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Call the Wildlife Crime Hotline

MARCH was a busy month for the Malaysian Conservation Alliance for Tigers (MYCAT) especially with the increased volume of reports received through the Wildlife Crime Hotline.

The hotline was conceived in 2010 initially to receive reports of crimes against tigers. However, seeing the potential to help other protected wildlife, MYCAT decided to widen its reach to cover any wildlife species. We haven't looked back since. We are receiving more and more reports every year from various parts of the country.

Apart from receiving reports from the public, the hotline is used by the Citizen Action for Tigers (CAT) volunteers to report snares and other poaching activity in the Sungai Yu Wildlife Corridor in Pahang.

The hotline complements the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (Perhilitan) hotline (1-800-88-5151) by offering a 24-hour, 365-days-a-year outlet for people to channel information.

Based on the information, we are then able to direct it to the best action on a case-by-case basis. For example, if it is a wildlife crime, we relay this information to Perhilitan. For a land use problem, the information is directed to the local land office.

Here, we would like to share two heartening incidents of how birds, quite possibly destined for the cruel clutches of the pet trade, were saved thanks to conscientious members of the public.

Earlier in March 2017, two totally protected black winged kites, *Elianus caerules*, were found in Bandar Botanic, Klang. Despite

Berani mat, berani tanggung





Jauhi dari:

Ubat tradisional Berasaskan Hidupan Liar
Sajam eskotik
Gandingan diperbuat daripada Hidupan Liar

Malaysia telah mengubal undang-undang hidupan liar yang baru, maka kini, penjenayah hidupan liar akan dikenakan hukuman masa di penjara dan juga membayar denda yang besar!

being offered a sum of money for them, the people who found the birds did the right thing by contacting the hotline. We relayed this information to Perhilitan Selangor who promptly rescued the chicks for rehabilitation and release.

In another incident, an injured adult barn owl, *Tyto alba (pic)*, was discovered by several Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) students on campus. It appeared to have a broken wing and was unable to fly despite several attempts.

The students found the hotline by simply Googling "What to do with an injured owl". By following our instructions, they managed to send the owl for proper veterinary care and treatment. Now, like the black winged kite chicks, it has a good chance of being released upon healing.

The hotline is also a means for

Laporkan jenayah hidupan liar ke
Hotline Hidupan Liar

019 356 4194

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Maklumat yang diperlukan

- 1 Jenis jenayah**
 - ubat tradisional berasaskan hidupan liar
 - sajam eskotik (cth. daging kijang/rusa)
 - cenderemata (cth. ukiran gading gajah)
 - hidupan liar eskotik yang didalangi/kan sebagai hantaran peliharaan (cth. sar tortoise atau creak tokak)
- 2 Tempat**
Nama kedai, alamat, arahan nongas ke lokasi, peruntuk.
- 3 Tarikh dan masa kejadian**

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gathering crucial intelligence. A member of the public who chanced upon the sale of Indian Star Tortoises, *Geochelone elegans*, by a pet shop online reported it to the hotline, and this led to the arrest of five men in Negeri Sembilan.

We laud the actions of these ordinary citizens. You are superheroes in your own right. These three cases also prove the relevance of the hotline in our society today. We would like to think of the hotline as an important link to the chain of events that will eventually lead to a positive outcome.

From a macro level, these cases also prove that NGOs can work with the Government to deliver services to the rakyat.

MYCAT feels it is both an honour and a privilege to be able to serve the Malaysian public in this way. Besides saving wildlife from mali-



cious intentions, we believe that we are helping ordinary folks to carry out their civic duty, and that's what keeps us going.

We urge the public to remain vigilant. Do report any suspicious activities, wildlife crime or wildlife related issues to the MYCAT Wildlife Crime Hotline 019-356 4194. We promise we will be at the other end of the line, doing our best.

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