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Editor's Note

By Amy Humphreys Programme Coordinator, IUCN SSC AWCSG

Welcome to the thirteenth issue of the Action Indonesia GSMP Newsletter!

This edition highlights another exciting period of collaboration, progress, and capacity building across our GSMP species and partners. From the renewal of our five-year Memorandum of Understanding (2025–2030) to the continued development of PKBSI's Population Management Strategy and studbook keeper training, we are seeing real momentum in strengthening Indonesia's ex-situ management capacity.

We also celebrate important milestones, including the starting preparations for the next cycle of breeding and transfer recommendations, the success of Action Indonesia Day 2025, and the official launch of SAFE Action Indonesia, a major step in expanding global engagement and support. Our in-situ collaborations also continue to thrive, with growing support for Alas Purwo National Park, including capacity building for staff, and the completion of Anoa & Babirusa Faruhumpenai Survey analysis following two years of camera trapping.

Preparations are currently underway for the next Action Indonesia GSMP Masterplanning workshop, which is scheduled for 21–25 April 2026 in Indonesia. The 5 day workshop will be held in Jakarta and will bring together partners from PKBSI, Directorate KSG, and international institutions to align our joint work for the next three years. Building on the success of past workshops (2016, 2018, and 2022), the event will produce a new three-year Masterplan, breeding and transfer recommendations, and strategies to strengthen collaboration between Indonesian and international partners. We're inviting all colleagues and supporters to get involved either by attending the workshop, contributing expertise, helping with preparation, or supporting fundraising efforts to help shape the next phase of Action Indonesia's impact for wildlife conservation.

Finally, congratulations to Yonathan, PKBSI-GSMP Program Officer, on successfully completing his Master's degree at the University of Plymouth an achievement that directly contributes to improving welfare and management tools for Indonesian zoos.

Thank you to all our partners, supporters, and colleagues for your continued dedication to safeguarding the banteng, anoa, babirusa, and Sumatran tiger. Together, we are building stronger foundations for the conservation of these remarkable species, both in Indonesia and around the world.

GSMP supporting the development of PKBSI's Population Management Strategy and Studbook Keeper Training

By Amy Humphreys, Programme Coordinator, IUCN SSC AWCSG

Background

Effective ex-situ species management relies on collaboration between many different partners, especially when working to safeguard endangered species at both national and global levels. In Indonesia, there are currently 24 species studbooks with 23 appointed studbook keepers, who play a key role in collecting and sharing data for PKBSI and the government. PKBSI has been leading the Global Species Management Plans (GSMPs) for Sumatran tiger, banteng, anoa, and babirusa in Indonesia for a number of years, working with studbook keepers and population biologists to manage these species as insurance populations. However, for the remaining 20 species there is currently limited management, few established goals, and some challenges in accessing reliable data.

April Planning Meeting

On 23rd and 24th of April this year, the PKBSI Conservation Division and the Action Indonesia GSMP team held a two day meeting to plan how best to build the capacity of the Indonesian studbook keepers. In preparation, a questionnaire was shared with all 23 studbook keepers to gather information on population data, data collection methods, and the skills and experience of each studbook keeper. The responses were collated and analysed to inform the meeting and help shape a strategy for training and mentoring.

During the meeting, a structured decision-making process was used to ensure that choices were evidence based, while informed estimates were made where data was missing. Several training and mentoring approaches were considered, each assessed for resources required, feasibility, risks, and likelihood of success. The benefits of using Species 360's ZIMS for Studbooks to manage data were also discussed and PKBSI will recommend the use of ZIMS for studbook management.

Outcomes of the Meeting

The first two-year phase will focus on building capacity through training and mentorship for studbook keepers, improved data management in ZIMS, and stronger collaboration between zoos, government, and conservation partners. Training will take place at two levels: Level 1 will cover data entry and cleaning in ZIMS for Studbooks, including both online training and offline sessions on studbook data; Level 2 will focus on demographic and genetic analysis and population management in PMx. It is estimated that Level 1 will take up to one year to complete, and Level 2 around six months, though timelines will vary depending on the size and complexity of each studbook.

As resources particularly mentor availability are limited, it will not be possible to train all 23 studbook keepers at once. Instead, training will take place in two groups, with the added benefit that participants from the first group can go on to mentor the second group.

Next Steps

Action Indonesia GSMPs and PKBSI will select mentors from EAZA and AZA to be paired with PKBSI studbook keepers, supported by a technical training guide currently in development. Once approved by the PKBSI Board, the program will begin with ZIMS training to ensure keepers can collect and manage data effectively. Action Indonesia GSMPs will coordinate the first phase before handing over to PKBSI, with a review after 6–12 months to capture lessons learned.

Supported by the PKBSI Secretariat and in collaboration with GSMP partners, this initiative marks an important step toward a science-based, coordinated approach to ex-situ conservation in Indonesia.





Discussion During Brainstorm Meeting Between PKBSI and GSMP. © PKBSI

GSMP MoU Extension

By Yonathan, Program Officer, PKBSI-GSMP

The Action Indonesia GSMP Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been officially extended for 2025-2030 period. The signing ceremony was conducted during PKBSI Halal Bihalal Meeting on April 26th 2025 in Jakarta, by the Chairman of PKBSI, Dr. H. Rahmat Shah, and Chair of Asian Wild Cattle Specialist Group, James Burton. The MoU document was then circulated to other partners via international courier for completion of signatures and was finalised in mid-August 2025.

In this MoU stage, some new institutions joined from the Sumatran Tiger GSMP groups, including IUCN SSC Cat Specialist Group, Japanese Association of Zoos and Aquariums, and Zoo and Aguarium Association Australasia. These new partners join the existing MoU signatories: European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA), Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), IUCN SSC, Asian Wild Cattle Specialist Group, and Wild Pig Specialist Group. Their inclusion will further benefit and international strengthen the collaboration framework bringing additional funding opportunities, resources, and technical expertise to support shared conservation goals.

Apart from the additional parties involved in this MoU, the additional aspect of this MoU from the previous one is the additional plan to start planning the interregional animal transfer to enhance genetic diversity among zoos in different regions. Since the establishment of this GSMP program ten years ago, several successful animal transfers and births have taken place in Indonesia, and all partners have agreed to build on this progress by creating a new international transfer plan.

This MoU will serve as a foundation for the more detailed strategy that will be developed in Masterplan Workshop in 2026 and 2029. At this workshop each working groups will develop a new plan for the next three years aimed at achieving the goals of the GSMP program.



MoU Signing Between Chair of PKBSI & IUCN SSC Asian Wild Cattle SG during Halal Bihalal Meeting. © PKBSI

Update for the 4th Cycle Breeding & Transfer Recommendation Implementation

By Sufraha Islamia, Population Management Coordinator, PKBSI-GSMP

The fourth cycle of breeding and transfer recommendations for anoa, banteng, babirusa, and Sumatran tiger have commenced following the conclusion of the second workshop in July 2024. A letter of support for the implementation of these recommendations was issued by KSDAE in November 2024, and PKBSI conducted the first monitoring session with all participating zoos in January 2025.

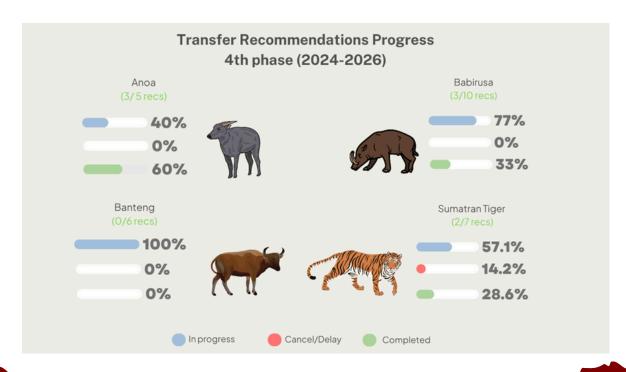
The purpose of the monitoring calls is to obtain fresh updates and assess the progress regarding the implementation of breeding and transfer recommendations at each zoo, requiring at least two days to gather all necessary information.

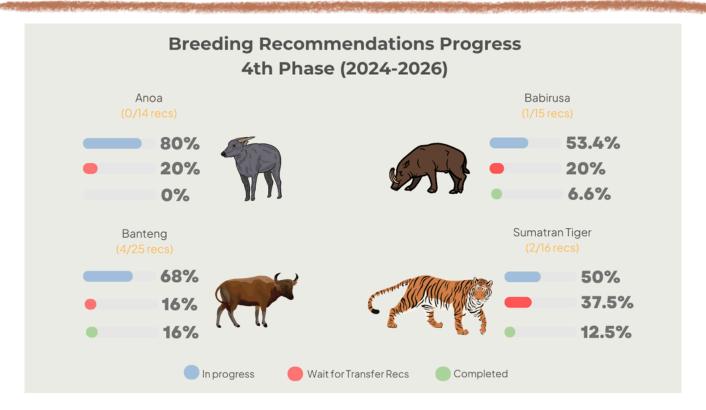
This year, we conducted three monitoring calls in January, May, and September. The updates on the implementation of the transfer recommendations indicate a slight improvement compared to the last cycle, particularly for anoa, babirusa, and Sumatran tiger.

Specifically, we achieved three transfer recommendations for anoa and babirusa, along with two transfers of Sumatran tigers that are now ready to proceed with the breeding recommendations.

In terms of breeding success, there have been four births from four pairs of banteng, one piglet born from a pair of babirusas, and four litters delivered from two pairs of Sumatran tigers. Additionally, one anoa pair is progressing well and is expected to give birth in October 2025.

We are confidently moving into a new phase of preparation for the upcoming cycle recommendations starting in November 2025, with a workshop scheduled for April 2026. We are seeing strong progress in the implementations of transfers, and are determined to maintain this momentum. While we still face some challenges with permissions administration, they are becoming more manageable. Despite some animal losses, overall populations remain stable. We are committed to ensuring that these recommendations continue to drive further progress and strengthen population growth in the coming year..





Action Indonesia Day & Webinar 2025

By Ashleigh Marshall, Assistant Team Manager - Visitor Engagement, Chester Zoo and Education WG GSMP

Action Indonesia Day 2025 was another successful annual event to raise awareness of Banteng, Babirusa, Anoa and Sumatran Tigers. This awareness day was held on August 10th 2025, with 50 zoos participating from across Indonesia, the US and Europe. Zoos delivered animal talks, games, fun runs and social media content to engage visitors with the Action Indonesia species, their threats and the conservation initiatives to protect them.

Action Indonesia Day at Zoo Miami, US. © Zoo Miami

On social media, there was a reach of over 12.5 million people with over 500 mentions from 11 countries and 65k interactions. As well as 4 zoos participating in the first "Pass the Snoot" challenge, which highlighted the importance of organisations working together across the world to protect these amazing animals.

In the lead up to Action Indonesia Day, the GSMP Education working group hosted a webinar on July 10th 2025 to promote what Action Indonesia Day is and why organisations should get involved. This years' webinar has a strong focus on the Action Indonesia SAFE, which has recently been launched as part of the wider SAFE programme organised by AZA. This was to encourage more organisations that hold Action Indonesia species to get involved in globally recognised conservation. Over 50 professionals, students and zoo colleagues from around the world joined the webinar to find out more.

For more information on Action Indonesia Day, the GSMP for Banteng, Babirusa, Anoa and Sumatran Tiger, or to catch up on this years' webinar, please see the website Action Indonesia I Conservation.





AID in Indonesian Zoos: Coloring Activity in Bali Bird Park (left); Education Corner & Games in TSI Bogor (right)



AID in Indonesian Zoos: School Outreach by Maharani Zoo (left); School Kids Activity in Serulingmas Zoo (right)

SAFE Action Indonesia Officially Launched

By Julia Klumb, Graphics and Content Manager, Zoo Miami; Program Lead, SAFE Action Indonesia, and Education WG GSMP

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) in North America have been an integral part of the Action Indonesia Global Species Management Plan since its inception in 2016. representatives have contributed to the design of the original plan, held positions on various GSMP working groups, and participated in capacitybuilding activities such as webinars on husbandry, education, interpretive planning. understanding of the AZA SAFE (Saving Animals From Extinction) program expanded and GSMP participation in North America remained steady, the 2022-2025 Master Plan included specific actions to explore the creation of a SAFE program dedicated to GSMP species. This initiative aimed to enhance AZA engagement and secure additional resources to support global conservation efforts.

In 2024 seven AZA zoos got together to begin the process of formalizing ideas and actions and submitted a proposal to the AZA for review. Lead by Zoo Miami Its founding institutions Point Defiance Zoo, Audubon Zoo, The Wilds, John Ball Zoo, Saint Louis Zoo, and Brevard Zoo embarked on the 6 month planning process to create an action plan that aligned up to the GSMP Master Plan. In August of 2025 SAFE Action Indonesia- Anoa, Babirusa and Banteng was born. The goal of the SAFE is to work hand in hand with the GSMP to coordinate the collective might of North American zoos in support of the GSMP. Funneling support, expertise, and funding the SAFE serves as the North American arm of the global initiative to save anoa, babirusa, and banteng.

In our first few months the SAFE has assisted in the completion of two grant applications, one of which was already awarded to the GSMP as well as made 3 presentations at AZA conferences to bring awareness to the SAFE, GSMP and their collective goals.

Presentations at the Annual AZA conference 2025 brought together SAFE programs from South East Asia into a collaborative panel presentation to share progress and brainstorm collaborations in the region. Another presentation highlighted the diverse skillsets of the GSMP and how important skills like education, graphics, development, and communications can be towards the overall goals of conservation initiatives

Moving forward the SAFE will support the GSMP by striving to add holders of the species within AZA zoos, assisting in expertise and capacity sharing in areas like husbandry, population management, education, and by securing much needed funding for in-situ conservation work.



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Panel speakers for "Collaborative Conservation Efforts within South East Asia: SAFE Action Indonesia- Anoa, Babirusa and Banteng, Asian Elephant, Asian Hornbill, Gibbon, Orangutan and Sloth Bear" Program Lead Julia Klumb, Zoo Miami represented SAFE Action Indonesia. © Julia Klumb



Alas Purwo Education Sharing Session

By Yonathan, Program Officer, PKBSI-GSMP

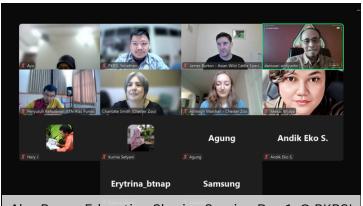
As part of the PKBSI-GSMP support for Alas Purwo National Park, the GSMP Education Working Group delivered a two-day virtual sharing session on 15–16 May 2025 for park staff. The session focused on developing education programs for communities surrounding the park and was led by Charlotte Smith, GSMP Education Working Group Leader and Director of Conservation Education at Chester Zoo (UK), together with Ashleigh Marshall from the Education Working Group and Chester Zoo.

The sharing session was attended by around ten staff including educators and forest rangers, and had full support from the Head of Alas Purwo National Park, who actively participated throughout the discussions.

Charlotte introduced Chester Zoo's education program and shared insights into the work and resources of the GSMP Education Working Group. She highlighted the importance of designing education programs with clear outcomes, defined target audiences, and well-planned activities that drive meaningful behaviour change. To support this, Charlotte introduced the COM-B framework Opportunity, Motivation), (Capability, and explaining how these factors influence behaviour. The session also walked participants through a step-by-step process for developing effective behaviour change initiatives, illustrated with a case study from Chester Zoo's Orangutan Conservation and Sustainable Palm Oil campaign, launched in 2017.

The Alas Purwo educators also shared their current education programs and activities, which primarily focus on community engagement, schools, youth groups, and the local bird-watching community.

At the end of the session, participants were given a homework task to identify an overarching goal for their education program and to consider the behaviour change drivers from the COM-B model using a questionnaire. Feedback from this exercise was discussed together on 16 June 2025 to help the Alas Purwo staff better understand the factors that influence behaviour change and how these relate to their education goals. This discussion provided valuable insights to support the design and development of effective education programs aligned with behaviour change objectives.



Alas Purwo Education Sharing Session Day 1. © PKBSI



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Alas Purwo's 2025 Banteng Survey Integrates **Bird Monitoring and Capacity Building**

By Wahyu Murdyatmaka, Alas Purwo NP Banteng Monitoring Survey Coordinator

Since 2021, PKBSI and The AI GSMPs have supported monitoring surveys in Alas Purwo National Park, East Java. The most recent survey, conducted in 2023, focused on banteng distribution to better understand how environmental covariates influence their movement. The scope of the survey was also expanded to include bird monitoring, providing broader support for the park in addressing additional threats and enhancing management strategies.

The bird survey aimed to collect bioacoustic data using passive acoustic monitoring (PAM) with songmeters. However, identifying species from the recordings proved challenging due to limitations in the existing bird acoustic database.

In 2025, it was agreed to conduct a full park survey again, with an expanded bird survey using a combination of encounter rate and PAM methods to obtain more representative data. This approach requires bird surveyors to actively explore the park to detect and identify bird species. As this is the first time this model is being implemented, it is essential that monitoring team the understands the methodology.

To support this, a short training was held in collaboration with BISA Indonesia on August 12-13, 2025. Facilitated by Panji Gusti Akbar, the training involved 10 staff members who will be responsible for the bird survey.



Camera Trap Deployment. © TNAP

The program combined lectures with field simulations at the Wildlife Research Station (WRS). Chester Zoo kindly supported the training through PKBSI-GSMP coordination with Alas Purwo National Park.

The survey was conducted in parallel with banteng camera trap deployment in mid-September 2025. Following the same method as previous surveys, cameras were systematically installed across 69 grids of 3×3 km². These cameras will remain in the field for approximately 70 days before being retrieved for data analysis. This repeated three-year survey will help track changes in banteng population size and trends over time.

The results will contribute valuable data on the Javan banteng population in Alas Purwo and help complete population assessments across the four National parks in Java. Once data from all parks are available, a Population Viability Analysis (PVA) Workshop is planned for late 2027, ideally after genetic data from biopsy samples are also finalized. This workshop will provide data-driven insights for decision-makers and support managers to metapopulation management across Java.



Supporting Alas Purwo Staff Capacity Building

Since 2021, Action Indonesia GSMP and PKBSI have been supporting monitoring surveys in Alas Purwo National Park. Multiple field visits and expanded activities have been undertaken to strengthen and improve park management. In addition, GSMP and PKBSI have worked closely with the park's education team to evaluate and develop education programs and to introduce a welfare assessment tool for bantengs in the Sadengan area the park's main feeding ground.

Building on this long-term collaboration, this year GSMP and PKBSI are supporting capacity building for Wahyu Murdyatmaka, the park's survey coordinator, through a research-based master's scholarship at Brawijaya University in Malang, East Java, kindly supported by funding from Chester Zoo & Givskud. We also support the provision of technical advisor statistical data analysis.

Wahyu, a forestry officer at Alas Purwo National Park, has been responsible for banteng monitoring surveys for many years and has led the comprehensive park-wide surveys since 2021.

He coordinates the field staff involved in cameratrapping activities and oversees data analysis and project reporting.

As the GSMP Banteng in-situ program expands to adopt a metapopulation approach across the four national parks where banteng occur, Wahyu's master's research will play an important role. His study will analyze banteng population viability through a correlative assessment of population density, occupancy, and environmental variables across Alas Purwo, Baluran, Meru Betiri, and Ujung Kulon National Parks.

This research will provide valuable insights into banteng population dynamics and the factors influencing their viability within each park, helping to better understand distribution patterns and population densities. More broadly, the findings will offer important guidance for government agencies in making informed decisions on banteng management across Indonesia's national parks.



Anoa & Babirusa Faruhumpenai Survey Analysis Completion and Next Steps

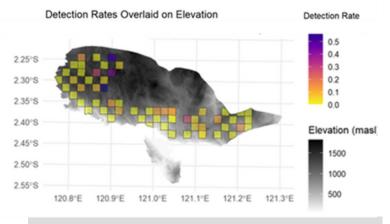
A joint team from the Faculty of Forestry, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Balai Besar Konservasi Sumber Daya Alam, Sulawesi Selatan (BBKSDA Sulsel), and Action Indonesia has now completed data collection and analysis of a two year camera trap survey for anoa and babirusa in Faruhumpenai Nature Reserve, South Sulawesi. This survey aimed to camera trap across the entire reserve area over 2 years (2023, 2024-2025) to assess the presence and occupancy of anoa and babirusa. In order to effectively survey the entire area of the reserve, camera traps were deployed in the eastern half of the reserve, with the west surveyed in year 2. Issues with weather conditions and terrain prevented the entire park being surveyed, however there sufficient representative sampling of different habitat types, elevations and indicative variables to conduct a robust occupancy analysis. This survey marks the first large scale camera trap survey of the nature reserve, collecting valuable baseline date for anoa, babirusa and wider biodiversity

A full report from the occupancy analysis will be published in the coming months. However, initial results demonstrate that there was a high frequency of camera trap images captured of anoa, with particularly high observations in Y2. Unfortunately, no babirusa images were captured in Y2, with only limited camera trap captures in Y1 (n=15 over 2 grids). As this was the first survey in the area, it is not known if the limited babirusa observations signifies a population trend.

Although the reason of low babirusa occurrence in this area is unclear, there is a concern that African Swine Fever (ASF) has drastically impacted the wild pig population in Sulawesi, with the spread of the virus believed to be in 2023-2024. This result has been shared and reported during the Sulawesi Wild Pig Red List Assessment on 16th – 17th of June 2025 in Bali.

Occupancy data analysis for anoa has now been completed. The goal is to assess the ecological and environmental drivers of species occupancy across a large, challenging area within Faruhumpenai Nature Reserve. Occupancy analysis demonstrated that remote, vegetated uplands offer the highest likelihood of anoa presence, especially where elevation and vegetation converge. Accessible areas, even if green, may be less suitable due to human disturbance. For babirusa, unfortunately there were not enough detections across the two years to conduct an occupancy analysis.

In 2026, PKBSI-GSMP along with some partners plan to organize a workshop for anoa and babirusa strategy and action plan development, that will be used for GSMP Masterplan Workshop later in 2026. Results from this survey and data-sharing from other NGOs, government offices, and universities that work on both species will be very useful for the workshop. This will be useful to update the anoa IUCN red list assessment status from 2014, and some urgent actions are required to help babirusa due to ASF threats that are severely threatening wild pig populations in their natural habitats.



Detection rates of anoa in Faruhumpenai. © UNHAS



Anoa caught on camera trap. © UNHAS

Preparation for Sumatran Tiger Husbandry Zoo Visit

From 28 October to 6 November 2025, a team of Sumatran tiger husbandry experts from the GSMP Husbandry Training Working Group, Karen Goodrowe-Beck and Kathryn Sanders from ZSL London Zoo, will visit several Indonesian zoos that house Sumatran tigers, together with a representative from the PKBSI Ethics and Animal Welfare Division.

The team will visit Ragunan Zoo, Taman Safari Indonesia Bogor, Surabaya Zoo, and Taman Safari Indonesia Prigen to support improvements in Sumatran tiger husbandry aimed at increasing breeding success as part of the ongoing breeding and transfer recommendation implementation.

During the visits, they will work closely with curators and keepers to identify breeding challenges and develop practical solutions. The program will also include hands-on sessions and skill-sharing activities to ensure keepers are confident and well-prepared to manage introductions and pairings safely.

This visit continues the collaborative support provided by PKBSI and the GSMP, following previous successful visits to Indonesian zoos in March and October 2023.

To prepare for the visits, a questionnaire will be distributed to curators and keepers to gather information about current husbandry practices in each zoo. This will help the team better understand existing conditions and identify specific areas for support.

During the visit, the PKBSI Animal Welfare Division will also introduce a new guideline currently being developed, which outlines facility and resource requirements for several taxa, including carnivores. This guideline will help zookeepers better understand what is needed to provide appropriate care and prepare suitable facilities for their animals. Following the visits, recommendations will be developed and shared with each zoo's staff to support continued improvements in husbandry and welfare practices.



PKBSI-GSMP Visits in March 2023. © PKBSI

PKBSI-GSMP Program Officer Completed

Master Course

By Yonathan, Program Officer, PKBSI-GSMP

After the data collection, analysis, and the thesis writing up stage in last year, Yonathan, the PKBSI-GSMP Program Officer, has officially completed his Masters Degree at the University of Plymouth, UK.

He succesfully passed the *viva voce* examination on June 11th 2025, receiveing a "Pass" from his examiners - Dr. Nikolaus von Engelhardt from the University of Plymouth and Professor Paula Stockley from the University of Liverpool. The full thesis report can be accessed here.

Yonathan's research focused on the development of animal an welfare assessment tool for anoa and Sumatran tiger in Indonesian zoos, which is essential for the zookeepers to evaluate and monitor the animal welfare in their care. This tool is designed to be simple and practical, supported by a scoring guideline to help the user assess welfare objectively, so that the users can apply this tool regularly to improve the welfare. The hope is that this tool can be implemented widely across zoos in Indonesia, with the aim of supporting improvements in husbandry practices and welfare standards, ultimately enhancing breeding success for these species across Indonesian zoos.

This assessment tool is open and adaptable for use This research would not happen without the funding with other taxa, helping zookeepers evaluate the support from Chester Zoo and Action Indonesia welfare of a wide range of animals. The outcomes of GSMP. this study also provide PKBSI with a practical and user-friendly tool to support progress toward achieving the WAZA Animal Welfare Goal.

Huge appreciation to the supervisory team from the University of Plymouth, Dr. Joanna Newbolt and Professor Richard Preziosi, thesis examiners, supervisory team from Chester Zoo, Dr. Lisa Holmes and Corinne Bailey, PKBSI that has allowed to conduct the research and providing supporting letter, all Indonesian and UK zoos that have been opened for data collection.



Yonathan during thesis viva examination. © Yonathan

Conferences in 2025

By Amy Humphreys, Program Coordinator, IUCN SSC AWCSG

In-person conferences are always a fantastic opportunity to network, share ideas, strengthen collaborations in support of the Action Indonesia GSMPs.

EAZA Annual Conference

The EAZA Annual Conference is the largest yearly gathering of zoo and aquarium professionals across Europe, providing a platform to share knowledge, best practices, and strengthen collaboration for conservation. At the conference which was held on 9th to 13th September 2025 in Poland, the Action Indonesia GSMPs hosted a twohour meeting, chaired by Merel Zimmerman (Field Conservation Coordinator, EAZA) to a full room. Highlights included updates from each working and a presentation introducing the upcoming master planning workshop in April 2026, where partners will help shape our goals for the next three years. The Action Indonesia GSMPs were also featured in the Cattle and Camelid TAG session, helping to spread the word even further.

AZA Midyear and Annual Conference

SAFE Action Indonesia- Anoa, Babirusa, and Banteng have presented 3 presentations in 2025 at the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Mid-Year and Annual conferences.

At AZA Midyear on 24th - 29th March 2025, Joseph Svoke presented an update on the proposed Action Plan for the newly created SAFE.

Presentations at the Annual AZA conference on 13th -18th September 2025, brought together SAFE programs from South East Asia into a collaborative panel presentation to share progress and brainstorm collaborations in the region. Another presentation highlighted the diverse skillsets of the GSMP and how important skills like education, graphics, development, and communications can be towards the overall goals of conservation initiatives.

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Merel Zimmerman chairing the Action Indonesia Meeting with Amy Humphreys supporting. © EAZA

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