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GREEN LIFE

JANUARY TO APRIL
2019



Time runs like a race and the achievements of the Green Life project with it.

We have other amazing news for you not only from Sumatra, but also from other world hotspots, where we jointly protect wild nature. So dive into the events from January to April 2019 with us.

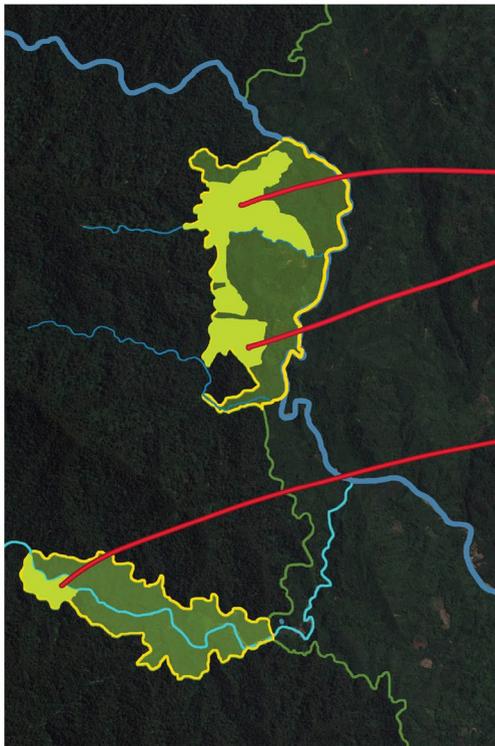


ENLARGEMENT OF GREEN LIFE RESERVATION

Between January and April 2019, the Green Life reservation
was further extended by 14 hectares.

The current state of the reserve area is 121.3 ha
and we continue with the purchase.

We thank all the people who have been involved in the preservation and redemption
of the Leuser ecosystem between the rivers Berkail and Sekelam.



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TIGER KOMANDO



Anti-poaching patrol Tiger Commando continues its guard activity in the Green Life and NP Gunung Reserve Leuser. It added another member, Molu, who left the poaching trail and came to surrender to the Tiger House to ask for a work in our team. He was in probation for six months and was finally accepted as a full member.



MONITORING PROGRAM OF TIGER EYE

Monitoring with photo-traps continues successfully and in cooperation with partner schools of the NEPZ project we acquire more and more unique records from the life of endangered animal species and uncover poaching in Gunung Leuser NP.

We have new video footage of Sumatran tigers, elephants and we returned for a couple of weeks to monitoring the treetops in cooperation with the tree climber Jenda Janoušek.



LICENCES AT BANGKARU AND BLUE PATROL

On February 28th, 2019, our colleagues at NGO Save Aceh Nature received a five-year license for guarding activities on Bangkar Island. The Prales for Children association in cooperation with the Ocean for Children association financially supports the operation of the anti-poison patrol Blue Patrol, which will start its patrol activity here at the turn of May and June 2019.

The protection of the island of Bangkaru, its turtle blocks and 6,900 ha of rainforest is a world-class program.





As patrolling will also include patrolling at sea, it was purchased for Blue Patrol motor boat with outboard engine Yamaha with an output of 60 HP. Now it awaits us a reconstruction of the guard station.



ESTABLISHMENT OF 2ND ANTI-POACHING BLUE PATROL

From January to March, the Blue Patrol Anti-poaching patrol was selected, trained and trained in the Pulau Banyak archipelago in Sumatra. Despite the fact that it is a Blue Life project of the Ocean for Children, Rainforest for Children is also involved in the creation, support and operation of the patrol. The training also included scuba diving.

We selected 4 men from local communities to join the team and they will be accompanied by nature guards from the BKSDA and international volunteers.





WINTER VOLUNTARY PROGRAM GREEN & BLUE

This year's winter volunteer program was in the spirit of peace and cooperation. Our super-volunteers, Alena Bendová, Dáša Najmanová and Jenda Janoušek, led by Aneta Tonzarová, did a great job.

We thank all volunteers for their participation and active help in nature protection. The passion for work and fieldwork is a positive example to those who have not discovered the Green & Blue path yet or are reluctant. During volunteer programs, volunteers have shown courage and bravery several times in the rescue of wild animals (slow loris and legume) from captivity, or when exploring unknown terrains of the Leuser ecosystem.

Thank you all!



RARE VISIT TO GREEN LIFE

At the beginning of the year, we had the honor of welcoming a rare visit to the reservation and islands from the ranks of professional nature guards. The invitation was accepted by Ranger Robert Javorsky from the National Park Slovak Paradise, a member of the management of the Slovak Guard of Nature (part of the IRF), and Jana Pnioková, the guardian of the Beskydy Protected Landscape Area.

We are delighted that they were lucky enough to meet the forest elephants and Sumatran orangutans, to see fins of both small and marine crocodiles from a distance, and to watch sea turtles laying eggs on the beaches of Bangkaru Island.



MEETING WITH THE SUMATER ELEPHANTS IN THE SEKELAM VALLEY

At the end of January 2019, there was an extraordinary event when we went with the Tiger Commando and several friends to the Sekelam River Valley to see the Sumatran Elephant family, which we knew based on photo-trap data. Our efforts were crowned by direct and close encounters and a series of photographic and video footage.

We have been waiting for this unique moment for ten years.



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JUSTICE FOR HOPE

March was in the spirit of the incredible story of the orangutan Hope, who was hit by 72 shots from an air rifle, lost her eye, and during whose rescue her little baby died in terror, which literally extinguished the rescuers in their arms. This event awakened large student protests at Sumatra and international cooperation to change the perception of nature and animals by Indonesian society.

The Rainforest for children association in cooperation with journalists supported this movement financially and on social networks.

People from abroad also joined the „JUSTICE FOR HOPE“ challenge.





DISCUSSION WITH EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MEMBER PAVEL POC

In April 2019, we accepted an invitation to a discussion on the environment and global warming organized by the Academy of Self-sufficiency at the Plevel restaurant in Prague.

Member of European parliament Pavel Poc met for a discussion with us at the table. Despite an interesting debate, we have come to the conclusion that the EU or government is not yet ready to accept a real threat as a result of prioritizing economic interests over the value of nature protection and life-giving ecosystems, let alone take direct action and strategic action.

We reaffirm our belief that no really significant and sensible change can come from politicians, but that enlightened individuals are bringing about change by their activity and with the necessary participation of the media and the general public.

Change is in each of us!



INITIATION OF THE WORLD MONITORING PROJECT EYE OF THE EARTH

At the beginning of 2019, the world monitoring project Eye of the Earth was launched with its three programs so far:

- **Eye of Tiger (Sumatra, Asia)**
- **Eye of Rhinoceros (Uganda, Africa)**
- **Eye of Bear (Slovakia, Europe)**



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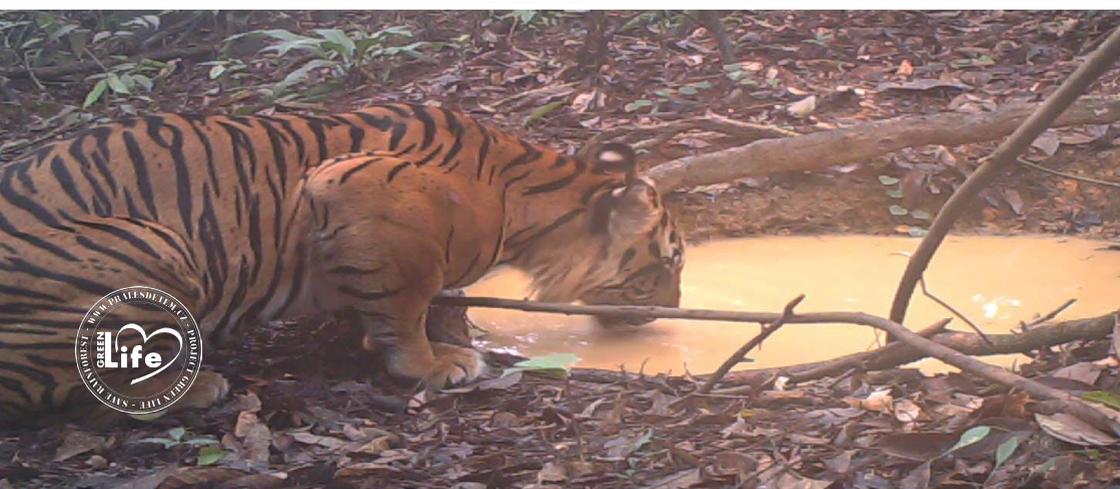
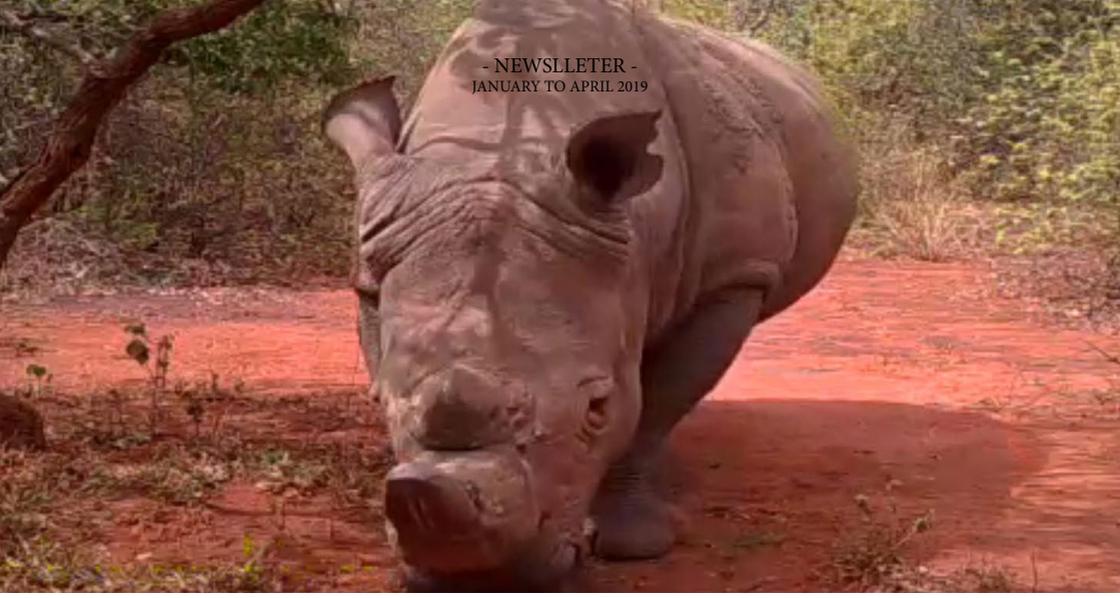
We are currently discussing other monitoring programs on Norway's „bear islands“ in Spitsbergen and Mozambique, where we would help to uncover poaching in collaboration with ICORP, and make a fundamental contribution to the protection of rhinos, just as we are helping in the Ugandan private reserve Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary, where we have 14 field traps.

Next year, the first photo-traps should go to the Amazon. We firmly believe that the presentation of the Eye of the Earth project at the November IRF World Congress in Nepal will bring us further international cooperation.

The main partners of the Eye of the Earth are Czech, Moravian and Slovak schools with their partner photo-traps, but also business partners and individuals.

Everyone can join with their photo trap!





BIG TRANSFORMATION OF FORCES AND JUSTICE FOR NATURE

Over the past ten years, we have created several truly functioning projects to protect the world's natural heritage and endangered animal species. In Sumatra there are two projects Green Life and Blue Life (Ocean for Children Association).

Green purchases the forest, forms a private reserve on the principle of cooperation with people, while Blue cleans the beaches of drifted plastic garbage and protects coral reefs. We also have two anti-poachers patrol Tiger Commando (Green Patrol) for the protection of tigers in Gunung Leuser National Park, or Blue Patrol for the protection of sea turtles on Bangkara Island.

To make matters worse, we have expanded our activities to Africa, especially to Uganda, where we cooperate in **the protection of rhinos with Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary** and our friendly organization **Green & Blue Life Uganda**. Very interesting was the world monitoring project Eye of the Earth with its programs Eye of the Tiger, Eye of the Rhinoceros and Eye of the Bear. We are awaiting a decision as to whether our program will fly for polar bear monitoring to Spitsbergen or to the Amazon in Ecuador or even in Brazil. In addition, we are opening cooperation with **ICORP in Mozambique** and are seriously considering offering cooperation in Virunga NP in Congo. Another promising cooperation is being born in Slovakia with **Rangeri.sk** and the monitoring program Eye of the Forest, which should include all Slovak protected areas.

As you can see, great things are happening and there is so much that people are not familiar with it. That is why we decided to unite the whole event under one single name and website called Justice for Nature, where you can find all our world activities. The website will be clear, with new and unified graphics, uniform and new logos, just everything as it should be. Transformation with all the trimmings. In addition, we are aiming to create a Czech citizens' initiative Justice for Nature, which should bring people together to truly protect nature in our now hard-tested homeland, where nature, forests and everything natural is literally destroyed in front of our eyes. It is time for the great social change that Justice for Nature can bring.

If everything goes according to plan, so in June you will learn what we meant by all this. :)



BECOME A PART OF THE GREEN LIFE STORY

If you are interested in joining us in all these incredible stories of Czechs, Moravians and Slovaks protecting the world's natural heritage, you can do one of the following:

- enter a monthly standing order for Euro 3 on Green Patrol - Tiger Commando Transparent Account with Fio Bank CZ: 2600885307/2010; Slovakia: 2401071589/8330
- enter your monthly standing order for 5 Euro on Blue Patrol - transparent account Save the turtle at Fio banka CZ: 2901151729/2010
- you can save 1 ar of the forest worth 35 Euro; 10 are - 350 Euro; 1 ha - 3 500 Euro - transparent account Save the forest at Fio banka: 2000885303/2010
- come as volunteer for Green & Blue programs in Sumatra, Slovakia or Uganda
- support anti-poachers patrols by buying a 160 Euro photo trap
- spread information to your family, friends, acquaintances or colleagues
- help otherwise according to your possibilities! Our supporters are creative and come up with a variety of ways to get involved. For example, they organize beneficial fleas, collections with friends, share challenges, disseminate information orally or through leaflets when they have places to place them. They will also recommend us in their company where we can give a lecture and get a gift or an important partner. Invite us to you and we can work out how to get involved.

Our fundraiser **Alena Bendová** (alena.hosnedlova@pralesdetem.cz) will help you.

Thank you for your patronage and look forward to news in the next newsletter, which will be released in early September 2019.

