BACKGROUND STORY

# MONYO

Rehabilitation Centre : Nyaru Menteng

Arrival Date : 14 November 2019.

Gender : Male

Health Status : Healthy

Over a matter of days late in 2019, the Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Foundation was called in to help with the rehabilitation of several newly orphaned baby orangutans from all over Central Kalimantan. One of these poor babies was a small, male orangutan named Monyo.

Monyo was rescued from the village of Petuk Liti in Pulang Pisau Regency, Central Kalimantan. A local villager claimed to have found 6-month-old Monyo stranded alone a week prior to being rescued by a team from the Central Kalimantan BKSDA. The team handed him over to our Nyaru Menteng Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre on 14 November 2019.

Monyo underwent a 3-month period of quarantine with other recently rescued infants, Niniek and Hanua, before joining the Forest School Small Nursery Group. The three formed strong bonds with one another and the other orangutans during their first few months the Nursery Group.

Currently there are 7 infant orangutans in this group, including Monyo. Our surrogate mothers have reported that Monyo has grown more confident during this time with the others, that he is also able to quickly adapt to new environments and new faces, and that his health has improved. He is not afraid of climbing trees but will usually stop at one or two meters off the ground. This is, nonetheless, good progress.

His foraging skills have improved, primarily through interactions with his new friend Greta, who helped him discover new foods such as rose-apple fruit and various young leaves. Our surrogate mothers also taught Monyo how to find termites – a valuable source of protein and welcome addition to his rapidly expanding diet.

We will strive to provide the best care for these dear baby orangutans and support them throughout the long rehabilitation process. Hopefully, they will all get the chance to taste true freedom in the wild someday. We are looking forward to seeing Monyo, alongside his friends, face new challenges, improve his skillset, and gain more independence.

Keep it up, Monyo!