

Rotary



Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species



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"I'm busy back at work, with Rotary and putting together a RAGES Project."

Deb returns from collating data from the Fonterra NZ milk powder trial in Sabah, Borneo. Deb extended the rotary hand of friendship to the Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu, The Director of the Sabah Wildlife Department and various Rangers from the Wildlife Rescue Units (WRU).

The milk powder trial using 2 elephants was very success and Fonterra have been notified. Deb has been approached by BCTJ who want to donate to pay for more Fonterra milk powder for the elephants. She is in the process of working through the quantity, sea or arrive freight options and costs. Fonterra are running a feature newsletter to their 16,000 staff about the milk trial with photos, videos and the link above. They will ask their staff to donate \$1 each.

Fonterra is trying to work out the best options, based on the animal's feeding requirement and the centre's storage capabilities, what the most optimal volume is in order to maximise the US\$7700, as there's a negative correlation between cost of airfreight and volume. We want to make sure we have the best solution to make sure we are getting the best return.

Deb has approached Garmin Australasia to see if they would sponsor 4 Garmin cameras for the WRU. Deb left her own Garmin camera with the Sepilok WRU to film footage of illegal snaring, poaching and illegal pet trade for prosecution.

Deb has promoted online and through the local newspaper to start the RAGES High School Challenge bringing National Geographical learning into the

classroom. Let's get all of our 26 Regional Secondary Schools involved to see what is needed to save Endangered Wildlife. The younger generation want to make a difference and through Rotary we can share projects and work together to find a way forward.....

The recent collared wild Borneo Pygmy Elephant No 35, Koyah may be the one that saves her species as her movements will be tracked by students all over NZ, so that we can learn the best way to protect her and prevent human elephant conflicts. This is Rotary evolving to teach the younger generation how, why, where and when we make a difference.

Thanks to [Hutt Valley High School](#) and [Scots College Wellington](#) for being the first 2 schools on board. Dedicated people, united and working together, can change the world.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/ragesborneoelephantproject#>

These are the 9 objectives that I believe Rotary/RAGES can assist -

1. Promoting the RAGES Project to create awareness of the issue to stop & prosecute poaching, illegal killing, snare trapping & the illegal pet trade in Borneo.
2. Fund & deliver 4 Garmin Virb cameras to record operations, rescues and footage of illegal snaring & poaching for prosecution through the courts.
3. Provide assistance by fundraising to install electric fences to protect schools, medical centres and villages
4. Fundraise to purchase GPS collars for the DGFC and WRU members to use, so that we learn more about the transient movements of elephants
5. Provide monetary assistance to the Wildlife Rescue Unit to give access to worldwide experts so that they can learn through education. Offer scholarships, placements and exchanges to enhance their learning.
6. Conduct feasibility reports in a number of areas, to better understand the needs of the locals to support employment and build eco-tourism
7. Support locals attempting to create NGO's to provide centres for the conservation of rescued endangered species. There is poor public awareness about the conservation needs. Creating strong, diverse local economies that meet local peoples' needs & support employment & international fair trade.
8. Educating locals and farmers to create sustainable & humane agriculture that gives access to nutritious, low impact, local & seasonal products

If you or your club would like to be involved then contact Debbie on email: dkmair@gmail.com for more information.