

## **Project Update: September 2016**

Since the beginning of this project funded by The Rufford Foundation in February 2016, Langur Project Penang (LPP) has been studying the baseline information- ecology and behaviour of dusky leaf monkeys (*Trachypithecus obscurus*) in undisturbed area, alongside with anthropogenically influenced area in Penang.

At this point we have successfully habituated and established an ongoing intensive study on one focal troop in Teluk Bahang's undisturbed forest area. The troop consists of 14 individuals (two males, eight females, four juveniles). It covers 22 acres of the secondary forest (with 4 acres of it within Tropical Spice Garden, TSG) and uses 12 different travelling routes for daily foraging. Individuals spend most of their time feeding and foraging. Even though part of the home range is a tourist destination, the langurs only enter TSG before and after the operating hours of the garden, thus are not influenced by human activities.

Furthermore, the study groups in Penang Botanical Gardens tend to be very dependent on human cultivated plants, have very small activity range and less variety of food plants consumed compared to the focal troop. Each group tend to stay very close to each other, thus more conflicts between the same species.

Meanwhile, LPP also successfully held a Primate Educational Workshop in Tropical Spice Garden, Penang. The event received good feedback and we were able to attract a huge crowd of local community. Instead of just presenting talks, we collaborated with artists, videographers and photographers to highlight the importance of protecting primates in Penang. LPP is invited to present an educational talk in INTI International College & University Penang in October 2016.

Lastly, LPP is now endorsed and supported by various bodies: Tropical Spice Garden (TSG), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Malaysian Primatological Society (MPS), Macaca Nemestrina Project (MNeP), Nature Classroom, Malaysia Nature Society (MNS) and Friends of Penang Botanical Gardens Society (FOPBGS).

LPP is looking forward to expand the research to more study sites and collaborate with above organizations to create educational events for the public.

Langur Project Penang (LPP) Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/LangurProjectPenang/>

"Penang LaoGao, Monkeys!" Event, 10th September 2016:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1803065156647359.1073741836.1667304236890119&type=3>

Langur Project Penang (LPP) educational videos (Produced by LPP):

1. One day with langurs:

<https://www.facebook.com/andrew.n.han.5/videos/vb.756525549/10154972284510550/?type=3>

2. Curious langurs & camera

<https://www.facebook.com/LangurProjectPenang/videos/1764545277166014/>

3. A day with Ah Lai & his family

<https://vimeo.com/174939244>

4. Langur-Langur In the Hutan

<https://www.facebook.com/LangurProjectPenang/videos/1806795472940994/>

