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# Bornean pygmy elephant calf rescued

**KOTA KINABALU:** A Bornean pygmy elephant calf that apparently strayed from its herd was rescued by Wildlife rangers from a plantation near the Malua forest reserve.

The two-month-old calf was found wandering near the workers' quarters on the east coast of Kinabatangan district on Dec 19.

A Wildlife Rescue Unit team rushed to the area where they found the calf, which could also possibly have been abandoned by the herd, said Sabah Wildlife Department assistant director Dr Sen Nathan yesterday.

He said they were unable to trace the herd after it had crossed a nearby river and entered the forest.

"The team decided to take the calf to Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre for further veterinary care," he said, adding that they named the calf Malu.

Malu is doing well and drinking milk, but veterinarian are keeping close tabs on the calf's condition.

He said two members of the Wildlife Rescue Units veterinarians, Dr K. Uma Maheswary and Dr Arnold Supil, would be monitoring

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**Dr Sen Nathan**

the calf through the holidays.

In a Facebook posting yesterday, Dr Sen wrote: "As the rest of us gather around with our family members in the warmth of our homes, these two unsung heroes will be spending Christmas taking care of a recently orphaned baby Bornean elephant. Meet, Malu a female Bornean elephant."

He said the calf was "friendly and lovable" and was hopeful that with the care from the Wildlife Rescue Unit, Malu would be able to find its way back to the wild.

Dr Sen also thanked the Malaysian Palm Oil Council and The Orangutan Appeal UK for funding the rescue of the calf.



**Meet Malu:** Dr Uma Maheswary and Dr Arnold Supil will be keeping vigil over Christmas to ensure all is well with Malu.