



Bodat, the Little Explorer

At just 3 years old, Bodat has already shown a curious, adventurous, and courageous personality. At Forest School, she is known as a highly independent young orangutan. Although she belongs to a small group with Rosi, Annette, and Piet, Bodat is often the one who ventures off on her own, confidently exploring the forest without relying on her companions.

Bodat loves moving from tree to tree in search of natural food. She actively explores every corner of the forest, demonstrating confidence and impressive navigation skills for her age. This growing independence is an encouraging sign of her rehabilitation progress, as wild orangutans naturally spend much of their time foraging and traveling through the forest on their own.

Despite her adventurous nature, Bodat also has the playful spirit typical of a young orangutan. After spending hours exploring, she often returns to play with the other members of her group, especially Annette. They can frequently be seen chasing each other, wrestling, and playing high in the trees until late afternoon.

One of Bodat's most adorable habits is hanging upside down by her feet while gripping a tree branch, letting the rest of her body dangle freely beneath her. This unique pose often reminds her caregivers of Spider-Man swinging effortlessly through the trees.

With her adventurous spirit, confidence, and agility, Bodat continues to develop the essential skills she will need to become an independent wild orangutan in the future.



Bodat's Background

Bodat is a female orangutan who was rescued on January 10, 2024, by a joint team from the West Kalimantan Natural Resources Conservation Agency (BKSDA West Kalimantan), Sintang Orangutan Center (SOC), and the local Indonesian Army village officer (Babinsa) in Kekurak Village, Badau District, Kapuas Hulu Regency. The rescue took place after a local resident voluntarily surrendered the infant orangutan, whom he had been caring for for approximately two weeks.

Bodat was found alone in the forest at the foothills of the Danau Sentarum area by a resident who was fishing. When she was discovered, she was in very poor condition, weak and covered in mud and tree sap. Local residents believed that her mother

had fled after being disturbed by human activity in the forest, an area that has also been increasingly affected by the expansion of oil palm plantations.

Feeling sorry for her, the resident took Bodat home and cared for her as if she were his own child. During that time, she was bathed, carried, dressed in children's clothing, and even given medication when she appeared ill. Unfortunately, she was also fed inappropriate foods for an orangutan, including sweetened condensed milk, instant noodles, rice, eggs, watermelon, and bananas.

By the time she was rescued, Bodat's condition had become concerning. She was suffering from diarrhea, had lost her appetite, and was showing the negative effects of being kept outside her natural habitat. Based on a veterinary examination, Bodat was estimated to be 1–2 years old and was immediately admitted into rehabilitation, where she could begin recovering and redeveloping the natural behaviors and survival skills needed to one day return to the wild.

