

Dear friends and supporters,

We are very sorry that we are late with this newsletter, over the last ten months we have been very busy developing our Sunda Pangolin Release Project. There has been a lot of exciting news within the last ten months and I am pleased to share this with you.

Tran Quang Phuong

CPCP Program Manager.



During April this year, two Owston's civets were born as part of the CPCP's international breeding program for this endangered small carnivore species. These two animals are the 39th and 40th animals to be successfully born in the CPCP, with Kate and Mindy the proud mothers.

Both mothers are looking after their babies extremely well and now the babies are busy learning how to climb and catch live food such as crickets and grasshoppers. Once they are capable of looking after themselves they will be split from their mother, which usually happens when the babies are about one year old.





Pangolin Release Program



In Vietnam, many trade-confiscated Sunda Pangolins are either sold back into the wildlife trade (which is legal under Vietnamese law) or released with no or minimal health checks, quarantine or post-release monitoring. These releases have no proven benefit to the conservation of this endangered species and may represent a risk to wild populations through disease transmission and genetic dilution.

To solve this problem the CPCP has initiated a project to develop international standard release guidelines and protocols for trade-confiscated Sunda pangolins. The project activities include developing an environmental enrichment program in captivity, soft-release and monitored release into the wild. The project will produce release protocols for Sunda Pangolins which can then be used in Vietnam and in South-east Asia.

This project will be the first of its kind in Vietnam. We promise to give regular updates on this exciting project through the E-news and our upcoming website!

This project is being supported by:

- The Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, Hong Kong
- Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund, Japan
- SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund, US
- Evolutionarily Distinct and Globally Endangered (EDGE), Zoological Society of London, UK
- The Chicago Board of Trade, Endangered Species Fund, US
- People's Trust for Endangered Species, UK



New enclosure for Pangolins

With support from Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, a new pangolarium has been built in our centre. This is the second pangolin enclosure to be built in the CPCP and like the first, it has been specially designed to provide pangolins with a safe and stimulating captive environment. The new pangolarium features four large, naturally planted enclosures and all four pangolins are thriving in their new captive environment.

This new pangolarium has been christened the “Columbus Zoo Pangolarium” to acknowledge the generous support that Columbus Zoo and Aquarium gave to this project.





Veterinary Students Visit



In June the CPCP welcomed 11 veterinary students from the University of Florida. The students helped the Environmental Enrichment Program for the Sunda Pangolins, which included turning soil over and repositioning the logs in the enclosures. These activities not only help the Environmental Enrichment Program but also help bio-security in our centre by killing some pathogens that might be in the soil.

The students from Florida also generously donated one microchip reader, microchips and various veterinary dugs. A huge thank you to the students from the University of Florida!



New staff join the program

Two new staff have recently joined the program. Mr. Nguyen Tat Hung has taken the position of Captive Manager and Mr. Nguyen The Truong An who will work as a field researcher for the CPCP.

Both are young, dedicated Vietnamese conservationists and everyone at the CPCP is looking forward to working with them.



Volunteer at CPCP



In April 2011 Felix Schlieszus from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) joined the program as a volunteer for four months. Felix worked closely with the captive management team and he developed the monitoring and Environmental Enrichment program for the CPCP's captive Sunda pangolins.

Felix also helped to develop the CPCP website and we hope it will be finished and released by October 2011. Everyone at the CPCP wishes Felix all the best as he begins his studies in Germany and thank him for all of his hard work.



Our Binturongs Still Need Your Help!!

The CPCP receives no financial support from the Vietnamese government and is entirely dependent on public grants and private donations to keep the rescue centre running. The CPCP needs your support so that we can continue to operate and provide rescue and rehabilitation to threatened species of small carnivore and pangolin.

Binturongs weigh a hefty 16 – 20 kg and with that comes a large food bill! Currently all of our binturongs are unfunded and CPCP needs your help to look after these impressive civets.



If you are interested in supporting our Binturongs, or would simply like to donate to the CPCP to help with our ongoing rescue and rehabilitation costs, please contact the program manager at smallcarnivore@gmail.com.

Many thanks!

CPCP team

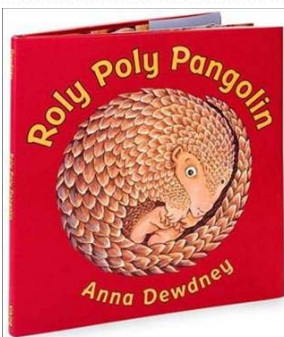


CPCP receives support from European zoo and US zoo.

Tiit Maran, who heads the European Endangered Species Program for the European Mink from Tallinn zoo, Estonia spent one week to visit our centre to work out how he might be able to support the program. He is now involved in planning for long term activities for the CPCP, with a specific focus on helping to manage the CPCP's globally important breeding program for the Owston's Civet. Denver Zoo will also be supporting the CPCP and will be working with Tiit to help the program achieve its long term goals. We are very excited by this development and look forward to working with both Denver Zoo and Tiit Maran.



Roly Poly Pangolin Book



The Roly Poly Pangolin book was written by Anna Dewdney, Penguin Books For Young Readers. This charming children's book was put together by Anna after she saw the pangolins at the CPCP's rescue centre. Part of the aim behind the book is to raise awareness about pangolins and some of the proceeds from sales will be used to support the CPCP's conservation work for pangolins.

We would like to thank you Anna very much for writing this wonderful book and for supporting the CPCP.

The book is available at major bookstores in the US and on Amazon

We would like to thank the following people, organisations and institutions for believing in our work and for their continuing support!

- Cuc Phuong National Park
- Newquay Zoo
- Thrigby Hall Wildlife Gardens
- Sea World & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund
- Rotterdam Zoo
- Australian Volunteers International
- Volunteering for International Development from Australia
- Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, HK
- Houston Zoo
- BP Conservation Leadership Programme
- WWF - Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program
- Valerie White Charitable Trust
- Zoos Victoria
- ARAZPA
- Columbus Zoo and Aquarium
- Evolutionarily Distinct and Globally Endangered (EDGE), Zoological Society of London
- People's Trust for Endangered Species
- Chicago Board of Trade
- Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
- Minnesota Zoo
- Edible Ltd
- Rare Species Conservation Centre
- FOTA Wildlife Park
- Shaldon Wildlife Trust
- Papoose Conservation Wildlife Foundation
- Paradise Wildlife park
- Nashville Zoo
- Idea Wild Conservation Fund
- BOO SkateShop
- Zoological Society of London
- The Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust
- Feline Conservation Federation
- Mohamed bin Zayed Conservation Fund
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan
- Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund, Japan
- University of Sydney Wildlife Society, Australia

Mission statement

The Carnivore and Pangolin Conservation Program is committed to securing a future for wild populations of threatened carnivores and pangolins in Vietnam. We are dedicated to increasing the understanding of and respect for these unique species and their habitats and empowering people to take action to conserve them.



Carnivore and Pangolin Conservation Program
Cuc Phuong Nation Park, Ninh Binh, Vietnam

Postal Address: PO BOX 179, GPO Hanoi, Vietnam

Tel: + 84 (0) 30 3848 053

Email: smallcarnivore@gmail.com

www.carnivore-pangolin.org