

GIBBON CONSERVATION ALLIANCE - FINAL REPORT

REINTRODUCTION OF PILEATED GIBBONS (*Hylobates pileatus*) TO THE ANGKOR PROTECTED FOREST, SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

Target species	Pileated Gibbon (<i>Hylobates pileatus</i>)
Project location	UNESCO World Heritage Angkor Protected Forest, Siem Reap, Cambodia
Project duration	October 2016 – October 2017
Project Goal	<p>Increase wild populations of Endangered pileated gibbons in Cambodia through the release, monitoring and protection of a sustainable breeding population in the Angkor Protected Forest.</p> <p>This grant will fund the release of our third pair of gibbons.</p>
Achievements and timeline	<p>The project goals were advanced during the funding period, with most of the activities implemented on schedule.</p> <p>In November 2016, the APSARA official we have been working with since the implementation of the project was promoted to another department and a new official put in charge. It took some time for him to become familiar with the project, understand its significance, and provide the required permissions for releasing animals into the projected forest. This delayed the original projected timeline by a few months.</p> <p>The release enclosure for the third gibbon pair was constructed in January 2017, but the date to transport gibbons to Siem Reap to commence acclimatization in their new habitat was delayed until March. The original release date was planned for October 2017. The gibbons have been displaying appropriate behaviors and are ready for release. We anticipate permissions will be granted by the end of 2017 or the first quarter of 2018.</p> <p>We will continue our regular scheduled monthly meetings and informal dinners with APSARA officials and ensure any publicity they require for the release is arranged to move this forward. We do not anticipate any further substantial changes to the original timeline.</p> <p>Once the gibbons are released, we will follow IUCN Guidelines and our stated project methodologies, providing supplementary feeding and daily visual observation for as long as necessary to ensure their success. As stated in the original grant submission, there is no end date for this project and it will continue to be managed for many years to come.</p> <p>The release or birth of young is essential to ensure a sustainable breeding population of gibbons in the Angkor Protected Forest. In March 2017, we were proud to announce the birth of a second baby to the original pair, released in December 2013, another triumph for this project! Their first daughter who was born in October 2014 is very protective and the family is doing well. This brings the total of three infants born to released gibbons.</p>

Finances	Description	Projected cost	Actual cost
	Veterinary care	\$500	\$500
	Gibbon transportation	\$300	\$300
	Keeper salary	\$2800	\$2800
	Construction of new release enclosure	\$4000	\$3000
	Construction was faster than expected, saving on labour costs		
	Food – six month acclimation period	\$1800	\$2000
	Seasonal fruits were more expensive than anticipated due to lack of rain		
	\$5000 generously funded by GCA, please find receipts attached.		

NEW BABY BORN IN MARCH 2017 TO FIRST PAIR RELEASED



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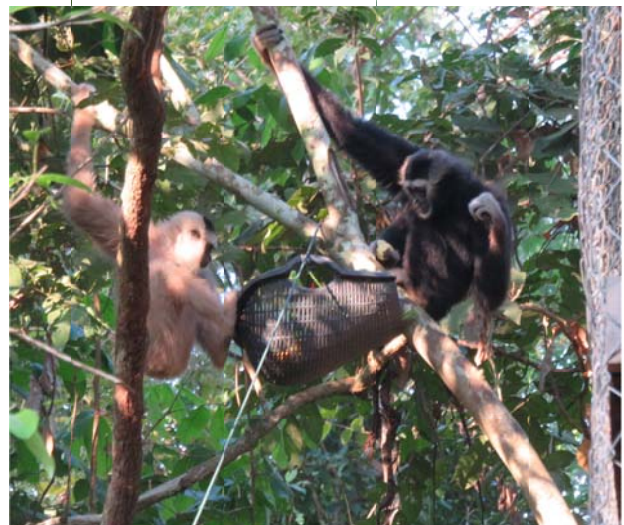
TRANSPORTING GIBBONS



GIBBONS ACCLIMATING



FOOD FOR THIRD PAIR RELEASED



Gibbon release The generous grant from the Gibbon Conservation Alliance was to help fund the release of a third gibbon pair into the Angkor forest. Due to the change in government official in charge of this project the release could not be conducted within the time frame of this grant. However we are pleased to inform GCA that this release was successfully conducted on January 17th 2018, when the cage door was opened in the company of Apsara and Forestry Administration officials. In the event everything went well. The gibbons and their captive born daughter, who was also released, have remained near the enclosure and for the first nights following their release returned to sleep inside their old cage. We continue to monitor the trio and support them with supplementary food. We expect that as their confidence grows they will extend their range. The gibbons have been in captivity for their entire lives and we will continue to give them access to their enclosure for as long as they feel the need for it. We apologise to the Gibbon Conservation Alliance for the delay in submitting this report and thank them for their patience.