

Project Update: February 2018

With Langur Project Penang (<https://www.facebook.com/LangurProjectPenang/>), we have started our pilot study on road ecology in Teluk Bahang, Penang, Malaysia in October 2017 by developing a suitable canopy bridge prototype and to confirm on the prior identified crossing hotspot coordinates. Four crossing hotspots of a habituated group of wild dusky langurs (*Trachypithecus obscurus*) have been selected to set up arboreal crossings. We managed to obtain support letters from Malaysian Primatological Society (MPS), Malaysia Nature Society (MNS), Tropical Spice Garden (TSG) and APE Malaysia for the permit application from Department of Wildlife and National Parks (PERHILITAN), Ministry of Works (KKR) and Malaysian Public Works Department (JKR). Currently, we successfully obtained permits from the Wildlife Department to install bridges, and are awaiting the permit approval from the authorities responsible for road management in Malaysia. We expect that the permit will be ready by April 2018.

In collaboration with APE Malaysia, we developed the canopy bridge prototype, (<http://apemalaysia.com/>) using recycled fire hoses. Experts from APE will be attending our bridge construction, once all the mentioned permits are available. Our road ecology and canopy bridge developments can be followed up through this link: https://www.facebook.com/pg/LangurProjectPenang/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1987910071496199.

For the highlights of the outreach and education aspect, we were invited to Singapore as one of the guest speakers and exhibitors for the talk series "Charismatic Primates of Malaysia" organized by the Jane Goodall Institution Singapore (JGIS) in November 2018:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/LangurProjectPenang/photos/?tab=album&album_id=2028557634098109.

We have expanded our langur rainforest education programme from one learning site (Penang Hill) to now three sites (Penang Hill, Penang Botanical Gardens and Teluk Bahang Recreational Forest) and are actively providing nature education services to local residents of all ages:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/LangurProjectPenang/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1892693617684512.

In terms of on-going road shows and talks, we also collaborated with Penang Green Council for the Penang Green Carnival's exhibition in September 2018, and with WWF Malaysia for the Kedah Cycle and Run for Water in November 2018, and many more: https://www.facebook.com/pg/LangurProjectPenang/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1835878613366013).

Besides, our project was featured in one of the Freedom Film Fest's independent documentaries, "The Hills and The Sea": <https://freedomfilm.my/fff2017-programme/the-hills-and-the-sea/>.

Jo Leen, represented Langur Project Penang, also attended the Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation Conference in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in January 2018.

Langur Project Penang is now available on Instagram for fieldwork and outreach highlights: <https://www.instagram.com/langurprojectpenang/>.

