

SUN BEAR OUTREACH ACTIVITY

From October 2015 to April 2016



From October 2015 to April 2016 Sun Bear Outreach focused on improving the facilities for the 46 sun bears at BOS Samboja Lestari in East Kalimantan Indonesia.



We began by renovating this unused 5m x 5m enclosure, adding a mesh roof and wooden platforms inside.



This second 5m x 5m enclosure was also renovated with a mesh roof and enrichment.





Below an existing roof we installed 4 new cages. These cages come in pairs with a partition door allowing two bears to be together or separated if needed.



We removed the mesh flooring from 8 cages to replace it by a cement floor, adding wooden platforms and hammocks to the cages at the same time.



We built and installed an individual cage.



We redid the cement flooring of several dens.





We dismantled two sets of 10 holding cages to reassemble them into 2 sets of 3 adjacent cages with a new cement floor and a roof. The cages communicate through partition doors.



*Apang and Jay
went from living
in 1,25 m² to 9 m².*

Apang before / after



Jay before / after





Kecil also went from a life in 1,25 m² to one in 9 m². And she will soon be able to play with her neighbours, Jay and Eric, who both had a vasectomy.

Oscar, who was alone in 1,25 m² now shares 18 m² with his girlfriend Kumala.



Oscar before / Oscar & Kumala



Fahri before



Maria before



Fahri & Maria after

Fahri and Maria, who arrived at Samboja as a couple in 2007 had since been kept separated, each in a 4 m² cage with mesh flooring. In November 2015 Fahri underwent a vasectomy and they are now reunited sharing 18 m² on a cement floor. They can play and mate again.



Jojo and Feri went from living in a small dark den to a cage with sunlight.

Jojo before / after



Feri before / after





Tarakan before

In April 2016, Sun Bear Outreach also improved the cage of 2 bears held by the Forestry Department in the town of Tarakan by adding a roof, a cement floor, a wooden platform and a hammock to the cage.



Tarakan after

From October 2015 to April 2016, Sun Bear Outreach has improved the welfare of 20 sun bears at BOS Samboja Lestari. These bears are now in cages from 4 to 25 m² in size, with wooden platforms and hammocks. The improvment in their well-being, although significant, is of course insufficient. Our next mission is to give them outdoor enclosures!

Sun Bear Outreach would like to thank all those who have made these improvements possible and we hope that you will continue supporting us in our work.



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