



# Sehari Mengenal Harimau

Sekolah Kebangsaan Punan Outreach Programme, 19th June 2007

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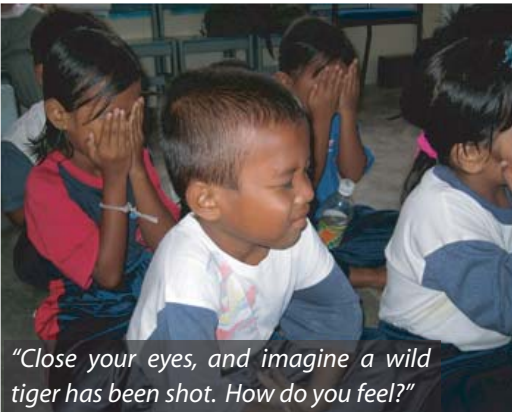
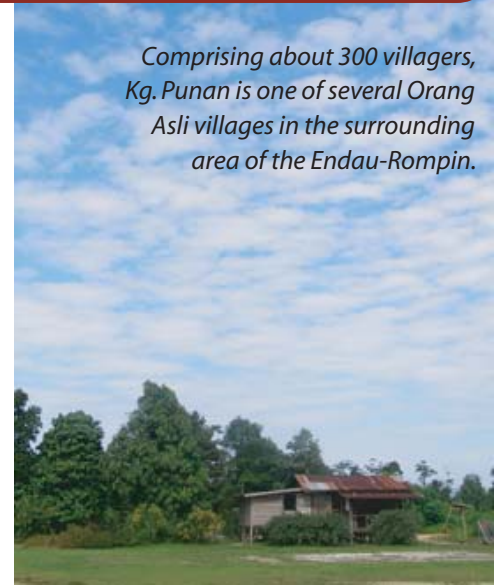


This outreach programme was a site-specific component of MYCAT's campaign to reduce local wildmeat consumption and trade. A joint project with the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP) and Johor National Park Corporation (JNPC), it

aimed to enhance Kg Punan's appreciation for wildlife in their backyard; the Endau-Rompin National Park.

The day-long programme involved 43 students, including 6 from the village pre-school, and was helmed by Suzalinur Manja Bidin (MYCAT), supported by Loretta Ann Soosayraj (MYCAT), Hazril Rafhan (DWNP) and Julia Ng (TRAFFIC).

Comprising about 300 villagers, Kg. Punan is one of several Orang Asli villages in the surrounding area of the Endau-Rompin.



"Close your eyes, and imagine a wild tiger has been shot. How do you feel?"

The programme was devised based on adaptations from WCS' Teachers for Tigers and WWF-Malaysia's Pengembaraan Si Belang, amongst others. Shy and anxious at first, the children soon warmed up, and actively participated in the interactive sessions. They were awed by the stunning photographs of the park's plants and animals shown during the presentation given by Anne Majanil (JNPC).



An activity where the students mapped their own territory in their village, to better understand the importance of a tiger's territory.



Tiger Origami. This step-by-step craft exercise was a little challenging, but all managed to produce attractive cats with various patterns!



Eagerly, most of the students attempted to answer the quiz questions. Even the pre-school kids didn't want to be left out, and one of them managed to get a difficult question correct!

The day drew to a close with the students making pledges to help tigers and other wildlife in Endau-Rompin.



They wrote down their oaths on cut-outs of wildlife which were placed on a banner, now displayed in the school as a reminder of their commitment to the wildlife of Endau-Rompin.



Many thanks to all the MYCAT partners, Johor National Park Corporation, Zoo Negara Malaysia and the academic staff of SK Punan for their support and contribution to the success of this programme.



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SRJK(C) Kahang Outreach Programme, 12th August 2007



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**The** Malaysian Conservation Alliance for Tigers (MYCAT), the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP) and Johor National Parks Corporation (JNPC) made history in August, with the first Mandarin-language tiger conservation outreach programme held in SRJK (C) Kahang, Johor.

The event was another site-specific component of MYCAT's campaign to reduce local wildmeat consumption and trade, aimed to enhance appreciation for wildlife in the Endau-Rompin National Park among locals. Kahang is the town nearest to the Park.



Most of the students' creative artwork was displayed in the school hall for all to appreciate. Some parents were seen keenly reading earnest tiger conservation messages created by their children.

**The** day-long programme focused on 300 upper primary students. Interactive activities and games based on the Wildlife Conservation Society's Teachers for Tigers module were conducted by 9 volunteer facilitators, aided by a team of helpers. The volunteer facilitators were specially trained a week earlier by WCS conservation educators, to ensure they were fully equipped to ensure a fun but effective outreach programme.



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The students actively participated in all the sessions, asking questions unabashedly, and attempted all the exercises whole-heartedly.

Towards the end of the session, students wrote down their pledge to help tigers and other wildlife in Endau-Rompin on animal cut-outs. These were later stuck on a banner, now displayed in the school as a reminder of their commitment.

**The** 300 students joined parents, as well as about 200 lower primary students in the school hall, where they learned more about tigers in culture and the importance of saving the tiger from WCS' Cynthia Boon.

An interactive booth also drew many parents, inquisitive to learn more about the use of tigers in traditional medicines, and other threats. The outreach programme ended on a high note, with 18 students rewarded for their creative artwork in the art competition held in conjunction with the programme.



A boy comparing his friend's dentition to the tiger's. Teeth are designed to meet the needs of the diet taken by their host.



Students attempting to stalk and ambush prey, just like a wild tiger would.



Many thanks to MYCAT partners, JNPC, US Fish and Wildlife Services, Zoo Negara and the academic staff and alumni of SRJK (C) Kahang for their contribution to the success of this programme. Special thanks to all our volunteers – without you, this would not have been possible.