

Extensive information:

Project Wildlife
Indonesia



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Join the project with an open mind, and a flexible attitude and you will leave Java with unique, special and unforgettable memories!



1. The project

The project is a non-governmental and non-profit organization for the conservation of Indonesian wildlife and was established on August 27th 2001. Since then it has been dedicating its efforts to the welfare and conservation of Indonesian wildlife and its habitat. It provides facilities and man-power to rehabilitate confiscated wild animals, helps them regain their natural behavior lost during captivity and tries to reintroduce them into their natural habitat. The center also provides a permanent sanctuary for animals that cannot be released back into the wild.

The project covers an area of 14 hectares and professional facilities have been constructed on site: a large animal clinic, office and supporting animal facilities. The center is proud to be currently one of the largest wildlife rescue centers worldwide and strives to obtain international standards, both in professionalism as well as animal welfare.



1.1 Education

The project's learning center conducts the educational program and the study about Indonesian wildlife conservation. Many Elementary schools, High Schools and Universities and also government officer and NGOs visit the center regularly for basic conservation education, such as providing training to identify the type of protected animals, the handling and training in wildlife CITES regulations.

The aims

1. Increase awareness and understanding of the importance of wildlife preservation.
2. Improve knowledge and adding the environment values to the community.
3. Increase knowledge about the concept of conservation.
4. Change in thought patterns on the importance of preserving wildlife and can be transmitted to the public.

Public Awareness Programs

All release programs include intensive awareness programs for neighboring local communities and local governments, in order to guarantee the success of these programs. For the wider public, TV programs and radio shows have been set up.

Education Programs

Many Elementary schools, High Schools and Universities visit the center regularly for basic conservation education.

Workshops

Several workshops were held at the center; these include CITES workshops, Veterinary Medicine workshops, Slow loris project workshop, Otter workshop and a Sea Turtle Conservation Seminar.

Trainings

Students from Forestry, Biology and Veterinary Faculties of eleven Universities throughout Indonesia make use of the center for trainings, theses and research. Large groups of Forestry Police (KSDA) are trained yearly for the identification and handling of protected wildlife species. National Forestry Training and Education Department (BDK-Balai Pendidikan dan Pelatihan Kehutanan) at Kadipaten has trusted the project for their Fauna training.

1.2 Animal Rescue and rehabilitation

Animal Rescue Program is one of the units of the project and aims to assist the government in an effort to rescue and conserve Indonesian wildlife and the habitat and also to encourage and enhance the efforts of law enforcement towards animal rescue. In the activities the project accommodates, trains and cares for the confiscated animal from the community who then released to the wild.

1. Quarantine section:

When an animal is brought to the project the animal receives a full medical check-up and will be tested on diseases. During the quarantine time the animal will be closely monitored to observe its health and behaviour.

2. Rehabilitation section:

After the isolation period during which the behaviour is observed and (parasitic) treatments are provided the animal will move to an enclosure specifically adapted to the animal species. Here the real rehabilitation will start. Natural behaviour will be stimulated and/or learned.

3. Re-introduction program:

Several re-introduction and release programs have been carried out including for species such as; Dusky Pad melon, Green Peafowl, Estuarine Crocodile, Javan Slow Loris, Pig-nosed Turtle, water birds, sea turtles, raptors, snakes, and other small mammals.

Species such as orangutans, gibbons, macaques, Siamang and Proboscis Monkey, bears, and many other species that are not native to Java are finally relocated to specialized rehabilitation centers.

1.3 Sanctuary

The animals that cannot be released back into the wild, because they are to used to humans/injured/handicapped/etc. , will stay at the project and be cared forever for.

1.4 Recently realized plans and the future

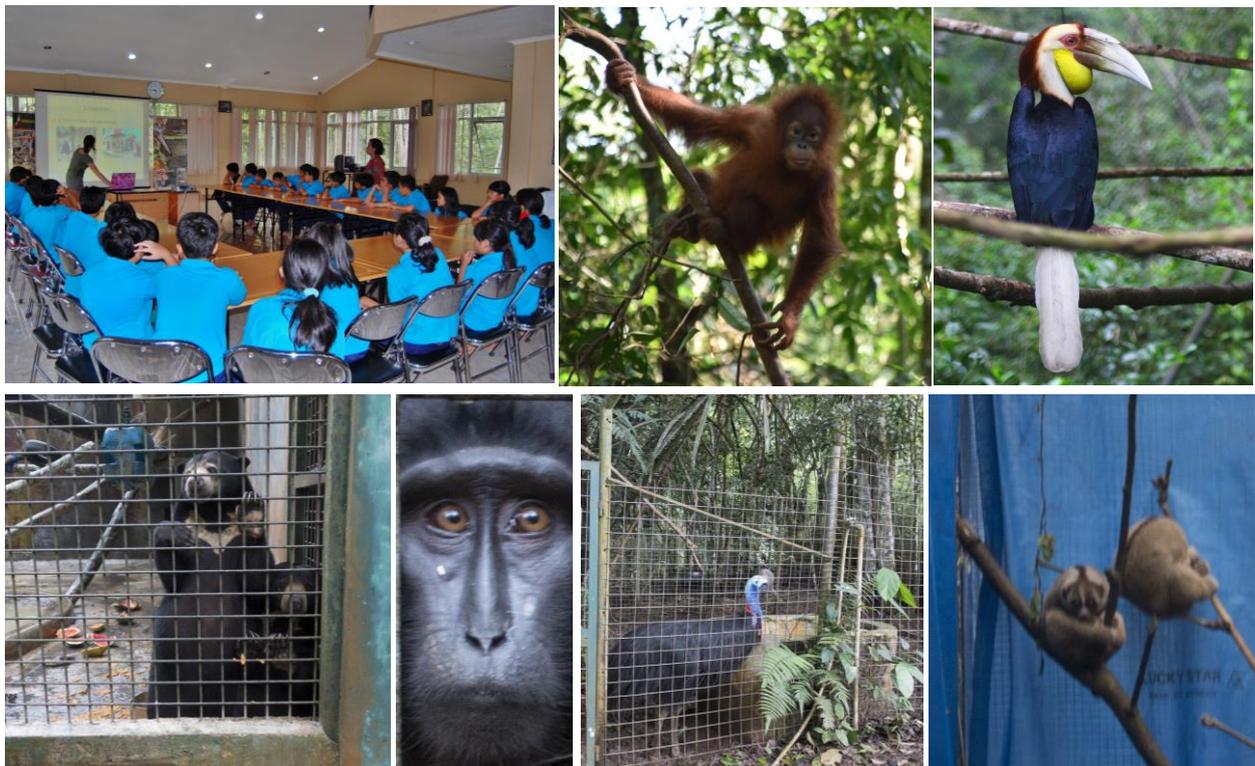
The sanctuary has finished the new enclosure for the orang-utans. The orang-utans, who unfortunately can never be released back into the wild, will be moved as soon as possible to their new home, where they will stay for the rest of their lives.



Also the new enclosure for the Javan leopard is recently ready and the project is working to establish it in (Dec '17). This enclosure is for the rehabilitation and release program for the Javan leopard.

The project also started a release program for the hornbills and their enclosure is ready and the hornbills are already moved into it. But also a program started for the cassowaries and other species from Papua since there is no rescue center there.

The project also continuing the release of other animals on Java. Besides that, the project will always keep working on education program and awareness but also the improvement of the work and the animal welfare in the center.



2. Volunteers

The project is in need of almost everything, such as equipment, personnel and finances.

By being a volunteer on this project you will support this project's work in two ways:

1. With your donation, this contributes to meeting the costs of the day-to-day running of the project. This includes food, healthcare and the provision of new and updated housing and its enrichment for the animals. Funds are also needed for directly related external expenses that arise.
2. The volunteer program brings valuable support to the center and provide the volunteers with an opportunity to experience the rescue and conservation of Indonesian wildlife.

Note: The projects number one priority is the welfare and care of the animals.

2.1 Period / duration

Volunteers are welcome at the project all year around.

You are free to choose your own arrival date.

The minimum duration of your stay must be 1 week but preferable longer.

2.2 Requirements

To participate at the project there are no skills or there is no experience required in animal care and welfare.

However there are some other requirements to participate at this project which are:

- Minimum age for participation is 18 years old
- Volunteers must be in good physical condition (it is heavy physically work)
- Volunteers must be able to communicate in (basic) English
- Vaccinations (see medical advice)

2.3 Costs

The costs per person to participate at this project are as specified in the Global Spirits' website.

These costs include:

- Accommodation (dormitory) at the project site during the contracted stay period
- 2 meals a day (lunch and dinner)
- Drinking water, coffee and tea
- Laundry service
- A donation to the project
- Training and supervision
- Transport to town for Internet and shopping once a week
- Administration costs
- And, of course a memorable experience

These costs not include:

- (International) Flight to and from Indonesia including airport taxes
(Most airlines today incorporate airport tax into their total tickets cost on purchase. Do make sure that this is already included, otherwise you might have to pay RP 150.000 for International flights and Rp 40.000 for domestic flights).
- Passport / visa

- Travel to the project site
- Travel insurance, which is compulsory for all participants and a cancellation insurance
- Breakfast
- Personal expenses like: telephone bills, internet, souvenirs, etc.
- Any excursions undertaken by the volunteer



2.4 Accommodation

The project has accommodation, located at the center, available for about 14 volunteers at the same time and consists of two wooden dormitories (one for men and one for women) with bunk beds. In these houses 'separate bedrooms' are created for 2 people within 1 big space. But volunteers have most of the time their own bed/space and don't have to share it.

If you are a couple it's possible to arrange a place for you together in one of the dormitories but this depends on how many volunteers participate at the same time.

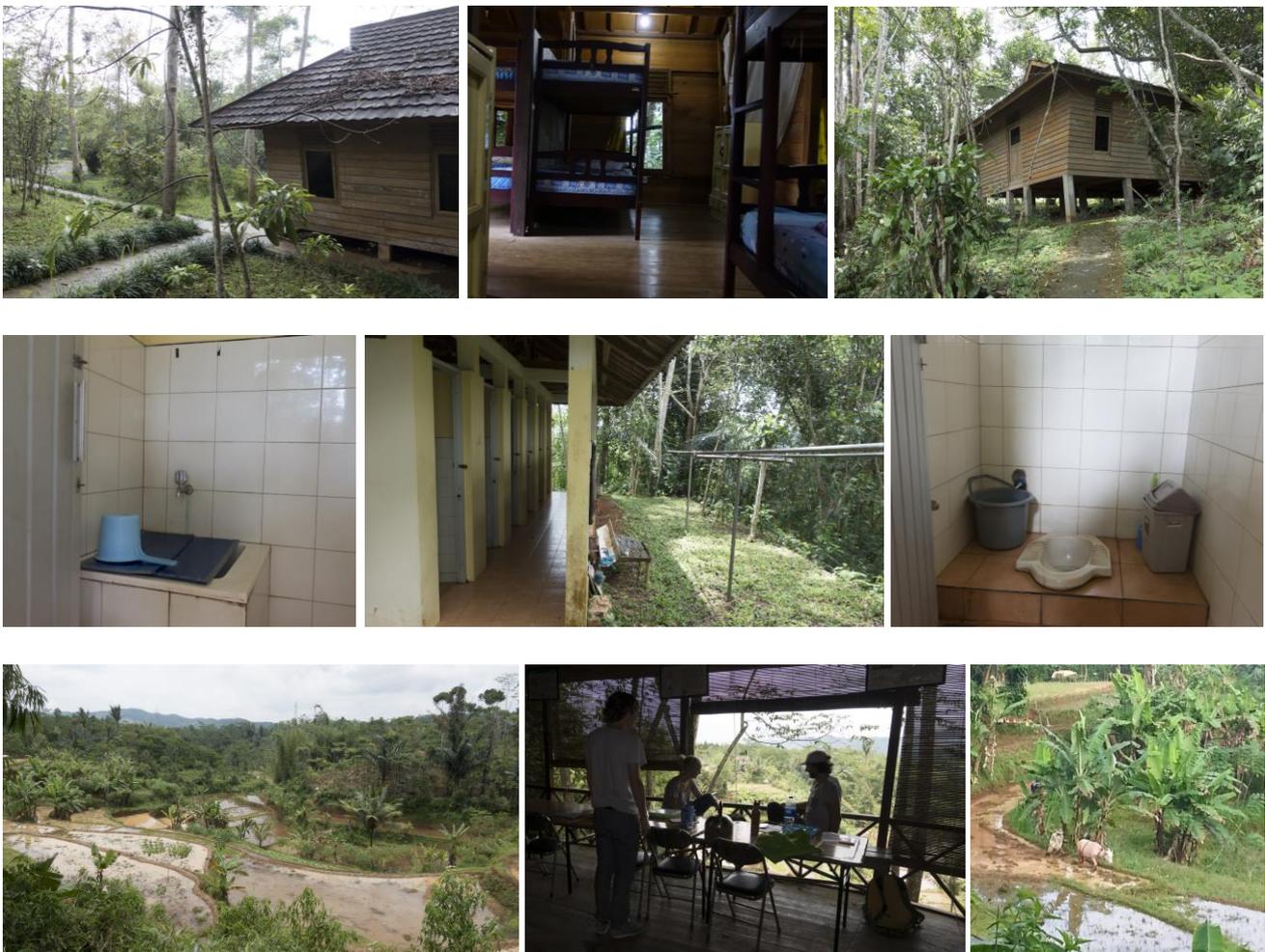
Volunteers are expected to keep their space clean and tidy.

The 6 little bathrooms outside the dormitories are very basic but clean and will be shared by all occupants. Each bathroom has an Indonesian toilet and also showers are Indonesian style (Mandi).

There is a little basic communal kitchen, with for example: cooking facilities, drinking water dispenser, fridge with a little freezer.

Each volunteer is responsible for cleaning up their own things.

There is also a big wooden/bamboo cantina with the most beautiful view on the sawa's (rice fields). Here volunteers can enjoy their meals and 'hang out' in their free time.



2.5 The work

Main tasks may include:

- Daily care for the animals (like feeding preparation, cleaning the enclosures)
- Preparing enrichment
- Animal behavioural observations
- Teamwork, where all the staff and volunteers will work on building projects in the park.
- Besides the regular activities, sometimes opportunities come along like:
 - Assisting with confiscations
 - Monitor medical procedures
 - Assist at the clinic

Tasks in case of a release plan of the project may include:

- Feeding
- Cage maintenance
- Behavioural observations
- Monitoring of release animals

Volunteers will work closely together with the Indonesian staff, 6 days a week from 07 am to 4 pm including lunch break (11.30-13.00 pm) and have 1 day off each week.

Or you have the morning of and work from 1 pm till 4 pm + observing slow lorises in the evening.

Indonesians generally have different working behaviors. Everything is done in a more relaxed way, you might find it difficult to adapt to at in the beginning.

Please note: You are not allowed to handle any of the animals or enter any of the facilities without the supervision of our staff!



Currently the project has about 300 animals including orangutans, sun bears, pig tailed macaques, Siamang, gibbons, Sumatran gibbons, long tailed macaques, cassowaries, deer, turtles, snakes, crocodiles, slow lorises, eagles, cockatoos, parrots and many more.

You will therefore help in different departments with different animals during your stay.

However, please speak to the staff if you have any issues and we will work together to resolve them.

Every week there is a new weekly schedule for the volunteers, where you can find per day what to do and with what keeper to work with.

Below is a typical itinerary for the week – please be advised this may be subject to change depending on the specific needs of the animals:

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| Arrival | - Welcome orientation and briefing. | |
| Other days | - 06.30 Breakfast | |
| | - 07.00 tasks <u>may</u> include: | Food preparation
Feed the animals
Cage Cleaning
Making enrichments |
| | - 11.30 Lunch | |
| | - 13.00 tasks <u>may</u> include: | Teamwork (mostly on Mondays and Wednesdays)
Other days for example:
Turtle care
Enrichment
Observing animals
Etcetera (tasks are varied and in for need of the project at that moment) |
| | - 16.00 Rest / free time | |
| | - 18.00 Dinner | |

In the evening you are always welcome to do observation on the slow lorises.



2.6 The project staff and languages

The staff consist of approx. 22 persons of which 6 are foragers and the rest are local people from the villages. The keepers doesn't all speak English or just a little.

Volunteers will work together with the local Indonesian staff.
You will normally also work together with other volunteers of different nationalities.

The language spoken at this project is English.
Not everybody of the local staff speaks English, please be patient (and perhaps bring along a dictionary). There are English and Dutch speaking managers/coordinators around.



3. Indonesia

3.1 Geography

Indonesia is an archipelagic island country in South East Asia, situated between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.

3.2 Project Location

The project is located in the hilly area of the southern of Sukabumi, West Java Indonesia. The project is only 32 km but approximately a 2 hours drive from the city of Sukabumi.



3.3 Animal welfare

You should be prepared for some awful situations. In Indonesia people treat animals very differently from the way they treat each other. It is possible you will see wild animals kept in captivity. The project strives to end this abuse.

3.4 Culture behaviour

The Indonesian people are very proud of their country and culture, and they expect visitors to show respect to their values and way of life. If you come to participate try to wear modest clothes (covered shoulders and knees, especially for women). In the center woman always have to wear clothes like this. The surrounding of the project is a Muslim community therefore you are advised to dress appropriately.

To abide by local values and customs it is also important that you refrain from public drinking of alcohol at these locations as well.

Before you enter a house or temple building, take off your shoes.

3.5 Climate

Indonesia's climate is tropical and is divided into two seasons.

The rain season:

This season, also called monsoon, from November - March, will be the rainy season. It will usually not rain the whole day. Rain falls mostly in the mornings and late evenings. But the sun does shine most of the day and it will be hot and humid.

The temperatures will be around 24 – 35 degrees C.

The warm season:

This season, from March - October, is a long, dry period.

The temperatures will be around 29 – 35 degrees C.

The weather can be unpredictable.



4. Travel information

4.1 Flight arrangements

Volunteers have to make their own flight arrangements. We advise you not to reserve your flight before we have confirmed your participation at the project, unless you will plan your participation at the project as a part of a bigger journey.

If you are unable to arrange your flight yourself for any reason, Global Spirit will be able to help. If you would like us to help you, please fill this in on the booking sheet of this project.

4.2 Passport and visa

To visit Indonesia you will need a valid passport, which must be officially valid, on arrival, for at least six months. A return ticket that corresponds with your visa is required.

Please ensure you have enough pages in your passport upon entering Indonesia. You need to ensure your passport gets stamped upon arrival in Indonesia. This has caused issues in the past.

Always check for the latest requirements yourself, the information below is indicative!

In most countries there are (online) visa bureaus that handle all your visa issues without going to the embassy yourself. A visa to be able to stay in Indonesia as a foreigner is required:

- A return ticket that corresponds with your visa is required.
- A visa to be able to stay in Indonesia as a foreigner is required. Within the new regulations of the Indonesian immigration since January 2018, the project can only act as a sponsor for a social cultural visa (Social Budaya visa) and can no longer be a sponsor for 60-day tourist visas. This means that you will need to apply for a social cultural visa in your home country, or abroad with a letter of sponsorship from the project. A social cultural visa is valid for 6 months, and after the first 60 days, every 30 days thereafter can be extended with help from our staff at the immigration office in Sukabumi.
- How to apply for a social cultural visa:
 - All interns and volunteers have to apply for a social-cultural visa at an Indonesian embassy or through an (online) visa service. Upon request we will send you a sponsor letter that you can submit at the embassy, Request this letter at least 6 weeks before your planned arrival in Indonesia.
To make the letter we need: Copy of your Passport, copy of tickets in and out of Indonesia and a fully completed application / registration form.
And from interns we need the internship university contract.
 - Our experience is that in the Netherlands and France it is very hard to get a socialcultural visa to do volunteer work (not for interns).
 - Alternative option: You can also apply for a social-cultural visa at the Indonesian embassy in other countries for example near Indonesia (Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia). The procedure to apply for a visa are the same as above and info can be find on the website of the Indonesian embassy in the country you apply.

Passport and visa requirements are liable to change at short notice. All volunteers are advised to check their entry requirements with their own embassy or consulate!

Please note that visas are the responsibility of the volunteer, and that Global Spirit will not be held responsible for clients being denied entry, should they not be in the possession of the relevant visas.

4.3 Insurances

Every volunteer is required to have a travel (medical) insurance policy and cancellation insurance is highly recommended. Without travel (medical) insurance you will not be permitted to work at this project. Global Spirit can help you arrange travel (medical) and cancellation insurance. Please indicate this on the booking sheet. If you already have insurance please send a copy of the policy to Global Spirit.

4.4 Arrival in Indonesia and travel to the project site

The time of transport we give below is the minimum of transport time, the journey can be longer depending on the traffic. If you take the public transport, be sure to leave Jakarta maximum at 9am. If your flight arrive late, the best is to spend one night in Jakarta or in Bogor.

Option 1:

An airport pick-up at Jakarta Soekarno Hatta can be arranged for a fee of 1.300.000 Rp per car. (1 car = maximum 4 people) directly to the project site. If there are more 2 people you can share the costs. The journey will be at least 5 hours, but it can be even more (7 or 8 hours or sometimes even longer).

Option 2:

Pricing as listed below is indicative. Always enough bring cash.

1. You can very easily travel by Damri airport bus directly from the airport to the city of Bogor which is about 60 km (~2 hours) (70.000Rp)

2.a From Bogor take a angkot (minibus) to Sukabumi (~3 hours). The angkots are located in front of Botanic Square in Bogor. (30.000Rp)

2.b From Bogor you can also take a train ('Pangrango-line', ~2 hours) to Sukabumi. You need to book in advance on eng.tiket.com. Only 3 trains travel to Sukabumi per day. (50.000Rp – executive class)

3. On Tuesday and Saturday the project staff will go to Sukabumi for food for the animals. On these days you only have to pay the gasoline 150.000 rp for the car. Make sure you be in Sukabumi at 1PM maximum. On other days the fee is 350.000 Rp to be picked up in Sukabumi.

Make a stop at a supermarket before you come to the project
There are no shops in nearby.

Advise what to buy:

- Breakfast
- Drinks (like fruit juices, soft drinks) (drinking water, coffee and tea are available on site)
- Snacks and toilet paper



5. Medical advice

Because volunteers will work with wildlife in Indonesia and will have direct contact with these animals, they will have to take precautions for their own protection and that of the animals.

Also be aware of the fact you work with wild animals. Always listen to the project staff carefully. For any accidents, injury's, illness or broken/stolen belonging, etc. Global spirit and the project can't be held liable for.

5.1 Advise

As Global Spirit is not a professional medical service, we advise you to go to a local clinic or medical authority in your own country for the appropriate medical advice.

This document is provided for information purposes only.

Do not visit your local clinic or medical authority later than six weeks before departure. And don't forget to mention that you will work in a rescue centre for wildlife.

5.2 Required vaccinations

You are required to be vaccinated against:

- DTP (tetanus)
- Hepatitis A and B
- Typhoid
- Rabies
- You need to have a negative TBC test. This test had to be done within 3 months before arriving at the project. We will need to have a paper evidence of you negative test result (in English).

These vaccinations are obligatory for your personal protection.
(make a timely appointment, some vaccinations need a booster)

There is no malaria in the project's area.

5.3 Medical service

The nearest health clinic is about 20 minutes from the project site, nearest hospital is 2 hours from the project site.

If you need any medication you can go to one of the pharmacies about 20 minutes from the project site. (Please bring your own medicine, medicine in Indonesia are not always widely available as you might be used to at home)

Please note; The medical care in Indonesia is generally not very good, even in big hospitals. So seek for medical advice before travelling to Indonesia.

6. Personal equipment

We advise you to bring as little as possible.

You will especially need light, cotton clothes and good comfortable shoes.

Provided by the project:

- Pillows and bed linen
- Gloves (but if you can please bring along your own gloves)
- Mask

6.1 Essential items

Here are some essential items, which you should bring with you:

- Valid passport (and Visa)
- Enough cash money (to avoid extra bank fees)
- Old clothes to work in
(*For women: Please be aware that you are in a Muslim country. Please wear clothes that cover your shoulders, chest and upper legs. The local people will otherwise feel uncomfortable*)
- Walking shoes with a good profile
- Wellingtons to work in (you can also buy these in Sukabumi)
- Warm clothes for the evening
- Rainwear
- Slippers
- A hat or cap
- A watch (sometimes you will also need this for observations)
- Anti-mosquito lotion (DEET)
- Mosquito net
- Alarm clock
- Flashlight and spare batteries (for observations of animals in the evening it is good to have a red light)
- Personal medicines and first-aid kit with for example plasters and disinfectant (there are some first-aid materials present at the project, but it will be handy if you will bring this with you as well)
- Towels
- Toilet articles
- Amusement for free time (books, games, laptop, music, etc.)
- A spare old phone to use an Indonesian sim-card.
- Groceries for breakfast, drinks (like soft drinks), snack and toilet paper (see also food and refreshment 8.1)

6.2 Optional items

Here are some optional items:

- Sunscreen (it's recommended to use for at least SPF 15)
- Water bottle
- Binoculars
- A lighter
- A notebook
- Vitamin B (it will be anti-mosquito)
- Something against dehydration like ORS (we advise you to drink a lot of water)
- Imodium or other anti- diarrhoea medication
- Leisure clothes
- Magazines or newspaper (the other volunteers, who are already staying at the project, will mostly appreciate it as well), etc.

6.3 Monsoons

During the monsoons you are recommended to bring with you:

- A warm jumper for the evenings
- A raincoat or poncho
- Rubber boots
- Thick socks
- Long trousers



7. General information

7.1 Food and refreshments

Lunch and dinner will be provided throughout the project, as well as access to drinking water, coffee and tea.

Lunch and dinner will be prepared by the local chef.

All meals are traditional Indonesian (especially Sundanese) and consist mainly of rice, vegetables and chicken (the centre can cater to most dietary requirements and vegetarian / vegan meals can be arranged).

Please bare in mind that Indonesian people are mostly used to cook for the whole day early in the morning when it's still not too warm and eat the dishes spread over the day and often cold.

Also at the project site normally the dishes will already be prepared in the morning or afternoon, also for dinner.

If you have special requests for food, please notify us.

Breakfast is not included and you have to bring some groceries for breakfast yourself for the first day(s). Make a stop at a supermarket before you come to the project.

There is a supermarket half an hour (by foot) from the project site.

Twice a week (Tuesday and Saturday) the project staff goes to Sukabumi. You can come along to buy some groceries.

Drinking of un-boiled water is not to be recommended. Drink only bottled water.

The project offers drinking water, coffee and tea, for free.



7.2 Shopping

There is a pretty big supermarket half an hour by foot from the project site. It is also a nice walk. Nearby markets are about 30 minutes from the project site.

Twice a week (Tuesday and Saturday) the project staff goes to Sukabumi and you can come along to do some shopping. Or give your shopping list to one of the volunteers who joins the car to Sukabumi

7.3 Laundry services

There is a laundry service available at the project site.



7.4 Telephone

The project phone can only be used by volunteers for emergency calls.

The best is to bring your own cell phone and buy an Indonesian card so you can text at normal charge. The project staff can provide sim-cards (telephone and H+ internet) within 3 days of arrival. If you decide to buy an Indonesian sim-card in advance, make sure it's Indosat as other providers don't cover the project's area.

Most cell phones can be used (the line is the same as in Europe, America or Australia), but for sure we advise you to contact your phone company or phone service in your country.

If you want you can also buy a cell phone in Indonesia (for about 30 USD), so it will be safer to use an Indonesian card.

7.5 Internet access

There is no WIFI connection at the project site.

To use internet you can go to Nyalindung (around 20 min drive) or drive to Sukabumi together with the project staff on Tuesdays or Saturdays.

Or another option, is to buy a Indonesian sim-card. The project staff can provide you one, for internet and phone credit.

7.6 Electricity

Indonesia has an electricity a voltage of 220 Volt (50 Hertz).

Please note, hat the centre located in rural area, which sometime get power outage, especially when it rains.

7.7 Transport during your stay

If you would like to go to Sukabumi you can drive together with the staff twice a week.

If you want to go somewhere in your free time you can use an ojek (motorbike taxi) or angkot (mini bus).

7.8 Free time options

The environment around Cikananga is very beautiful, and you can make some excursions/trips on your own or with other volunteers present and on occasion the staff also organize trips and tours from the Center (normally group wise). Some possibilities:

- Visit and swim in the large natural Bibiljan waterfalls and spot wildlife in the meantime
- Caving with professional guides in the 1500 meter long cave and vertical caving
- A guided walk in the amazing tea-field that are so typical for West-Java
- We can even arrange a trip to the 3000m Gede – Pangrango mountains with amazing views and wildlife
- A trip to the pristine rainforest of Halimun Salak, where Gibbons, Leopards and other wild animals still live.
- Walks through the rice fields, or tea plantages and factory.
- Visit Nyalindung, Sukabumi or surrounding areas of Cikananga.
- It is also possible to arrange a trip to a batcave not to far from the project site.
- Or you can go to the beach in Pelabuhan Ratu (3 to 4 hours by car from the project site)

These trips and tours are not included in the volunteer fee.

For making a tour / excursion in you free time you can rent a car with driver for about between 350.000 (Sukabumi) to 1.300.000 rp to Jakarta Rp (max 12 hours). Volunteers can always ask the project staff to arrange a driver.

The evenings are usually very quiet and there is little to do close to at the centre. We recommend bringing some games, movies or books to keep entertained in the evenings.



7.9 Photo and film equipment.

A dry box is recommended for expensive equipment, as the humidity is very high.

7.10 Currency

The monetary unit of Indonesia is the Rupiah.

There are no ATM machines near the project. We advise you to withdraw money from the ATM at the airport before coming to the center. Or to change money in your currency to Rupiah at the airport.

