



Sumatran Tiger Relocated to New Home Marks Success Story for Indonesian Tiger Partnerships

August 2, 2011 --JAKARTA, Indonesia-- “Putri” has a new home and is now safely roaming the forests of Sembilang National Park on Betet Island of South Sumatra, marking a moving success story of public-private partnership that saved the life of a rare Sumatran Tiger.

Putri, which means Princess in Indonesian, is a 7-year-old Sumatran Tiger that got caught up in a human-tiger conflict in South Sumatra Province on the island of Sumatra. Today, after months of a painstaking process involving numerous local and central government organizations, wildlife and conservation experts, private companies and NGOs, the regal animal was set free in a new safe haven where she can continue to flourish and be part of the continued regeneration of the species.

“This is a marvelous success story for Indonesia that demonstrates the power of partnership and what we can accomplish when we unite together to address the challenges we face as a country. The Sumatran tiger is a national treasure and a symbol of our rich history. It is imperative that as a nation we work together to ensure the health and longevity of this species for generations to come. I applaud the efforts of these organizations coming together to achieve this goal,” said Mr. Zulkifli Hasan, the Republic of Indonesia’s Minister of Forestry.

Mr. Hasan was joined by representatives of The Natural Resources Conservation Agency of South Sumatra (BKSDA), the [Sumatran Tiger Conservation Foundation \(YPHS\)](#), [Asia Pulp & Paper Group \(APP\)](#), PT Sumber Hijau Permai, Sembilang National Park, and Safari Park Indonesia at the release site. All groups played a role in bringing the tiger safely to its new home.

“The process of safely rescuing a tiger that has come into contact with humans, caring for it while we find a suitable location for a new home and then orchestrating a safe release is extremely delicate. It requires careful planning and involvement of so many groups working together and working on behalf of the tiger,” said [Bastoni](#) (single name), YPHS’ veteran conservationist who led the team in capturing Putri and cared for her for several months while preparing for the release.

Putri was rescued in an area around PT Sumber Hijau Permai plantation forest in South Sumatra earlier this year. In line with the Forestry Ministry Decrees on managing wildlife conflict, the BKSDA together with Bastoni was called in to lead a team that tracked the tiger. By modifying a steel cage box trap provided by BKSDA, Bastoni succeeded in the safe capture of the 75-kilo female tiger.



The team transported the tiger to a safe location where APP had built an 8x6x2 meter [observation enclosure](#). While awaiting release Putri's identity was [recorded](#) and she underwent [medical checks](#) performed by a team of [veterinarians](#) from Safari Park Indonesia. Putri was found to be in good health for release, was well-cared for and was provided a [diet of live prey](#) while Bastoni's team identified the potential location for the safe relocation.

[Sembilang National Park](#), a 202,896-hectares national park officially established in 2003, was identified as an ideal relocation habitat for Putri. This was determined after the relocation survey team, headed by Bastoni together with the BKSDA team, found ample availability of live prey, abundance of fresh water and large dryland for tiger range. Before the release Putri was fitted with a [GPS collar](#) that allows her to be identified and monitored in the new habitat for safety.

“We are so proud to be part of a team of such dedicated and committed experts who share a common goal, to help ensure the safety of Putri as well as people living and working in the forests of South Sumatra. We are working together to find ways for people and tigers to live harmoniously,” said Aida Greenbury, APP Managing Director.

[Bastoni and YPHS, which is supported by APP](#) are part of the Tiger Working Group (TWG), which acts as an intermediary when villagers come into conflict with tiger populations. The organization has developed programs to enhance tiger survival, including community education and monitoring efforts to combat illegal forest encroachment and poaching, tiger surveillance and research using radio collars and camera traps, and programs to reduce the risk of conflict between tigers and humans.

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About YPHS

Sumatran Tiger Conservation Foundation ((YPHS) is a national non-profit organization who works on protecting and preserving the population of Sumatran tigers. Their vision is to preserve sustainably the Sumatran Tigers and to realize communities who would be able to live harmoniously side by side with wildlifes for the purpose of conservations.

Several of YPHS main programs are to identify the habitat of Sumatran Tiger, handling of conflicts between tiger and humans, to take care and relocate conflict tiger back to its habitat, to build the awareness of the people on the importance of Sumatran Tiger, and to educate and provide ideas on how to increase the population of Sumatran Tiger.

About Sembilang National Park

Sembilang National Park, was founded on the Forestry Minister's Decree: No. 95/Kpts-II/2003 dated 19 Maret 2003, and comprises an area of 202,896 hectare. The National Park is located on Banyuasin II sub-district, Musi Banyuasin Regency, South Sumatra Province. Situated on the north west of the area is the Berbak National Park, Jambi Province. Sembilang National Park



represents the peat swamp forest, swamp forest and river bank forest of the South Sumatra province.

About APP

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APP supports several main conservation initiatives, including a 172.000 hectare Biosphere Reserve in Giam Siak Kecil – Bukit Batu and an area of 106.000 hectare for the Senepis Tiger Sanctuary, both are located in the province of Riau, Sumatera. A 16.400 hectare of Taman Raja wildlife conservation in Jambi Province, Sumatera. Other APP's wildlife preservation includes the support on Kutai Orangutan Program in Kalimantan and the conservation of Javan Rhino in Ujung Kulon National Park.

About Safari Park Indonesia

Taman Safari Indonesia (TSI) is an organization who works on the field of ex-situ conservation especially on Indonesian's rare wildlife, and has been declared as national tourism object on the 16th March 1990 by the Minister of Tourism, Post and Telecommunication, Mr. Soesilo Soedarman. Taman Safari Indonesia is located on the Cibereum village, Cisarua Districk – Bogor, West Java Province, and included in the buffer zone and area of non-agriculture National Park Gunung Gede Pangrango. Their function are ex-situ conservation, education, research and recreation.

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