

INTERNATIONAL RHINO FOUNDATION



Indonesia's dry season has begun and with it comes greater risk for fire. Poachers often set fires to distract ranger patrols and flush wildlife out of the tall grass. The reforestation patrol team in Sumatra's Way Kambas National Park responds as quickly as possible, joining with park staff and community members to contain and put out any fires that may threaten newly planted trees and wildlife. The team identified a truck to ensure that they can respond to any situation. IRF is raising \$6,000 to purchase the truck to get water and people to an emergency faster. Will you help us?

DONATE TODAY

On behalf of the International Rhino Foundation (IRF), I wanted to thank you again for helping us celebrate our 30th anniversary last month. Because of your generosity, together we raised more than \$39,000 to protect rhinos around the world - and these donations were all matched by longtime IRF donors. We hope you enjoyed the stories and special content as well.

Can you believe we are halfway through 2021 already? Though the global pandemic continues to impact many of the rhino range countries, our staff and partners are working hard to ensure essential programs such as protection and monitoring continue unabated.

In this month's edition of the newsletter, we are excited to share recent news from Indonesia. Thank you Team Rhino. We are stronger together.

Sincerely,

Nina Fascione

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Executive Director



NEWS UPDATES FROM INDONESIA:

New Javan Rhino Calf Spotted in Ujung Kulon National Park

Conservation officials in Indonesia announced that a new Javan rhino calf was sighted in Ujung Kulon National Park (UKNP) on the island of Java. The calf, a female, was spotted in March on a camera trap. IRF supplied 100 additional cameras to UKNP in May to support monitoring of rhinos in the park.

The Indonesia Ministry of Environment and Forestry stated that the calf, estimated to be 3-5 months old, appeared to be the second offspring of a rhino known as Ambu, who first gave birth in 2017. There has been at least one newborn Javan rhino calf recorded every year since 2012.

Critically endangered Javan rhinos, currently numbering only 73 individuals, are found only in UKNP, where the population has stabilized, largely because they are guarded by Rhino Protection Units funded by IRF.



A Javan rhino mother and calf spotted on camera trap in Ujung Kulon National Park. Image courtesy of the Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry.

YABI Announces New Executive Director

Yayasan Badak Indonesia (YABI), IRF's on-the-ground partner in Indonesia, announced that Sukianto Lusli has been hired as executive director. Mr. Lusli will lead the organization after the passing of Widodo Ramono in December 2020.

Mr. Lusli has more than 30 years of conservation management experience in Indonesia, including serving as executive director of Birdlife Indonesia and regional director of WWF Indonesia, working on the original project to capture Sumatran rhinos in the 1990s. He has been active with YABI since its inception and has served as a board member for many years.

"We're thrilled to work with Mr. Lusli and look forward to collaborating with him and the YABI staff to continue the critical conservation work for Sumatran and Javan rhinos," said Nina Fascione.



The Way Kambas Reforestation Project - One Year Later

In June 2020, IRF asked supporters from around the world to plant a tree in the rainforests of Way Kambas National Park in Sumatra, Indonesia for just \$1 - or to plant an entire acre for \$1,000. Team Rhino responded with \$25,000 in donations, which was matched by a generous IRF board member, replanting 50 acres that will become future habitat for rhinos and other wildlife. We are excited to show you the impact that you made in just one year.





Before and after restoration in Way Kambas National Park. Same location, one year apart.

More than 22,000 seedlings were planted by local farmers and thanks to a beneficial rainy season have grown rapidly. Wildlife, including birds, deer, pangolin and tapir have already begun to return to the area, providing hope that rhinos will roam this area in the future. [Read more on the blog.](#)

We are still planting. Join us for as little as \$1.

HAPPY 9th BIRTHDAY ANDATU!



Tomorrow, June 23rd, Andatu will celebrate his 9th birthday at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary in Way Kambas National Park in Sumatra. Andatu was the first Sumatran rhino born in captivity in Indonesia.

The big guy is healthy and has reached sexual maturity. His keepers will make sure he has his favorite treats for his birthday and you can join in on the fun by wishing him well on his [Facebook page](#) or on the [blog](#).

Andatu has a gift for you too. Check out this special online jigsaw puzzle in honor of “One Special Rhino.”

**SOLVE ANDATU'S JIGSAW
PUZZLE**



THE FIRST EVER RPU CHALLENGE

Have you signed up for the 30 mile virtual Rhino Protection Unit (RPU) Challenge yet? Sign up by August 31st and complete 30 miles. Go at your own pace and log your miles in any increment as you run, walk, hike or even swim to celebrate the people who protect and monitor Indonesia's rhinos. 30 miles is a normal day at the “office” for RPUs - they spend their time traversing rivers and climbing through dense rainforests in search of rhino tracks. The cost to register for the challenge is \$33 and you will receive the official RPU Challenge t-shirt with [your registration](#).



JOIN THE RPU CHALLENGE!



IN THE STORE

Our 30th anniversary sale is almost over. If you did not get enough Team Rhino t-shirts or hoodies to fill out your wardrobe or to share with others, then we have an even bigger deal for you. Take advantage of our flash sale - happening on June 22nd and 23rd only - and **take 40% off all t-shirts and hoodies.**

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