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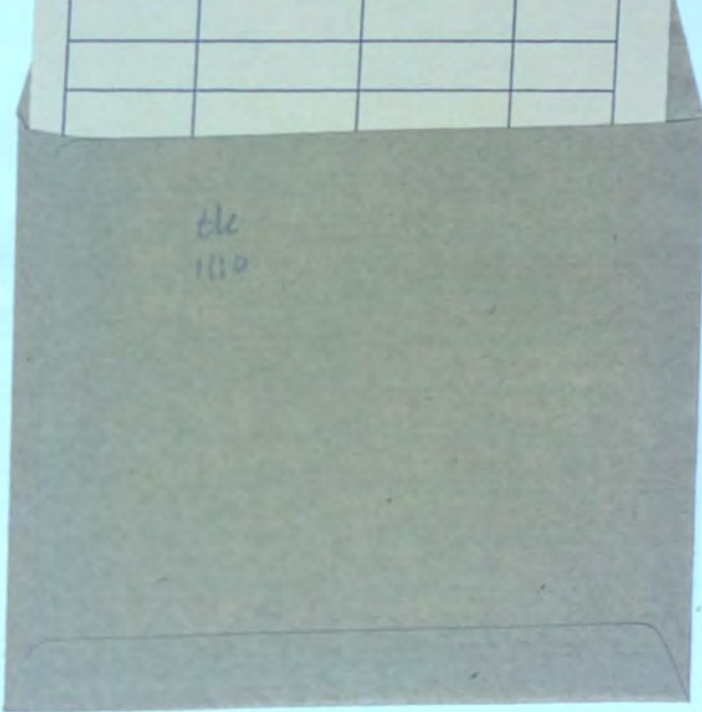


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ABSTRAK

Satu kajian mengenai aktiviti harian populasi Ungka tangan putih dalam kurungan pada waktu siang telah dijalankan. Pemerhatian kajian telah dijalankan ke atas empat ekor ungka selama 42 hari berserta dengan 14 hari tambahan sebelum pemerhatian sebenar dijalankan pada 0700-1900 dengan menggunakan teknik penyampaian imbasan "Scan sampling" dalam jangka masa 5 minit bagi setiap kutipan data.

Hasil kajian menunjukkan bahawa kelakuan *Hylobates lar* didapati paling aktif pada waktu pagi jam 0700 dan pada sebelah petang selepas jam 1900 yang turut menyebabkan setiap aktiviti *Hylobates lar* adalah spesifik mengikut masa. Diketahui bahawa ungka tersebut menghabiskan masa sebanyak 8.69% pada waktu siang untuk bergerak, 13.1% untuk bergayut di atas pokok, 70.2% untuk berehat dan 7.69% makan. Juga turut diperhatikan bahawa *Hylobates lar* berehat secara individu dan bukan secara berkumpulan. Pernyataan ini hanya didapati benar untuk jantan dan anak ungka. Selain itu, didapati juga waktu makan ungka adalah tidak relatif dengan masa makanan dibekalkan. Walaubagaimanapun ungka tangan putih lebih gemar memilih makanana mengikut selera mereka sepertimana yang dinyatakan dalam habitat liar bahawa ungka tangan putih memang cenderung memilih makanan.

Selain daripada itu, aktiviti-aktiviti menarik yang lain juga turut di - dokumentasikan secara deskriptif. Secara umum, kelakuan ungka di dalam kurungan ini mempunyai perbezaan yang nyata mengikut fasa masa 0700-1900 yang turut membuktikan kelakuan semula jadinya di habitat liar. Data yang telah dikumpulkan dalam kajian ini boleh digunakan sebagai maklumat tambahan mengenai spesies *Hylobates lar*.

ABSTRACT

A study was conducted on the diurnal activities and the stereotype behaviours of the white-handed gibbon or *Hylobates lar* in captive in island enclosure. The study involved four gibbons as the core subject of this observation. The naturalistic observation was conducted for 42 days with an extra of 14 days prior to the actual observation in the diurnal period (0700-1900 hour). Scan sampling method was applied with an interval of five minutes.

Results showed that in captive, *Hylobates lar* were active at dawn and dusk which in other words mean that the *Hylobates lar* moved and rest at specific intervals in the day. The White-handed gibbon spent 8.69% of their daytime moving, 13.1% swinging, 70.2% resting and 7.69% feeding in captive. They were also noted to rest mostly as solitary individuals. This statement is only true for the male and young gibbon. Feeding time for these captive gibbons were found not to be congruent with the time food is provided. However, the gibbons show selectivity on the zoo diet they ingest whenever possible. Feeding selectively is a common feeding behavior performed in the wild.

Besides the activities stated above, other interesting activities by the captive White-handed Gibbons were also documented descriptively. Generally, the behaviors of these captive *Hylobates lar* indicates a very significant differences between the phases (0700-1900) which were also found to be quite similar to those in the wild. Therefore, the accumulated data collected for this study will subsequently serve as additional information to the species of *Hylobates lar*.