

PANGOLIN RESCUE & RELEASE



The SABAH PARKS



1STOPBORNEO WILDLIFE

**STANDARD OPERATION PROCEDURE
(SOP)**

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The Pangolin also locally known as the tengilling is a critically endangered mammal. It is a totally protected species and it is not allowed to be sold or caught / traded. The following are the basic SOP to be followed when a Pangolin rescue and release takes place.

1. Find out the details on how long the pangolin has been kept in captivity. If more than 2/3 days, the animal will be very hungry, dehydrated or weak potentially.
2. Always give some water if possible somehow to the pangolin without stressing it.
3. Wear gloves and face mask when handling pangolins.
4. Try to keep the pangolin in a large bucket or rice bag than a cage/sangkar. This is to avoid injuries which could be self-sustained by the pangolin
5. Always prioritize immediate release.
6. First thing when receiving a pangolin, check for injuries or disease. If any , bring to a vet for treatment.
7. If possible check the weight and sex of the animal
8. If possible, under the supervision of any expert, take some basic hair ,tick and one scale sample, which could be used for research later on.
9. Pangolin release should ALWAYS be in the evening, after 6.00pm
10. Ideal release sites are a) At/near tree hole b) Tree hole near a river.
11. Identify all the tree holes if possible near the Headquarters of the park
12. If Pangolin is kept overnight, make sure its in a bucket from which it cannot escape from or in a room where there is no escape passage. Toilet room or a room with no possible way of escape is the best.
13. Once released, everyone should keep a distance of a minimal 3 meters. To avoid stress in case it wants to open up and go out.
14. Wash and sanitize the equipment used and yourself after handling pangolins.
15. Put a camera trap at the release site if possible for a week.

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