



ADDRESSING ILLEGAL AND UNSUSTAINABLE SONGBIRD TRADE IN ASIA

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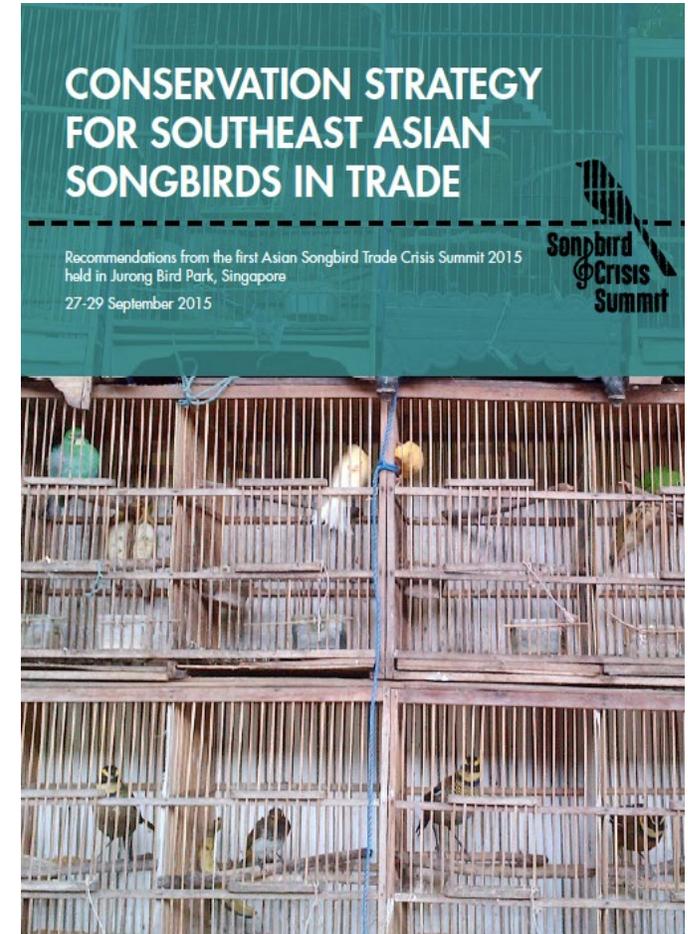


ASIAN SONGBIRD TRADE SPECIALIST GROUP

To prevent the extinction of songbirds threatened by unsustainable trapping and the trade in wild-caught passerines

To address the impact of the trade and to find solutions through which the growing threat to an ever increasing number of songbird species can be reversed and improve the conservation status of all species involved

- **ASTSG**
 - Chair
 - Five Thematic Vice-Chairs
 - Two Coordinators
 - Communications Coordinator
 - >70 members
 - Hosted by Mandai Nature



THEMATIC SUB-GROUPS



Trade and Legislation

Field Research



Genetic Research



Conservation Breeding and Reintroduction

Education and Community Engagement



PRIORITY TAXA LIST

- To prioritise for future conservation interventions, research and funding
- Taxa used to recognise unique conservation units threatened by trade
- Criteria: Trade main threat, populations impacted
- Updated April 2022
- To be updated as new information available



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PRIORITY TAXA LIST

Tier 1 - CONSERVATION PRIORITY

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
1 Black-winged Myna	<i>Acridotheres m. melanopterus</i>
2 Grey-rumped Myna	<i>Acridotheres m. tertius</i>
3 Grey-backed Myna	<i>Acridotheres m. tricolor</i>
4 Brown-cheeked Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus bres</i>
5 Javan Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis cochinchinensis</i>
6 Sumatran Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis media</i>
7 Greater Green Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis sonnerati</i>
8 Javan Green Magpie	<i>Cissa thalassina</i>
9 Oriental Magpie Robin (East Java/Bali)	<i>Copsychus saularis amoenus</i>
10 Javan Jungle Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis banyumas</i>
11 Sumatran Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax bicolor</i>
12 Sunda Laughingthrush (Sumatra)	<i>Garrulax palliatus palliatus</i>

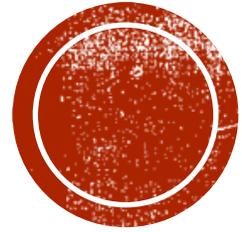


PRIORITY TAXA LIST

Tier 2 - WATCH LIST; MORE RESEARCH REQUIRED; TRADE WAS BUT NO LONGER PRIMARY THREAT

	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
1	Grey-cheeked Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus tephrogenys</i>
2	Green Avadavat	<i>Amandava formosa</i>
3	Blue Masked Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis venusta</i>
4	Oriental Magpie Robin (East, north, south Kalimantan, Maratua)	<i>Copsychus saularis pluto</i>
5	Sunda Laughingthrush (Borneo)	<i>Garrulax palliatus schistochlamys</i>
6	Chestnut-backed Thrush	<i>Geokichla dohertyi</i>
7	Chestnut-capped Thrush	<i>Geokichla interpres</i>
8	Javan Heleia	<i>Heleia javanica</i>
9	White-crowned Shama	<i>Kittacincla malabarica stricklandii</i>
10	White-rumped Shama (Thai-Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, West Java)	<i>Kittacincla malabarica tricolor</i>
11	Brown Shrike (migrant to Indonesia)	<i>Lanius cristatus superciliosus</i>
12	Maroon-bellied Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma brasiliana</i>





EXAMPLE INTERVENTIONS AND SUCCESSES BY MEMBERS





Ecosystem Impact

- Simeulue Islands, Aceh, Indonesia
- Highly threatened endemic taxa
- Rampant poaching for the pet trade leading to regional extinctions
- White-rumped (Barusan) shama *C. melanurus* from Simeulue (*hypolizus*) and from Babi and Lasia (*opisthochrus*), and Simeulue hill myna *Gracula [religiosa] miotera*, considered on the brink, if not already extinct in the wild

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Highly threatened
endemics songbird
conservation
breeding.



Community ranger, anti-
poaching, data collection
and monitoring.



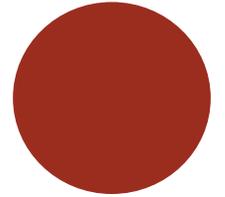
Environmental
education and
community
engagement.



Reintroduction and in-
situ conservation data
collection.







- Kanopi Indonesia Is a Non Profit CSO based in Yogyakarta Indonesia
- Concern in conservation of landscapes and biodiversity resources through socio-economic and ecological-based research, Strengthening site-level communities in sustainable management of biodiversity, and awareness-raising on conservation.
- Kanopi Indonesia also has a goal to disseminate information on biodiversity and landscape conservation to the wider community to build mass movements and policy making by the government.

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CONSERVING THREATENED SONGBIRDS SPECIES THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED CONSERVATION IN THE AGROFORESTRY AREA IN YOGYAKARTA AND CENTRAL JAVA INDONESIA

- Build community capacity in sustainable landscape management by encourage local regulation
- Develop community based monitoring and guarding involving local community especially ex-poacher
- Strengthen community livelihood primarily ex-poacher through improving local based product and avitourism





FLIGHT

Protecting Indonesia's Birds

- In the last three years, songbirds have dominated wildlife seizures by authorities. 85% of wildlife seized by authorities who FLIGHT work with in the last 3 years were songbirds.
- The latest data shows, from January to November 2023 that we recorded 54,347 live individual wildlife seized by the authorities.
- **45,032 (83%) were songbirds.**

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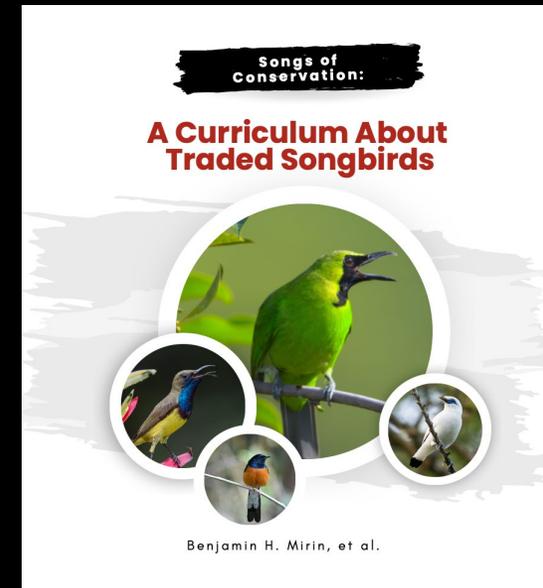
In the past 5 years, FLIGHT has supported key authorities in rescuing an estimated 180,000 songbirds from the illegal wildlife trade. Surviving birds are released back into the wild after being confirmed healthy







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SILENT FOREST GROUP

- Members of ASTSG run the EAZA Silent Forest Group
- Mainly European zoos and aquaria fund activities
- Supporting 25 projects for songbirds threatened by trade financially
- Engage in trade research with partners such as Traffic, Monitor, SDU, MMU
- Engage in conservation policy work (led on CoP19 side event on Songbirds and IUCN 2020 motion #120 on “Action against Asian Songbird Trafficking”)
- Develops educational material exhibited in more than 180 zoos in Europe and Asia.
- Supported the development of three documentary film productions as well as artistic interpretations of the “Asian Songbird Crisis”.

Information on <https://www.silentforest.eu/> and through info@silentforest.eu



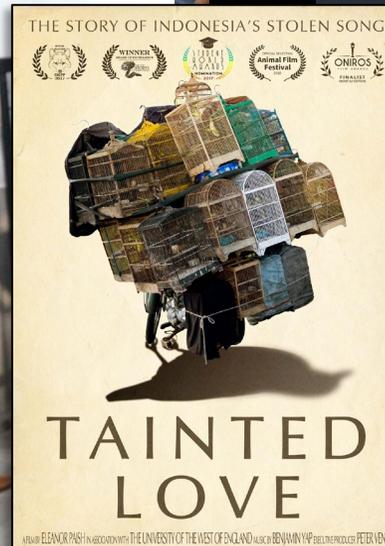
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SILENT FOREST GROUP

- EAZA Member institutions have adopted above and beyond standards to avoid direct involvement in illegal and unsustainable songbird trade
- Support establishment of Conservation Breeding Centres for the most threatened species in-region with funds and know-how
- Support in-region rescue and rehabilitation centers for songbirds which have been confiscated
- Support in-region education and awareness programs
- Support community ranger programs to protect threatened populations
- Supports field research
- Supports awareness raising through exhibitions and interpretations



Event speakers at
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Danny de Man.



Silent Forest Circus





- Songbirds in Trade Database (SiTDB)
- Compiles existing songbird trade knowledge
- Domestic and **international** trade
- Trade impact
- Goals:
 - Make trade knowledge publicly available
 - Identify knowledge gaps
 - Inform policy
- Living document
- info@sitdb.org
- <https://www.sitdb.org>

monitor

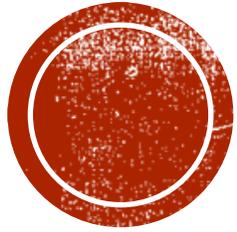
CONSERVATION RESEARCH SOCIETY

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Partners





CITES

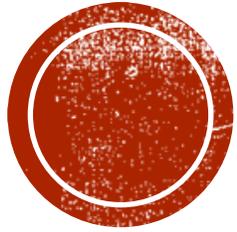


STRAW-HEADED BULBUL AND WHITE-RUMPED SHAMA LISTING PROPOSALS



SONGBIRD TRADE SIDE EVENTS





WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING AND IMPLEMENTING CONSERVATION ACTIONS TO PROTECT ASIAN SONGBIRDS FROM UNSUSTAINABLE AND ILLEGAL INTERNATIONAL TRADE, USING CITES AS AN INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK.

THANK YOU.

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