

# A new baby at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary!

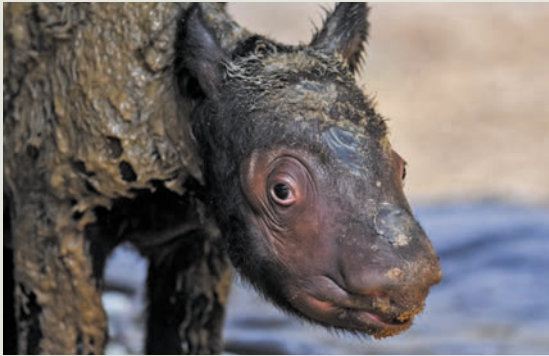


Having a state-of-the-art breeding facility in Indonesia is crucial to support Sumatran rhino conservation.

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On 24 March 2022, the Government of Indonesia announced the birth of a female Sumatran rhino at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary, Way Kambas National Park (SRS), Lampung Province. The mother, Rosa, is approximately 20 years old and the father is Andatu, who was the first calf born at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary in 2012. The birth of the new calf (who at the time of writing is not yet named) has brought us hope for the future of this Critically Endangered species.

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The adorable new female calf has increased the number of rhinos at the SRS to eight. In addition to Rosa and Andatu, the other rhinos currently occupying the SRS are Bina (female), Ratu (female), Andalas (male), Harapan (male), and Delilah (female).

Following the birth, Wiratno, former Director General of Natural Resources and Ecosystem Conservation at the Indonesia Ministry of Environment and Forestry, said:

“The birth of the Sumatran rhino is good news amid the efforts of the Indonesian Government and partners to increase the Sumatran rhino population. My deep gratitude for the work of the team of veterinarians and keepers who have continuously monitored the development of rhino Rosa’s pregnancy and postnatal care.”

The Sanctuary is located in the heart of Way Kambas National Park on the island of Sumatra, providing a semi-wild home to the only reproductively viable captive Sumatran rhinos in the world. The 250-acre SRS was built in 1996 by the International Rhino Foundation in partnership with local NGO,

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Yayasan Badak Indonesia (YABI), which currently manages the SRS, the Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Way Kambas National Park and Taman Safari International.

Residing in large, natural rainforest habitats, the Sanctuary's eight rhino residents receive state-of-the-art veterinary care and nutrition by a handful of vets and rhino keepers that live at the SRS. This tiny population is the core of an intensively managed breeding and research programme that is intended to promote the species' population growth, while also generating a genetically diverse "founder" group that could be used as a source for animals to repopulate national parks in years to come.



**We're all very excited about what the future holds!**

The goal of this programme is to increase our knowledge about the ecology and behaviour of the species, as the remaining wild rhinos continue to be protected and supported. With fewer than 80 Sumatran rhinos left in the world, the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary plays a critical role in the survival of the species.

Currently, Rosa and her calf are both doing well. In due course, the Indonesian Government will name the calf at a special ceremony.

