ABSTRACT

STUDY ON FAUNAL CONSERVATION
IN BUMI KEDATON TOURISM AND ANIMALS PARK

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Bumi Kedaton Tourism and Animals Park (Taman Satwa dan Wisata Bumi Kedaton) is a zoo or animals park that focuses its efforts on treatments, breeding, safeguarding, conservation, and management of various species of animals for educational, research, science and technology development, and recreational purposes. To ensure animals’ preservation in conservation parks and zoos, Indonesian Union of Zoo Management (Perkebunan Kebun Binatang Se-Indonesia or PKBSI) has established a standard practices for managing zoos and animals parks (Standar Dasar Praktik Kebun Binatang). Bumi Kedaton Tourism and Animals Park has been also conforming to the standards. The research was aimed at examining the consistency between the goals of the park and the execution of the management, and analyzing the condition of the animals preserved in the park.

The method applied was observation and direct interview with the park’s management staff. The data obtained from the observation and interview were then analyzed with evaluative comparison method, i.e. comparing the animals management executed by Bumi Kedaton Tourism and Animals Park with the standards issued by PKBSI.

The results indicate that the goals of animals management in Bumi Kedaton Park are focused only on profit, practical aspects. This is visible from the park management that is directed to commercial purposes, in which the animals conserved are only used to attract visitors. From 46 animals, each one’s condition was analyzed. The results were then transformed to obtain the percentage of each animal’s condition, i.e. by dividing the consistent indicators with the amount of all indicators multiplied by one-hundred percent. The percentages were adjusted to the categories of evaluative comparison previously organized, and the following summary was obtained:

a. the animals that belong to Very Good category are 22 animals;
b. the animals that belong to Good category are 21 animals;
c. the animals that belong to Fair category are 4 animals.

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