

Pulisan Newsletter 2006

Much awaited for by PULISAN friends, addicts and those who still want to become such

Another year, dear friends, we are about to let go, and we, the Pulisan team, wish you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007

Never let go your wishes and hopes!

Our biggest wish for 2006 that was to save our pristine waters from the threat of an Australian Gold Mining Company, Pt. Meares Soputan Mining, which planned to dispose of huge amounts of tailings into the sea, partly has fulfilled. They didn't get the permit for that and now submit another request to store the tailings on land. We continue fighting them!

The school sponsorship programs

Thank you to all of you who continuously support the education of our village children!!!!

Thanks for your continuous help - there are 33 village children whose school education is currently financed by our Pulisan Jungle Beach resort guests. This is an extra-ordinary figure and almost exceeds Katrin's limits. Fortunately Katrin is helped by some parents who take part in caring for the youths who attend boarding schools. The parents have established a rolling system to go and look after the youths' needs.

Seven children attend the primary school in Pulisan village, one in Manado; six the lower secondary school in Marinsow.

As for the upper secondary education, two attend the vocational school for tourism in the second class, three the first class; eight are enrolled at the nautical school Baramuli in Airmadidi, one in the final year of the navigation class, five in their second year, and two in their first year. One boy attends a school for computer sciences in Manado, two girls and a boy a vocational high school in Bitung. One boy is enrolled at the Upper Secondary School Likupang. One girl is in her final year of the tourism school at Tanah Putih and currently practicing at a Manado hotel. One girl we are very proud of, chose to take up a program in underwater ecotourism at the Department of Tourism of Manado's Polytechnical University. She is in her second year now.

Three youths unfortunately broke their education, Line Piter in her first year at the Baramuli School, Nancy Togelang in her first year of the Tourism school, and Adri Lahampa in the second year of the lower secondary school Marinsow.



Jendri Lesawengen with sponsors



Rein Loronaung, sponsored by Klaus Hellmich & Christel Dekker



the second year of the lower secondary school Marinsow. Seven school sponsorships were newly taken up during 2006: Rein Loronaung, 1st class Airmadidi School for Nautical Professions, is sponsored since July 1st by Christel Dekker and Klaus Hellmich, Germany.

Erwin Lakuhati's education at a Bitung vocational school is taken care of by Achim and Erika Doemel, Germany, whose first sponsor child Line Piter, broke off in July. Mr. Achim and Mrs. Erika Doemel in July 2005 spent a four week holiday at Pulisan.

The Ploteau family from France, who already took on responsibility for the education of two youths, Maryam Patilima and Marhaeni Kauntu, during their stay at Pulisan in July decided to take care also of Veibe Resty Adrian's education at the Airmadidi School for tourism and Merlin Malindes who attends the final class at Tanah Putih Tourism School.

Jekrid Pangalila is helped by Anja and Volker Hartwich from Germany. He attends the Airmadidi School for tourism in his first year.

Mikel Amar is another boy who newly enrolled at the tourism school in July. His three year program will be financed by Edith Valadier and Philippe Faugier, France. Merci!

Due to his persistence Jendri Lesawengen succeeded to find himself sponsors in July to re-enroll at the Likupang Upper Secondary School after he had to drop out the year before: He "adopted" Leotine Koekenberg and Martin Kassteen from the Netherlands. Katrin's father, Wolf-Dieter Weise, joined the "family" as grandfather.

Three girls in July graduated from the Airmadidi School For Tourism:

Line Piter whose education was financed by Marco and Francesca Massaccesi from Italy.

Lenni Hari who was taken care of by Tineke Fuselier from the USA. She currently attends a computer program.

Eiren Lintang whose three year program at the Tourism School was financed by Auguste and Jan-Jap Glastra from the Netherlands. Eiren was their second sponsor-child.

As tourism is still booming in the area and Manado in 2008 will host the World Ocean Summit and by 2010 plans to become a tourism city of world class, the job opportunities in the sector are plenty.



Jekrid Pangalila, sponsored by Anja & Volker Hartwich



Veibe Resty Adrian



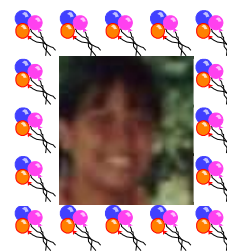
Erwin Lakuhati, sponsored by Erika & Achim Doemel



Helmi Piter, graduated



Lenni Hari, graduated



Eiren Lintang, graduated



The development projects



Two teachers share the job to teach 12 youths



Pulisan Community Center

The community center which was built thanks to two major donations made by Dr. phil. Anja Leist-Villis & Carl Villis and Sabine & Heinz Biederbeck from Germany both collected during their wedding parties, and some smaller donations, now accommodates an open lower secondary school (forms 7 -9) and an adult education program conducted in co-operation with the regency's government.

In March 2006 the center was equipped with tables, chairs, wardrobes, boards, and shelves. In March the school commenced with ten school drop-outs being taught by two teachers whose salaries are financed by a generous donation of 1500 € made by Ed Wijnands, who had collected the money in his church, the Reformed Church Iljhorst, back in the Netherlands. Ed and his family spent a rainy four weeks in Pulisan Jungle Beach Resort during February 2006. Books and sports equipment could be purchased from additional contributions. On July 21st the pupils who had increased by two then, proudly received their first reports. The three year program gives them a degree which is acknowledged at all upper secondary schools. The children of course are happy that they save the long walk to Marinsow lower secondary school which they had to attend otherwise.



Marinsow Health Post

The health post which was built from two generous donations made by German health workers Maria Gmeiner-Spallek and August Gmeiner, who are long-time guests at Pulisan Jungle Beach Resort, is in operation now. During their sixth stay August and Maria donated another 600,- Euro which was meant to help with operational costs. Starting from June every Friday health staff from the Likupang Health Center holds practice in Marinsow. Their salaries and the initial stock of medicine were financed by Maria's and August's donation. Every patient pays a little fee which enables the health post to re-stock medicine. The health staff also serves mother and child care as well as routine vaccinations.



Pulisan Primary School

In September the school which was renovated before, could be equipped with new furniture (benches, tables, and boards) and received several sets of books for every class. This was made possible by help of Freundeskreis Lembeh-Pulisan-Bangka e.V. which was founded in June by Katrin together with several faithful and actively involved guests to give our development

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE PROJECTS DESCRIBED ABOVE: Gerhard Fuehring & Gabi Pankl (Austria), Ed Wijnands family (Netherlands), Gabi Endres (Germany), Brigitte Endres (Germany), August Gmeiner & Maria Gmeiner—Spallek (Germany), Diana Aribowo family (Indonesia), Karsten & Maria Ehlers (Germany), , Ruediger & Dr. Ildiko Neukaeter (Germany), Anna Cederberg & Andrea Armstrong (Sweden), Harald & Susanne Jaisle (Germany) with a birthday donation from Gabi and Steffen Hirn, with Lisa 10 years and Lara 7 years; Manuela und Ralph Morgenstern with Tim (7), Emily (5), Daniel (2), Heidrun und Mathias Hanninger

Guest activities and resort news

From **January** 12–28 Annie and Katrin spent their holiday in Rajasthan/India. It was the very first time for Annie to ride on a dromedar, and obviously she enjoyed it more on the elephant that took them to Amber Fort out of Agra. Of course visiting the Taj Mahal was a "must" and a wonderful impression, too! The cold temperatures in the Great Tar desert were not very enjoyable though being used to tropical degrees... A few recipes of the Indian cuisine are to be found on the Pulisan menu as a souvenir from the visit to India.



February was a very bad month. Not only that a large family from Denmark cancelled their stay on the spot due to the caricature of the Prophet Mohamad uproar, but also a Kuskus family of three was killed by a hunter from Pulisan. The male died only moments after Katrin had bought the catch off the man in order to save them from becoming a feast. The female after two days of feeding could be released together with the little one, but she didn't make it. After a week we found her already decomposing. Then the big rain started. On Black Monday, the 20th, after 48 hours torrential rains two landslides went down in the back of the resort causing no damage except for the engine room, but a lot of clean-up work. In the same evening the Kuskus baby verbally was washed out of the rain. We put it in a box, trying to take care of the wounds and feeding it — in vain, after a few days it died. Leaving guests Margaret & Vincent only made it to the airport by swapping them to a car on the other side of a huge landslide on the way from Likupang to Manado. In Manado and surroundings 35 people died.



March was better, at least for KingKong. Gabriele Endres sponsored a new large cage for her. Not good for Mias though who was fired due too numerous troubles with him not fulfilling his job properly and when criticized being renitent. Cun, our very first boat captain, still being in Manado, took over his job. And Adrian, a long experienced boat captain from Pulisan, as Uli, our multi—talent, is tied up in constructing new cottages that are meant to replace the old ones. Cabe was the first one to "go" which Uli built a nice



replacement for. On the 23rd all bridges were swept away in again heavy rains. The weather improved a little when Andi and "Frans", Andreas Krugel and Frank Kornblum, arrived for their resp. sixth and third stay.

From **April** 25th - 26th Pulisan Jungle Beach Resort had the great honour to accommodate our eldest guest so far: 83 year old Christina Evliet with her children Leonard and Batrijs Engel. For that purpose Oliver Groht and Sohad Khaldi who spent a three week holiday in Pulisan, had to move out of their Deluxe bungalow for a night. They together with Mirco Luethi and



who spent a three week holiday in Pulisan, had to move out of their Deluxe bungalow for a night. They together with Mirya Luethi and Markus Seiler (Moise) who spent their second holiday in Pulisan were "evacuated" to Thalassa Santika to dive around Bunaken. Later Oliver and Moise should become essential members of the Freundeskreis Lembeh-Pulisan-Bangka. Mirya on the 21st celebrated her 35th birthday.



May

On April 27th August and Maria arrived for another stay (their seventh!) at Pulisan. Besides one more donation for the health post Marinsow they also contributed a few medical instruments. On the 31st Katrin left for a 3 week - Visit back home—thanks to the Football world cup there were no guests... August & Maria with their health post



New cottage Cabe



June saw the foundation of the **Freundeskreis Lembeh—Pulisan—Bangka e.V.** in Germany in order to give the development projects an organizational frame and a more sustainable future. Members pay an annual fee of 12 €. Friends of Lembeh-Pulisan-Bangka are also engaged in environment protection and against destructive practices like gold mining. By November 2006 the Freundeskreis had 38 members!!! Whoever wants to join please contact Sabine at Freundeskreis-Le-Pu-Ba@web.de The internet forum is www.save-lembeh.de The website on goldmining is www.save-lembeh.info

The photo shows Sabine (1. chairman) with Michael Hiess (2. chairman) and Katrin (right) after registration.

June also saw the visit of Wolf-Dietrich Weise, Katrin's 75 year-old father for his first stay at Pulisan and in the tropics ever. He spent four weeks struggling with the garlic kitchen, the tropical insects, and the heat, but Survived proudly (Katrin also). And Karsten & Maria Ehlers who this time came with their daughter Klara all of a sudden found themselves to have a grand-father with them... Together with Leotine Koekenberg & Martin Kassteen who spent a month at Pulisan, Wolf-Dietrich built a sponsor team for Jendri from Pulisan to enable him to attend high school at Likupang.



During **July** AMMALTA one year lasting actions against MEARES SOPUTAN Gold Mining company that planned to release more than 10 mio. Tons Tailings into our pristine waters off Lembeh Strait fulminated. The People's Alliance Against Tailings organized a mass demonstration with more than 3500 fishermen from Bitung to Manado. Finally the Ministry Of Environment rejected the submarine tailings disposal.



In the beginning of July Katrin enrolled the new sponsor children at their schools in Airmadidi.

From July 10—18 the Ploteau family from France, Didier, Sylvaine, Laura, Fanny, Charles, spent their second stay at Pulisan and adopted another two sponsor children in addition to their previous two. On the 23rd the "terrible" Barkel—family arrived for a hilarious four week stay: eleven year old Koen and his parents Frank and Petra will always be remembered because they bought the whole village rubber boots...

August On the fourth the gold mining company submits its revised Environmental Assessment Analysis in order to submit the permit for a tailings storage facility on Land. AMMALTA prepares for a new round of fighting. Thomas & Michaela Riemann who spend their fourth stay at Pulisan manage to take photos of the illegal construc



Band: AMINAEVA prepares for a new round of fighting. Thomas & Michaela Riemann who spend their fourth stay at Pulisan manage to take photos of the illegal construction of a mining supply road. On the 18th Katrin meets with Sarah from Think Blue E.V. in order to co-ordinate activities and invite Sarah to participate in the Pulisan Projects.



September was a month that brought more environmental setbacks to Pulisan. Only this time not due to rains but due to an extended drought. The whole area from Turtle Beach to Pulisan stood in flames. But as the nature recovers quickly by November with the first rainfalls everything turned green again. Gaby Baer & Thomas Blumenstock didn't mind as they spent most Time underwater anyway — keodeee! But Gerhard & Marion



Who had cancelled an earlier stay due to news of a sea Quake were a little disappointed especially as Gerhard is a forestry officer in beautiful Berchtesgaden. And then, the 25th, nes spread quickly: Sabine is back!!!! And indeed, She successfully had convinced Heinz, her new husband who was still hesitant the previous year to come back again. For Sabine who is our most active project initiator and supporter, also the Director of the newly built Freundeskreis it was her sixth stay. And of course, full of activities...



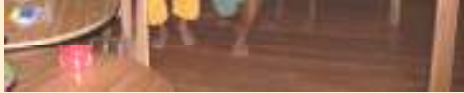
Everything started with a drawing competition at Marinsow Primary school about protected animals in Sulawesi and continued with an Environmental competition on Pulisan beach which the kids And the teachers of Pulisan Primary school enjoyed much.



October

In October we suffered under Uschi and Frank Lucas who came for their second stay from September 23rd to October 6th - thanks for the excellent wine (and coffee and Muesli) :-) Then Nathalie Sepulchri who came over with her husband Philippe and daughter Elora for a holiday from Balikpapan suffered from her tooth infection — I am sure she won't forget her stay at Pulisan... Yes, and Ruediger & Ildiko Neukaeter and Christine & Uwe Paul for a week to suffer in the tropics fighting with heat and insects... and joining in Katrin's birthday party on the 25th





November

The first Uli and his team started replacing cottage Jahe with a new one. Now only Pala is left to be replaced in January. The 20th Katrin delivered three sets of books for the adult education program at Pulisan Community Centre. The 21st Cowo gave birth to six sweet puppies which all died as she doesn't produce milk. The 23rd Katrin bought a piece of Land on the Linow Lake.

December: On the 5th we had a lot of fun during our annual recreation day for the employees at Bukit Kasih near Kawangkoan.

We hope that you, dear guests and friends in the years to come will still be able to enjoy the unspoilt beauty of Pulisan Jungle Beach Resort and its surroundings! In this sense let's start the New Year 2007! We send you our best wishes: Katrin, Annie, Frans, Uli, Paulus, Alci, Lina, Lisbeth, Yunece, Mince, Cun, Adrian, Unde, Epsan, Like, Fery, and of course KINGKONG

