



Saving the Brahminy Kite How you can help

The survival of species such as the Brahminy Kite is in your hands, everyone can make a difference. There are many ways in which YOU can help preserve the flora and fauna of Indonesia:

- **Don't buy animals from unsanctioned or illegal markets**
The trading of wild animals is devastating the natural populations of species such as the Brahminy Kite.
- **Become an advocate for helping Indonesia's native animals**
Gain awareness of the issues facing the Brahminy Kite and many other beautiful species in Indonesia – then tell your friends and family.
- **Preserve the habitat for the animals**
Don't burn down forests and don't support businesses that do. In the end, Indonesia's native animals are worth more than wood.
- **Support the work of International Animal Rescue in Indonesia** and the Brahminy Kite Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre.

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Brahminy Kite Rescue and Rehabilitation Programme

The aim of this project is to save Jakarta's symbol – The Brahminy Kite (*Haliastur Indus*). The Brahminy Kite, the proud symbol of Jakarta, was once a common sight, but has now completely vanished from the greater Jakarta area because of the illegal pet trade.

To save the Brahminy Kite, International Animal Rescue Indonesia:

- Works to monitor and seek enforcement of laws relating to the illegal trade in raptors within Jakarta.
- Raises awareness about nature conservation within the Thousand Islands National Park and Jakarta.
- Rescues and rehabilitates Brahminy Kites.

What we do

The Brahminy Kite used to be found throughout Indonesia. Through illegal trading and destruction of natural habitats, this valuable and beautiful species is disappearing from some areas.

To counter the decline in the population of the Brahminy Kite, International Animal Rescue Indonesia, working with the Indonesian government, began a programme of rehabilitation and reintroduction in the Thousand Islands National Park.

Brahminy Kites are confiscated from illegal markets in Jakarta, after which they are quarantined and undergo any necessary treatment. From there, the Brahminy Kites are moved to Kotok Island for rehabilitation – where their wings are given time to grow back (they are clipped by poachers so they cannot escape) and they are taught to fish for food. The IAR Raptor rehabilitation centre on Kotok Island can be reached from the Ancol Marina Harbor, Jakarta.



Conservation and Indonesian law

The government has recognised the significance of the Brahminy Kite and has protected the species under law. Under law Nr 5 / 1990, protected species are not allowed to be traded or kept. However, many protected animals are still traded openly in Indonesia. Stronger conservation and law enforcement efforts are required.

Raptor Island once again!



Pramuka Island used to be named Pulau Elang, meaning 'Raptor Island', but at the beginning of the 20th century, no Kite could be found and the name of the Island was changed. At present, thanks to the re-introduction programme, Pulau Pramuka can again be called Pulau Elang!

About the Brahminy Kite

Brahminy Kite (*Haliastur Indus*), also named White-headed Kite or Red-backed Kite, is a bird from the Raptor family. There are four sub-species of the Brahminy Kite in Indonesia, all of which are protected.

These impressive birds have an average body length measurement of 44-52 cm (19 inches), a wing span of 110-125 cm (46 inches), and tail measurements of 18-22 cm (8 inches).

The Brahminy Kite lives in a range of habitats, such as coasts, wetlands, forest, lowlands but also in mountainous regions up to 3,000 metres and even occasionally in industrial towns.

