

ASIAN SPECIES ACTION PARTNERSHIP

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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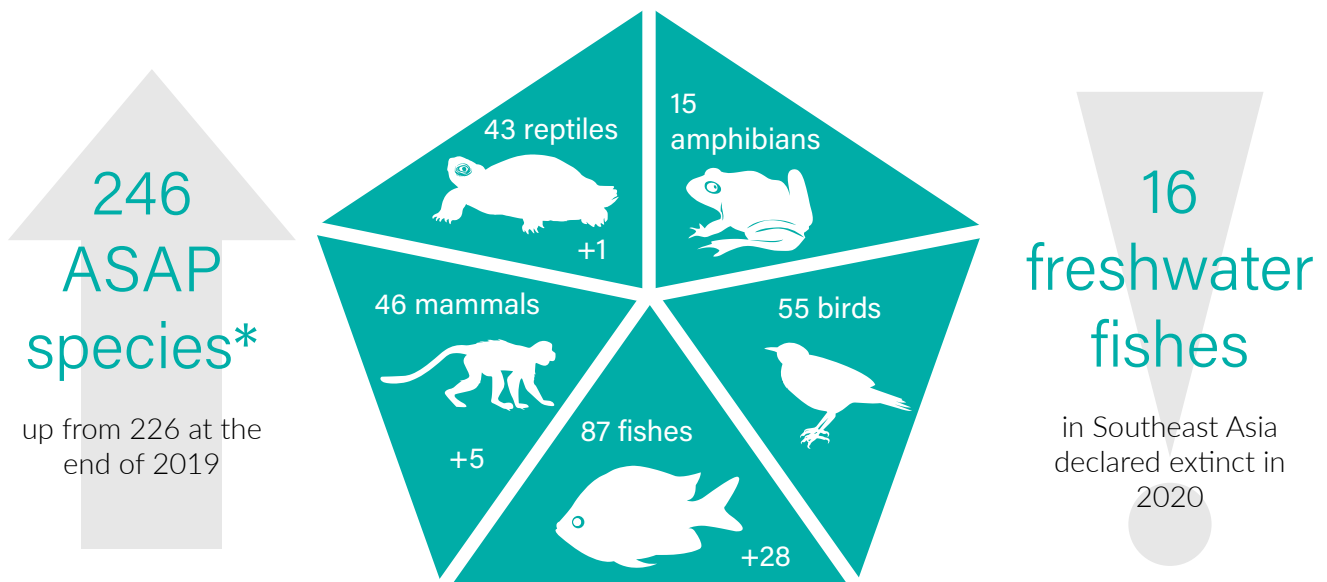
Rote Island Snake-necked Turtle *Chelodina mccordi* © Wildlife Reserves Singapore

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# IUCN SSC ASIAN SPECIES ACTION PARTNERSHIP

## Vision

Species extinctions in Southeast Asia have been averted and wild populations are secure and thriving across their natural range



A significant number of species have been added to the ASAP species list during 2020. Much of this increase comes from freshwater fishes, a group which is threatened across Southeast Asia from overfishing (both for consumption and the global aquarium trade), invasive fish species, pollution, dam construction and habitat loss – scores of peatland species are threatened from conversion to oil palm plantations.

In the latest update to the IUCN Red List published in December 2020, 16 freshwater fishes from Southeast Asia were declared extinct. A substantial portion of these were endemic to Lake Lanao and its outflow stream in the Philippines.

ASAP has partnered with Wildlife Reserves Singapore and Shoal\*\* to catalyse conservation action for freshwater fishes. In a joint project 'Action for ASAP fishes', we are collaborating to identify priority actions and needs for securing fish populations.

Freshwater fishes now make up



*"So far, freshwater fishes have received a raw deal in conservation terms because – as a group, and even more so as individual species – they simply do not resonate as much with most people as the big furry and feathery species. It's a tragic oversight, leading to the loss of many species without any serious effort having been made to avert their extinction, or even to think critically through what this would involve and the likelihood of success."*

*Every year's delay in turning this situation around results in further irreversible losses that could have been avoided."*

Will Duckworth, Species Advisor, ASAP

\*ASAP species are land and freshwater vertebrate species found in Southeast Asia that are listed as Critically Endangered by the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™

\*\* Shoal is a global partnership, working together to halt the global freshwater crisis



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As the world adjusts to a new way of living, the end of 2020 is a time to pause and reflect on our relationship with nature.

It is clear that we must work towards a shift away from practices that are having such devastating impacts, not just on biodiversity, but on human health. If the global pandemic has shown us anything, it is how deeply and intrinsically linked human and wildlife health are. We must learn to treat nature – both species and natural habitats – with much greater respect.

Looking ahead towards 2021 and beyond, the world can start to recover and rebuild using the lessons we have learned. The foundation of our new normal should include ambitious commitments for the conservation and recovery of species of this planet, and an appreciation for the contribution they make to human existence.

Despite being such a difficult year, 2020 has been a significant one for the IUCN SSC Asian Species Action Partnership (ASAP). Thanks to the support of two donors, including Fondation Segré, ASAP has started providing critically important grants to its Partners to help save species on the brink of extinction. You will learn more about this exciting development on the following pages.

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*If the global pandemic has shown us anything, it is how deeply and intrinsically linked human and wildlife health are.”*



We all hope that as COVID-19 vaccines are gradually rolled out, travel, events and other activities can begin to resume. The IUCN World Conservation Congress is one event that I am particularly hopeful to attend at some point in the future and hope to see many ASAP Partners at. We also hope that the Convention on Biological Diversity meeting will conclude with a firm commitment from all governments to stop extinction and bring about the recovery of all threatened species.

Until then, I offer my congratulations and heartfelt thanks to everyone who remained committed to conservation efforts during this unprecedented and incredibly difficult year.

**Simon Stuart**  
**Chair of ASAP Governing Council representing**  
**IUCN SSC**

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This year a global pandemic has affected every aspect of our lives. COVID-19 has led to many sacrifices and challenges and we are devastated by the impact it has had on so many people around the world. We offer our deepest condolences to everyone who has been affected.

The year has also shown how incredibly resilient we can be in the face of change, and it has been inspiring to see the immense commitment to conservation despite the difficult circumstances. Amid the height of the COVID-19 pandemic we launched our first ever ASAP grant programmes; first the ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund, followed closely by the ASAP Species Conservation Grants. We're delighted to support our Partners financially during such a challenging time and help ensure the expansion of such vital conservation work for ASAP species.

With over 160 ASAP Partners, we are a diverse group, aligned in our goal to avert species extinctions in this region. In the coming years, we will continue to create a stronger ASAP community, providing networking opportunities to bring ASAP Partners together and establish a space for knowledge and skills sharing, and peer-to-peer support to strengthen species conservation efforts.

As 2021 begins, we are extremely excited about the year ahead. We will be opening a second round of ASAP species conservation grants and will be offering training programmes for ASAP Partners for the first time.



With the launch of Mandai Nature, we are delighted to see greater attention to the conservation challenges facing this region. Mandai Nature will also be hosting the ASAP secretariat and we are looking forward to working together on our shared goals. As we start a new chapter, we would like to thank Wildlife Reserves Singapore for their unwavering support over the years, as well as to all our donors. We are always grateful for your belief in our work, and that is true more than ever this year.

We remain optimistic that 2021 will be a turning point for biodiversity conservation and we thank you all for your ongoing dedication and passion for the incredible species of Southeast Asia.

**Nerissa Chao**  
**Director, ASAP**





## ASAP IMPACT

Philippine Crocodile *Crocodylus mindorensis*  
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More than **USD 75,000**  
given directly to support ASAP species conservation

At least:

**21** occasions of advising donors and Partners

**16** matchmaking connections made for funding and catalysing conservation

**16** ASAP Partners supported in capacity development

**15+** proposals for projects targeting ASAP species reviewed for other donors

**A resource pack**

provided online exclusively for ASAP Partners

In the face of a global pandemic, ASAP Partners have demonstrated a continued dedication to conservation. Nearly all ASAP Partners have seen their work related to ASAP species impacted by COVID-19, either directly or indirectly. Here are just a few examples of the ways ASAP Partners have adapted and innovated to continue making an impact in 2020.

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*"Telemedicine worked well for the rehabilitation of one rescued Philippine Eagle during the time of pandemic. This eagle was eventually released in the wild."*

Jayson Carungay Ibanez, Philippine Eagle Foundation

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*"The research part of our work in the field has remained a real challenge but the education part has managed to work beautifully with online courses and lectures and social media live streams of discussions and debates about conservation issues. This has shone a light on our staff creativity and involvement."*

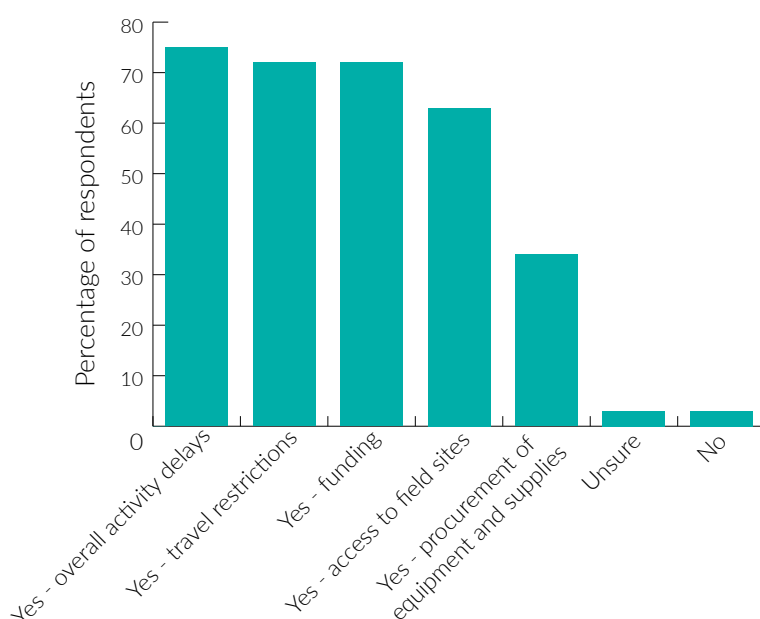
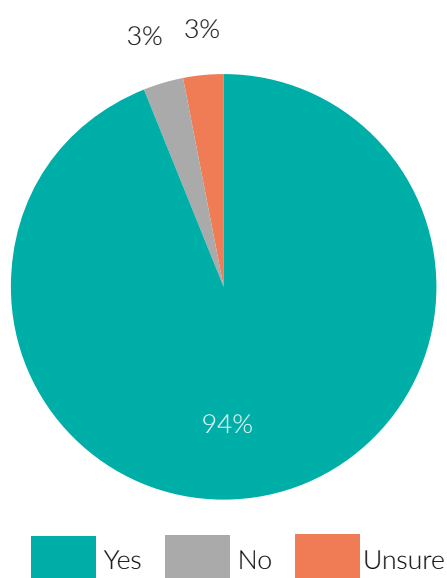
Julie Duboscq, PINA e.V. (MNP/PKT)

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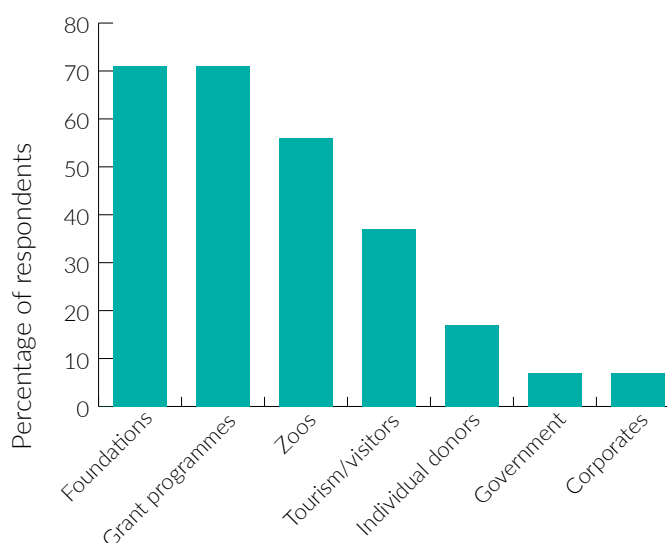
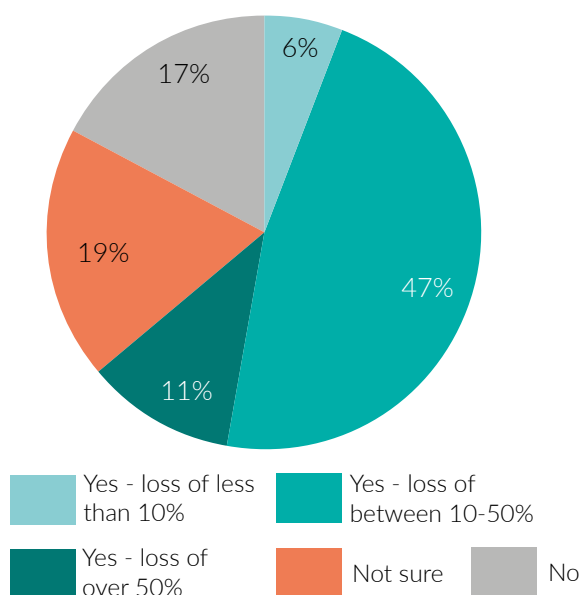
# THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON ASAP PARTNERS

In December 2020, ASAP Partners were asked how their work on ASAP species had been affected by COVID-19. Alongside the devastating human toll of the pandemic, the results below from the 64 respondents show just how huge of an impact it has had on the world of conservation.

## Has COVID-19 affected your work related to ASAP species, directly or indirectly?



## Has COVID-19 reduced your funding for ASAP species, directly or indirectly? If yes, from which sources?



# LEVERAGING FUNDS FOR ASAP SPECIES CONSERVATION

To maximise the survival chances of ASAP species in the long-term, the funding available for conservation projects needs to be drastically increased. ASAP is increasing the financial resources available for conservation of ASAP species by running our own grant programme and working with donors to leverage additional funding. We also work with other donors to encourage that more funding be made available for ASAP species, and to make sure funding gets to the species that need it most.



FONDATION SEGRÉ

## ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund

In May, ASAP launched its first grant scheme with financial support from Fondation Segré. The ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund was made available to ASAP Partners for urgent conservation action and emergency needs of ASAP species. With the COVID-19 pandemic impacting conservation funding and activities all around the globe, the Rapid Action Fund was able to bridge some of these gaps for Partners.

To date, the Rapid Action Fund has supported five projects.

*"With more than 200 ASAP species, and the number likely to increase in the future, providing quick response grants for unexpected emergencies and critical conservation activities can be a lifeline for many of them. The ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund is already demonstrating its value in counteracting threats exacerbated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in a difficult year for conservation everywhere."*

Alessandro Badalotti, General Manager, Fondation Segré.



**Organisation:** Friends of National Parks Foundation (FNPF)

**Location:** Nusa Penida, Bali, Indonesia

**Species:** Bali Starling (also known as Bali Myna or Rothschild's Grackle) *Leucopsar rothschildi*

In Nusa Penida, a lack of natural nest hollows prevents the Bali Starling from nesting. Because of COVID-19, FNPF lost the international volunteers that fund, install and maintain a network of nest boxes.

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We are very grateful that ASAP is willing to help us, especially during this very challenging time to raise funds through ecotourism. [With ASAP's support and contribution] we can employ more staff to monitor the bird with wider coverage and install more nest boxes to give the bird a better chance to breed.”



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(YAYASAN PECINTA/PENYANTUN TAMAN NASIONAL)  
www.fnpf.org

Gede Nyoman Bayu Wirayudha, CEO, FNPF





**Organisation:** Cikananga Conservation Breeding Center (CCBC)

**Location:** Sukabumi District, West Java Province, Indonesia

**Species:** Black-winged Myna *Acridotheres melanopterus*, Javan Green magpie *Cissa thalassina* and Rufous-fronted Laughingthrush *Garrulax rufifrons*

With the combined threat of habitat destruction and poaching for the caged bird trade, all three species sit on the brink of extinction in the wild. Conservation breeding is an essential component of conservation efforts to save them from extinction and this project is a vital backstop while the challenge of securing suitable areas of natural habitat against poaching is tackled.

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“Conservation breeding programmes are one of the final tools in the conservation toolbox for the survival of these species. For now we manage these species to maximise genetic diversity with the future aim to reintroduce into a safe habitat. The funding from ASAP will be immensely useful to enable us to provide a high quality diet which encourages breeding in these species and also supply the salary to a locally employed member of staff who has a wealth of avicultural experience with these species.”



Bertie Ferns, Conservation Breeding Manager at Cikananga Conservation Breeding Center.

**Organisation:** Ostrava Zoo

**Location:** Ninh Binh and Hoa Binh provinces

**Species:** Delacour's Langur *Trachypithecus delacouri*

With a small and fragmented population, Delacour's Langur is endemic to Viet Nam with the only viable population in Van Long Nature Reserve. Bordering this are around 10km<sup>2</sup> of unprotected land also inhabited by Delacour's Langur, but which is threatened by tourism development and limestone quarrying. The project will conduct a survey of the unprotected area with the aim of extending protection status to this area.



Delacour's Langur *Trachypithecus delacouri*  
© Tilo Nadler

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The loss of this habitat and with it a part of the Delacour's Langur population would be a dramatic setback for the conservation of the species. To apply for protection status of this area, a survey to verify the existence of Delacour's langurs and to provide detailed data is necessary. With financial support from ASAP the background work needed for the granting of protection status can be obtained.”

Tilo Nadler, Wildlife Consultant, Ostrava Zoo





Both images: Sulawesi Crested Black Macaque *Macaca nigra* © Selamatkan Yaki

**Organisation:** PINA e.V. and Selamatkan Yaki

**Location:** Tangkoko Nature Reserve, North Sulawesi, Indonesia

**Species:** Sulawesi Crested Black Macaque *Macaca nigra*

The species is threatened by habitat loss and hunting. Due to COVID-19, funding for the reserve was reduced, and agricultural expansion and forest exploitation saw increases, along with greater conflict between communities and macaques. The project will train and deploy community patrol personnel and engage with local communities.

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*The presence of officers in the field is very important so that monitoring and protecting the area can continue. Illegal activities in conservation areas require special attention. If they are left unchecked, they will greatly impact the existence of key wildlife in Tangkoko and will disrupt the sustainability of the forest ecosystem. During the COVID-19 pandemic, area supervision and protection has been insufficient but is increasingly important and must continue.”*

Ance Tatinggulu, Protected Area Coordinator, Selamatkan Yaki

**PINA<sup>e.v.</sup>**  
Primates in Need Association

**Selamatkan Yaki**  
Working to save Sulawesi crested black macaques and their native habitat

**Organisation:** Project Palaka

**Location:** University of Philippines, Luzon & Gigantes Islands

**Species:** Gigante Wrinkled Ground Frog *Platymantis insulatus*

This island-living amphibian is threatened by guano mining and quarrying of limestone, which show no signs of slowing. Little is known about the species, so first the project will assess population status, habitat and threats. The next step is to establish an assurance colony and develop a conservation action plan that integrates in situ and ex situ approaches.

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*Project Palaka is the first ex-situ amphibian conservation project in the Philippines. We are focused on establishing a captive breeding colony of *Platymantis insulatus*, the Gigante Wrinkled Ground Frog. This species is the only amphibian in the Philippines listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List, and ASAP's support has been essential in our efforts.”*

Norman Greenhawk, Director, Project Palaka





## ASAP Species Conservation Grants

ASAP launched its second grant programme, the ASAP Species Conservation Grants in July. The grants are aimed at supporting ASAP species, with priority going to species that are receiving less conservation attention globally than is average for ASAP species.

Response to the ASAP Species Conservation Grants was overwhelming, with over 50 pre-proposals submitted. With a limited pot of funding, many excellent proposals had to remain unfunded. In December, five successful projects were announced. They represent a mix of projects that target species which ASAP feels are particularly lacking in conservation effort.



Yellow-throated False Garden Lizard *Pseudocalotes flavigula* © Evan S.H. Quah

*"By learning more about these five little known species of frogs and lizards and protecting them, we also conserve the countless number of plants and animals that share their habitats, many of which are endemic as well."*

Evan S.H. Quah, Associate Professor, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu

**Preliminary study into the ecologies and conservation of five Critically Endangered frog and lizard species endemic to the Cameron Highlands cloud forest**

**Organisation:** Universiti Malaysia Terengganu

**Location:** Cameron Highlands, Malaysia

**Species:** Cameron Highlands Sticky Frog *Kalophrynus yongi*, Small Litter Frog *Leptobrachella kecil*, Temiah Rock Gecko *Cnemaspis temiah*, Malaya False Bloodsucker *Pseudocalotes flavigula*, Rhaegal's False Garden Lizard *Pseudocalotes rhaegal*



## Local protection of the Philippine Crocodile, Isabela Oriole and Hawksbill Turtle in Community Conserved Areas in Northeast Luzon, Philippines

**Organisation:** Mabuwaya Foundation

**Location:** Northeast Luzon, Philippines

**Species:** Philippine Crocodile *Crocodylus mindorensis*, Isabela Oriole *Oriolus isabellae*, Hawksbill Turtle *Eretmochelys imbricata*

*"The Northern Sierra Madre is one of the last wilderness areas of the Philippines. Its protection is crucial for the survival of the Philippine Crocodile, Isabela Oriole and Hawksbill Turtle in Northern Luzon. The Mabuwaya Foundation is engaging and capacitating communities to conserve this important area."*

Marites Gatan-Balbas, Director, Mabuwaya Foundation



Philippine Crocodile *Crocodylus mindorensis*  
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**Bangkaru island hidden treasures:  
save Bangkaru's Critically  
Endangered bird species, Aceh  
Province, Indonesia**

**Organisation:** Yayasan Ecosystem  
Impact / Ecosystem Impact  
Foundation

**Location:** Bangkaru island, Indonesia

**Species:** Nias Hill Myna *Gracula  
robusta*, Silvery Pigeon *Columba  
argentina*



*"Bangkaru island is regarded as one of the last strongholds for Nias Hill Myna, Silvery Pigeon and other important biodiversity. The Island is home to the Ecosystem Impact Ranger Programmes, which protects the island's 319 sq. km of uninhabited, intact primary old-growth rainforest through ranger patrols, law enforcement and community education."*



Tom Amey, Director of Social and Environmental Programmes , Ecosystem Impact  
Foundation

**Field study and continued conservation  
outreach for the Critically Endangered Banggai  
Crow, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia**

**Organisation:** Center for Biodiversity and  
Conservation Institute for Sustainable Earth and  
Resources – Universitas Indonesia

**Location:** Peleng island, Banggai islands district,  
Central Sulawesi, Indonesia

**Species:** Banggai Crow *Corvus unicolor*

The project will conduct field surveys to establish detailed distribution data for the Banggai Crow. The project also aims to increase awareness of the species with indigenous people and local communities, and strengthen the community conserved areas.

*"Despite formal rediscovery and community protection of Banggai Crow in 2011, surviving population numbers are unknown; hence our aim to undertake the estimation. Today, community conservation areas (CCAs), have been set up to protect Banggai island's point endemics, and we continue participatory outreach."*

Mochamad Indrawan, Research Scientist, Center  
for Biodiversity and Conservation



**Conservation of the Painted Terrapin population  
in Karang Gading-Langkat Timur Laut Wildlife  
Reserves, District of Langkat, Province of North  
Sumatera, Indonesia**

**Organisation:** Satucita Foundation

**Location:** Karang Gading-Langkat Timur Laut  
Wildlife Reserves, Indonesia

**Species:** Painted Terrapin *Batagur borneoensis*

The eggs of this species are collected and consumed by local people, as well as wildlife like wild boar. The project's aim is to hatch as many Painted Terrapin eggs as possible during the nesting season using nest patrols and a temporary hatchery.





More than **USD 75,000**  
given directly to support ASAP species conservation

**10**  
projects funded through ASAP grants

**19**  
ASAP species directly targeted with ASAP funds

Nearly **USD 30,000**  
leveraged through other donors across four projects



**Organisation:** Yayasan Ecosystem Impact / Ecosystem Impact Foundation  
**Species:** Nias Hill Myna *Gracula robusta* and Silvery Pigeon *Columba argentina*  
**Focus:** Ranger patrols and community engagement



**Organisation:** Satucita Foundation  
**Species:** Painted Terrapin *Batagur borneoensis*  
**Focus:** Nest patrol, egg incubation and hatchling release



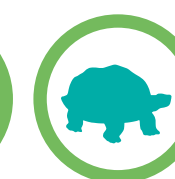
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**Focus:** Breeding programme for future introductions



**Organisation:** Ostrava Zoo  
**Species:** Delacour's Langur *Trachypithecus delacouri*  
**Focus:** Population assessment with the aim to establish a protected area



**Organisation:** Universiti Malaysia Terengganu  
**Species:** Cameron Highlands Sticky Frog *Kalophrynus yongi*, Small Litter Frog *Leptobrachella kecil*, Temiah Rock Gecko *Cnemaspis temiah*, Malaya False Bloodsucker *Pseudocalotes flavigula*, Rhaegal's False Garden Lizard *Pseudocalotes rhaegal*  
**Focus:** Population, distribution and threat assessment



**Organisation:** Mabuwaya Foundation  
**Species:** Philippine Crocodile *Crocodylus mindorensis*, Isabela Oriole *Oriolus isabellae*, Hawksbill Turtle *Eretmochelys imbricata*  
**Focus:** Improving protection and monitoring



**Organisation:** Project Palaka  
**Species:** Gigante Wrinkled Ground Frog *Platymantis insulatus*  
**Focus:** Population assessment, assurance colony, action planning and capacity building



**Organisation:** PINA e.V. and Selamatkan Yaki  
**Species:** Sulawesi Crested Black Macaque *Macaca nigra*  
**Focus:** Community patrols and community outreach



**Organisation:** Center for Biodiversity and Conservation Institute for Sustainable Earth and Resources – Universitas Indonesia  
**Species:** Banggai Crow *Corvus unicolor*  
**Focus:** Field study and outreach activities



**Organisation:** Friends of National Parks Foundation (FNPF)  
**Species:** Bali Starling *Leucopsar rothschildi*  
**Focus:** Nest box management and outreach activities



ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund

ASAP Species Conservation Grant

Funding leveraged for the project

A core area of work for ASAP is to engage with the donor community in order to increase financial resources available for ASAP species. We have continued to do this alongside running our own grant programmes.

*"The funding required to save ASAP species goes far beyond our own grants, and we are continuing to work in partnership with like-minded funders to support species that need it the most."* ASAP Director, Nerissa Chao.

We are delighted that Mandai Nature was launched in 2020 as a partnership between Mandai Park Holdings (Wildlife Reserves Singapore) and Temasek. Mandai Nature has been created to advance efforts in nature conservation and climate change mitigation in Asia.

In September, ASAP organised a webinar with National Geographic for ASAP Partners. The webinar was a chance for ASAP Partners to learn more about National Geographic funding opportunities with a focus on the Species Recovery grant programme developed in partnership with IUCN SSC, and to get tips on how to develop a strong proposal. Partners

were able to ask questions directly and use this to feed into their applications.

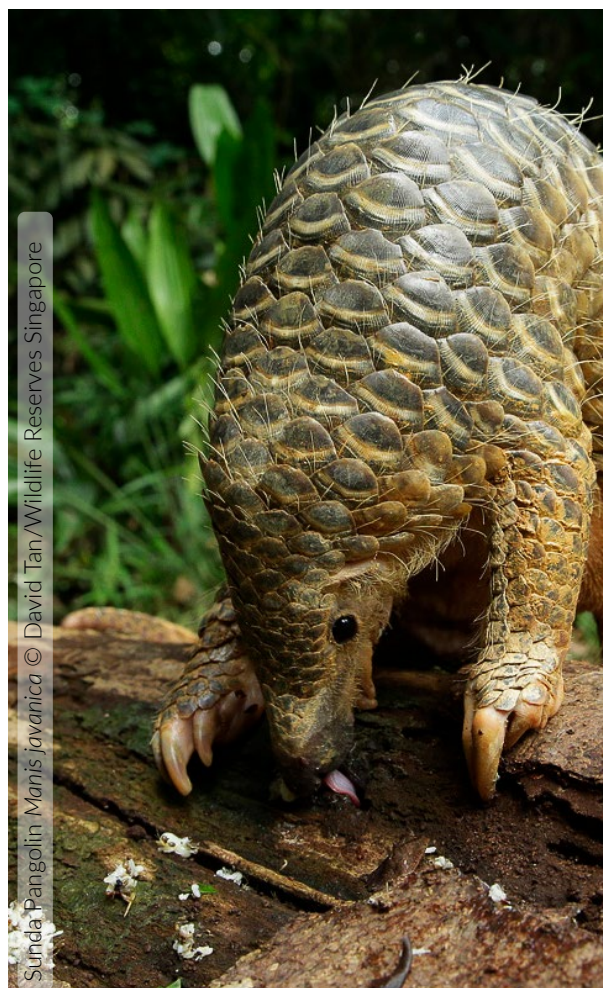
Building on the success of this we held a similar session with the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund. We will explore opportunities to connect ASAP Partners with other donors in this way.

Alongside this, we continue to engage with donors, supporting proposal reviews for funders, making connections and providing advice. One of the funders that ASAP worked with in 2020 is the Oriental Bird Club (OBC). There is a clear alignment of our organisational priorities when it comes to conserving birds of Southeast Asia. A partnership which began as sharing information about projects, Partners and sites, has grown to where we co-fund projects. We are pleased to team up with OBC on a grant from our ASAP Species Rapid Action Fund, and two projects under the ASAP Species Conservation Grants. We are also co-funding projects with Wildlife Reserves Singapore and Synchronicity Earth.

### **Message from Dr Sonja Luz, Deputy CEO, Mandai Nature and representative on the ASAP Governing Council.**

The launch of Mandai Nature is a big opportunity for conservation in Southeast Asia. The region is home to a wealth of unique biodiversity that is under threat from overexploitation and changes to habitat. It is crucial that every effort is made to save regional ecosystems and the wildlife they support.

Mandai Nature represents the culmination of years of work, and it will build on the species conservation impact delivered by WRS over the past decade. Since WRS began hosting ASAP in 2016, we have been closely aligned in our organisational focus on the most at-risk species, and with Mandai Nature this is set to continue and grow. As highlighted by ASAP's strategy, there is urgent need to increase funding for the conservation of Southeast Asia's threatened species, to catalyse and scale-up action to conserve these species, and to build conservation capacity in the region. Mandai Nature intends to play a lead role in addressing these needs and supporting the region's biodiversity, habitats and communities.



Sunda Pangolin *Manis javanica* © David Tan/Wildlife Reserves Singapore





Burmese Roofed Turtle *Batagur trivittata*  
© Wildlife Reserves Singapore

## STRENGTHENING REGIONAL CONSERVATION CAPACITY

Building the capacity of conservationists in Southeast Asia is a key pillar of ASAP's work. We believe that growing the conservation leadership base in the region is important for achieving species recovery and healthy ecosystems.

Earlier this year we were able to bring on board a new position on the Secretariat to support capacity development. Under this role, we have provided direct support to Partners applying to both ASAP grants programmes and other donors, in proposal and project development. By giving this support, we now see more funding directed to ASAP species conservation projects.

We have been seeking input from Partners on training, both in terms what training priorities are and how Partners want to receive the training. This input will be used to help shape the training we intend to roll out during 2021.

*"We are very grateful for the support [we received] when we were applying for ASAP's grants. The ASAP information circulation (and National Geographic Society grant webinar) made us feel supported and feel not alone (with other ASAP partners)."*

Herdhanu Jayanto, Co-Founder,  
KONKLUSI



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## RAISING THE PROFILE OF ASAP SPECIES

Godfrey Jakosalem

Blue-winged Racquet-tail *Prioniturus verticalis*  
© P G Jakosalem/PhilBio

This year, ASAP collaborated with ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity and the Wildlife Conservation Society on a report that presents the available knowledge and data on species loss in the ASEAN region. The report “Halting Species Loss in ASEAN: Baseline Information Analysis” presents an overview of current conservation status and available baseline data for ASAP species. Through an analysis of primary threats and drivers, a review of area-based conservation measures, ongoing conservation efforts and the policy context, the report outlines key areas on which to focus species recovery efforts in the ASEAN region.

The ASEAN region has seen rapid economic growth and development over the past few decades, but this has come at a cost to its biodiversity. Intensive agriculture and exploitation of natural resources have led to widespread deforestation and habitat loss. Biodiversity is also being harvested at unsustainable levels, taken from the wild to feed the ever-growing demand for meat, medicine, ornaments and pets, both regionally and internationally.

However, there is good opportunity to reverse negative trends by focusing on actions that promote the mitigation of threats to recover declining species populations and secure critical habitats. The report includes a set of recommended actions that are necessary for the conservation and

recovery of ASAP species in the ASEAN region. Accompanying the report are two policy briefs on topics of critical importance. The first is on snaring, which is implicated in the local extinctions of many unique and iconic animals in the ASEAN region. The second is on ASEAN Heritage Parks, which present an opportunity to secure some of ASEAN’s unique biodiversity.

To complement the report, ASAP will publish a roadmap outlining needs for urgent action for the recovery of ASAP species, to serve as guidance for attention and investment by ASEAN governments, the donor community and civil society groups.

The report will be launched and available to view in 2021.



## THE PARTNERSHIP

During 2020, we welcomed 60 organisations into the partnership. There are now 160 ASAP Partners based all around the world, sharing a common goal of preventing the extinctions of ASAP species.

In a recent survey, ASAP Partners identified a range of benefits from being an ASAP Partner including receiving funding, being informed of other funding opportunities, gaining capacity development support and the value of being part of a network.

Building networking and learning-exchange opportunities between Partners is something ASAP Partners have told us would help them to carry out more ASAP species conservation. Therefore, building on this conservation community is something ASAP will prioritise in the coming years. We want to create mechanisms that enable Partners to network and provide peer-to-peer support. The skills and experiences of Partners are, in aggregate, immense, and conservation efforts can be only improved and strengthened through knowledge sharing.

Despite it having been an incredibly difficult year, ASAP Partners have demonstrated immense resilience and dedication to the conservation of ASAP species.

# 160

ASAP Partners at the end of 2020

## 55%

Of Partners  
are based in  
Southeast  
Asia



ASAP  
Partners are  
working to  
conserve

## 99

ASAP species

Where ASAP Partners  
work:

Indonesia	55
Viet Nam	27
Philippines	22
Cambodia	15
Malaysia	14
India	9
Lao PDR	8
Myanmar	8
Global	7
Thailand	4
Singapore	2
Bangladesh	1
Bhutan	1
China	1
East Timor	1
Nepal	1

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*We feel less isolated. We feel part of the conservation community even though we are a grassroots NGO.”*

Veronique Audibert, POH KAO

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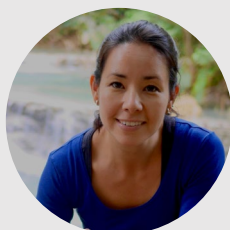
*“We have learned more about what other organisations/stakeholders are doing to save species of interest and known more about available funding and training opportunities.”*

Minh Le, Central Institute for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies

# GOVERNANCE

## Secretariat

The ASAP Secretariat is made up of:



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Director



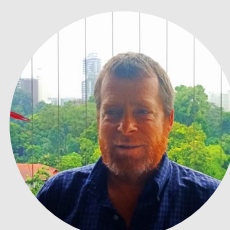
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