

Siberut Conservation Programme - SCP



The Pig-tailed Langur (*Simias concolor*) is one of the world's 25 most endangered primate species.

What is SCP?

Siberut and the other three islands forming the Mentawai Archipelago are noted for their exceptional biological richness. Many species of plants and animals, including some of the world's most endangered primates are found nowhere else.....*but for how much longer?*

Although Siberut has been less affected than its neighbours, it has still lost more than 50% of its forests due to logging and agricultural conversion. Unless action is taken now, Siberut's few remaining forests and their unique wildlife will also soon be gone.

SCP is at the forefront of this action. Operating in one of the islands last undisturbed primary rainforest areas, SCP is linking people, animals and their environment in an effort to safeguard their future.



Help us to protect Siberut

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SCP is a joint initiative
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It is the only research and conservation
programme currently operating in the Mentawai region.

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...helping to save an
island under threat.

Community-based conservation

SCP is also working closely with village communities in the region to integrate the needs of local people into conservation objectives.

Operating out of its neighbouring village base at Politcioman, SCP's community empowerment programme is aimed at improving welfare and child education as well as at encouraging new, sustainable approaches to local income generation.



Workshops and seminars provide hands-on training in wildlife management and conservation.

Raising awareness and capacity building

In addition to its field-based activities, SCP is also active at a more general level, in promoting the value of a sustainable approach to the utilisation of forest products and in helping to build the capacity to implement this.

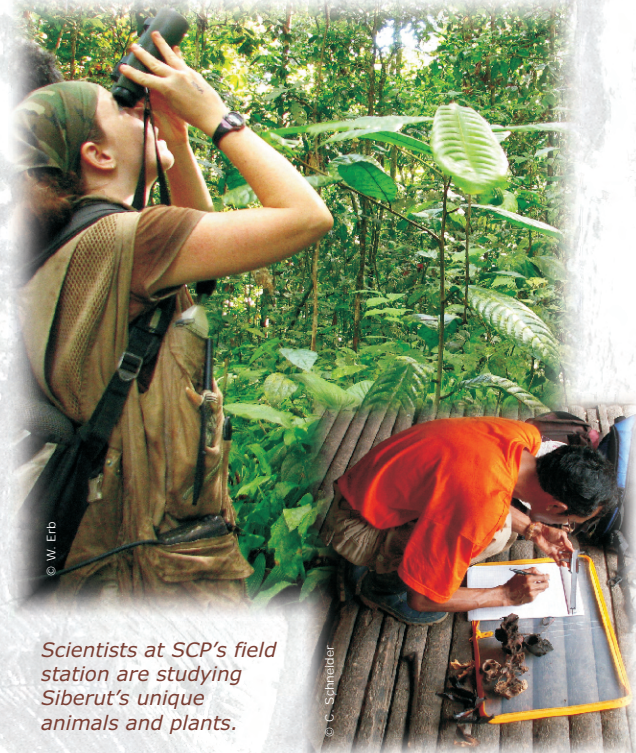
In order to achieve this objective, SCP is cooperating with numerous partner organisations at local, regional and national levels within Indonesia. Training in and transfer of technologies relevant to wildlife management and conservation are an important aspect of this work, as is the provision of scholarship opportunities for Mentawaian students.



SCP's recently completed community education centre now provides the main focus for its village activities.



Project areas include, provision of solar-derived energy to village inhabitants, enhanced river transportation, improved hygiene and treatment of diseases, eco-tourism and creation of opportunities for marketing of agroforestry products.



Scientists at SCP's field station are studying Siberut's unique animals and plants.

Biological research

From its field station in the heart of a 5000 ha area of primary rainforest, an international team of biologists is working to create a database for conservation. The focus of our efforts are the four endemic and highly endangered primates which act as flagship species serving to draw attention to the consequences of habitat loss on wildlife communities as a whole.

Project areas currently include:

- Evolutionary genetics
- Ecology
- Behavioural biology
- Population biology
- Ethnobotany & agroforestry



*Siberut is home to its own species of macaque (*Macaca siberu*).*