

#BRUWILDRESCUE

# REPORT & RESCUE

BY BRUWILD


BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

## WILDLIFE RESCUE

2014 - 2019

BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION

A FIVE YEAR REPORT



# ABOUT

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## WILDLIFE RESCUE

by BruWILD

BruWILD's Report & Rescue Project was first initiated in 2013. BruWILD collaborates with the Wildlife Division, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism in rescuing and rehabilitate injured wildlife, and where able, help release caged protected animals. Since the inception of this project, BruWILD has rescued various types of mammals (such as slowloris & pangolins), birds and reptiles.

The Report & Rescue Project consists of three main phases.

### **Phase I: Activate a RESCUE HOTLINE**

Prior to the inception of this Project, there was no hotline for public members to contact or report sightings of illegal wildlife trade or of injured wildlife. In order to ensure ease of communication, BruWILD launched our hotline (+673 712 7379) in 2014 and has been active ever since.

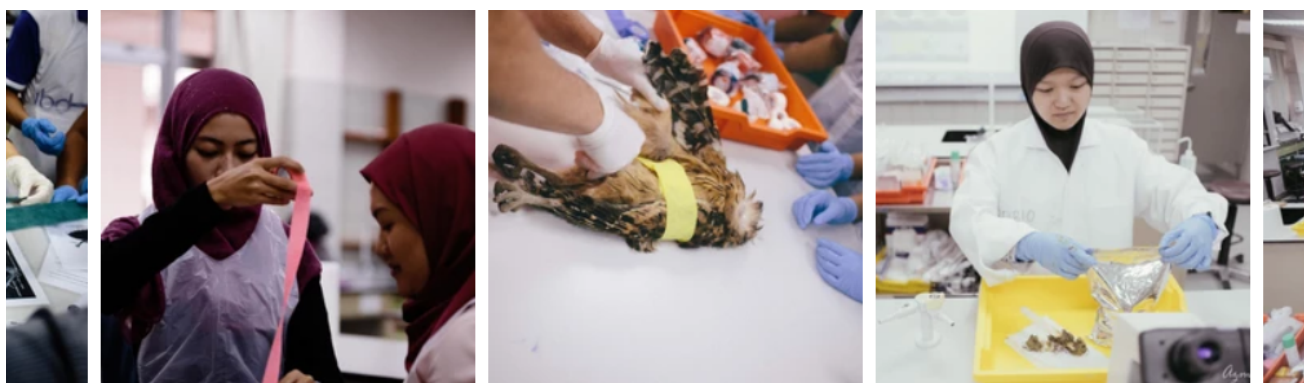
# WILDLIFE RESCUE TRAINING

BruWILD x International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

## Phase II: Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Training

As wildlife rescue and rehabilitation works are specialised tasks, BruWILD organised Brunei's first Rescue and rehabilitation training in Brunei with the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC) with funding support from the United States Embassy, Brunei Darussalam. The training was conducted in 2016.

Today, trained BruWILD members carry out wildlife rehabilitation work with the Wildlife Division and Agricultural Department (MPRT) in our wildlife rescue and rehabilitation efforts.



## WILDLIFE RESCUE, REHABILITATION & RELEASE IN BRUNEI

BruWILD in collaboration with Wildlife Division, MPRT

### PHASE III: Report & Rescue

With the limited tools and resources available, BruWILD has been and continues to work with the Wildlife Division in its effort to rescue, rehabilitate & release wildlife back to its natural habitat.

Records from past five years have been compiled and summarised in this report.



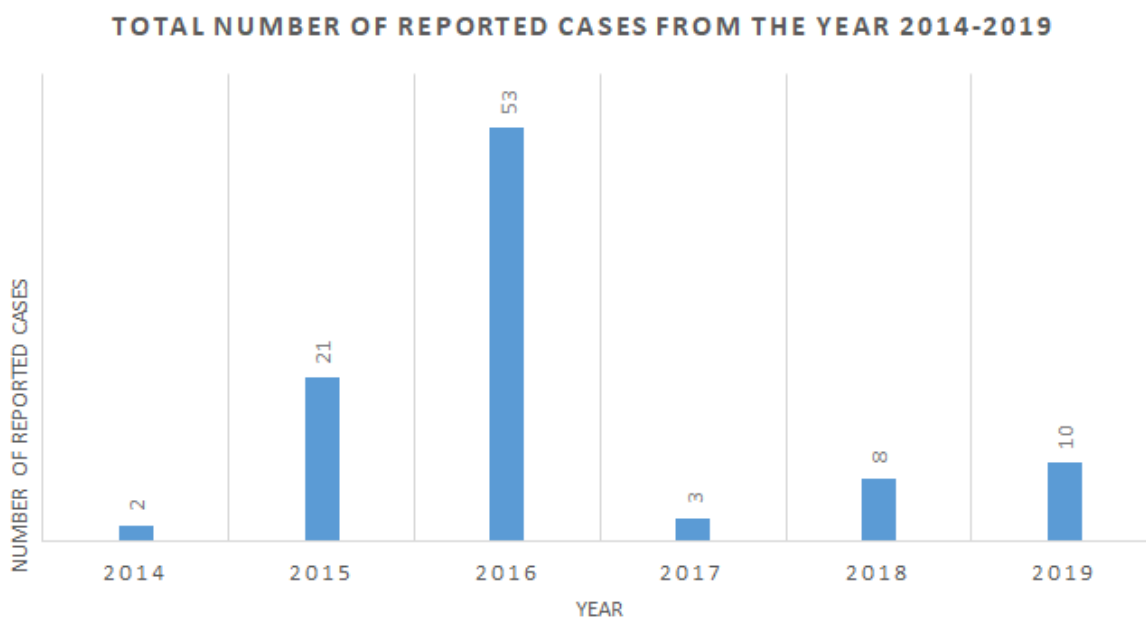
# **REPORT & RESCUE SUMMARY**

**2014-2019**

# 5 YEAR RECORD

## REPORTED CASES

BruWILD's hotline & media platforms (such as facebook & instagram) recorded various reports from public members including encounters with injured wildlife, wildlife (online) trading and wildlife trespassing. To date, a total of 97 cases were reported with the highest engagement from public members in 2016 (Figure 1). Please note that the presented graph solely present cases that were reported / logged and excludes 'offline' encounters.



**Figure 1: Five year (2014-2019) record of reported cases through BruWILD's hotline & facebook page**

Some of the most commonly reported wildlife were mammals, birds and marine reptiles (turtles & turtle eggs) (Figure 2).

### Mammals

Pangolin (**Critically Endangered**)  
 Slow loris (**Vulnerable**)  
 Tarsier (**Vulnerable**)  
 Silvered langur (**Near Threatened**)  
 Civet (Least Concern)  
 Long-tailed macaque (Least Concern)

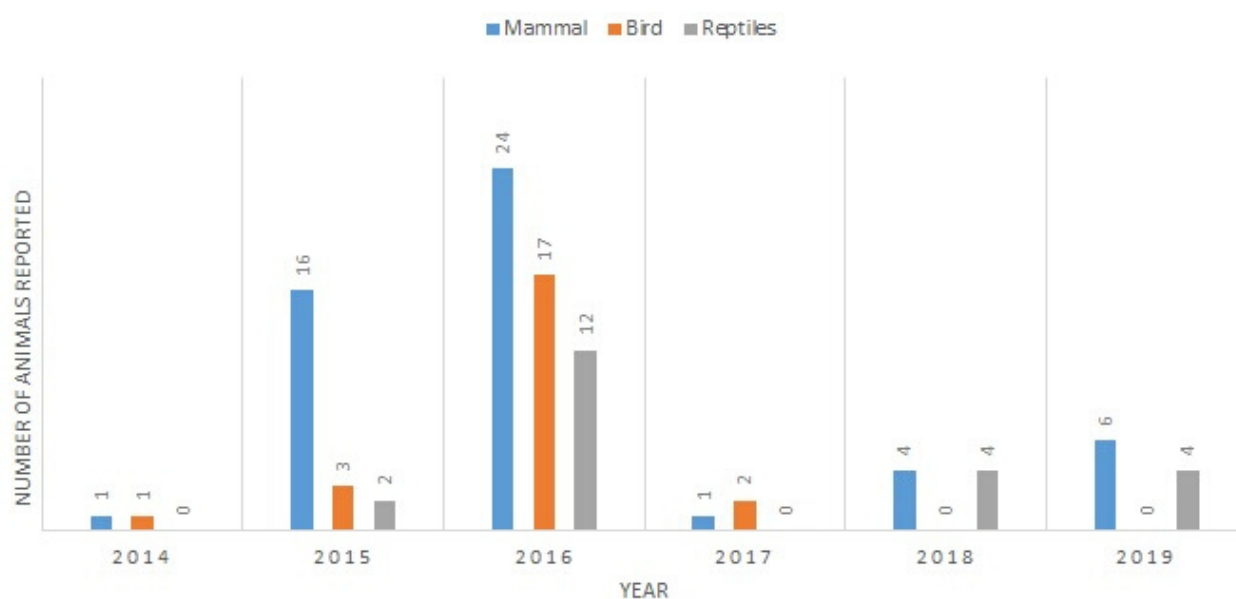
### Birds

White-bellied sea eagle (**protected by law**)  
 Scops Owl  
 White-collared Kingfisher  
 Malkoha  
 Hornbills (**protected by law**)

### Marine Reptiles

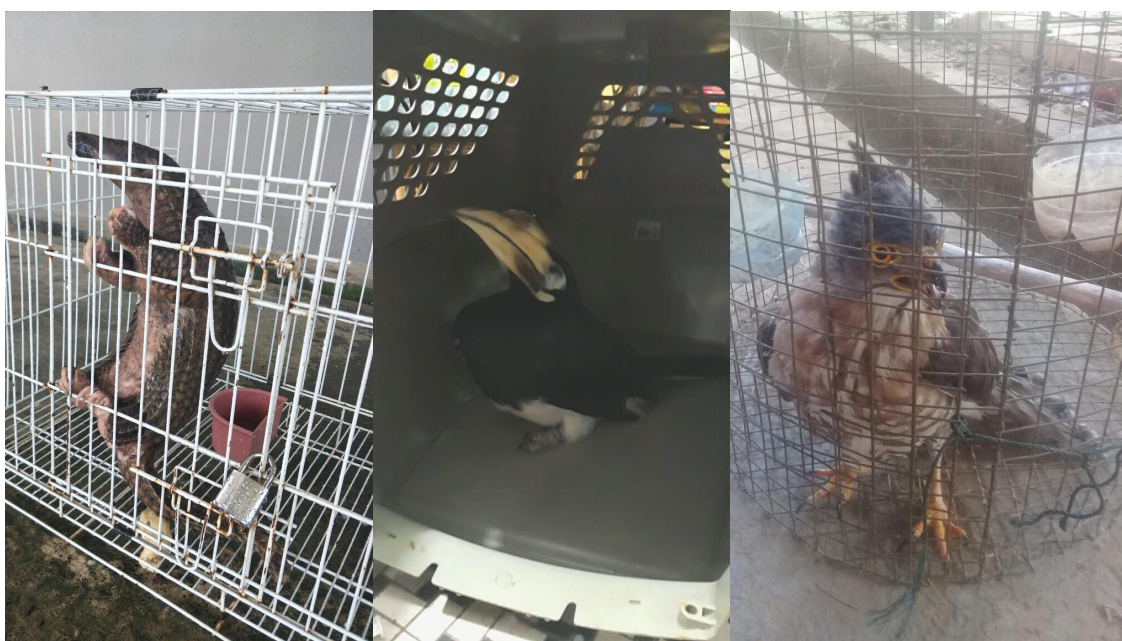
Reports on marine reptiles are often on turtle eggs sales and dead turtles washed up ashore. It is noteworthy that **all three species of marine turtles are protected by law in Brunei.**

## REPORTED WILDLIFE GROUPS 2014-2019



**Figure 2: Five year (2014-2019) record of reported wildlife groups (mammals, birds & reptiles (including marine reptiles))**

As resources were limited, rescue endeavours were prioritised for species with high conservation status (i.e. those considered 'Critically Endangered', 'Endangered' and 'Vulnerable') and/or those species protected by law. **To-date, we have successfully rescued and released 27 animals.** Based on the 2014-2019 five year record, many of these wildlife were kept as pets by public members who were unaware of the conservation status of these wildlife. Additionally, it was noted that hunting remained regarded as lifestyle for some locals, particularly those living in rural areas. It is observed that deforestation due to land conversion for urban development and forest fires could have driven many wildlife out of their habitats and into urban areas, trespassing many residential quarters and yard.



## BruWILD's standard operation

Using one case as an example, these two pages present BruWILD's standard rescue, rehabilitate & release operation.

## Bornean Slow loris

*Nycticebus borneanus*

**IUCN Status: Vulnerable**

**02 April 2019**

BruWILD received a distress call from a public member of a slow loris that has trespassed its garden. Three BruWILD members were dispatched to rescue the slow loris. Upon arrival, slow loris was found to be hiding within the rim of a rubber tyre.



After about half an hour or so, BruWILD managed to transfer the slow loris from the tyre to a temporary holding cage.



Slow loris was found to be injured. Its nose was wounded, presumably from trying to escape its previous captor.

# TREATMENT

Signs of injury indicate that this animal require some treatment. Fortunately, BruWILD also collaborated with good expert such as Dr Liew who assisted with the operation.



# REHABILITATION

**02 - 03 April 2019**

Once the right medication was applied/supplied, this animal undergone careful observation and care.



Slow loris was fed with bananas (it did not like this), wild fruits such as figs (it consumed a lot of this) and young leaves.



Its wound dried up after several hours and although it had not fully recovered, it had regained strength. As wildlife cannot be kept captive too long, it was time to release it.

# RELEASE

**04 April 2019**

Slow loris was handed over to Wildlife Division where it was subsequently released.



As it is important to protect our biodiversity,  
BruWILD aims to increase awareness of the  
species that are important for conservation  
and how we can protect our wildlife &  
biodiversity.



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RECORDS  
FROM  
RESCUERS**



# SUNDA PANGOLIN

This 13.1 kg female Sunda pangolin was hit by a car and was rescued for check-up. Sunda pangolin (*manis javanicus*) is currently the most trafficked animal in the world. Their scales are often believed to have mythical medicinal values but this claim is unproven. Due to the high illegal wildlife trade, the conservation status of this animal is 'Critically Endangered'.

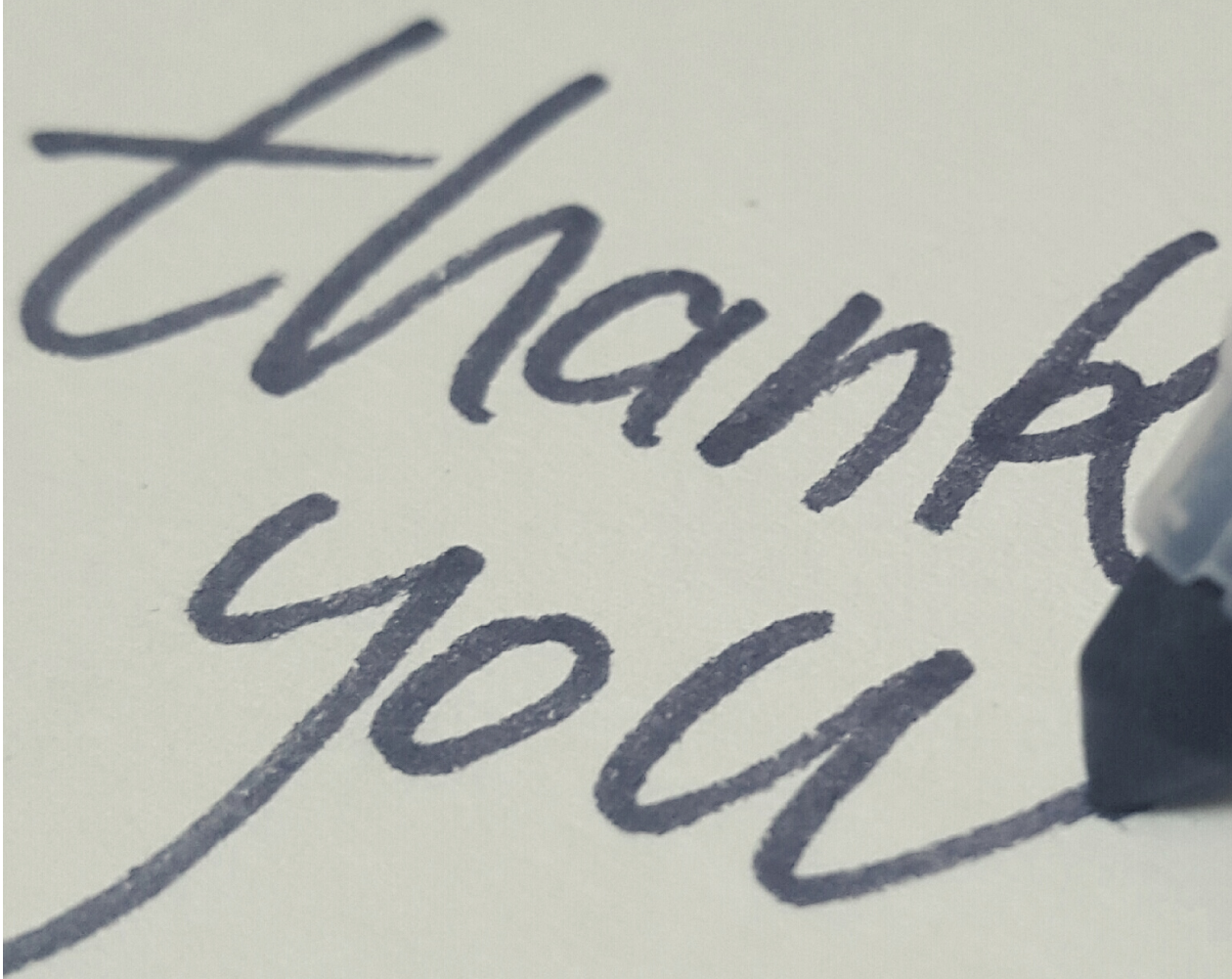
Fortunately, this pangolin recovered after a few hours of rehabilitation and was released after 2 - 3 days.



# SLOW LORIS

A male slow loris was given to us by one of the community members at Kampong Kiudang. The slow loris was caught in a mist net that was set up for crop protection. Slow loris (*Nycticebus menagensis*) is a nocturnal mammal that feed on insects, flowers and fruits. Slow loris is also a venomous mammal.

Fortunately for this slow loris, it was found by an animal-loving farmer. The slow loris was not injured and therefore was released at the same night it was rescued.

A close-up photograph of a blue marker writing the words "Thank you" in a cursive script on a light-colored piece of paper. The marker is positioned at the end of the word "you", with its tip touching the paper. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

Thank  
you

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