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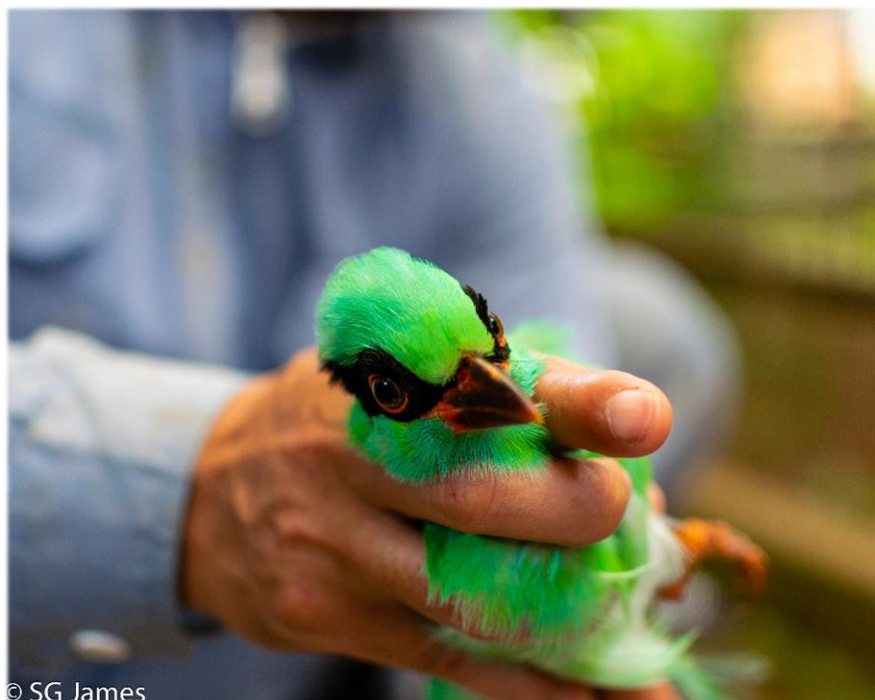
The New Normal...

Firstly, in what are unstable times for all, from us here at CCBC, we would like to extend our best wishes and hope you are all keeping healthy in body and mind. For us at CCBC, life goes on much the same day to day, we are lucky enough to all live on-site, or in the immediate vicinity of the center in the small village of Cikananga. We are all grateful to have our health and the means to continue to employ all our staff at a time like this. For CCBC as a whole, to maintain ourselves, we have reduced our activities to what is only deemed essential and accept progression of other projects, both *ex situ* and *in situ*, must, for the time being, be reduced or put on hold. This newsletter is therefore a little light on news due to having been somewhat restricted in the past couple of months, but in times like these, we would like to share our good news with you and spread some positivity! We are so thankful for your continued support, now more than ever, and we look forward to brighter times where we can focus on and discuss the progression of our important conservation efforts which you make possible.

Captive Breeding

Javan Green Magpie

An elongated dry season caused the breeding season of the Javan Green Magpie to be later this year. This meant we did not see our first fledglings until the first few days of 2020. The delayed start, however, did not seemingly affect breeding efforts with this breeding season having been the most productive to date for CCBC and the Javan Green Magpie. The CCBC team have welcomed seven individuals this breeding season and still there is a pair incubating eggs. Further good news from this breeding season is four of these birds have never bred and, of these four, two individuals are founder individuals. The team at CCBC are really pleased with this year's breeding efforts and consider the Javan Green Magpie a species we are confident that we understand the requirements of in this environment.



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Close up with a three month old Javan Green Magpie chick



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Keeper Asep checking body condition



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Black-winged Myna chicks at around 9 days old



Large Black-winged Myna "nursery" aviary

Black-winged Myna

Since the previous newsletter, in which we brought you news of recommencing the breeding of the Black-winged Myna, we have successfully reared to post-fledge age a total of six individuals from two different pairs. Whilst this is great news for our local population, these pairings also follow breeding recommendations of the international studbook, contributing to efforts to increase the genetic diversity of the global captive population. We recommenced breeding of the Black-winged Myna in what is considered the non-breeding season and currently give our pairs a rest, we will likely look to breed again once the dry season is underway. All birds bred this season now fly together in a large aviary at CCBC which they are moved to once they have completed courses of preventative medication. Here they can quickly gain good body condition, whilst socializing in a mixed sex flock with other birds of a similar age.



Black-winged Myna leaving parents at just over a month old

Javan Warty Pig Translocation

Delayed...

In the last newsletter we brought you news of our plans to translocate a breeding group of Javan Warty Pig to Batu Secret Zoo, East Java. Initiating satellite populations is a crucial step in the conservation of this species and this is a translocation we are very excited for. Unfortunately the planned translocation was postponed due to COVID related travel bans in Indonesia and we now hope this will take place in June.



Izzy. Photo credit Chloe Poulter.



Jidan. Photo credit Chloe Poulter



Indah, Photo credit Chloe Poulter

CCBC Interns

In March, CCBC waved goodbye to Chester Zoo interns Sam Brocklehurst and Chloe Poulter after their internship came to an end. During the internship, Sam and Chloe had become valued members of the team, applying themselves to multiple projects with the birds, pigs and also in the clinic. Projects included:

- Data collection on UV light levels experienced by Javan Green Magpie in breeding aviaries to assist with the husbandry of this species in the European context.
- Dietary study with the Sumatran Laughingthrush, a species that we observe obesity in.
- Habituation of Javan Warty Pigs pre-translocation.
- Centre wide parasite screening

Aside from their multiple projects, Sam and Chloe assisted with the everyday husbandry of all the species at CCBC, and their high standard of husbandry from their time at Chester Zoo was apparent.

Thank you for your hard work and all the best in your future careers Sam and Chloe!



CCBC Team

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Thank you from all the Cikananga Conservation Breeding Center Team!



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