

INDONESIAN RHINOS: EARTH'S MOST THREATENED LAND MAMMALS

International Congress of Zookeepers
Pre- and Post-Conference Tours to
Ujung Kulon, Bukit Barisan Selatan and
Way Kambas National Parks

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Pre-conference tour: 28 August – 8 September 2012
Led by Dr. Susie Ellis, International Rhino Foundation

Post-conference tour: 14 September – 23 September 2012
Led by Kerry Crosbie, Asian Rhino Project

Maximum 6 participants per trip
Cost: US \$2,100 per person*



*double occupancy – includes all activities, airfare from Singapore to Jakarta, Jakarta to Bandar Lampung, all in-country transportation, accommodations, park fees, meals and non-alcoholic beverages. Excludes alcoholic beverages, laundry, and other personal expenses. Single supplement is US \$400.

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Day 1. We will meet and depart as a group in the early afternoon from Changi Airport, Singapore to Jakarta's Soekarno Hatta International Airport, with arrival in late afternoon. After clearing customs, we will check into the Jakarta Airport Hotel, where we will have an in-hotel evening dinner in anticipation of our early morning departure for Ujung Kulon National Park.

Accommodations: Jakarta Airport Hotel

Day 2. We will be on our way early, departing the hotel at 7 am by vehicle, traveling to the Ujung Kulon National Park Office to visit park officials. After lunch in Labuan, we will drive to Sumur where we will catch the Rhino Protection Unit boat to Handeleum Island.

Handeleum Island is a small island just off the north eastern coast of the Ujung Kulon National Park peninsula, with a variety of forest, wild life and wetlands in a peaceful location. Prior to dinner and evening lounging on the Lodge porch watching for deer, flying fox and other creatures, we will have an overview presentation about Javan rhinos and the work being carried out to conserve them.

Accommodations: Lodge at Handeleum Island



Lodge at Handeleum Island

Day 3. After an early breakfast, we will leave Handeleum Island to visit one of the Rhino Protection Unit (RPU) camps within the park. Accompanied by RPU members, we will trek within Gunung Honje (home to the Javan Rhino Study & Conservation Area) to Karang Ranjang. After lunch, we will move to the Ujung Kulon isthmus to Laban, where we will catch the boat back to Handeleum Island.

Accommodations: Lodge at Handeleum Island

Day 4. Up early to depart Handeleum Island to the Cigenter River, where we will spend the day canoeing and trekking with the RPUs to look for rhino spoor. Most of the past Javan rhino sightings have been along the Cigenter River, so keep your eyes peeled and your camera ready!

After looking for rhino, we will visit banteng feeding grounds (and hopefully spot Javan banteng and peafowl) in the Cigenter Grazing Area before returning to the Lodge.

Accommodations: Lodge at Handeleum Island



Canoeing on the Cigenter River

Day 5. After an early breakfast, we return to Jakarta by vehicle. We will lunch along the way, and take our evening meal in the city.

Accommodations: Gran Mahakam Hotel, a highly-rated hotel in Jakarta's Blok M neighborhood.

Day 6. After a leisurely breakfast, travellers will have these options for the morning: (1) visiting a traditional Balinese spa for a relaxing massage, pedicure, manicure or other treatments of your choice (men too!); (2) visiting the National Museum in Jakarta, founded In 1778, a hotspot for information concerning history, culture and the different ethnic groups found in Indonesia; followed by an afternoon of shopping for artifacts and traditional fabrics at Pasaraya Grande and/or Serina Malls. In the evening we will dine at a restaurant near the hotel.

Accommodations: Gran Mahakam Hotel

Day 7. On to Sumatra! We will depart the hotel at 8 am for a 10:00 a.m. flight to Bandar Lampung in Sumatra. We will be met by the Sumatra RPUs and driven to Kota Agung, where we will overnight in a modest guesthouse.

Accommodations: Guesthouse Kota Agung

Day 8. Up early for an interactive presentation by the Bukit Barisan Selatan RPUs. We will then drive to the BBS Rhino Camp, where we will join the RPUs for lunch (they are great cooks!) and plant a tree along 'Bowler's Alley' in the park. We will depart around 2 p.m. for Way Kambas National Park, dinner, and an evening presentation on Sumatran rhinos at the Satwa EcoLodge.

Accommodations: Satwa Elephant EcoLodge

Day 9. We start out day with a visit with the Way Kambas National Park RPUs at their field office. Following lunch at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary, we will embark on the RPU boat to the remote RPU camp on the Way Kanaan River and walk in the forest with the RPUs. As we float down the river on our way to the camp, watch for hornbills, kingfishers, deer, siamang, and even sometimes tigers! After a full day, we'll have a relaxing dinner at the EcoLodge.

Accommodations: Satwa Elephant EcoLodge



Sumatra RPU program manager Arief Rubianto shows confiscated poaching equipment.



Miami MetroZoo keeper Rue Hewett plants a tree in Bukit Barisan Selatan's 'Bowler's Alley'



Zookeepers on the RPU boat on the Way Kanaan River, Way Kambas National Park

Day 10. Up early again with a visit to the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary, set in the lush rainforest surroundings in Way Kambas National Park. After a brief orientation in the SRS Visitors' Center, we'll visit several of the Sumatran rhinos close up in their large semi-natural enclosures. Be sure your camera battery is charged – there will be ample photo opportunities! After lunch with the SRS senior staff, we'll depart by car to Bandar Lampung, before catching a late afternoon flight to Jakarta. From Jakarta, we'll return to Singapore on an early evening flight.

Accommodations to be self-booked, not included in tour price: Singapore hotel of your choice (**pre-conference tour**). The International Congress of Zookeepers organizers recommend the following hotels in Singapore: The Hangout at Mt Emily, Hotel Miramar Singapore, and V Hotel Lavender. For more information about booking your room, please see the IZC website. If you are on the **post-conference tour**, we recommend staying at the Changi Airport Hotel. Reservations must be self-booked.



Male Sumatran rhino 'Andalas', born at the Cincinnati Zoo, now resides in one of the large semi-natural enclosures at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary

Trip Leaders

Susie Ellis, PhD has been Executive Director of the International Rhino Foundation (IRF), based in the United States, since 2006. Dr. Ellis has more than 25 years' experience in international conservation, including more than 10 years as Senior Program Officer with the IUCN Conservation Breeding Specialist Group and 5 years as Vice President with Conservation International. She is a member of and serves as the Red List Authority for the IUCN Asian Rhino Specialist Group, holds a position on the Board of Yayasan Badak Indonesia (Rhino Foundation of Indonesia), the Sumatran Rhino Global Management and Propagation, and is an advisor to the American Association of Zoo Keepers' Conservation Committee and to the International Rhino Keepers Association Board of Directors. She has conducted work in more than 35 countries during the course of her career, with species ranging from penguins to pandas, and now, rhinos. Dr. Ellis has written more than 100 technical papers, proceedings and book chapters, and spent a number of her early career years as a keeper at the San Diego Zoo.

Mrs. Kerry Crosbie founded the Asian Rhino Project (ARP), based in Australia, and is its Director. She is a member of the IUCN's Asian Rhino Specialist Group; has a position on the Global Management and Propagation Board for the Sumatran Rhinoceros and sits on the Board of Yayasan Badak Indonesia (Rhino Foundation of Indonesia). She also represents the ARP (and Mr. Peter Hall as his proxy) on the International Rhino Foundation Board. Kerry spent more than nine years working at Perth Zoo as team leader of the Giraffe/Rhino round, and as one of the Exotic Section's senior keepers. She is regularly involved in international Asian rhino workshops, meetings, and strategic planning exercises.

Cost: Trip costs per-person for double occupancy is US \$2,100, payable in full to the International Rhino Foundation no later than July 30, 2012. This price includes all activities, roundtrip airfares from Singapore to Jakarta and Jakarta to Bandar Lampung, all in-country transportation, accommodations, park fees, meals and non-alcoholic beverages. Trip costs exclude alcoholic beverages, laundry, and other personal expenses. Single supplement is an additional US \$400.