

# Leuser Ecosystem, North Sumatra, Indonesia, 2025

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We had a short holiday and visited Leuser Ecosystem, in and around Gunung Leuser National Park, based in Bukit Lawang. I highly recommend SUMECO (Sumatra Ecoproject) <https://www.sumeco.id/>, an NGO focus on wildlife conservation, supporting local community and develop Ecotourism. The owner Bobi and his staff have great passion for wildlife conservation, and they provide not only regular trekking in Bukit Lawang, but also in more areas according to our demands and targets.

Dec 19<sup>th</sup>: Arriving Bukit Lawang from KNO Airport. Three hours nocturnal hike around Bukit Lawang at night.

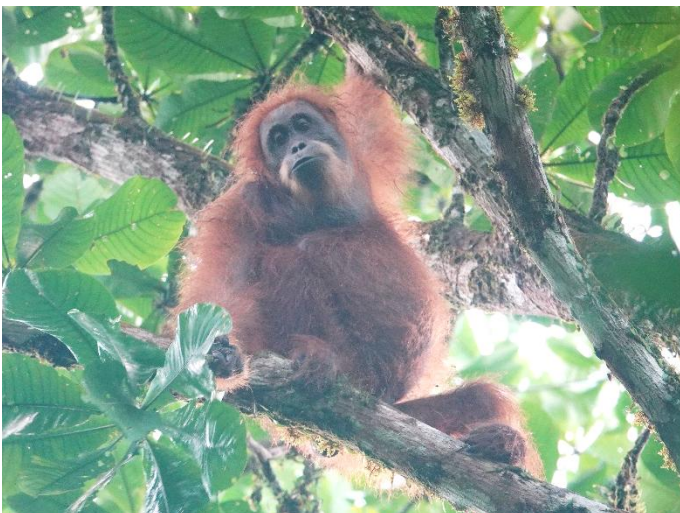
Dec 20<sup>th</sup>: Morning trekking in Bukit Lawang. Afternoon trekking in Tualang Gepang.

Dec 21<sup>st</sup>: Morning visit Batu Katak. Three hours nocturnal hike around Tualang Gepang at night.

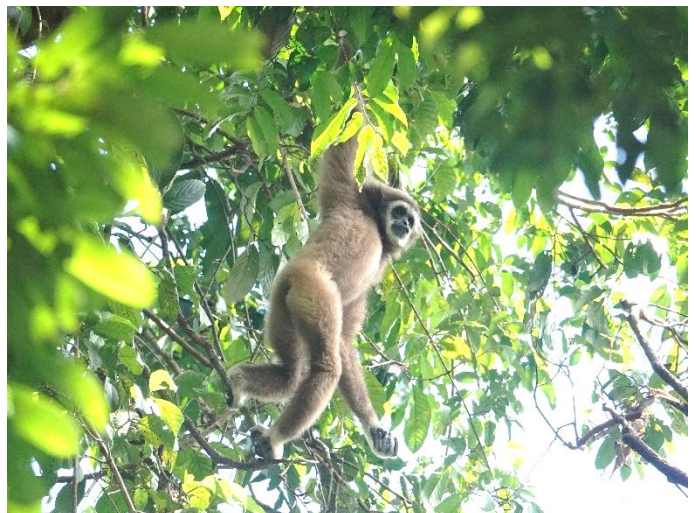
Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>: Full day trekking in Sumber Waras. Transport to KNO Airport in the evening.

## Mammal List

1. **Sumatran Orangutan (*Pongo abelii*)**: Wild individual seen while trekking in Tualang Gepang. They are very alert to humans. The orangutans easy to see in Bukit Lawang closely are almost semi-wild from rehabilitation.
2. **White-handed gibbon (*Hylobates lar*)**: Seen while trekking in Bukit Lawang.
3. **Siamang (*Symphalangus syndactylus*)**: Wild individual seen near the village of Batu Katak. They coexist with local people. This village is also to see titan arum (*Amorphophallus titanum*).
4. **Thomas's langur (*Presbytis thomasi*)**: Two groups seen while trekking in Bukit Lawang.
5. **Southern pig-tailed macaque (*Macaca nemestrina*)**: Seen while trekking in Bukit Lawang.
6. **Long-tailed macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*)**: Seen while trekking in Bukit Lawang.
7. **Sumatran slow loris (*Nycticebus hilleri*)**: Seen while nocturnal hike around Tualang Gepang.
8. **Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*)**: Herds seen while trekking in Sumber Waras. To see the wild Sumatran elephant is a special ecotourism project, and great experience.
9. **Southern Asian palm civet (*Paradoxurus musanga*)**: Seen while nocturnal hike around Bukit Lawang.
10. **\*Ricefield rat (*Rattus argentiventer*)**: Seen while nocturnal hike around Tualang Gepang. Group active in the oil palm tree near the village. Unsure of the identification.



Sumatran Orangutan (wild)



White-handed gibbon



Siamang



Thomas's langur



Southern pig-tailed macaque



Long-tailed macaque



Sumatran slow loris



Asian elephant (wild)



Southern Asian palm civet



Ricefield rat (unsure)



Sumatran forest dragon (*Gonocephalus beyschlagi*)



*Pyrops pythicus*



Titan arum



Gunung Leuser National Park