BORNEAN SUN BEAR CONSERVATION CENTRE





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INTRODUCTION

The Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC) is a sun bear rescue and rehabilitation facility being developed in Sabah, Malaysian Borneo. Malayan sun bears are found only in Southeast Asia and are classified as vulnerable by the IUCN Red Book Listing of Endangered Species and are included on Appendix I of CITES. In Sabah, these bears continue to be threatened by forest degradation and habitat loss, illegal hunting for bear parts and protect crops, and poaching to obtain young cubs for the pet trade. As a result of these threats, young sun bears can be found living in unnatural and solitary captive conditions in Sabah, with no access to outdoor areas. The goal of BSBCC is to promote Malayan sun bear conservation by:

- (1) creating the capacity to confiscate, rehabilitate and release suitable orphaned and ex-captive bears that cannot be released back into the wild
- (2) providing an improved long-term living environment for captive bears that cannot be released, and
- (3) educating the public and raising awareness about this little known species through visitor programmes, outreach and support for further research

Project background

The BSBCC was established as a not for profit organization in Sabah in 2008. It is a joint project between sun bear researcher Wong Siew Te, Land Empowerment Animals People (LEAP), the Sabah Wildlife Department (SWD) and the Sabah Forestry Department (SFD).

The project consists of a two-stage effort to provide for the care, rehabilitation and release of orphaned and captive sun bears, as well as much needed education and awareness for the species.

1st stage

To build a new bear rescue facility (BSBCC) to house and rehabilitate rescued bears in their natural habitat with an affiliated visitor centre to provide education and awareness about these bears

2nd stage

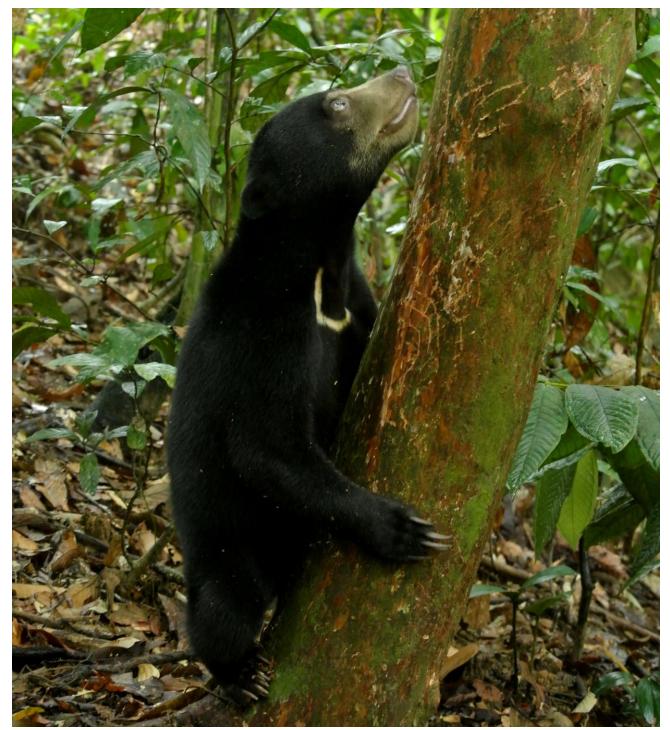
To identify and set up a forest release site for those captive bears that have been evaluated and found suitable for return to the wild. This stage includes initial surveys of protected forest areas, such as Tabin Wildlife Reserve, Deramakot Forest Reserve, Danum Valley Conservation Area and Ulu Segama-Malua Forest Reserve, to determine existing populations and carrying capacities as well as the protection status. Once a site is identified, a small facility consisting of large forest enclosures will be constructed to allow for short-term care of the bears during soft release back into the forest and to allow for post-release monitoring and research

The BSBCC facility is located directly adjacent to the world-renowned Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre (SOURC) in Sandakan, Sabah, on the site of an old bear house and a former rhino enclosure provided by SWD, along with several hectares of adjacent forest provided to the project by the SFD. The Centre includes large forest enclosures in existing primary forest in order to provide a natural environment better suited to the needs and welfare of the bears and facilitate the rehabilitation, training and return of individuals to the wild. Sun bear mothers spend the first 2-3 years of their cub's life teaching survival skills. The Centre will aim to reach these skills to orphaned/ex-captive bears before they are reintroduced into the wild. The Centre also aims to provide critical outreach, information and education materials to promote knowledge and awareness of this little known species locally, regionally and internationally and serve as a base for continued sun bear research in Sabah.

The Centre will have capacity for 43 bears, accommodated in two new bear houses and eight large fenced forested enclosures. Constructed of the first bear house, with a capacity of 20 bears, was completed in early 2010, and the bears previously kept in cramped quarters in the old bear house were

successfully moved into the state-of-the-art new facilities. These bears were able to go out into the adjoining forest enclosures and experience their natural habitat again, some after spending many years in small cages. Since then more bears have been brought to the Centre, bringing the total at the end of 2013 to 28.

With funding of MYR 2.1 million received from Yayasan Sime Darby in 2012, construction of the BSBCC visitor centre, new office, bear holding area and second bear house started on 5th April 2013. Designed by Arkitrek, and constructed by Buildtech Enterprise the visitor centre, new office and bear holding area were successfully completed on 30th October 2013, while the second bear house was still under construction by the end of 2013 and expected to be completed in January 2014.



Sun bear cub, Damai, climbing a tree during a walk in the forest at BSBCC.

OPERATIONS

BSBCC Board of Directors

Cynthia Ong (Founder & CEO of LEAP), Wong Siew Te (Founder and CEO of Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre), Mr. Fred Kugan (Deputy Director of SFD) and Mr. Augustine Tuuga (Deputy Director of SWD) remained as BSBCC Directors during 2013.

Meetings with Partners

Throughout the year three meetings were held between partners LEAP, SFD and SWD, on 7th March, 26th June and 23rd October 2013.

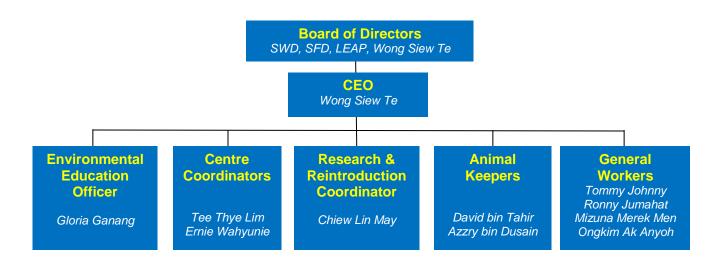
Staffing

During 2013, 4 new staff joined the BSBCC team:

Staff name	Post	Date joined BSBCC
Ronny Jumahat	General Worker	1 st May 2013
Erni Wahyunie	Centre Coordinator	1 st August 2013
Mizuno Merek Men	General Worker	3 rd October 2013
Ongkim Ak Anyah	General Worker	1 st December 2013

Four staff left BSBCC in 2013: Ng Wai Pak (Project Manager), Dawn Serene Tukalan (Centre Coordinator), Beyri Demsy Sufri (Animal Keeper) and Julian Benignus (General Worker).

At the end of 2013, BSBCC had a total of 11 staff, as follows:



Staff Development Activities

Workshop on Animal Husbandry

In achieving the aims of BSBCC in providing an improved long-term living environment for rescued sun bears at the Centre, a workshop on animal husbandry was conducted on $3^{rd} - 4^{th}$ July 2013 by BSBCC Centre Coordinator Tee Thye Lim. The workshop was attended by all BSBCC staff and volunteers.

Nikon Photography Workshop

A workshop on photography organized by Nikon Malaysia was attended by two BSBCC staff, Tee Thye Lim and Chiew Lin May on 24th March 2013.

Staff Retreat

In preparation for BSBCC's upcoming 6th year of operation and beyond, a retreat was held at the Rainforest Discovery Centre on 8th - 9th October 2013 to discuss staff issues and the future vision and direction of BSBCC's work. The retreat was facilitated by Cynthia Ong, Founder and Executive Director of LEAP, and was attended by BSBCC and LEAP staff.



Cynthia facilitating the BSBCC staff retreat.

SUN BEARS

Bear Arrivals in 2013

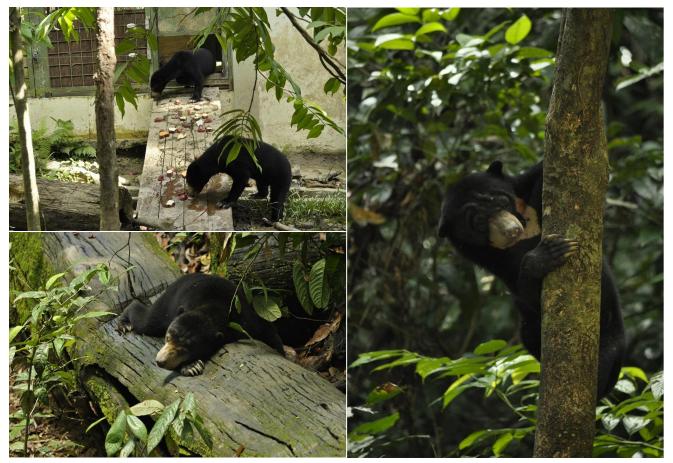
There were no new bear arrivals in 2013 due to full capacity in the first bear house and the new bear holding area and second bear house being under construction. The total number of bears at the Centre remained at 28 by the end of 2013.

Health Checks

Annual health checks were conducted on all resident bears at BSBCC in 2013 by SWD Wildlife Rescue Unit veterinarian Dr. Diana Ramirez and veterinarian Dr. Nigel Hicks of Sepilok Orang Utan Appeal UK.

Bear Training & Introduction to Forest Enclosures

BSBCC staff conducted electric fence training on all the bears that were released to the forest enclosures. By the end of 2013, a total of 25 bears (7 males and 18 females) were being released daily into the enclosures, where the bears started to perform natural activities in their forest habitat, and were often seen climbing, resting, foraging and making nests. The remaining sun bears (1 male and 2 females) will go through electric fence training before being released to the forest enclosures in 2014.



Above left: Spreading fruits and honey to lure bears out from the bear house to the forest enclosures. **Below left**: Bongkud, a sub adult female sun bear resting on a fallen tree. **Right**: Koko, a female sub adult sun bear climbing a tree in the forest enclosure.

Enrichment

Bears were also equipped with different types of enrichment in their indoor cages. Enrichment items provided were donated, made by groups visiting the Centre or custom made by BSBCC staff and volunteers.

Sun Bear Reintroduction Activities

A team comprising staff from BSBCC and SWD Wildlife Rescue Unit (WRU) visited Tabin Wildlife Reserve in south east Sabah from $13^{th} - 16^{th}$ June and $15^{th} - 18^{th}$ October 2013 to check whether the area is a possible future release site for rehabilitated sun bears. Five camera traps were set up in different parts of the Reserve to start gathering information on the resident sun bear population and other wildlife. A photo of a sub adult sun bear was captured on 28^{th} August 2013.



Photograph of a sub adult sun bear from a camera trap set up next to a fig tree in Tabin Wildlife Reserve.

VOLUNTEERS

Bear Action Teams (BATs) Volunteer Groups

The BATs programme continued to run successfully throughout 2013 with a total of 5 groups (74 individuals) participating from Camps International and Outlook Expeditions (See Appendix I).

The project for the BATs volunteer programme was to build a 340m perimeter boardwalk for the proposed new forest enclosure that surrounds the second bear house. Building work was supervised by architect intern from Arkitrek, Jonathan Dolan.



Left: BATs volunteers constructing the perimeter boardwalk for the proposed new forest enclosure. **Right:** Architect intern from Arkitrek, Jonathan Dolan assisting in the construction of the perimeter boardwalk.

Individual Volunteers

Individual volunteers continued to play an important role at BSBCC, assisting with enrichment, feeding and cleaning, maintenance and education. They are also important ambassadors especially in promoting awareness of sun bears in their respective countries. A total of 14 individual volunteers from 6 countries worked at BSBCC in 2013, out of a grand total of 99 individual volunteers who have contributed to the Centre since its establishment (See Appendix II).

Paying Volunteer Programme

BSBCC launched a volunteer programme via Ecoteer (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd in May 2013. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between BSBCC and Ecoteer for a one year collaboration in promoting the BSBCC volunteer programme, where volunteers pay a donation to BSBCC, as well as for food and accommodation. By the end of 2013, two volunteers had signed up for the programme, helping mostly with bear husbandry work and landscaping. Besides assisting in continuously having volunteers to help the operations of BSBCC, the volunteer programme also helped in supporting BSBCC financially.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Visitor Centre, Office & Bear Holding Area

In preparation for BSBCC's opening to the public in 2014, construction of the visitor centre, office and new bear holding area started on 5th April 2013. The SWD old clinic was redesigned as the BSBCC visitor centre and office. The existing bear holding area was improved and refurbished with the addition of a food preparation area. During this construction phase, BSBCC temporarily used an office provided by SOURC before moving back to the completed new office at the end of October 2013.



Left: Newly completed visitor centre. Middle: BSBCC Office area Right: One of the refurbished cages of the bear holding area.

Second Bear House

The second bear house was constructed adjacent to the first bear house, comprising 16 more bear cages, a food preparation area, food storage room and equipment store room. The construction, which also commenced on 5th April 2013, was nearing completion by the end of the year. In addition to the existing forest enclosure, another one hectare of forest was allocated by SFD for sun bears to access from the second bear house, however funding was still insufficient to build fences and hot wires around the new forest enclosure.



Left: Second bear house building on the right connecting to first bear house. Top right: New food preparation area. Below right: Inside view of second bear house.

Gateway Entrance

Construction of the main public entrance to BSBCC, a gateway located near the SOURC car park, was started in December 2013 and carried out by Buildtech. The gateway, designed by Arkitrek and funded through SWD, features sheltered seating areas and space for informative signage which will be completed in early 2014.



Newly constructed entrance gateway at the start of the access boardwalk to the visitor centre at BSBCC.

Landscaping

The landscaping of the area round the BSBCC visitor centre also played an important part in getting the centre ready for the public in 2014. BSBCC was privileged to have the opportunity to work with a Singapore based landscape design company called Salad Dressing, which voluntarily provided expertise and consultation for BSBCC's landscaping. By the end of 2013, a welcoming garden in front of the visitor centre was created, providing an inviting atmosphere for visitors arriving at BSBCC.



Left: Planting creepers on steep areas around the visitor centre. Right: Making mobile seats out of cut logs.

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

Removal of leaning dead tree

A dead belian tree that was leaning near the perimeter fencing of the sun bear forest enclosures was removed by SFD staff on 18th January 2013. The felled belian tree was reused as building material for the new visitor centre.

Temporary trail for visitor access

While the visitor centre was still under construction, a temporary trail was constructed in May 2013 to connect the existing access walkway with the observation platform. This enabled occasional visitors to see the sun bears at the observation platform, and allowed educational activities to run uninterrupted throughout the year at BSBCC.

Fallen tree branches

Broken tree branches on perimeter fencing and bear house buildings occurred occasionally throughout the year. The fallen branches were immediately removed by BSBCC staff to avoid the bears climbing out from the forest enclosures and allow repair work on the facilities.

Additional bar on handrails

An additional bar was attached between the top and lower rungs of the observation platform boardwalk handrail in November 2013. This was due to safety concerns that the gap was too big and possible for children to climb through.



Access boardwalk to the observation platform after an extra horizontal bar was added between top and lower rungs of the handrail.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Funding

BSBCC received funding from various organizations and individuals throughout 2013, including Yayasan Sime Darby, Sabah Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment, Neways International Pty Ltd, Seaworld Busch Gardens Conservation Trust and GEF Small Grants Programme. This funding enabled the second bear house and visitor centre to be constructed for BSBCC to house more rescued bears and open to the public in early 2014. For details on funding please see *Appendix V*.

Fundraising

Zumba for sun bear

A Zumba event was organized by Zumba instructor, Madam Fay de Vera at the Sabah Hotel, Sandakan on 6th July 2013, which raised a total of MYR 6,888 through ticket sales. BSBCC Founder and CEO, Mr. Wong Siew Te gave a short talk about sun bears and BSBCC put up an educational booth during the event.

Big Dreams Little Bears

A fundraising event "Big Dreams Little Bears" was held on 20th July 2013 at the Hakka Association Hall, Sandakan. An organizing committee comprising local Sandakan citizens and BSBCC staff contributed to the success of the event which was attended by over 700 people and raised a total of MYR 446, 550. A series of articles on BSBCC and the event came out in the local press, written by LEAP's Communications Manager Jaswinder Kler. BSBCC's Project Manager, Ng Wai Pak was interviewed by NTV7 in Kuala Lumpur about the event.

On the day after the event, 300 students from 10 local schools were invited to a free screening of the documentary "Big Dreams Little Bears", to help raise awareness of sun bears and BSBCC. This event was held at the Sabah Hotel, Sandakan, and also featured special appearances by international artists Gary Chao and Pink Tan.



Clockwise from left: Mr. Anton Ngui, Chairman of the organizing committee welcoming the guests to the event. A total of 68 tables were sold and more than 700 people attended the event. A performance from international artist Gary Cao was among the highlights of the evening. Celebrity hosts Vincent Huang and Lina Teoh during the auction of sun bear photographs by Jonathan Tan.

Other Corporate Initiatives & Affiliations

Sabah Hotel, Sandakan

BSBCC benefitted from a corporate partnership with Sabah Hotel, Sandakan under an MoU which was signed in early 2013. Stories of sun bears and the work of BSBCC including BSBCC videos were promoted through a display booth at the hotel lobby and guests could make contributions through a donation box. Videos were also shown on the hotel's in-house TV.

University of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia

An MOU was signed between the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC), Queensland, Australia and BSBCC on 19th May 2013. The USC proposed to work with BSBCC on research, academic and conservation activities such as field courses, as well as education and outreach activities. USC sent two Environmental Science students for their internship at BSBCC; students from the USC Faculty of Arts and Business started working on designing educational panels for BSBCC and Public Relations students began working on the Sun Bear Adoption Programme for BSBCC to be launched in 2014.

Neways International

Neways International Australia, a multi-level marketing company, gave their support to BSBCC through a donation of AUD 10,000 during their celebration of individual and business successes in Sabah through the Neways Diamond Adventure. BSBCC Founder and CEO, Wong Siew Te delivered a talk about sun bears to Neways International Australia members in Kota Kinabalu on 11th October 2013, before the members made a visit to the Centre the next day.



Neways International Australia Managing Director, Andy Kirss (middle) and Distributor, Rick Arnold, presenting a cheque to Wong.

I Lan University, Taiwan

A Statement of Cooperation was signed on 6th December 2014 between BSBCC and National Ilan University, College of Bioresources, during a visit of several professors from the university to the Centre. The Institutions will explore areas of potential collaboration with respect to the following activities: (a) Exchanging professional information and experience (b) Cooperative education (c) Extension service and education (d) Other activities deemed appropriate by mutual consent.

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.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Blogs, Website & Facebook

Sun Bear Blog

The Bornean Sun Bear blog, **sunbears.wildlifedirect.org** which was started by Wong in May 2008, continued to run successfully throughout 2013. Contributions to the blog were made by the BSBCC team and individual volunteers, providing a lively and up to date chronicle of the development of BSBCC. The blog also served as a means to spread information and awareness about sun bear conservation in general.

Website

BSBCC's website on **www.bsbcc.org.my** was launched in 2013. The website features information and news updates about sun bears as well as BSBCC's operations. Information on how people can help through BSBCC volunteer programme and online donations was also available on the website.

BSBCC Facebook page

BSBCC facebook page which was launched in 2012 was continuously updated throughout 2013. Articles and photos on sun bears and the Centre's activities were regularly posted on the page to update BSBCC's supporters on the development of BSBCC.

Filming Groups

Several film companies visited BSBCC during 2013. Australian film company H20 Productions filmed the sun bears at BSBCC on 18th April; Japanese film company NHK filmed at BSBCC from 11th – 14th July, covering sun bear behaviour in the wild for the programme "Borneo Hotspot", and RTM, a Malaysian TV station, conducted filming entitled "I Got It" from 26th – 29th September 2013, focusing on the work of BSBCC in rehabilitating sun bears.] Sabah-based film company Scubazoo visited BSBCC on 1st & 2nd October 2013, interviewing Wong and filming the sun bears. Scubazoo will produce a short video and other footage which will be available offline and online for marketing and educational purposes by both Scubazoo and BSBCC and Astro Ria, a Malaysian TV station, did a 1-day film shoot at BSBCC on 27th October 2013.



Film crew from RTM filming the sun bears' activities in the forest enclosures.

Newspaper & TV Coverage & Live Interviews

Newspaper Coverage

Coverage of sun bear conservation and the work of BSBCC continued to increase during 2013 and over 75 articles, both local and international, featured sun bears and BSBCC. *(See Appendix III)*

Radio Coverage: Sandakan FM Radio Station (RTM)

Wong Siew Te was interviewed live by RTM's Sandakan FM Radio Station on 17th July 2013. The interview covered sun bears and their plight as well as the efforts to protect them. The 'Big Dreams Little Bear' fundraising event was also promoted during the interview.

TV Coverage: The Breakfast Show on NTV7

BSBCC's Project Manager Ng Wai Pak was interviewed live on NTV7 The Breakfast Show on 19th July 2013. During the interview, Wai Pak spoke about the story of Fulung, one of the rescued sun bears at BSBCC that was kept illegally as a pet before being brought to the Centre.



Wai Pak during the live interview on The Breakfast Show.

Oral Presentations & Conferences

Tour Guides Meeting

A meeting for tour guides was organized by SOURC on 10th June 2013, to update local tour guides on new tourist products offered by both SOURC and BSBCC. Wong presented on "*Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre - Past, Present, and Future Plans*".



Wong during the question and answer session with tour operators after his presentation.

Rotary Club of Sandakan

On 27th June 2013, Wong gave an educational talk to the Rotary Club of Sandakan entitled "Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre - Past, Present, and Future Plans".

Kinabalu International School

Wong was invited to give a talk at the Kinabalu International School in Kota Kinabalu on 9th July 2013. His talk was entitled *"Our Little Bears in the Rainforest"*.

5th East and Southeast Asia Wildlife Animal Rescue Network (WARN) Conference

On 28th - 29th November 2013, BSBCC staff Wong Siew Te, Tee Thye Lim, Chiew Lin May and intern Jocelyn Stokes attended the conference organized by SWD at the Shang-ri La Rasa Ria Resort, Tuaran. Wong gave a presentation entitled "*Behavioral Adaptations of Captive Sun Bears at the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre*".

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.

EERace 11 Heart of Borneo (HoB) 2nd Edition

On 30th October 2013, SFD organized the EE Race HoB 2nd Edition aimed at raising awareness on environmental issues among school teachers through experiential learning. BSBCC was one of the venues of the race, where the participants conducted hands-on activities entitled "Bear Keeper for a Day." The aim

of this exercise was to allow the participants to understand the importance of good animal husbandry for captive animals and their welfare. The activity also featured a special session with BSBCC's Founder and CEO, Wong Siew Te, where participants were taught about the ecology of sun bears as well as important roles the Centre plays in protecting sun bears.



Left: Feeding the sun bears at the outdoor forest enclosure. **Above right**: Cleaning indoor cages. **Below right**: Preparing food for sun bears at the bear house kitchen.

Exhibitions

BSBCC participated in educational exhibitions in several events during 2013. Educational items were displayed and BSBCC goods were sold during the events. The following table shows details of the exhibition activities.

No.	Event	Venue	Date
1.	Borneo Bird Festival	Rainforest Discovery Centre (RDC), Sandakan	7 th – 9 th June 2013
2.	Sabah Maju Jaya Day	Padang Bandaran, Sandakan	1 st July 2013
3.	SWD 50th Anniversary Celebration of Wildlife Conservation in Sabah	Lok Kawi Wildlife Park, Kota Kinabalu	4 th – 6 th October 2013

Outreach activity to Kg. Simpangan, Paitan

A Sandakan based company IJM Plantation Berhad invited BSBCC to join them in their awareness campaign where they focused on breast health awareness while BSBCC team spread the word about sun bears as well as other wildlife in Borneo. The outreach activity was held at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Kg. Simpangan, Paitan from 22nd – 24th April 2013. About 600 secondary school students and 80 primary school students attended. The threats to wildlife including deforestation and poaching activities were highlighted in the activity. The students were also taught about how they can help our wildlife.



Ng Wai Pak giving a talk to the students at SMK Kg. Simpangan.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

5th Guang Ming Hero Award

BSCC's Founder and CEO, Wong Siew Te was awarded 2nd Runner-up for the 5th Guang Ming Hero Award which was organized by Guang Ming Daily, a Malaysian based Chinese language newspaper. Wong was among the 10 Hero Finalists featured during the Award Night on 20th December 2013 held at Berjaya Georgetown City Hotel, Penang. The Guang Ming Hero Award recognizes heroes who take pleasure in helping others especially the unfortunate in the community. It aims to inspire and motivate the community to adopt positive attitudes and thinking when one faces setbacks in life.



Wong receiving his award during the 5th Guang Ming Hero Award in December 2013.

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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 in invaluable and we appreciate all you have done for the bears!

APPENDICES

Appendix I: BATs volunteer programme groups in 2013

No.	NAME	NO OF PAX	ACTIVITY	DURATION
1.	Camp Borneo	13	Forest enclosure perimeter boardwalk	1 st - 13 th July 2013
2.	Camp Borneo	13	Forest enclosure perimeter boardwalk	19 th - 25 th July 2013
3.	Outlook Expeditions Monmouth School	17	Forest enclosure perimeter boardwalk	26 th July -2 nd August 2013
4.	Outlook Expeditions Monmouth School	16	Forest enclosure perimeter boardwalk	29 th July -4 th August 2013
5.	Outlook Expeditions Tiffin School	15	Forest enclosure perimeter boardwalk	1 st – 8 th August 2013

Appendix II: Individual volunteers in 2013

No.	Name	Country	Duration	
1.	Mark Rusli	Singaporean	6 th – 20 th Jan 2013	
2.	Vivian Goh Cheng Geok	Singaporean	13 th – 27 th Jan 2013	
3.	Dr Chrissie Colon	USA	7 th Jan – 9 th Feb 2013	
4.	Shia Kang Ping, Amanda	Malaysian	18 th Feb – 28 th Mar 2013	
5.	Amy Newman	Australian	2 nd – 6 th Mar 2013	
6.	Steve Richards	British	2 nd – 16 th Mar 2013	
7.	Godderis-Coene Ann	Belgian	2 nd – 16 th Mar 2013	
8.	Louise Xing She Lai	Malaysian	9 th – 19 th Mar 2013	
9.	Amanda Pauli	British	13 th Mar – 12 th Apr 2013	
10.	Thomas Chambers	British	13 th Mar – 12 th Apr 2013	
11.	Lee Jeo Soon	Korean	18 th Mar – 1 st Apr 2013	
12.	Chin Woon Chuin	Malaysian	1 st Apr – 16 th May 2013	
13.	Ayesha Keshani Gergis	British	20 th May – 4 th Jun 2013	
14.	Noor Adilla Jamaludin	Malaysian	13 th – 15 th Dec 2013	

Appendix III: Newspaper & Magazine coverage in 2013

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

II BATS Group - Statement of Accounts

Donations Received			
Outlook Expeditions	7-Aug	11,416.00	BATS
Camp Borneo International	11-Sep	4,700.00	
Camp Borneo International	20-Sep	4,700.00	
	_	20,816.00	-
<u>Expenditure</u>	-		-
Supervision fees & reimbursables			
- Arkitrek supervisors		1,043.50	
Materials		6,634.85	
		7,678.35	-
Funds over Expenditure	_	13,137.65	•

III SALES OF TSHIRTS, COCO BOOKS, STICKERS & BADGES

	<u>Quantity</u>	
Sales of round neck Tshirts - (58 @RM25, 419 @RM40)	477	18,210.00
Sales of polo Tshirts (9@ RM28, 96@ RM60)	105	6,016.00
Sales of Coco books @ RM28	40	1,120.00
Sales of car stickers @ RM5	144	720.00
Sales of badges @ RM15	35	525.00
Sales of SB toys @ RM35	4	140.00
Total sales proceeds	_	26,731.00

IV Yayasan Sime Darby Grant for Bearhouse 2 and Visitor's Centre

Paid directly to Buildtech for Claim No. 1-6

1,249,293.00

Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (USA Accounts)

BSBCC MALAYSIA	
Statement of Funds & Expenses for JAN to DEC 13	USD
Grants & Donations	Amount
Received from	
Wildlife Conservation Network 1-Feb	5,000.00
Abraham Foundation (professional fees) 10-May	10,000.00
Patrick Murray (Bears Matter) 1-Feb	800.00
The Shared Earth Foundation (professional fees) 6-Jun	22,000.00
Woodtiger Fund (professional fees) 16-Jun	22,000.00
Robert & Suzanne Golub Charitable Fund 14-Jun	1,000.00
Nancy Frantz 17-Nov	1,000.00
East Bay Zoologicial Society 11-Dec	17,312.00
Wildlife Conservation Network 23-Dec	5,000.00
Other individuals (<\$500)	1,732.66
Total Donations A	85,844.66
Expenses paid in USA	
Bank charges	45.00
Total Expenses B	45.00
Nett Funds for 2013 A-B	85,799.66
Unused Funds from 2012	13,655.98
Funds Transferred to BSBCC Borneo (professional fees)	(17,091.00)
Net Funds available for use in 2014	82,364.64