

CBSG Indonesia has had a successful 2008-2009 year having supported two major events which directly support threatened species endemic to our region. Experiencing the same financial challenges impacting the world over in the past year, we feel very fortunate in having been able to facilitate these activities.



CBSG Indonesia Convenor Jansen Manansang (right) with North Sulawesi Governor Drs.Sinyo Harry Sarundavang (center).

The first event supported by CBSG Indonesia was the National Workshop on the Anoa and Babirusa species, held on 4-6 May 2009 in the city of Manado located on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi where these species can be found. The goal of the meeting was to establish an ongoing strategy for protecting the two threatened species on a national level. Having hosted the PHVA's for these species 13 years ago at Taman Safari Indonesia, CBSG Indonesia presented to workshop attendees the challenges which confront the Anoa and Babirusa populations.

In conjunction with other conservation specialists (IUCN, SSC, Asian Wild Cattle Specialist Group), government officials, zoos, universities and NGO's, CBSG Indonesia helped to define recommendations for protecting the Anoa and Babirusa species going forward. The Indonesian Directorate General of Forest Protection & Nature Conservation (Department of Forestry) will take these recommendations into consideration for establishing national conservation policies for these species.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Chester Zoo, Leipzig Zoo, Opel Zoo and Stuttgart Zoo for their financial support of the national workshop. We hope that range country zoos will continue to receive support from institutions such as these in the future.

The other major event supported by CBSG Indonesia was the Amphibian Prioritization Workshop which occurred on 27-29 July 2009 at Taman Safari Indonesia. Led by Amphibian Ark representative Kevin Johnson and other local amphibian experts, the workshop was attended by over 50 individuals knowledgeable in local amphibian species. The goal of the meeting was to help identify threatened local species and to define a roadmap for subsequent actions to protect them.

A very intensive review of some 381 amphibian species was done, with more detailed information gathered on 207 of those and plans made to cover the remaining 174. Attendees attempted to identify the threats which local species were facing (i.e. food collection by local people), and to develop solutions to mitigate those threats. Groundwork was established for the additional research and investigation needed subsequent to the workshop.

Lastly, an amphibian husbandry workshop is being coordinated with the Amphibian Ark to be supported by CBSG Indonesia in the December 2009 timeframe.

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