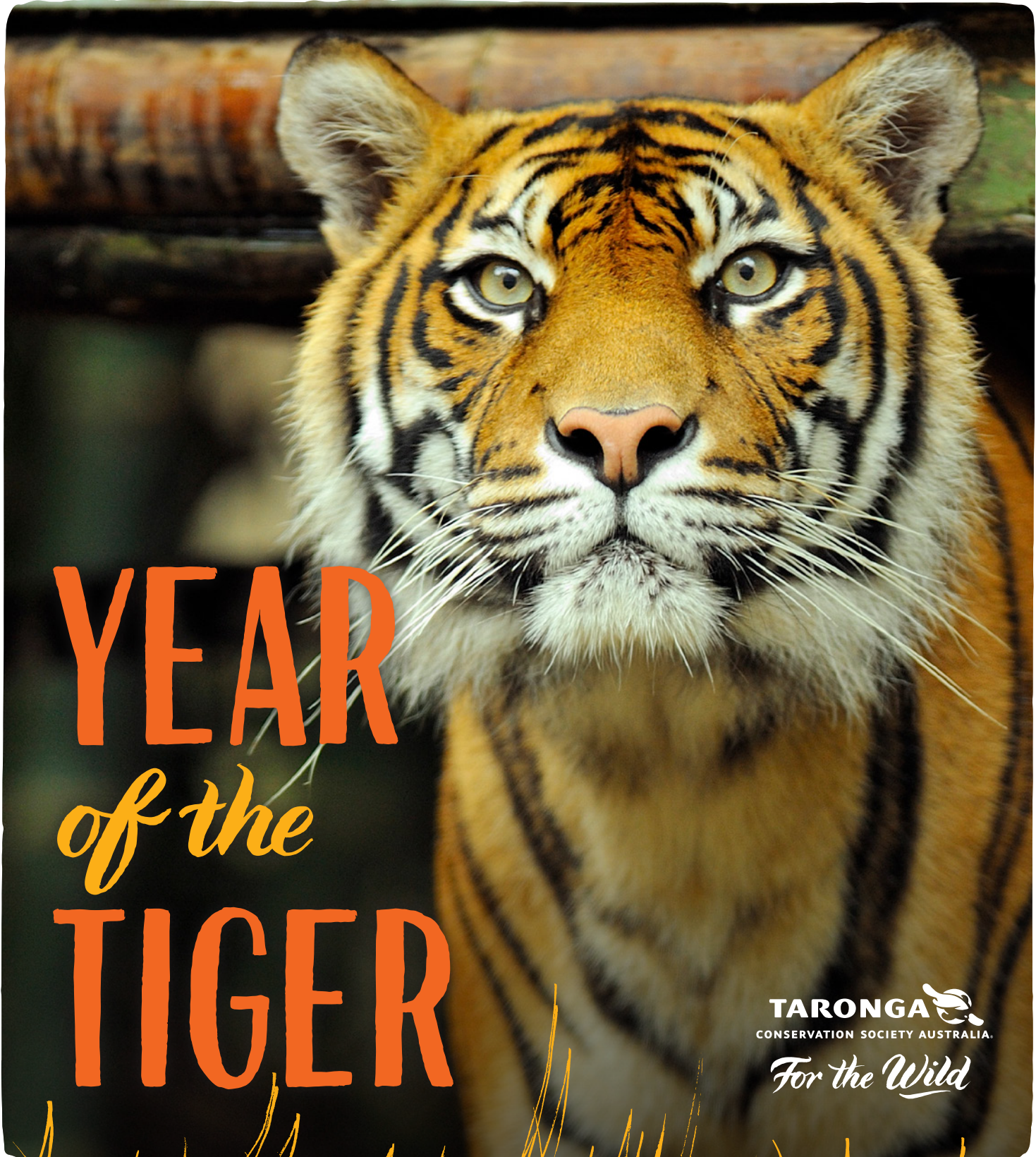


TALES FROM *the* WILD NEWSLETTER



YEAR
of the
TIGER



For those of us who celebrated Lunar New Year in February, this year is the year of the majestic Tiger – one of our favourite animals here at Taronga!

Sadly, there are estimated to be fewer than 400 Sumatran Tigers remaining in the wild. This is an extremely heartbreaking figure.

Habitat loss is one of the key threats impacting Sumatran Tigers.

Rainforests around the world have experienced devastating losses, being cleared to make way for ever-expanding unsustainable oil palm plantations. These plantations are the leading cause of habitat destruction for the Sumatran Tiger and many other native species.

Supporting Tiger Habitat

Palm oil is found in roughly half the packaged products sold in supermarkets including favourite snack foods like

ice cream, cookies, crackers, cereals, doughnuts, potato chips and of course chocolate! With Easter coming up, it's the perfect time to reflect on your choices and choose brands that use 100% sustainable palm oil.

Thanks to the support of our amazing community of Wildlife Defenders, Taronga is also working with our partners in Sumatra to plant trees and restore vital tiger habitat in Way Kambas National Park.

ADOPT A TIGER TODAY



The park is home to more than 45 species of wildlife, who have returned to the area thanks to you!



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BECOME A WILDLIFE DEFENDER

Become a Wildlife Defender with a small monthly donation, and help support global efforts to protect critically endangered species and their habitats.



TIGER FUN FACTS!

COME AND SEE
OUR TIGERS THIS
EASTER AND
LEARN MORE!



They are the smallest surviving subspecies of tiger; the smaller size allows for easier movement through the dense growth.

The striped pattern of the tiger is unique for each individual and is found on the tiger's skin – a shaved tiger would still have stripes.

Tigers also have white spots behind their ears 'false eyes' that warn off predators approaching from the rear.



The tiger has its own manicure technique! The tiger's claws can be retracted while walking, keeping them sharp.

A tiger's roar can be heard as far as 3km away!



These big cats love the water and can swim up to 6km. They have webbing between their toes which helps them when swimming.



A tiger can jump over 5m in length!



HELPING A UNIQUE AUSTRALIAN RETURN HOME



Thank you for your support to protect Australia's unique and fascinating Platypus.

Because of you and your kind-hearted gifts we were able to raise a phenomenal \$282,680 (including \$180k in matched giving gifts) for the precious Platypus. Amazing!

Thanks to you, ten critical Platypus will soon be undergoing their last health checks and released in the coming months into the Royal National Park in NSW.

The Platypus once thrived in the Royal National Park but sadly has not

been sighted in the park since the 1970's.

But because of your kind generosity they will soon be able to once again call the area their home. Thank you!

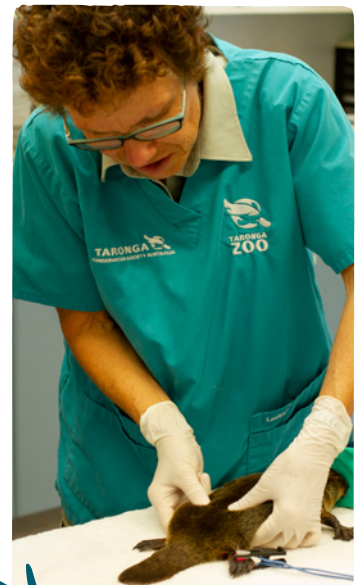
And there is even more good news for the Platypus, our conservation centres are in the final planning stages.

That means we are underway in creating the world's first platypus research and breeding centres which will help this vulnerable and unique species.

This has been a mammoth effort

which could not have been achieved without supporters like yourself. Stay tuned as we keep you updated on the build as it happens!

With these amazing gifts you have helped ensure the Platypus will be protected and have a future for generations to come and for that we thank you.



Check out the intricate work involved in a health check for a Platypus!



A BIG THANK YOU FROM A LITTLE PENGUIN!



Australia is home to the world's smallest species of penguins – the cute, feisty and aptly named Little Penguins!

As you know we see many Little Penguins come through our doors at Sydney's Taronga Wildlife Hospital. They are often found injured

and hurt from getting caught in marine debris such as fishing nets and from attacks from animals like dogs and foxes.

With your thoughtful support we have been able to continue the vital care needed for this precious little species.

Your kind gifts for the Little Penguins have enabled us to purchase much needed medical supplies and cover costs of treatments. This includes medication, animal supplements and rehabilitation in order to care and return these little ones back to their

homes in the wild. The support of kind-hearted people like yourself has given Little Penguins a chance to survive and thrive for generations to come.

Thank you!



Watch a Little Penguin Rescue and Release!




MYSTERY IN ACTION:

INVESTIGATING WHAT'S KILLING AUSTRALIA'S FROGS

...and how you can help!

Green and gold Bell Frog
Photo © Gary Ramage



Have you come across a dead or sick looking frog recently? You may have vital information that can help us!

Like something out of a dramatic crime thriller, large numbers of frogs, of numerous species, have been turning up dead

along the eastern coast of Australia. **The extent and intensity of this frog mortality event is so severe** as to cause serious concern for the future of many of these already vulnerable species, with some potentially becoming extinct as a

result. The question is though, what's causing all these frogs to die?

Taronga's Australian Registry of Wildlife Health and the Australian Museum are on the case, working to understand the scale of the mortality event and the impacts on frog populations. Recently, Dr Karrie Rose, Taronga's Veterinary Pathologist and Dr Jodi Rowley of the Australian Museum, published an article in *The Conversation* asking for members of the public to report sick and dead frogs.

Since then, we have received more than 1,400 emails from across Australia (up to

30 individual frogs in one report) over several weeks. Approximately 70% of all reports are within NSW. At least 32 native species, including threatened species, have been reported.

This is hugely concerning. **Frogs are a key indicator species that tell us about the health of our environment, connecting aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems and are an important part of the wider food web, both as predator and prey.** Climate change, habitat modification, and introduced species are all major threats to our frog friends, but this mortality event may just push them over the edge.

Dr Karrie Rose at Taronga Institute Science Lab
Photo © Ogilvy



You can help us by reporting any dead or sick looking frogs you may come across to the FrogID team by emailing calls@frogid.net.au.

Make sure to include photos and location information if possible so they can help track the progress of the outbreak.

You can also support projects like this by donating to Taronga – **without the generosity of our supporters, projects like this would not be possible.**

Find out more!



SPOTLIGHT ON CONSERVATION

Green Turtle Hatchling
Photo © Paul Fahy

MARCH INTO ACTION

for the

WILD



Over the years your support has helped wildlife survive and thrive.

Without kind hearted supporters like yourself all our conservation work with wildlife such as the Greater Bilby through to the Regent Honeyeaters all the way to the Platypus would not have been possible.

Although we have achieved so much together, the work does not stop there.

During the month of March, Taronga shone a

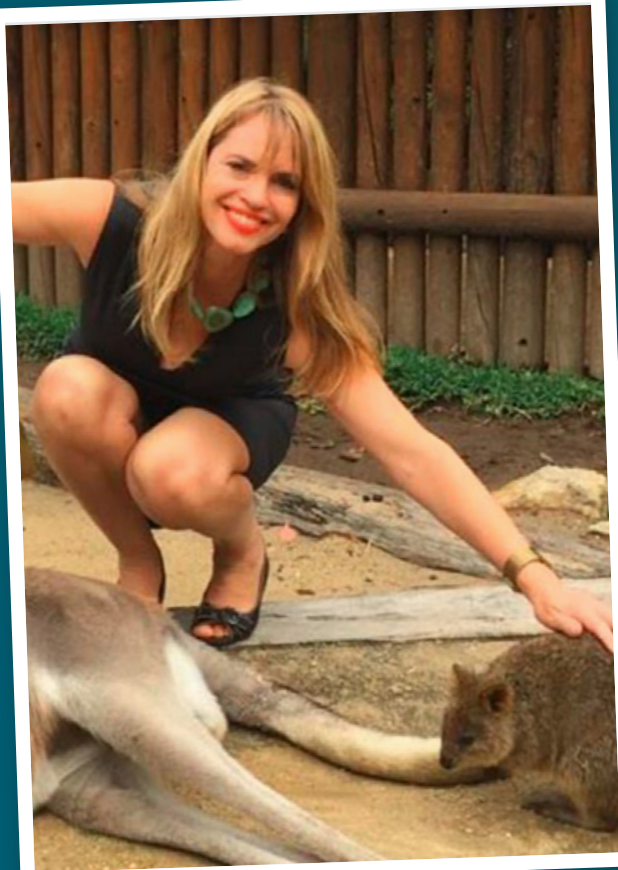
spotlight on the wildlife species that are in critical need of saving and showcased how every dollar you spend at Taronga helps our scientists, conservation and veterinary professionals who work tirelessly to protect them.

From habitat loss and rising temperatures, to climate change and increasingly severe weather events such as the devastating storms which wreaked havoc on Eastern Australia, there has never been a more urgent time to act for wildlife.

We could not tackle these challenges alone, we know together we can have a greater impact for our wildlife. Scan the QR code to see all the different ways we can all take simple, practical steps to benefit the natural environment.

*Learn more
about how you
can help wildlife*





WHY I SUPPORT TARONGA

“Of course we made sure that the family would be looked after first, but my husband Nick and I both felt that looking after something bigger than ourselves and our family was extremely important to us.

I really love and trust Taronga as an organisation. I feel the gravity of contributing to something that will seed a better future for my kids and the planet.

Taronga's science team leaves me breathless. I want to fund the work they do in coming up with solutions for wildlife, and I trust them to do it.

I also know that nothing is done on a whim at Taronga – there's always deep consideration and long-term strategy behind everything that gets done.

I want my long-term impact to be in helping that happen, which is why I've chosen to include a gift to Taronga in my Will.”

– Stephanie Hart

INTRODUCING OUR FREE ONLINE WILLS

As we embark on another action-packed year of wildlife conservation, we are so mindful that we would not be able to do what we do without you, our passionate and committed supporters.

Hopefully you have had a chance to relax and recharge your batteries over the holiday season. Perhaps you have even compiled a list of things to achieve or work towards in 2022...

A common feature on any to-do list is ‘make a Will’.

I am always shocked to be reminded that 70% of all Australians don't have a Will! Having an up-to-date Will is one of the most important and responsible things you can do for yourself and your family, regardless of how much you own.

Taronga has partnered with Australia's most comprehensive end-of-life services company, Gathered Here to give you, our amazing supporters, the chance to write a legally-binding Will, completely free-of-charge, online

in less than 10 minutes, with unlimited updates for life.

If you decide to leave a gift of any size to Taronga in your Will, you will help ensure that we can continue protecting and caring for wildlife for many years to come.

Whilst there is absolutely no obligation to do so, leaving a gift in your Will to Taronga is one of the most impactful ways you can be remembered for your love of wildlife.

This is an important

decision which requires careful consideration. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about leaving a gift to Taronga; bequests@taronga.org.au or **02 9978 4573**. Alternatively, you can contact Gathered Here directly on **1800 573 385** or go straight there to make your **FREE online Will** by scanning this QR code.



IN MEMORY *of* ALMA MCBRIDE BOWER



In 1965, a young English woman leant over the rails of a *Blue Star* ship, anchored in Sydney Harbour, watching the sun rise and listening to the lions roaring at Taronga Zoo.

This was the start of an amazing love affair for Alma, with Australia and with the zoo.

“Mum told me it was the most wonderful impression of Australia that she could have had,” says Alma’s daughter, Cathy McBride.

“It was symbolic of a new life, waiting for her in a new country.”

Alma loved animals, and although she settled in Inverell in North-West NSW, she maintained a life-long association with Taronga.

“Whenever we were in Sydney, we loved to visit Taronga,” Cathy says.

“Mum was a Zoo Parent to the gorillas for many years, and we particularly loved seeing their antics.”

Alma’s last visit to Taronga was a birthday treat in March 2020, which included a night at the Wildlife Retreat.

“We woke up to see a koala in the tree outside our window,” says Cathy.

“It was a truly magical experience. Although Mum had many health issues by this time, she really enjoyed the visit.”

Alma passed away on 28 December 2021, but her love of Taronga and animals will live on, through a generous bequest to Taronga for the future of wildlife.

HEARTFELT THANKS *to the* FOLLOWING DONORS

We pay our respects and are deeply grateful to the following donors who chose to leave a gift in their Will to Taronga. These wonderful people are

- The late Mrs Alma McBride Bower
- The late Ms Milena Nemec
- The late Mr Denis Stanley Klein

remembered for their love of animals and their legacy is forever in caring for wildlife and working towards a shared future for animals and people.



TARONGA 

RUBBISH RUN



1-30
April

Wildlife are the innocent victims affected by litter every day.

Every piece of plastic ever created still exists, and over 5 trillion pieces of it are floating in our oceans and rivers as litter, directly harming some of our most iconic wildlife such as the Marine Turtle and the Platypus. Taronga's Wildlife Hospitals are seeing more Australian native animals being admitted affected by rubbish and pollution than ever before.

It's time to pick it up for our wildlife. Together, with your help, Taronga is committed to reversing these trends.

This April, we invite you to sign up for the inaugural Taronga Rubbish Run! A unique 30-day fundraising challenge that gets you fit and saving wildlife at the same time.

Some people enjoy running, while others enjoy picking up litter to help protect the environment. Then there are those wildlife warriors who combine the two and call it PLOGGING!

Whether you run, walk, paddle, swim or climb, we want to see you move it for wildlife! Share your "Plogging" efforts with family and friends, ask for their support

through a donation or create a team and pick it up together.

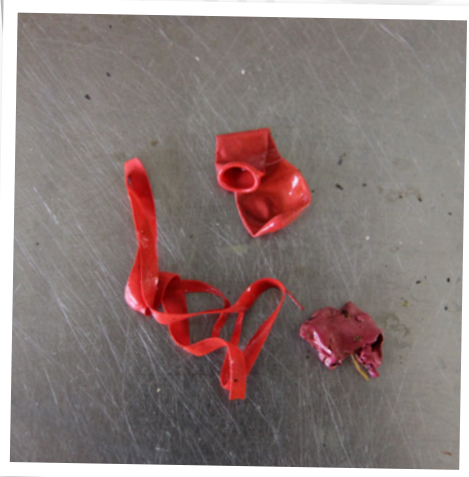
At Taronga, we know there is great power in a community of passionate individuals working towards a shared goal – together we can make a difference for endangered wildlife.

The funds raised during the Taronga Rubbish Run will directly support key conservation projects across Australia.

Picking up rubbish may not be glamorous but protecting our endangered wildlife is. So, come on, become a Taronga "plogger" and pick it up to protect wildlife.

Join the Taronga Rubbish Run, because every litter bit counts!

Register now!



TarongaRubbishRun.com

WILD NEGOTIATIONS

Learning how to negotiate your worth with confidence is critical to your success, however if you've never been taught how to do it well, it can be daunting and something that many people try to avoid.

Sam Trattles, Founder at *Other Side of The Table*, is not only an expert in negotiations but also a Taronga supporter and has just released her latest book *Negotiate Your Worth*.

In this book readers learn the eight characteristics that combine to make for a powerful business

negotiator. Adding a wildlife-related twist, Trattles represents each characteristic through an appropriate native Aussie animal; because, like humans, the true powers of these incredible creatures can sometimes be underestimated.

Each animal has been beautifully illustrated by the incredibly talented artist Jill Barber Richardson.

As native Australian animals play a key role in this book, Trattles and *Other Side of The Table* have partnered with Taronga. A true collaboration, this

partnership sees input into the animal characteristics from Taronga's own Nick Boyle, Director of Conservation.

You can support Australian wildlife as well as learn a new skill with \$1 from the sale of each book being donated to support Taronga's continued care and conservation of Australian wildlife.

What better way than to support Taronga with a portion of the proceeds going to wildlife conservation!



*You can purchase a copy of **Negotiate Your Worth** online or at one of Taronga's retail stores.*

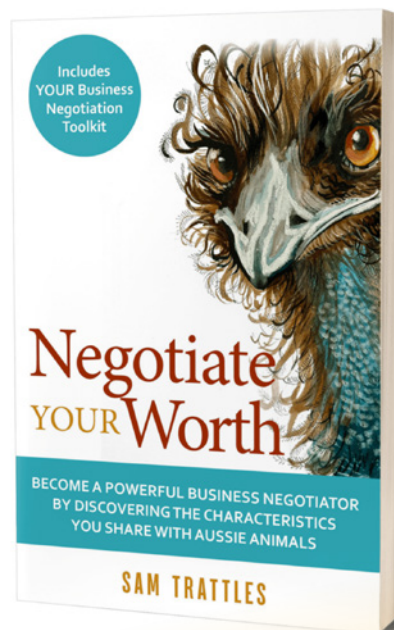
Get your copy today!

"Tapping into the behavioural characteristics of animals has been an effective way to teach life lessons since story-telling begun. Sam has brilliantly captured the essence of some of Australia's unique and iconic wildlife and the traits that have allowed these species to be perfectly adapted to their environment.

Within 'Negotiate Your Worth' we come away with a better understanding of ourselves and the inextricable links between humans and the world around us. These links and the shared future between humans and wildlife must be protected.

I thank Sam for supporting the work of Taronga through this book."

Nick Boyle, Divisional Director – Welfare, Conservation and Science, Taronga Conservation Society Australia



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CUB PANDA-MONIUM!

In case you missed it, earlier this year we were extremely proud to announce the birth of two adorable Red Panda cubs!

The duo were born on Wednesday 8 December 2021 to experienced parents – mum Amala and dad Pabu.

Weighing just 150 grams at birth, the cubs spent the first three months of their lives in the security of their purpose-built nest box, where Amala had collected a range of

nesting materials to ensure she and the cubs were warm and comfortable.

Thanks to our amazing community of Zoo Parents, the cubs have had the best start to life.

Our Carnivore Keepers have been checking on the cubs progress regularly. As they grow in size and confidence, they will begin to spend most of their time exploring their exhibit and learning behaviours like climbing.

On the Red List

Found across the Himalayas, including China and Nepal, Red Pandas are classified by the IUCN as Endangered, with an estimated less than 10,000 thought to be remaining in the wild.

Sadly, Red Pandas fall victim to the illegal wildlife trade or are often captured in traps intended for deer and wild pigs. Taronga Zoo Sydney is supporting a global breeding program

to ensure a genetically diverse insurance population.

The arrival of these cubs marks the 51st and 52nd cubs to be born at Taronga since the breeding program commenced in 1977, **thanks to supporters like you!**

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can support the care of these incredible cubs with a Red Panda adoption! Scan here to find out more.



FIND OUT MORE!

Watch our behind the scenes special on what it takes to feed a Red Panda!



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