescue Program)
In-situ Committee of the Union of Czech and Slovak Zoological Gardens, Olomouc Zoo – 3 lectures (Stolen Wildlife, Ethical Code of Conservation Projects Partners, EAZA Palm Oil Working Group)
CITES Evergreens (Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic), Bohuslavice (Stolen Wildlife)
Questions around CITES 2018, University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice (Stolen Wildlife)
Meeting of regional offices of CITES of Ministry of Environment, Ostrava Zoo (Stolen Wildlife)
Global Biodiversity Conservation Conference (GBCC), Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (Stolen Wildlife)
Share of Zoos in Environmental Education and Raising Awareness (Ostrava Zoo), Ostrava (Stolen Wildlife)



**A lecture at the benefit event Sumatra in Danger**



**A lecture on Stolen Wildlife for CITES officers**

List of events in 2018 and venue	Type of event
Sumatra in Danger, Výstaviště in Prague	Benefit event
Winter Fair Bake Sale, Sweden - International English School Årsta	Stall
Day for Slow Lorises, Olomouc Zoo	Workshop, stall
Project Day in Liberec Zoo, Grammar school Doctrina – Podještědské gymnázium	Stall
Run for Lemurs in Ostrava Zoo, Ostrava Zoo	Participation and support
Kolem světa Festival, PVA EXPO PRAGUE	Stall
Kolem světa Festival, Hotel Clarion Prague	Stall
Birthday of Tábor Zoo	Stall
Get to Know Another Coffee, People in Need Langhans Centre in Prague	Workshop
Ostrava Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Hodonín Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Plzeň Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Jihlava Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Na Hrádečku Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Dvorec Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Tábor Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Zoopark in Chomutov	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Hluboká Zoo	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Regional Authority of the Central Bohemia Region	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
NATO Days – Ostrava	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Global Biodiversity Conservation Conference (GBCC) – Czech University of Life Sciences Prague	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Primary School Dobrá	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Primary School and Kindergarten of V. Košář	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Primary School of A. Hrdlička	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Secondary School of Technics and Transportation	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife
Youth Centre Orlová - Lutyně in Karvinsko	Exhibition – Stolen Wildlife



**Kukang stall at the benefit event Sumatra in Danger**



**Czech Kukang team and a Slovak rapper Suvereno**

In the Olomouc Zoo, new televisions were installed in several pavilions where videos on The Kukang Rescue Program are projected in a loop. The same videos are projected also in the Ostrava Zoo.



**Day for Slow Lorises in Olomouc Zoo**



**Video about The Kukang Rescue Program in Olomouc Zoo**

Students and photographers at the Secondary School of Clothing and Services in Vizovice ([www.souviz.cz](http://www.souviz.cz)) chose our plush slow loris as a class mascot, named it Vladimir and created an Instagram page for it. This plush mascot propagates an idea of the I Am Not Your Toy! campaign at the school and among families and those who are close to the students. The idea is that the plush slow loris serves for cuddling, but the living one certainly does not. A preview of Vladimir's Instagram page can be found [here](#).

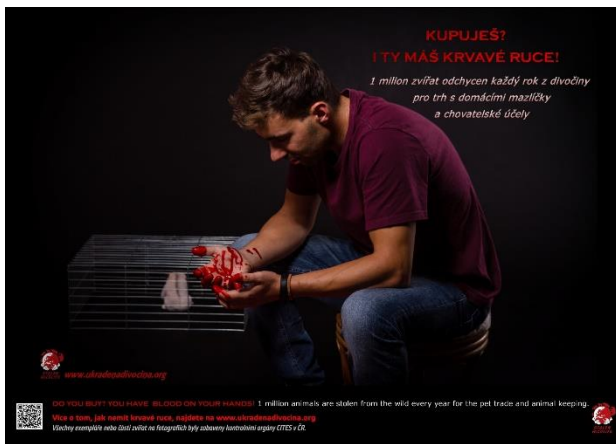
### **Stolen Wildlife:**

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 The Kukang Rescue Program together with the Ostrava Zoo officially launched a new information campaign "Stolen Wildlife" focused on the issue of illegal trade in endangered animal species. This is the first comprehensive campaign in the Czech Republic that uncovers overlooked facts of illegal trade in wild animals and their body parts in the Czech Republic and throughout Europe. The main tool of this campaign is the educational website [www.ukradenadivocina.org](http://www.ukradenadivocina.org) (optimized also for mobile phones), available in the English version as well ([www.stolenwildlife.org](http://www.stolenwildlife.org)). These websites are dedicated to the complex issues of illegal trade in various animal species and present also the most common reasons for this trade, including traditional Chinese medicine, trade in pets or souvenirs, etc. The web is complemented by the Facebook and Instagram page "Ukradená divočina – Stolen Wildlife".

The Stolen Wildlife exhibition serves as the second pillar of the campaign; it aims to clarify the whole issue to the public. The exhibition was first installed in June 2018 in the Ostrava Zoo in the form of a trail and many other institutions joined after that. The trail consists of information panels; each panel comprises a photograph showing one of the many problems that illegal trade in animals and their body parts involves, including



information about an estimated extent of the issue. The interesting thing is that all the specimens or animal body parts on the photographs, such as ivory, rhino horns, felid furs, pangolin scales, etc. were confiscated by the control authorities in the Czech Republic. These panels are provided in electronic form to all those interested in printing and exhibiting them in their institution. Since the launch of the campaign, the Trail or Stolen Wildlife Exhibition have been implemented, been in the phase of printing or their arrangements are being finished in 13 Czech and Slovak zoological gardens, several schools, offices and other institutions. Soon after its launch, the campaign gained patronage of the Ministry of Environment, led by Richard Brabec, the first deputy of Prime Minister and the Minister of Environment. The cooperation of The Kukang Rescue Program and the Ostrava Zoo with the Ministry of Environment on such an important topic as the illegal animal trade is one of the objectives of the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking. The Stolen Wildlife was created on the basis of many years of experience of the head of the Department of International Biodiversity Protection and CITES of the Czech Environmental Inspectorate Pavla Říhová and in cooperation with the director of the Ostrava Zoo Petr Čolas, a field zoologist of the Ostrava Zoo and the director of The Kukang Rescue Program František Příbrský, a field zoologist of the Olomouc Zoo and a photographer Lucie Čižmářová and other team members.



**Stole Wildlife, bloody version – pets**



**Stolen Wildlife, bloodless version – ivory**

The press conference held on June 26<sup>th</sup> in the Ostrava Zoo during the official launch of the campaign was attended by several journalists from the Czech Television, Czech Press Agency, Český rozhlas, MS Deník and Právo. The following media response was also significant when several reportages were broadcasted on the Czech Television:

<http://www.ceskatelevize.cz/porady/10122978233-udalosti-v-regionech-ostrava/418231100030626-udalosti-v-regionech/video/629140>

<http://www.ceskatelevize.cz/porady/10253066674-zpravy-ve-12/218411012000626/> (reportage time 15:15-16:50)

<http://www.ceskatelevize.cz/porady/10101491767-studio-ct24/218411058310626/> (reportage time 17:18-24:53)

List of articles about Stolen Wildlife:

[https://www.tyden.cz/rubriky/relax/zvirata/ukradena-divocina-zoo-ostrava-upozornuje-na-obchod-se-zviraty\\_486222.html](https://www.tyden.cz/rubriky/relax/zvirata/ukradena-divocina-zoo-ostrava-upozornuje-na-obchod-se-zviraty_486222.html)

<https://www.denik.cz/regiony/zoo-ostrava-kampan-ilegalni-obchod-se-zviraty-20180626.html>

<http://www.ceskenoviny.cz/zpravy/zoo-ostrava-novou-kampani-upozornuje-na-obchod-se-zviraty/1636624>

<https://ekolist.cz/cz/kultura/zpravy-kultura/zoo-ostrava-novou-kampani-upozornuje-na-obchod-se-zviraty>

<http://zdravaova.cz/ostravska-zoo-odkryva-prehlizena-fakta-ilegalniho-obchodu-s-divokymi-zviraty/>

<https://www.nase-mesto.cz/ne-nelegalnimu-obchodu-se-zviraty/>

[https://relax.lidovky.cz/ukradena-divocina-zoo-ostrava-novou-kampani-upozornuje-na-obchod-se-zviraty-1s9-/domaci-mazlicci.aspx?c=A180626\\_120819\\_domaci-mazlicci\\_ape](https://relax.lidovky.cz/ukradena-divocina-zoo-ostrava-novou-kampani-upozornuje-na-obchod-se-zviraty-1s9-/domaci-mazlicci.aspx?c=A180626_120819_domaci-mazlicci_ape)  
<http://www.bulvar.cz/ukradena-divocina-zoo-ostrava-upozornuje-na-obchod-se-zviraty>  
<https://ostrava.rozhlas.cz/ostravska-zoo-novou-kampani-upozornuje-na-ilegalni-obchod-se-zviraty-7557806>  
<http://www.vivarista.sk/m/clanky/8687>  
<http://www.svetmyslivosti.cz/monitor-tisku/11177-jsme-stejni-vinici-jako-pytlaci-opavsky-a-hlucinsky-denik>  
<http://www.24zpravy.com/relax/ukradena-divocina-zoo-ostrava-novou-kampani-upozornuje-na-obchod-se-zviraty/204722-zpravy>  
[https://www.msk.cz/cz/zivotni\\_prostredi/ukradena-divocina\\_-118003/](https://www.msk.cz/cz/zivotni_prostredi/ukradena-divocina_-118003/)  
<http://www.ostrava.cz/cs/o-meste/aktualne/ne-nelegalnimu-obchodu-se-zviraty>  
<https://www.facebook.com/MinisterstvoZP/posts/1969760089735129>

Another important media output was a reference to the Stolen Wildlife campaign in the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums' (WAZA) [flash news](#) and also on the WAZA [Facebook pages](#).



Press conference at the official launch of the campaign



The award of Lucie and Stolen Wildlife in IPA

Lucie Čižmářová and her bloody photo series for the Stolen Wildlife campaign won the "Honorable Mention 2018" Award in the important International Photography Awards (IPA). Award-winning photographs and their story can be seen [here](#).



Stolen Wildlife Trail in Ostrava Zoo



One of the panels of Stolen Wildlife Exhibition

On October 16<sup>th</sup> the second round of making a new series of photographs was carried out (Lucie is the author again). It deals with other topical European issues of threats to wildlife and of illegal trade in wild animals. The photos were made in the studio of the Secondary School of Clothing and Services in Vizovice again. Photos are currently being selected and edited and will be published in 2019.

## Cooperation with local communities in Sumatra

Work of the anti-conflict team over the past years resulted in a publication entitled "How to Protect Your Farm against Animals while Letting Them Live" (more information on the brochure can be found in the press release [here](#)). Last year, 150 brochures were printed and distributed to dozens of selected farmers living near forests in several selected areas. Thanks to many useful tips, the brochures should help farmers to protect their farms from wildlife and to minimize crop damage without having to kill these animals. The brochures together with Kukang colouring books were also handed out to farmers' children, as there is an educational section on biology of selected animal species and on protection of endangered species living near farms.



Printed brochures for farmers in three languages



Anti-conflict team is handing out brochures to farmers

In 2018, a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between our Indonesian PASAL Foundation and the village of Kuta Male regarding a new project called "Kuta Male Waste Sorting and Reduction Project". The aim of the project is to reduce the pollution of the area adjacent to the Gunung Leuser Ecosystem protected area by setting up waste management in the village of Kuta Male (Karo regency). One of the main tasks of the project is to familiarize residents of all ages with basic principles of waste sorting and its further processing and to raise their awareness of pollution issues of the unique environment. This should, as a further step, contribute to protection of unique biodiversity of this area with critically endangered animals, such as the Sumatran orangutan, Sunda pangolin, greater slow loris, binturong, siamang, and others. The plan is that the Kuta Male waste will be bought, transported and recycled by Perkumpulan Arta Jaya organization. Our program has been cooperating with the community in Kuta Male for a long time, as we have built an environmental library for children in this village and we consider this area to be suitable for releasing rehabilitated slow lorises. This new project was financially supported by the Ostrava Zoo.



Tomáš is preparing bins for sorted waste



Decorating of bins for sorted waste

The Kukang Rescue Program plans to expand its activities by a project promoting production of environmentally friendly "Kukang coffee". Its distribution will support farmers from local community and protection of local

endangered animal species at the same time. We cooperate with an Indonesian foundation SwaraOwa on methodology of coffee production, distribution and protection measures. SwaraOwa has been running a Coffee and Primate Conservation Project on the island of Java for several years. In 2018, our team visited SwaraOwa's base in Yogyakarta where its coffee-processing and coffee-roasting plant is located. On the other hand, the team of SwaraOwa visited our community in Kuta Male where we plan to implement activities of this project. In addition to supporting the local community, the aim of these activities is to protect all fauna (a ban on animal hunting, except for wild boars, promoted by the village) in the Kuta Male area and to secure the area before the pilot release of rehabilitated slow lorises.



**The visit of SwaraOwa in the community of Kuta Male**



**Coffee production in the village of Kuta Male**

In order to find funding for implementation of our activities to support education and development of local communities we applied for a grant of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the so-called "Small Local Development Assistance Project". The grant application is called "Support of Three Communities in Northern Sumatra through Environmental Education, Sustainable Coffee Production and Endangered Species Conservation" and its implementation will take place in the most part of 2019.

## **Establishment of an Indonesian team of wildlife and nature conservationists**

As every year so far, we succeeded in taking on new members to our Kukang team, either in Sumatra or in Europe. The Indonesian team is doing a very good job and is supported by the work of a great big team, mostly from the Czech Republic, but also from other European countries. One of the main objectives of The Kukang Rescue Program is to build an Indonesian team that will conduct most of the conservation activities associated with slow lorises and other animals. In the attached photos you can see the Indonesian Kukang team in 2018.



**Indonesian Kukang team in the rescue centre**



**Indonesian field Kukang team**

The Indonesian PASAL Foundation provides employment contracts for Indonesian employees, including social and health insurance. The Indonesian part of the Kukang team used these services in 2018.

## Partnerships

The Kukang Rescue Program acquired two new European zoo partners in 2018; they are Czech Hodonin Zoo and Polish Wroclaw Zoo. This is how the family of zoos supporting the program efforts to combat the illegal wildlife trade and animal protection (not only) in Indonesia grows. Nowadays, this partnership is based on patronage, consultancy, and financial and material support. Acknowledgements to all partners among zoos and the call for other potential partners are to be seen on Facebook pages of the program [here](#).



**A visit of Karolina Nowacka from the Wroclaw Zoo**



**Pupils with animal pictures from the Wroclaw Zoo**

The Kukang Rescue Program and the Indonesian PASAL Foundation also established closer cooperation with the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Jakarta. Our team joined celebrations of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the former Czechoslovakia, organized by the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Jakarta in attendance of the ambassador of the Czech Republic Ivan Hotěk and his team, the Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic Lubomír Metnar, and many other Czech, Indonesian and foreign guests. Thanks to this cooperation and a friendly ambassador's deputy, Jakub Černý, our foundation could apply for the aforementioned development assistance grant of the Czech Republic.



**Talks on protection cooperation with government agency**



**Celebrations of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the former Czechoslovakia**

Establishing new strategic partnerships and friendly relationships is very important in nature conservation. One of the key people who began to support us in 2018 is Tony Simampau, the director and owner of Taman Safari Indonesia (TSI), the most popular and top-quality zoo in Indonesia. Tony is a very active nature conservationist in Indonesia, he supports many projects and he is also the founder of the [KASI Foundation](#), which has been building a rescue and breeding centre for endangered Indonesia songbirds Klaus on the island of Java. This centre is, among the others, one of the projects supported by the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) campaign Silent Forest – Asian Songbird Crisis, which focuses on protection of endangered songbirds

in the region of southeast Asia. A closer partnership with the [Little Fireface Project](#) organization was also established last year. The organization engages mainly in research of the Javan slow loris, in cooperation with local communities, and in education on the island of Java. This project is led by Professor Anna Nekaris.

The Kukang Rescue Program was presented to members of the Prosimian TAG (a group of prosimian experts), belonging to the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA), at its biannual meeting, which took place on 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Budapest, Hungary. At this meeting, the group of experts for the prosimian taxon (František Příbrský, the director of PASAL Foundation, became an official member of the Prosimian TAG and holds a position of "Advisor on lorisids and *in situ* conservation in SE Asia") agreed that for greater slow lorises, Bengal slow lorises and pygmy slow lorises there will be created a new EEP Programme (EAZA *Ex situ* Programme). This should actually mean that EAZA and European zoos should pay more attention to these species and their protection than until now (both *ex situ*, i.e. in human care, and *in situ*, i.e. at places of natural occurrence of these animals).

During 2018, the grant from the English Rufford Foundation for 2017/2018, entitled "Development of The Kukang Rescue Program Based on Improvement of the Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Raising Awareness of Indonesian Students, and Capacity Building", was also successfully completed. This grant was already the third one in a row and according to the terms and conditions it was the last one that The Kukang Rescue Program was eligible to receive at this time from the Rufford Foundation. The cooperation and support lasted three years and brought many positive results.

## Publicity

Last year The Kukang Rescue Program appeared in several TV reportages, internet articles and in printed journals. You can find a summary of the most important media outputs below:

An extensive reportage on The Kukang Rescue Program and its activities in Indonesia was broadcast in Objektiv on ČT2 (Czech Television 2). The reportage was filmed by a Czech Television's foreign correspondent Barbora Šámalová and a cameraman Jan Taimr. The reportage is available [online](#) (the reportage time is 7:29-17:39) or on the [Kukang Facebook page](#) with English subtitles as well.

The Kukang Rescue Program appeared also in another Objektiv reportage on ČT2 called "Czech Footprint in Indonesia" which was dedicated to Czechs living in Bali and Jakarta, to the Cekindo organization, to the Green-books.org organization and to The Kukang Rescue Program. The reportage is available [online](#) (the reportage time is 8:10-21:20).

Another reportage on The Kukang Rescue Program and its activities in Indonesia was broadcast in "Chcete mě?" programme on ČT2. The reportage is available [online](#) or on the [Kukang Facebook page](#) with English subtitles as well.

The Kukang Rescue Program and its three partner zoos (Ostrava Zoo, Olomouc Zoo and Liberec Zoo) were highlighted in the [EAZA Conservation Database Snapshot](#), on the EAZA [conservation website](#) and on the [EAZA Facebook pages](#).

The Kuta Male Waste Sorting and Reduction Project was highlighted in the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) [News Flash](#).

The World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) was also interested in the new campaign called Stolen Wildlife that appeared in one issue of WAZA News Flash [here](#).

On 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October 2018, we were celebrating the Slow Loris Outreach Week 2018 together with our partner Little Fireface Project. On the occasion of this week The Kukang Rescue Program created a blog on how a hunter of slow lorises became their guardian and how it is important to cooperate with local communities. It is available in English [here](#).

Information on responsible tourism and a flyer for I Am Not Your Toy! campaign appeared in the latest issue of PETmedia magazin. It is available online [here](#).

An article of one of our partner zoos, Liberec Zoo, entitled "Cuteness of slow lorises? Their domestic breeding is cruel, Liberec Zoo helps to protect them" is available on [this website](#).

A new brochure "How to Protect Your Farm against Animals while Leting Them Live" appeared in several articles. For example, on [webcestovatelu.cz](#), [genusplus.cz](#), [tyden.cz](#), [parlamentnilisty.cz](#), [ekolist.cz](#) or [ct24.ceskatelevize.cz](#).

The Kukang Rescue Program's activities are regularly mentioned in the EAZA Prosimian TAG newsletter; The Kukang Rescue Program is a part of its "*In situ* plan to protect prosimians". In 2018, The Kukang Rescue Program was mentioned in several issues:

- Newsletter No. 7 – A new brochure for farmers and the work of our anti-conflict team dealing with conflicts between humans and wildlife: [here](#)
- Newsletter No. 8 – A new waste sorting and reduction project in Kuta Male and František's work in EAZA Prosimian TAG: [here](#)
- Newsletter No. 9 – Beginning of a new school year in a new English-Environmental School of The Kukang Rescue Program and handing out the brochure "How to Protect Your Farm Against Animals while Letting Them Live" to selected farmers in Sumatra: [here](#)
- Newsletter No. 10 – Stolen Wildlife education campaign: [here](#)

In the March 2018 edition of the popular travellers' and natural-history magazine Koktejl, an extensive article on illicit trade in slow lorises and other animals and on The Kukang Rescue Program was published (more information [here](#)).

The PASAL Foundation director František and a veterinary care and welfare coordinator Lucie wrote two contributions for the upcoming book of professors Anne-Isola Nekaris and Anne M. Burrows. The book will focus on the topic of conservation, ecology and evolution of slow lorises and pottos. Our program will focus on greater slow lorises, mainly on illegal trade in them and on their protection in Sumatra.

In 2018, a documentary filming of activities supported/implemented by the Liberec Zoo was carried out in Sumatra. The filming was directed by a documentary filmmaker Michal Gálik and the documentary will have its premiere at the beginning of 2019.

The media outputs regarding the Stolen Wildlife campaign are listed in the appropriate chapter above.

## In conclusion

The year 2018 was another successful year full of existing and new activities for The Kukang Rescue Program. Positive results came from a system in which the activities in Indonesia are provided by the Indonesian PASAL Foundation supported by the Czech non-profit organization The Kukang Rescue Program, z.s. The PASAL Foundation is an organization that, in addition to rescue activities, also provides legal integrity in Indonesia and The Kukang Rescue Program, z.s. provides financial support and awareness-raising activities in Europe.

Member meeting of the Czech organization The Kukang Rescue Program, z.s. for 2018 was held in Pišťany near Litoměřice on 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> August 2018 where necessary points of the meeting were discussed, the year 2017 was recapitulated and other activities were planned.

In 2018, the team of The Kukang Rescue Program also conducted a survey of animal markets in Jakarta, Java and in Medan, Sumatra. On these markets, many species of mammals and other animals and also many bird species can be seen. However, this survey confirmed again that nowadays, slow lorises (but also other endangered animal species) can be only rarely discovered on street markets and the business has moved to the internet where there is less risk of uncovering the traders.



**Long-tailed macaques and other mammals on animal market**



**Animal market in Jatinegara, Jakarta**

All these activities could not have been carried out without the support of our partner zoos, the Ostrava Zoo, Olomouc Zoo, Liberec Zoo, Hodonín Zoo and Wrocław Zoo, and other organizations such as the Rufford Foundation, Czech Coalition for Biodiversity Conservation (CCBC), Czech Palm Oil Watch, Neotáčejský zády, EAZA Prosimian TAG and many other organizations that are listed on our websites. In 2018, The Kukang Rescue Program also received support from Cestovatelský obchod, Holiday Inn Prague Airport Hotel and a wildlife photographer Prokop Pithart. Many thanks to all of them!



**Greetings from children from the English-Environmental School**



**František and Komár**



Work and willingness of many people are behind all the activities and events. Finally, we would like to thank all the members of the Czech Kukang team and volunteers who helped to realize many activities both in Indonesia and in the Czech Republic. We must not forget to appreciate the help of all organizers, volunteers and partners of all the events and lectures, and all those who supported us financially, materially or by dedicating their time. However, our great thanks belong to all who engage in the fight against illegal trade in wild animals and the protection of slow lorises.



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