



The Kukang Rescue Program

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# THE KUKANG RESCUE PROGRAM IN 2023

Since 2014, the Kukang Rescue Program in Sumatra, Indonesia, has been protecting especially the greater slow loris (*Nycticebus coucang*) and the Sumatran slow loris (*Nycticebus hilleri*) – poisonous primates who fall victims to their cuteness. The Kukang Program is constantly developing mainly through cooperation with local communities at several levels. At the “Kukang School”, it educates local children, developing a positive relationship with nature. It employs former poachers who are now field assistants. It also turns local farmers into conservationists through the sustainable coffee farming project “Kukang Coffee”. In addition, the program also actively fights against animal traffickers. The Kukang Program thus tries to reduce the level of illegal trade (not only) in slow lorises, and thereby protect the populations (not only) of these endangered animals in the wild from extinction.

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Kukang Rescue Program, we are excited to share with you a comprehensive overview of our journey thus far. The following text encompasses a significant portion of the activities and achievements that have shaped our organization over the past decade, highlighting our commitment to protecting endangered wildlife and fostering conservation efforts. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our partners, supporters, volunteers, and collaborators who have contributed to our success along the way.



## Cooperation with Local Communities and Their Support

In 2023, the Kukang Rescue Program continued its dedicated efforts in collaborating with local communities in Sumatra, Indonesia. Through various initiatives, the program aimed to foster a harmonious relationship between humans and wildlife while addressing the challenges posed by illegal wildlife trade.

Highlights:

- 👉 **“Kukang Coffee Project” Expansion:** The program expanded its successful Kukang Coffee project, which incentivizes farmers to protect endangered species. The trick is that the farmers receive a better price than the market price for their coffee crop, in exchange for which they commit to protecting slow lorises, pangolins and other endangered species of animals living near them. The project saw increased participation from farmers in the village of Kuta Male, contributing to the protection of wild animals. Two farmers from Amburidi village have also joined our Kukang Coffee Community. From the extension of the project to another area, we expect to eliminate the hunting of endangered species in the next part of the regional buffer zones in the southeast of the Leuser National Park.



*Farmer from the Kukang Coffee Community*



*Farmers' coffee field in Amburidi*



*Coffee getting dried in the Coffee House*



*Hand sorting of Kukang Coffee*

In 2023, our Kukang Coffee House in the Kuta Male village underwent a minor renovation so that we can still process coffee in the best possible conditions. The coffee house in this field area of the program was filled with coffee beans, which are diligently dried, dehusked and sorted by the Kukang team.

In addition, thanks to the field team of conservationists, made up of former poachers, it is certain that the farmers are not hunting these animals, but rather protecting them. The success of Kukang Coffee not only supports livelihoods but also safeguards critical habitats near the Leuser National Park.



Wall repair at the Kukang Coffee House



Renovation of the Coffee House

👉 **Monitoring of Nocturnal Animal Species:** In the field area around the village of Kuta Male as well as near the village of Bandar Baru, where the Kukang Centre is located, regular monitoring of nocturnal animals took place using the transect method. In this way, the Kukang team determines the size of the population of slow lorises and other nocturnal animals, their behaviour and habitat requirements. In the Bandar Baru locality, the number of animal sightings has decreased, which is mainly attributed to hunting pressure in the area. Nevertheless, the team even managed to come across the Sunda pangolin (*Manis javanica*) twice. Once in the hills above 1000 m.a.s.l. and once right in a village near Bandar Baru. The pangolin found in the village was moved to a safe location in the forest further away. In the Kuta Male location, the number of recorded animals from the monitoring shows that the slow loris population is still stable here and slow lorises move without much fear even in the vicinity of populated areas. Even grown-up young have been recorded. The monitoring outcomes will result in a joint scientific article. Next to the wildlife and habitat surveys the team monitored the area for any poaching activity in the surroundings of Kuta Male, situated on the border of the Leuser Ecosystem.



Monitoring team from Bandar Baru



Critically endangered Sunda pangolin



*Slow loris observed during monitoring*



*Recording data during monitoring in Kuta Male*

➤ **Camera Traps Project:** In 2023, monitoring was supplemented with camera traps. Monitoring of wild animals is used to estimate their abundance. Camera traps are an additional monitoring method we use. These are installed by our field team in the field area where our program has been operating for a long time. In addition to being able to see from these records what animals move in the area and to track their behaviour, we can also see, for example, what animals share the same environment with slow lorises. Camera traps thus allow us to record otherwise very shy animals, which are especially active at night. In 2023, we worked alternately with 12 camera traps, which brought us many amazing shots from inside the Sumatran wilderness.

***Spare some time to read the story that happened to us in 2023 thanks to the work with camera traps:** From the locals of Amburidi village, the Kukang team found out that there is a mineral source in the forest one day's journey from the village, where many animals come to drink, so the team decided to do a survey and install camera traps at this place. The journey there was supposed to take one day. Due to the very difficult terrain and the ever-present thorny rattan, which the team had to literally cut their way through meter by meter, the members of the expedition finally arrived at their destination in two days. Here the explorers camped on the bank of a large river and proceeded with camera traps about 1.5 km upstream of a smaller river to where the animals congregate and set camera traps there. Exhausted, but happy, they could set off on the two-day journey back. After two months, the team returned to the forest to manually check the camera traps. Of the three camera traps, only two remained in place – one was stolen despite being secured with a lock. So, the team preferred to take the remaining two camera traps back to the base. However, they were in for a big surprise in the photos. In addition to a group of critically endangered Sumatran orangutans (*Pongo abelii*), including a female with a young, a herd of Indochinese sambar deer (*Rusa unicolor equina*), and a large group of Thomas's leaf monkey (*Presbytis thomasi*), a very rare Sumatran tiger (*Panthera tigris sumatrae*) also passed by in front of the camera. In one of the videos, it even hunts a deer. There are less than 400 tigers left in whole Sumatra!*



*Sumatran orangutans on a camera trap*



*A family of pig-tailed macaque on a camera trap*



*Sumatran tiger caught on a camera trap*



*Field team during camera trap placement*

👉 **Development of Community Engagement in Nature Conservation:** Kuta Male is one of our main examples of successful community engagement in conservation. We started operating in the Kuta Male area in 2016. At that time, slow lorises and other species of animals were still being hunted in the village mainly for the pet trade and the local wildlife population was decimated and thus slow lorises were hardly encountered in the area. At that time as well, however, we managed to eliminate hunting in this area by employing local poachers and we started noticing a more frequent occurrence of slow lorises. In 2018, we also founded the “Kukang Coffee Project” (transforming local farmers into conservationists by supporting eco-friendly coffee production). In 2019, we started regular monitoring using the trail method. Based on personal observations and some data collection, we are sure that the population of slow lorises in Kuta Male has increased significantly since 2016. The results of slow loris population abundance are slightly fluctuating but stable. Similar results also apply to other animals such as pangolins, whose protection is focused on by our sister program titled “Trenggiling Conservation Program”.

As already mentioned above, we are trying to implement a similar model in the village of Amburidi, and next year we plan to expand our activities to the village of Basukum, where the “School at the End of the World” is located.



*A team of former poachers - now conservationists - from the local community*



*Slow loris population in Kuta Male is now stable and protected by the local community*

👉 **In conclusion:** Intensive cooperation with farmers from the Kuta Male village was a significant focus, with the program actively involving local communities in wildlife protection efforts. Based on our experience, the presence of researchers working together with members of the local community, including former poachers, works well. These former hunters are perfect field assistants, whose employment allows for understanding of the situation in a particular place leading to the elimination of hunting. In addition to this, species' populations are supported by using farmland as a secondary habitat while ensuring species' protection through community involvement and education. Through education and awareness campaigns, the program encouraged sustainable practices while highlighting the importance of protecting wildlife habitats.



*Farms on the edge of the protected Leuser Ecosystem*



*Local farmers living in harmony with endangered species*



## Education and Raising Awareness about the Environment and Conservation of Wildlife and Nature

Education has played a pivotal role in the Kukang Rescue Program's mission to conserve wildlife and nature in Sumatra. Through its various educational initiatives, the program aims to empower individuals with knowledge and foster a sense of responsibility towards environmental conservation.

Highlights:

- 👉 **Expansion of "Kukang School":** In October 2023, the program celebrated the opening of a new Kukang School building in Sumatra, providing enhanced learning spaces for children. Also, thanks to the long-term support of modern zoos, children are now being taught in bigger and better spaces right in the Kukang Centre. Sixty children and their parents took part in the festive day, and of course the entire Kukang team was also present. Our flagship Kukang School provides free English and environmental education to local children, nurturing a new generation of nature enthusiasts and advocates. With dedicated team of our Indonesian teachers with support of volunteers like Karolina Bystronska from Poland (in 2023), we deliver engaging lessons and outdoor activities, enriching students' understanding of wildlife conservation.



*Inauguration of the new building of Kukang School*



*Children during the ceremony*



*Karolina Bystronska while teaching children*



*Children from Kukang School after class*

➤ **Running “School at the End of the World”:** In 2023, classes also took place regularly at this school, the construction of which we supported thanks to the grant from the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Indonesia in 2020. Thanks to the support of our program, a group of local children learn English and environmental education here every Saturday. They often lack this knowledge in public education, so they are happy to have this opportunity at the Tampuk Doni school (translated as “School at the End of the World”) in a remote village with lots of active children.



*Teaching at the School at the End of the World*



*Lessons with children at the School at the End of the World*

➤ **Lectures and Outreach:** In 2023, we conducted 10 thematic lectures at state schools, enhancing 772 students’ knowledge of animal and nature protection. Through interactive sessions and engaging discussions, we empower youth to become ambassadors for wildlife conservation in their communities. Thanks to our questionnaires, it was verified that 75% of the students significantly improved their knowledge of animal and nature protection in the given topic thanks to the lecture.



*One of the lectures in an elementary school*



*Evaluation of students after the lecture*

Our involvement in the Education4Conservation (E4C) program, which aims to enrich the learning of preschoolers through outdoor activities, continued as well. This teaching takes place in the “Kukang School” as well as in two other schools, one in the village of Amburidi and the second one in the village of Perbesi located close the Kuta Male village.



*Outdoor teaching within E4C*



*Teaching within E4C in Perbesi*



*Education4Conservation lesson at Kukang School*



*Manual T-shirt printing at the School at the End of the World*

🌿 **Internship:** As part of the education of our Kukang team, our veterinary care and welfare coordinator Lucie completed a short internship as part of training for the care of pangolins in the Taipei Zoo in Taiwan. The Taipei Zoo also functions as a wild animal rescue station for the catchment area of northern Taiwan, while successfully raising pangolins in its breeding facility. During her stay, Lucie gained valuable information from the pangolin breeders and the local educational team and ended her stay with a lecture about our activities for Taipei Zoo employees.



*Checking the health status of pangolins at the Taipei Zoo*



*Lucie Čížmářová during Pangolin Day at the Taipei Zoo*

- ✋ **Raising Awareness and Program Promotion in the Czech Republic:** The Czech part of the Kukang team has traditionally lectured and organized or participated in many events throughout the Czech Republic and abroad. The number of these events was high in 2023, so only their list and venue are given below without further detailed description.



*Lecture at the University of Veterinary Sciences Brno*



*Kukang Coffee in Zoo Ústí nad Labem*



*Kukang stand at the Around the World travel festival*



*Lecture for the finalists of the competition for young breeders*

- 5 Kukang Tour events:**
  - 5-6 July – Kukang Tour Zoo Na Hrádečku
  - 15-16 July – Kukang Tour Zoo Ostrava
  - 22-23 July – Kukang Tour Zoo Olomouc
  - 19-20 August – Kukang Tour Zoo Hodonín
  - 7 October – Kukang Tour Zoo Liberec

- 3 Screenings of The Kukang Movie:**
  - 8 September – pre-premiere in Minikino Ostrava
  - 26 September – pre-premiere in Studánka poznání of CCBC
  - 17 October – screening and a debate with filmmakers – Prague Science Film Fest

- 3 Program days:**
  - 13-14 May – Weekend for support of conservation projects at the Dvorec Zoo
  - 20 May – Biodiversity Day at Zoo Ústí nad Labem – Kukang and Trenggiling stand
  - 2 September – Day for Olomouc Zoo

## **4 Kukang Coffee stands:**

4 May – Local Climate and Energy Day – Lidické Square Ústí nad Labem  
3-6 April 2023 – Ústí Easter 2023  
19 August – Miladatlon  
3-23 December – Ústí Christmas 2023

## **14 Thematic lectures:**

27 March – CULS Prague – Kukang – from poacher to conservationist. What about animal traffickers?  
19 April UCSZOO Commission for Prosimians – The Kukang Rescue Program in 2022  
19 April UCSZOO Commission for Prosimians – Team of The Kukang Rescue Program monitors slow lorises in Sumatra  
14 May – CITES Evergreens (Nature Conservation Agency) – Balance of the Kukang Rescue Program  
14 May – CITES Evergreens (Nature Conservation Agency) – Balance of the Stolen Wildlife campaign and its 3<sup>rd</sup> series  
23 May – Lecture at The University of Veterinary Sciences Brno  
7 June – Zoo Ostrava – Fighting wildlife traffickers in Southeast Asia  
18 July – Sculpture symposium Řehlovice – Eco-friendly livelihoods in exchange for safe wildlife in Sumatra: a conservation story, that modern zoos made possible  
3 August – Ostrava Zoo suburban camp – Kukang – conservation of slow lorises in Sumatra  
4 August – Lecture at the national competition of animal breeders Olomouc  
9 September – Barista CUP – Kukang Coffee – Story of the coffee, that protects nature  
7 December – Jihlava Zoo – talk from the cycle of PodpoVRCHem evenings – Czechs are protecting slow lorises in Indonesia  
18 December – Minibrewery Dubňák – Evening with The Kukang Rescue Program  
29 December – Provodov Women in the World

## **6 Attended festivals:**

11-12 April – Let's Get Surprised (CCBC)  
13 May – Majáles Ústí nad Labem  
27 May – Family Fest Ústí nad Labem  
9-10 June – Útulek Fest Ústí nad Labem  
22 July – Colours of Ostrava  
25-26 November – Around the World Fest

## **4 Other events:**

30 March – talk at One World Olomouc Fest  
10 May – opening of the exhibition "Faces of CITES" at the Prague Zoo  
7 September – Taste the Story with Endorfin Republic – Prague  
29 November – Fair of Nature Conservation Agency



*Kukang Coffee in Olomouc Zoo*



*Kukang stand in Ústí nad Labem Zoo*

👉 **Our Online Campaigns:** Wild animals are not attractions! Are you or someone close to you going to Southeast Asia or other tropical countries? Then pay attention! Travels to exotic destinations can bring, among many other experiences, encounters with wild animals, which are offered as a paid attraction for the entertainment of travellers. Thus, by taking a photo with them, tourists often become unwitting supporters of the illegal trade in often endangered animal species. A new unique photo created by our Lucie Čížmářová as part of our "I Am Not Your Toy!" campaign, which aims against such use of slow lorises and other wild animals and their subsequent popularization on social networks and the internet, draws attention to this harmful practice. Thanks for sharing – it's totally fine in this case.



*Campaign on responsible tourism*



*Leaflet on responsible tourism*

👉 **Stolen Wildlife Campaign:** In 2023, other European zoos joined the Stolen Wildlife campaign. Specifically, these are the Polish Lodz Zoo and the Latvian Riga Zoo. Both zoos are now standing with us to raise awareness about the illegal wildlife trade. Together, we're shedding light on the harsh realities of this illicit industry and advocating for the protection of precious animals.

Join us in spreading the word and taking action against wildlife trafficking too. Together, we can make a difference and safeguard the future of our wildlife.



*Stolen Wildlife campaign presentation at Lodz Zoo*



*Stolen Wildlife exhibition at Riga Zoo*



*Stolen Wildlife at Zdíkov Primary School and Kindergarten*



*Stolen Wildlife at the Strakonice High School*

## Cooperation with Local Government Authorities in Indonesia on Wildlife Protection and the Fight Against Wildlife Traffickers

Collaboration with local government authorities played a crucial role in the Kukang Rescue Program's efforts to combat illegal wildlife trade and protect endangered species. By working closely with relevant agencies, the program aimed to enforce wildlife protection laws and hold traffickers accountable.

Highlights:

- 👉 **Seizure and Rehabilitation Efforts:** Kukang Program's illegal wildlife trade investigators, in collaboration with the Indonesian Nature Conservation Agency, have successfully seized several endangered wildlife species. In total, we managed to seize 4 siamangs (*Symphalangus syndactylus*), 1 agile gibbon (*Hylobates agilis*), 1 binturong (*Arctictis binturong*), and 1 common hill myna (*Gracula religiosa batuensis*), and also participated in the seizure of 29 Asian giant tortoises (*Manouria emys*) and 1 Sulawesi dwarf cuscus (*Strigocuscus celebensis*). After the seizure, the collected animals were moved to the quarantine of the Nature Protection Agency. By seizing animals like siamangs, gibbons, and tortoises, we safeguarded these endangered species from illegal trade.



*Seizure of siamang with Indonesian authorities*



*Seized agile gibbon*

The same team subsequently participated in the transfer of 6 confiscated agile gibbons from the quarantine of the Nature Conservation Agency of West Sumatra to the Sumatera Wildlife Center Kalinda rescue center in Lampung province. The move lasted three days and two nights, and during the transport, it was necessary to provide resting places and, of course, hydration and food for the exhausted animals. After rehabilitation, they will ideally be released back into the wild.



*Transportation of confiscated gibbons to the Kalinda rescue center*



*Gibbon handover at the Kalinda rescue center in Lampung Province*

👉 **Partnership with Vesna Panglao Conservation:** The program extended its collaboration with Vesna Panglao Conservation from the Philippines to address illegal fishing in Bohol. This partnership led to joint efforts in catching fishermen using harmful methods, contributing to marine conservation efforts.



*Arrested illegal fishermen with the Philippine Maritime Police from the Bohol Island*



*Seized ship with evidence material during raid on Bohol Island*



## Building an Indonesian Team of Wildlife and Nature Conservationists

The Kukang Rescue Program prioritizes capacity building and the development of local expertise in wildlife conservation. By building a skilled and dedicated team of conservationists, the program aimed to create sustainable solutions to conservation challenges.

Highlights:

- 👉 **Indonesian Team Expansion:** The program continued to expand its Indonesian team of wildlife conservationists, comprising individuals from partner villages and local communities. Through training, mentorship and capacity-building initiatives, these team members played a crucial role in implementing conservation projects on the ground. The Indonesian Kukang Rescue Program team now has more than 20 members.



*Part of the Kukang team at the Kukang Centre*



*Part of the field Kukang team in Kuta Male*

## Ensuring a Sustainable Population of Slow Lorises in Zoos, the So-called *Ex Situ*

Have you already heard of Slow Loris Arks? This is an ambitious idea of breeding pygmy slow lorises (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) in zoos with the main emphasis on their reproduction and thus strengthening their breeding in human care. The main goal of the slow loris arks is not to show the animals to the public, but to create sufficient space for breeding and intensive rearing. Thanks to this, it will be possible to preserve their genetically diverse and long-term viable population.

Highlights:

- 👉 **We are now bringing you great news from the Slow Loris Ark at the Ostrava Zoo,** where pygmy slow loris twins were born. Also, in Olomouc Zoo's Slow Loris Ark, there is now a newly assembled pair of pygmy slow loris, where we are also anxiously waiting to see if we can reach the young.



*A female pygmy slow loris with young  
in the Ostrava Zoo*



*Enclosure for pygmy slow lorises  
in the Olomouc Zoo*

*The breeding of pygmy slow lorises is coordinated by the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) and we are trying to actively support it. In today's world, which is not very friendly to wild animals, it is extremely important to protect them not only in nature, so-called in situ, but also in human care, so-called ex situ. Unfortunately, we still cannot be sure that we and our colleagues will be able to sufficiently protect slow lorises in the wild. The situation in nature does not improve much, and in 2020 the species of pygmy slow loris was also reclassified from the "Vulnerable" category to the "Endangered" category. However, our back-up population in human care gives us some peace of mind. If we were to lose our fight to save slow lorises in the wild and they were even exterminated there, there is still hope in the form of the rescue breeding and Slow Loris Arks, from which we could then release selected individuals into the wild and restore their wild population.*

## Publicity

Public outreach and media engagement amplify our message of wildlife conservation. In 2023, the Kukang Rescue Program received widespread media coverage and public attention, furthering its reach and impact. Through various media platforms and events, the program successfully raised awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation and garnered support for its initiatives.

Highlights:

- 👉 **Release of "The Kukang Movie" documentary:** A new time-lapse documentary about conservation, determination, setbacks and friendship is here! The ceremonial pre-premieres in the Minikino Ostrava and in the newly established centre for the popularization of nature protection of the Czech Coalition for Biodiversity Conservation "U Studánky poznání" in Prague showcased our conservation efforts

and achievements to a diverse audience. Kukang Movie was also part of the program of the Prague Science Film Fest on the campus of the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague. The documentary, featuring conservationists and local communities, highlighted the challenges and successes of wildlife protection in Sumatra. Screening events called “Kukang Tour” took place across Czech partner zoos (Na Hrádečku Zoo, Ostrava Zoo, Olomouc Zoo, Hodonín Zoo and Liberec Zoo), coupled with discussions with actors and makers of the documentary and interactive activities including a stand with a workshop and games for children, as well as a tasting of national Indonesian food called “Nasi Goreng” and Kukang Coffee from Sumatra facilitated meaningful engagement with our cause.



*The ceremonial pre-premiere of The Kukang Movie at Minikino Ostrava*



*Screening of The Kukang Movie at the Prague Science Film Fest*



*Screening of The Kukang Movie in Olomouc Zoo*



*Screening of The Kukang Movie in Na Hrádečku Zoo*

👉 **Kukang Coffee in the Czech Republic:** Our Story of Kukang Coffee, which protects nature, has become a powerful tool for education in Europe as well. We import coffee from Sumatra to the Czech Republic, where people can taste this conservation coffee from the Kukang Program’s partner farmers not only in our cafe in Ústí nad Labem, but now also in the Ústí nad Labem Zoo, the Na Hrádečku Zoo and the Ostrava Zoo (Lucy Restaurant). The icing on the cake was when in 2023 the new president of the Czech Republic Petr Pavel received Kukang Coffee from the CCBC’s (The Czech Coalition for Biodiversity Conservation) young ambassador Viki Seifertová at Prague Castle!

In addition to a great interview with the president, Viki gave the president our Kukang Coffee, which protects endangered animal species and helps people in Sumatra. Thank you, Viki and Mr. President.



*Kukang cafe in Zoo Ústí nad Labem which is one of the main partners of the Kukang Program*



*Czech President Petr Pavel receives Kukang Coffee from CCBC ambassador Viki*

➤ **Media Coverage and Interviews:** The program received extensive coverage mainly in popular Czech news sites and magazines, as well as through podcasts and interviews, such as Aktuálně.cz, Novinky.cz, Právo, the "Ochrana přírody" magazine, TV Noe, Nature Solutionaries, etc. These media engagements helped to amplify the program's message and garner support for wildlife protection from a wider audience.



**V Asii pomáhá chytat pašeráky zvířat**



**František Příbrský chytá v Indonésii pašeráky luskounů, outloňů i loskutáků.**

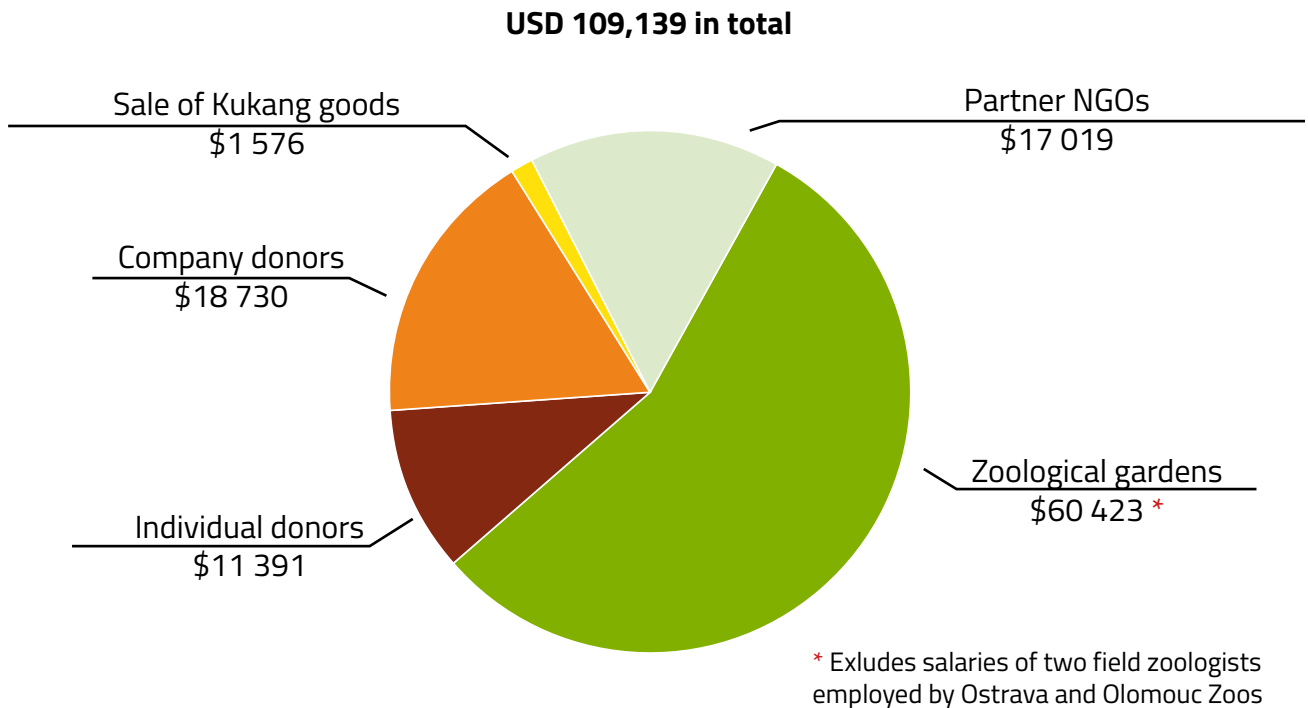
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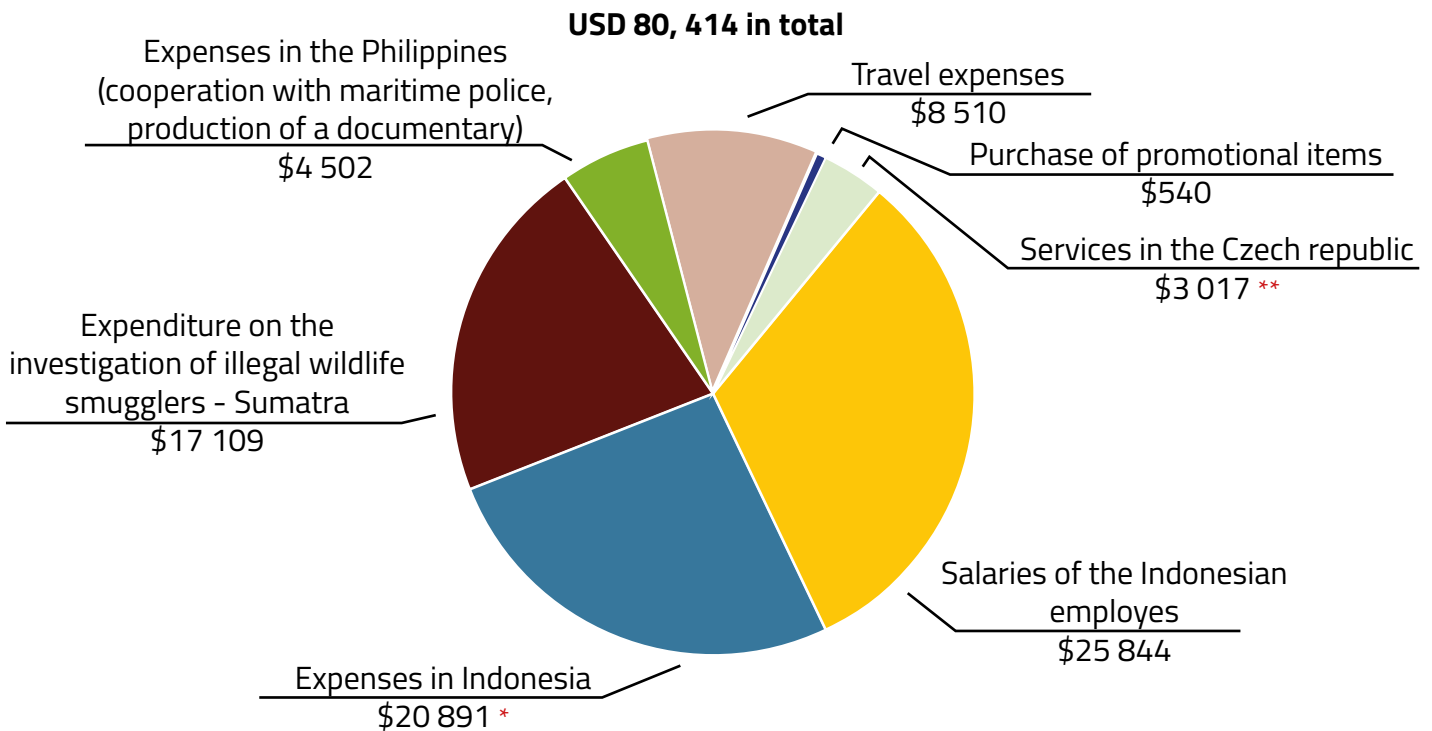
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| 01/2023 | <i>With František Příbrský about the future of the Ústí Zoo and upcoming projects</i>  | <a href="#">Český rozhlas server</a>       |
| 05/2023 | <i>How to behave at the sea? Kukang calls on tourists to be more responsible and draws attention to illegal hunting in the Philippines</i>               | <a href="#">givt Blog</a>                  |
| 06/2023 | <i>The biggest catch was the smuggler Greed, says František Příbrský, who has been protecting animals in Indonesia for ten years and hunts smugglers</i> | <a href="#">Radio Prague International</a> |
| 06/2023 | <i>There are so many crimes against animals in Indonesia that the police would not eradicate them even if they wanted to, say Czech conservationists</i> | <a href="#">CzechCrunch</a>                |
| 06/2023 | <i>(UN)USUAL: Czechs catch smugglers and poachers in Asia. They have many successes to their credit</i>  | <a href="#">Liberecká drbna</a>            |
| 07/2023 | <i>Protecting corals in the Philippines (17:46)</i>  | <a href="#">Český rozhlas Plus</a>         |
| 09/2023 | <i>"Pangolin scales increase the quality of drugs." Czech scientist catches smugglers of exotic animals</i>  | <a href="#">Aktuálně.cz</a>                |
| 10/2023 | <i>He helps catch animal smugglers in Asia</i>   | <a href="#">Novinky.cz</a>                 |
| 12/2023 | <i>Journeys into the wilderness - Stolen Wildlife (Lucie Čížmářová)</i>  | <a href="#">TV Noe</a>                     |
| 12/2023 | <i>Czech-Indonesian cooperation in nature conservation in Sumatra</i>  | <a href="#">Časopis Ochrana přírody</a>    |

# Revenues and Expenses in 2023

## 👉 Revenues of the Kukang Program in 2023



## 👉 Expenses of the Kukang Program in 2023



\* Includes taxes and other fees, land and office lease, construction works (labour and material), operation of the Kukang Centre, Kukang school and other schools, diets, purchase of field equipment, etc.

\*\* Includes production of The Kukang Movie, graphic works, webhosting, bank fees, etc.

## In Conclusion

In conclusion, the Kukang Rescue Program's holistic approach, encompassing community engagement, education, collaboration with authorities, capacity building, and media outreach, underscores our commitment to safeguarding Sumatra's biodiversity. Through collective action with local and international partners, we strive towards a future where wildlife thrives in harmony with local communities.



The system where activities in Indonesia are provided by the Indonesian PATRON and PASAL Foundations, actively supported by the Czech non-profit organization The Kukang Rescue Program, z.s., is still bringing positive results. Apart from the conservation activities, the PATRON and the PASAL Foundations ensure also legal integrity in Indonesia, whereas The Kukang Rescue Program, z.s. provides financial support and educational and awareness activities in Europe. Like every year in the Czech Republic, the general meeting of the Czech non-profit organization The Kukang Rescue Program, z. s. was held, this time in Prague on the premises of the beneficial second-hand shop Moment. The past year was discussed there, as well as plans for the following months.





As we reflect on the past year's accomplishments, we are thrilled to announce that the Kukang Rescue Program is celebrating its remarkable milestone of 10 years since its establishment. Over the past decade, we have tirelessly worked towards our mission of protecting endangered wildlife and fostering a culture of conservation. This significant anniversary serves as a testament to our enduring commitment and the collective efforts of our dedicated team and supporters.





The past year has been a whirlwind of activity for the Kukang Rescue Program, filled with a diverse array of both familiar and innovative initiatives. As we reflect on the progress made and challenges overcome, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our partners and supporters. It is through your unwavering support, encouragement, and generosity that we are able to advance our mission of wildlife conservation. We are particularly grateful to our growing network of partner zoos and recently also to the German non-profit organization Welttierschutzgesellschaft (WTG e.V.), whose financial and moral backing has been instrumental in our journey thus far. Without their steadfast commitment, our efforts would not have reached the scale and impact they have achieved today.

A special acknowledgment goes out to our dedicated team of volunteers, whose selfless contributions, whether in Indonesia or across various regions of the Czech Republic, have been indispensable. Whether participating in the Kukang Tour, manning the Kukang Stand, or providing invaluable assistance online, their passion and dedication propel our program forward. Furthermore, we express our appreciation to our colleagues in conservation organizations, zoos, government institutions, universities, and beyond. Through collaborative and supportive partnerships, we have been able to amplify our collective impact and inspire positive change in the realm of wildlife protection. To each and every one of you, we extend our sincerest thanks. Your continued companionship on this journey is invaluable as we strive to safeguard the future of our planet's precious wildlife. Together, we can make a difference. Thank you for standing with us in our mission to protect wild animals.







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