Project Update: October 2019

From the research, I managed to establish a small conservation programme in central Sulawesi. It’s been 3 years now. At the beginning, there were only 300 bats, and now there are thousands of them. We have worked with the community to protect it; you may find the information here www.poniki.id. It is still in Bahasa Indonesian, but we are working to translate it to English.

Kamu suka durian? Do you love durian?

Durian adalah buah tropis Asia Tengara. Durian is a SE Asian tropical fruit, famous for its pungent smells.

Ngapain ya kelelawar di bunga durian? What’s bats doing on top of durian flowers?

Waktunya makan! Eating time!

1 Kelelawar minum nektar (cairan manis) pada bunga. Bats feed on nectar

Penyebukan Pollination

2 Kelelawar berpindah ke bunga lain, Serbuk sari (pantulan) dari bunga sebelumnya jatuh ke lepas pada putik (beling) di bunga ini. Bats pollinate durian flowers.

Panen durian! Harvest time!

3 Bunga durian yang diserbu oleh kelelawar berkembang menjadi buah-buah durian yang kita nikmati! Flowers develop into fruits, which we enjoy!

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