



Borneo Rhino Sanctuary (BRS) programme (restricted distribution)

Quarterly report: covering the period April - June 2013

# Programme objective

To prevent the extinction of the Sumatran rhinoceros in Sabah by protecting wild rhinos and by bringing rhinos together in managed breeding facilities

# Main participating agencies

Sabah Wildlife Department (SWD), Borneo Rhino Alliance (BORA), WWF-Malaysia, Sabah Forestry Department (SFD), Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW), Zoo Leipzig, ITBC/Universiti Malaysia Sabah, WWF-Germany, Sime Darby Foundation (YSD), Sabah Foundation (YS).

# Main financing agencies during this quarter

YSD, WWF-Germany (also Wildlife Reserves Singapore, WWF-International, IUCN, IRF and others for Sumatran Rhino Crisis Summit)

**Programme description** (following May 2009 and March 2013 Sabah State Cabinet decisions)

- protection and monitoring of wild rhinos in Tabin Wildlife Reserve, TWR (BORA-SWD) and Danum Valley Conservation Area (WWF-Malaysia).
- establishing Borneo Rhinoceros Sanctuary (BRS) breeding facilities inside TWR with additional facilities at Danum Valley.
- bringing isolated remnant rhinos from non-viable situations, into BRS facilities at TWR and Danum Valley.
- establishing a sustainable financing scheme to allow long-term operations of BRS.
- appointing a professional company to manage BRS and its rhinos
- develop rhino reproductive laboratory facilities in Sabah
- exchange Sumatran rhino gametes between Sabah and other countries

# Targets for this quarter

(1) Sumatran Rhino Crisis Summit (SRCS) held at Singapore Zoo, with the following objectives: a. To forge a global Sumatran rhino conservation plan (review and synthesis of existing plans, enhanced by the experiences of people who have been involved in successes and failures with endangered species; captive breeding will be seen in the context of a long-term re-introduction into the wild). b. To seek new impetus (via new potential financing sources, influence and partnerships) to support the goal of preventing the extinction of the Sumatran rhinoceros. c. To lift the conversation from

local, national and Sumatran rhino specialist levels to a broad, global platform. d. To seek ways to help those working on the ground secure enhanced governmental, political and financial support. e. To initiate a process to raise Euro 30 million for the prevention of the extinction of the Sumatran rhinoceros. (2) First artificial insemination attempt of Puntung. (3) Construction of rhino facility at Danum Valley underway. (4) Rhino trapping work underway in Danum Valley. (5) Initiation of a study to identify possible harmful substances in rhino food (natural plant toxins and residues from agrochemicals).

# Activities achieved during this quarter

(1) Sumatran Rhino Crisis Summit (SRCS) was held as planned at Singapore Zoo, 31 March-4 April; follow-up with Indonesia was done through meetings (Yayasan Badak Indonesia Board and informal, 8 April), emails, and further meetings 23-27 June in Way Kambas, Jakarta and Bogor. As convener, and as agreed at the SRCS, IUCN took the lead during this quarter in drafting a 2-year Sumatran rhino emergency plan, based on the SRCS outcomes. (2) First artificial insemination of Puntung, using fresh sperm from Tam was attempted on 25 June, but fertilization was not achieved. (3) BRS Danum Valley rhino facility design was completed with a "design and build" consortium, bill of quantity was prepared, and the proposal submitted to Sabah Forestry Department (SFD; the site location lies within Ulu Segama Forest Reserve about 1.5 km from the Danum Valley boundary). (4) Location for base camp for building and monitoring the Danum rhino trap was chosen; approximate sites for trap(s) were located. (5) The study (by Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ITBC), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS)) to identify possible harmful substances in rhino food was initiated with samples of 20 food species.

# Meetings held

SRCS, 1-4 April; Yayasan Badak Indonesia (YABI) Board meeting, 8 April; BORA – Indonesia rhino institutions, 8 April, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 June; SWD-BORA, 17 April; Ulu Segama Malua management plan meeting, 10 May; ITBC-BORA, 13 May, 29 June; BRS task force, 7 June; BORA-WWF-Malaysia 17 May, 30 June; YSD-BORA, 19 April; BORA-IUCN SSC (Oxford) 24 April; Rhino May Day seminar (London) 1 May; BORA - YB Dr Edwin Bosi (former Sumatran rhino veterinarian and Sabah State Legislative Assembly member), 20 May; BORA - Mr Wong Tack, environmental "activist".

# Other updates

- (1) The Bukit Kretam rhino trap was re-opened in mid-April (following settlement of the "Suluk invasion" incident, purchase of a boat and moving of the BORA monitoring team out of Ladang Bukit Kretam plantation land to Seri Ganda village); however, despite repeated surveys in the Kretam-Kulamba area, no signs of rhino have been detected in this area since December 2011; accordingly, in June it was concluded that it is better to focus rhino trapping efforts on Danum Valley, and the Bukit Kretam trap was closed (and the materials removed) on 19 June. Notices of cash reward for information on any rhino signs have been posted in villages and plantations in the Kretam-Kulamba area.
- (2) Commencing mid May 2013, the ITBC lead researcher who has been contracted to investigate possible toxins in rhino food, Dr Charles Vairappan, was appointed as acting director of ITBC; it has been agreed that ITBC and BORA maintain and ideally strengthen collaborative work.
- (3) Work commenced on the perimeter road of the TWR BRS facilities.
- (4) The newspaper reports by Mr Kan Yau Chong (see **Awareness** section below) quoted several people both from Sabah and elsewhere as suggesting that Tam be sent to Cincinnati Zoo as a mate for the fertile but lone female Suci.

- (5) BORA representatives Dr Abdul Hamid Ahmad and Dr Zainal Z Zainuddin visited Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary in Indonesia, 16 May, coinciding with an electro-ejaculation (Andalas) and AI (Rosa) procedure.
- (6) A visit was made (24 May) to 40 hectares of mature oil palm abandoned in October 2012 on the southern fringe of TWR. With adequate shade and abundant natural, fast-growing woody undergrowth, some suitable as rhino food, no chemical usage, and a stream flowing from TWR, this would be ideal habitat as a large paddock to house Sumatran rhino. Being 1 hour drive from the BRS interim facilities, the site is too far to be logistically practical. However, the visit demonstrated that abandoned or lightly-managed mature oil palm plantation, if fenced, could be a suitable habitat for Sumatran rhino, either in small individual paddocks or for one very large enclosure for several rhinos.

## **Awareness**

Following SRCS, veteran Sabah journalist Mr Kan Yau Chong produced a series of reports on the event, which were printed in the Sunday edition of the Sabah English language newspaper, on 7 and 14 April, 5, 12, 19 and 26 May, and 2, 9, 16 and 23 June 2013 (three examples reproduced below).

# Issues to be addressed

(1)SRCS provided a very important forum where a wide diversity of experience and opinions were shared. Not all the objectives were met (notably an agreed plan of specific actions, nor any new specific financing opportunities), but potentially the most significant outcome was a call by the governments of Indonesia and Malaysia to collaborate. For BRS programme and Sabah, the most serious issue is that no global consensus was reached on the need to bring further Sumatran rhinos into fenced, managed facilities as the main route towards production of embryos (and thereby boosting birth rate significantly above death rate). A significant minority of SRCS participants supported this view (most Malaysians, and some international specialists with experience of critically endangered species), while the other participants either favour obtaining more data on wild Sumatran populations before making any decisions, or favour protecting wild rhinos over further captive efforts, or favour concentrating Sumatran rhinos into an extensive wild habitat in Sumatra. The majority supported a coordinated programme of camera trapping effort and rhino faecal DNA work in order to obtain better information of numbers, sex ratio and breeding amongst the three remaining wild rhino populations in Sumatra. In any case, the draft SRCS emergency plan document needs to be reviewed, amended as necessary, and agreed by government Indonesia. Biodiversity Conservation Division of Ministry of Forestry Indonesia indicated during a visit from Sabah representatives in June that Government of Indonesia is reluctant to enter into a formal collaboration between Government of Indonesia and Government of Malaysia. It was suggested by Indonesia that a "materials transfer agreement" involving NGOs might be an option to allow rhino gametes to be exchanged, but it is not clear how this might be achieved (a Sabah request to Indonesia dating from 2011 for urine from a Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary female rhino in oestrus to be used as a possible stimulant for Tam remains pending).

(2) Puntung's irregular oestrus cycling makes it difficult for the IZW vet team to mesh their visit to Tabin exactly when Puntung will be able to ovulate; in addition, the loss of all cryo-preserved sperm taken from Tanjung pre-2007 and Tam (2009-11) means that the only possibility to obtain sperm now is for Tam to undergo full anaesthetization and electro-ejaculation on the on the same day of predicted ovulation, so fresh sperm and oocyte can be available at the same time as Puntung is ready to ovulate. Even with an extended stay by the IZW team in Sabah and administration of human chorionic gonadotropin to accelerate ovulation, the visit to Tabin in June turned out to have been earlier than optimum.

- (3) Several issues combined to slow progress on starting work on the Danum Valley rhino facility. One key outstanding issue is that RM1 million is available from SFD to build the facility, but actual total cost (including night stalls, breeding yard, forest paddocks, keeper accommodation and water and electricity supple) will significantly exceed that amount.
- (4) There are rational reasons for the idea of loaning Tam as a mate for Suci in Cincinnati Zoo, but public perceptions need to be addressed, and the pros and cons brought to a wider section of Sabah society. There are also other options, including waiting until a fertile female is caught from Danum Valley; loaning both Tam and Puntung to Leipzig Zoo, where advanced reproductive technologies could be applied more readily by the IZW team; or loan Tam to the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary in Indonesia.
- (5) Due to sloping clay soils and prevailing high rainfall at TWR, the condition of Puntung's forest paddock now make it almost impossible for her to walk up and down the slope between her paddock and night stall. Rectification work is needed, so she can walk more easily. In addition, further improvements to Gelogob's enclosure in Lok Kawi Wildlife Park are needed, pending removal of the last (pregnant) sambar deer and availability of funding.

## **Solutions**

- (1) Pending further news from Government of Indonesia, the Indonesia-Malaysia collaboration can be potentially pursued by collaborative work on the ground involving the key Indonesia and Malaysia/Sabah NGOs.
- (2) The IZW team have confirmed their continuing interest in the Sumatran rhino, and willingness to seek funds for regular working visits to Sabah; letters of support can be provided for funding applications; the general aim is for further artificial insemination (AI) attempts at 2 or 3 monthly intervals; availability of a better resolution ultrasound device at TWR for frequent monitoring of Puntung's follicle growth would be helpful in predicting best dates for AI.
- (3) SFD, the "design and build" consultant consortium, BORA, YSD and Danum Valley Management Committee to liaise to ensure that sufficient funds will be available to complete the Danum Valley rhino facility. Additional fund-raising effort is needed.
- (4) Briefings and/or discussion forums with specific individuals and institutions are needed to garner public support for the idea of moving rhinos between nations, particularly the idea of Tam to Cincinnati Zoo, or both Tam and Puntung to Leipzig Zoo.
- (5) Build stone walkway from Puntung's night stall into her paddock; remove last sambar deer from Gelogob's enclosure and add shade.

# Plans for next quarter

(1) Pursue collaboration with Indonesia, targeting agreement on the SRCS emergency plan and assistance with provision of camera traps to initiate obtaining better data on wild rhinos in Way Kambas National Park. (2) Conduct second artificial insemination attempt on Puntung. (3) Construction of BRS Danum Valley rhino facility initiated; secure additional funding for completion. (4) Female rhino captured in Danum Valley. (5) Continue construction of the permanent BRS breeding facilities at TWR. (6) Present argumentation and secure wider public support for loan of rhinos to institutions outside Sabah.





(left) Sumatran Rhino Crisis Summit (SRCS) logo, designed by Sime Darby with the SRCS planning group, (right) SRCS discussion, hosted by Wildlife Reserves Singapore in Singapore Zoo, 2 April.



(left) SRCS T-shirt, produced by Wildlife Reserves Singapore, (right) Drs. Widodo Ramono, executive director of Indonesian Rhino Foundation with facilitator Victor Chandrawira at SRCS.



Post SRCS visit to Indonesia, late June, (left) Andatu's first birthday party at Way Kambas National Park, 23 June, witnessed by BORA chairman and executive director, with Director of Biodiversity Conservation, Mr Bambang Novianto Wawandono in centre, (right), the size of Andatu, born at Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary, at only one year old is astonishing (mother Ratu to left of Andatu, below); although only about 65% of her body weight, at a glance he appears not much smaller.

# Tam may head for Cincinnatti as experts wept!

Dr Zainal: Wept for Sumatran rhino, a dying species.

Part 2 of a series

Kan Yaw Chong

Tis not easy to make a man cry. But a slew of macho
Malaysian and Indonesia Sumatran rhino men broke
down and wept at the final session designed to give
space for everyone to utter their personal liast words, at
the final Closing Gircle session, at the March 31 to April 4
Sumatran Rhino Crisis Summit at the top notch
Singapore Zoo.
That emotional scene surprised me a lot.
I wasn't sure whether it was for real.
Leading the tear shedding was biologist Ramono
Widodo, Executive Director of the Indonesian Sumatran
Rhino Foundation — 'the man who knows everything
about the animal in Indonesia," according to Datuk Dr.
John Payne.

the inclonesian sumartan Khino Foundation, cried openly.

Dr Zainal Zahari Zainuddin - a man who has worked with Sumartan rhinos all his life and now a Bora Field Manager based in Tabin Wildlife Reserve, Sabah, was a man of sor-

Wildlife Reserve, Sabah, was a man of sor-rows!

He, too, broke down and cried.

There was one more slim Indonesian guy
who lost control of himself when he stepped
towards the centre of the circle, where a
poster size picture of Tam the Sabah maletinio was placed on the floor.

Feeling a bit awkoward, a song I alway
found aspiring and moving entitled 'D on 't
Cry For Me Argentinia' by Madonna, somehow flashed across my mind, as though to
provide an immediate antitote to an inconsolable situation.

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Need to ignite hope
It was truly like a most serious emergency case where
the best specialist doctors came to the bedside to attend
to the 'patient' immediately.
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I decided to step to the centrar ethe closing session to
say: "Tam, (symbol of the species), don't worry. We
know you (species) has been admitted to the emergency
ward (verge of extinction) but the best doctors (rhino
specialists) in the world are attending to you (species).
Yout (Sumatran rhino) won't die (go extinct).

Paith in wild populations waning
There was a time when the loud voice in the wilderness reigned supreme, protect thinos in the wild and
breed them in captivity to boost the species, they agued.
Now, even die-land Sumatran thino conservationist,
Dr Nan Schaefer, founder of SOS Rhino, says she doesn't
have a lot of faith in the wild population any more.
Papus echned the same sentiment.

Alarm over how quickly rhinos die The rhino crisis summit awoke me to a startling fact just how quickly the Sumatran thinos die off, although they look utterly awesome and invincible! For example, Emi and pluh - the famous 'mother' and 'lather' that Dr Ferri I. Roth used to sire three babies (Andalas, Soci and Harapon) naturally in capivity

in Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens between 2001 and 2008, are both dead! Emi died on 6 September 2009 while Ipuh died in mid-February 2013, less than two months to the Rhino Crisis Summit!

Crisis Summit!

Very said for Terri's team but the deep satisfaction is they died leaving behind rather quickly too a grandson-Andatu, bred and born in Way Kambas National Ark, Indonesia, using Andalas as the father — a product of a door partnership between Widdod, his chief Vet Dr Dell Candin and none other than Dr Ieri Roth.

Profitable solutions self replicate
In view of the rapid decline and limited population
left, the Crisis Summit concluded that siring more thino
babies is the most urgent immediate strategy and action
to prevent the extinction of the species.
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We persevered through five years of intensive efforts and endured many set-backs before finally producing Andalas-so it's hard to see him so, yet we want nonthing more than to help this species so it's hard to see him so, yet we want nonthing more than to help this species from extinctions of lift means giving up the first born, we rejoice at the opportunity, said ferrit the chief Vet - Vice President of Conservation, Science and Ling Collections at Cincinnari, who is liften the control of the con

nd. But in this dire situation, the head prevailed.

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How Sabah missed the boat and Indonesia did not
One must capture that lesson especially Sabah which
was actually all set to send some animals to US 2005 for
great the sending in the early 1980 after former Chief
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On hind sight, it turned out to be on a very the wrong le of political will. Between 1987 and 1994, Sabah captured 10 wild rhi-s to do its own captive breeding, none worked and all

nos to do its own capture increasing, many didded.

That's not a program to replicate.
Cincinnati Zoo finally got Emi and Ipuh from Sumatra and produced the spectacular captive breeding results.
On hind sight again, Sabah missed the boat, Indonesia won, this writer actually told Dr Terri.

# Dr Schaefer: Send Tam to Cincinnati Zoo Still, Sabah too, can replicate that Cincinnati Zoo suc

But how?

"Send Tam to Gincinnati Zoo - the best place for the utilisation of Tam, the best place for him to contribute to the population and that's absolutely vital," Proceedings of the population and that's absolutely vital, "In Senderler, a Sumatran Rhino reproduction physiologist and founder of SOS Rhino, who flev to Salah straight after the Summir, with Karen Dixon, a practising lawyer and current Chalmana of SOS Rhino, and met Minister, Tourism and Environment, Datuk Masidi Manjun.

Manjun. Why is Cincinnati the best place for Tam to go? "Because they have not only proven natural breeding method but they can collect genetic materials and potentially use it so they have the best combination of two to be able to help the genetic transfer of Sabalt's genes which are different to the general population," Dr Schaefer





But even at Cicinnatti Zoo, assisted insemination on e Sumatran rhino is not yet a management tool at the int, Dr Schaefer noted.

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Understanding parallelness
What does it mean when discussion on the draft action plan changed the word 'priority' assigned to natural breeding over assisted insemination and replaced it with the word 'parallel'?

"What they mean by parallel is while you are doing your natural breeding, there is semen that becomes available," Dr Schaefer's suid.

"When Dr Terri breed Emis with Ipub, there was excess semen that came out of the wagna that she collected and she got that frozen. That's the allowable parallelness the opportunity that awals itself whotout interfering with and distracting the proven success of natural breeding an already proven method) that needs to be pursued, 'Dr Schaefer explained.

## Tam's expected role in

Tam's expected role in America Multa will they do with Ram in Cincinnat Zoo?

"They will try to breed him with Suc wish is a representative of the animals that are in Indonesia, os Duci is already of the other genetic line and I am is another genetic line from Sabah and if they breed to getler then you will get hybrid figure of the animal of much, much stronger genetic makeup and that animal can start and restart the population and this is so important to the contribution to be made and those animals can come back to Sabah and also goot not indonesis and contribute genes there," Dr Nan said.

So, should we fly Tam to Cincinnati? Daily Express asked jokingly.

"Yes, tomorrow!" Dr Schaefer and Karen replied in unison.

Karen: Time is critical

Dr Nan Schaefer (left) and Karen Dixon, Chairman of SOS Rhino, met Masidi is Sabah the day after the summit.



Emi, the amiable mother rhino turns the grim tide of extinction around after giving three calves Andalas, Suci and Harapan in capitivity and sparks a Lagloba belief that it can be done! "Idea!"

Laurentius: Sending Tam to Cincinnati zoo would be "ideal"

Is Sabah amiable to the idea of sending Tam to Cincinnati Zoo, since his hopeful soul mate – Puntung, has repeatedly rejected him?

"Sex, that would be the ideal decision. I will need an approval from the Cabinet (Sabah) after the General Edaction," said Director of Sabah Wildlife Department, Datuk Dr Laurentius Ambu.

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"I am committed to the continued survival of the Sumatran thing." Ambu asserted.

"Whatever happens, I will work very hard to convince the Government of the day," Ambu promised, when asked about what if...

Datuk Dr John Payne, similarly endorsed the Cincinnatti move.

"Malaysians live all over the world. No reason why a Sabah rhino shouldn't spend a couple of years in the USA," he said.

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homs for Chinese medicine has done a lot to get rid of this charismatic, oldest living mammal!

Experts forced into captive breeding and technology This sunami of humanity has forced researchers and events like the crisis summit to create the captive breeding programs as well as technology such as virto fertilisation, embyonic transfer and cryogenic is in order to preserve the reproductive materials including components that allow for great of the capture of the control of the components of the control of the c



Profitable working solution self replicates – Partnership between Cincinnati Zoo (represented by Dr Terri Roth) and Indonesia (represented by Widodo Ramono (left) and Dr Dedi Candra sired Andatu through Andalas and Ratu in Way Kambas National Park.



Andalas (right), the first born in captivity in Cincinnati Zoo, is seen here chasing a female rhino Ratu in Way Kambas National Park Indonesia and later became the father of Andatu.

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# **P**rof Hamid: Bora looking for quick transfers

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It is still a hope though, two-will be the still be the still be the too something that allows quick material transfer between thino breeding facilities because the samples are both required and available, Prof Dr Abdul Hamid Ahmad, Bora Chairman, tool Daily Express March 31- April San the Singapore Zoo.

He did not specify which facilities, although delegates fred critics, although delegates fred critics.



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Datuk Dr Dr Zainal Junaidi Payne,
Bora Executive Director, said nothing new had happened since the Summit. A "good agreement" achieved

at the Summit in contrast to past meetings had raised that hope of secalated action, Hamid said.
"At the Jakarta meeting exacty one year ago, we made many assumptions when we agreed on the exchange of materials but this time, we have identified what we had wrongly assumed and now we are." Hand said without claboratine. are," F

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the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary in Sabah, "he said.
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# SUMATRAN RHINO CRISIS SUMMIT



# Dr Zainal: We got to get moving

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"We know that we need more animals, as simple as that" he said.

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# 'Great collaboration in animal exchange needed'

"THE Summit has been a hugely interesting experience," said Mark Stanley Price, Chairman, IUCN Species Survival Commission Sub-committee for species Conservation Planning.

"You have the right people and the level of people working," he said.
"The thing about this is it has been a real working summit and not a political one where people have just made grand noises but with the price of the cough it.

So, I think there is real hope for great collaboration, great cresults.



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# Dr Terri Roth: I want to see implementation

ON concluding remarks, what says Dr Teri Roth, famed for her captive breeding breakthrough of the 21st Century which delivered three bus the form of the post in the progress actually, something progress actually, something verified about that haven't been on the table for years, 'she said.

"I want to see the follow-up, "she added.

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Send Tam to Cincinnati: Dr Nan

"We've got Harapan – the third rhino born in Cincinnatti (2007)," Holland noted.
"Soi twill the sexually mature in a year so it's going to become extremely valuable obviously and important within the whole captive breeding programme," he opined.
"At some point, we will pair it off with another female in order to continue breeding the species and get more rhinos on the ground," Holland said.

Zoo success helps for a while only Do all these possibilities in the mean the species will not go zoos mean the species will not go extinct?
"I would say the captive breed-ing programme is going to ensure at



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Dr Jeff (ensure that ma fracia bit was are not able to protect those areas and promains we can break or what we do in captivity because we got few animals we can breed on but it takes a while three years to get a calf on the ground; Holland pointed out.

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Holland says he expects Sabah, Indonesia and Cincinnatiz Zoo will henceforth be the key pattners for the Lox Angeles Zoo, in terms of caring for and breeding the animal, in implementing the Summit recommendations and in decisions on who gets paired with who, where the animals are going etc.

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# DR Nan Schaefer, former Chairman of SOS Rhino, said she couldn't agree more with Dr Frice on fluid commore (without delay that is a commore of the more than action. Agree of the more sould come from that quick action, Agree of the more on fam. Three highly desired outcomes could come from that quick action, Agree of the more on fam. There are risks that are associated on the military of the more on fam. There, shah, could get a long sought haby rhin out of the move on fam. Two, it keeps the US born Suc's reproductive tract healthy. Three, mixing the two animals from two entirely different ancestral fines will produce genetically very orbats offsprings which is critical to the species future survival. The state ellis, Executive Director of the International Rhino Foundation, a member of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialts group and from the moved with species for the action of the International Rhino Foundation, a member of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialts group and the move of the International Rhino Foundation, a member of the IUCN alsan Rhino Specialts group and the move of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialts group and the profession of the movement of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialts group and the movement of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialts group and the movement of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialts group and the movement of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialts group and the movement of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialts group and the movement of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialts group and the movement of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialts group and the movement of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialts group and the movement of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialty and the movement of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialts group and the movement of the IUCN shan Rhino Specialty and the movement of the IU So called 'useless' animals are not useless!

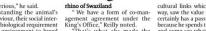
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# Not 'Mission Impossible' when the King is interested







Kan Yaw Chong
DELAY, inaction, lack of urgency, non-implementation of the conclusions of the March 31 - April 4 Sumatran Rhino Crisis Summit will probably drive the species of extinction more than anything else, key participants had warned. However, it is not mission impossible to prevent extinction of the Sumatran rhino!

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cultural links which is the Swazi way, saw the value of wildlife and certainly has a passion for wildlife because he spends time in the park because he spends time in the park enjoys seeing wildlife," Reilly reported.

"All I am saying is no one is going to do it for the Indonesian Government. The two governments have to do it themselves, hopefully we can help in the process and come together to do the process and come together to de learnt from elsewhere," Reilly said.





(Left) Puntung's forest paddock in TWR – due to clay soils and prevailing high rainfall at Tabin, the condition of the soil sometimes makes it almost impossible for her to walk up and down the slope, (right) wallow used recently by the targeted wild female rhino in Danum Valley.



Preparations for the rhino trap in Danum Valley, (left) crossing the Nicola River (Sungai Bersih on geological maps), between Borneo Rainforest Lodge and the proposed trap area; access to the trap site will be cut off whenever this river floods, (right) Danum Valley suffers from frequent and significant tree falls, presumably due to periodic strong winds; this is a recent tree fall zone on the route to the proposed trap site.