2023

ANNUAL REPORT

Sumatran Sun Bear Team



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Letter From Our Founder

Dear Supporters and Friends,

2023 has been another important year for Sumatran Sun Bear Team, with exciting progress towards our goal of improving the lives of rescued sun bears in Sumatra.

One of our biggest projects this year has been the commencement of construction on our Quarantine and Holding Facility. This is an important step towards bringing Cantik and Romeo, currently in government care in Banda Aceh, to our rescue centre and providing them with a safe and suitable environment.

We were also proud to support the rescue and treatment of Hercules, an older male sun bear who had been caught in a snare and suffered the loss of his left paw. Seeing him begin his recovery and have the opportunity to demonstrate his natural behaviours has been a reminder of why our work is so important.

We launched our Spoil-A-Bear Programme, giving supporters a new way to connect with and contribute towards the care of individual bears. Alongside our fundraising events and awareness work, this helps us build a stronger community around sun bear conservation.

As always, none of this would be possible without our dedicated team, partners, donors and supporters. Thank you for standing with us and helping turn our vision into reality. There is still much to do, but every step brings us closer to a better future for sun bears.

With heartfelt thanks,

Lesley Small
Founder, Sumatran Sun Bear Team

Our mission

After a trip to Sumatra in 2013, Sumatran Sun Bear Team's founder, Lesley Small was shocked how their beautiful sun bears were being treated.

Classified as a vulnerable species, sun bears are threatened by commercial poaching, habitat loss, and killing to prevent crop damage and for believed medical benefits. The Indonesian government does what it can to help sun bears, but their resources are limited and they have no specialised facility to take in rescued sun bears, rehabilitate them, and return them to the wild if possible.

Because of this, Sumatran Sun Bear Team is dedicated to building a purpose-built facility to help sun bears in every way we can. Where possible we'd love to return rescued sun bears to the wild but, where this isn't possible, house them in our purpose-built facility where they can be comfortable, safe, and enjoy its life.

We are a registered Australian charity. We also have DGR; Deductible Gift Recipient status, which means that any donation over $2 is tax deductible.

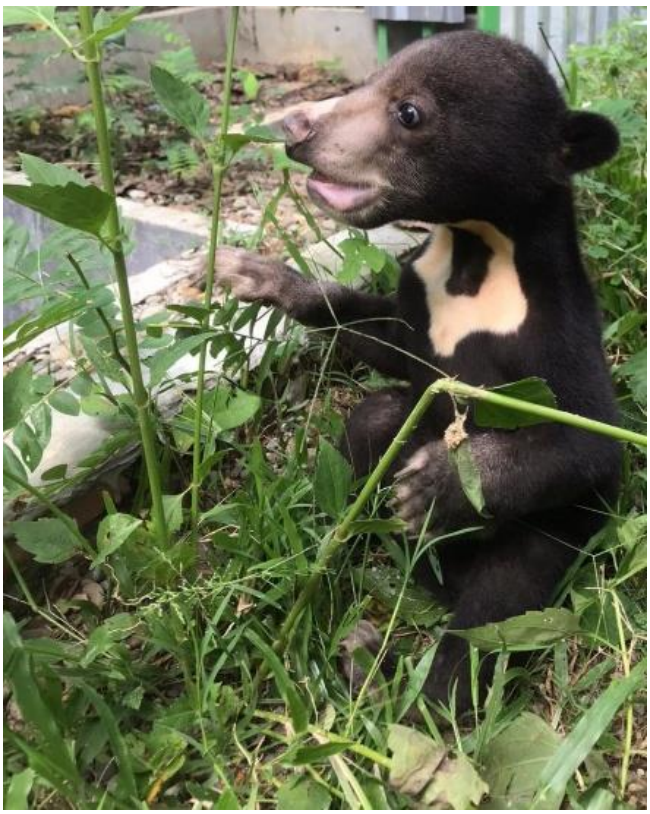
Our History

SSBT had spent approximately four years looking for suitable land that was privately owned for our rescue and conservation centre. We also needed to get to know the people and other NGO's working to save wildlife in Sumatra.

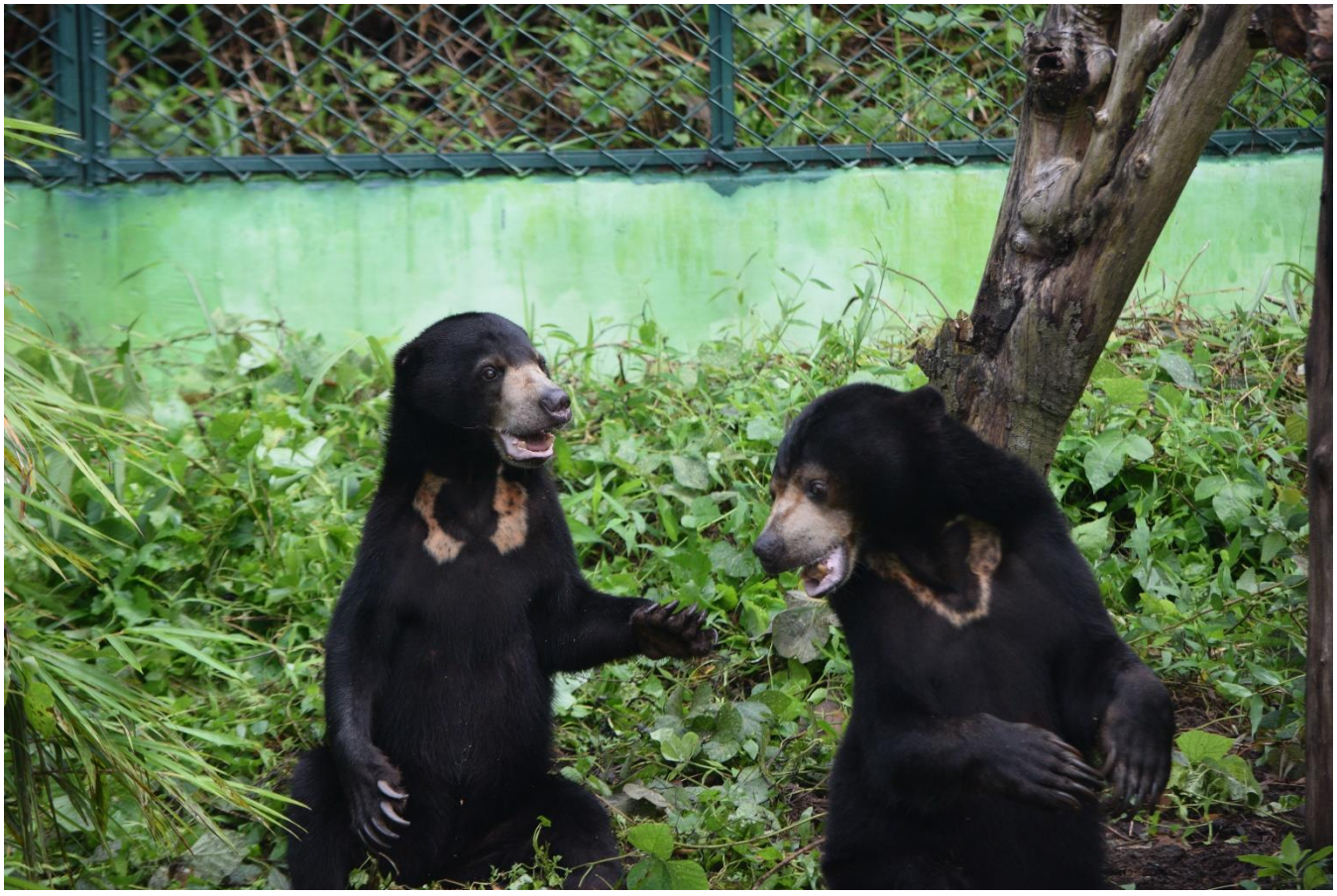
We needed a place where the land would be perfect to allow the rescued sun bears to be able to behave like bears in the forest; to be able to climb, forage and rest. We also needed to partner with like-minded people who are based in Sumatra and have the wildlife skills to work in collaboration with us and our goals.

We partnered with Orangutan Information Centre (OIC) and Sumatran Rescue Alliance (SRA) to allow for the rescue, care and rehabilitation of sun bears on the land allocated for SSBT.

The building of our first enclosure in 2021 was a huge milestone after SSBT worked on the design to house three sun bears. It was finished in 2022 and our first three sun bears Rossa, Uca & Jessy, all females bears were taken illegally from the wild, were housed, and introduced to each other. Without any survival skills in the wild, they are now permanent residents in our facility.



Jessy as a cub

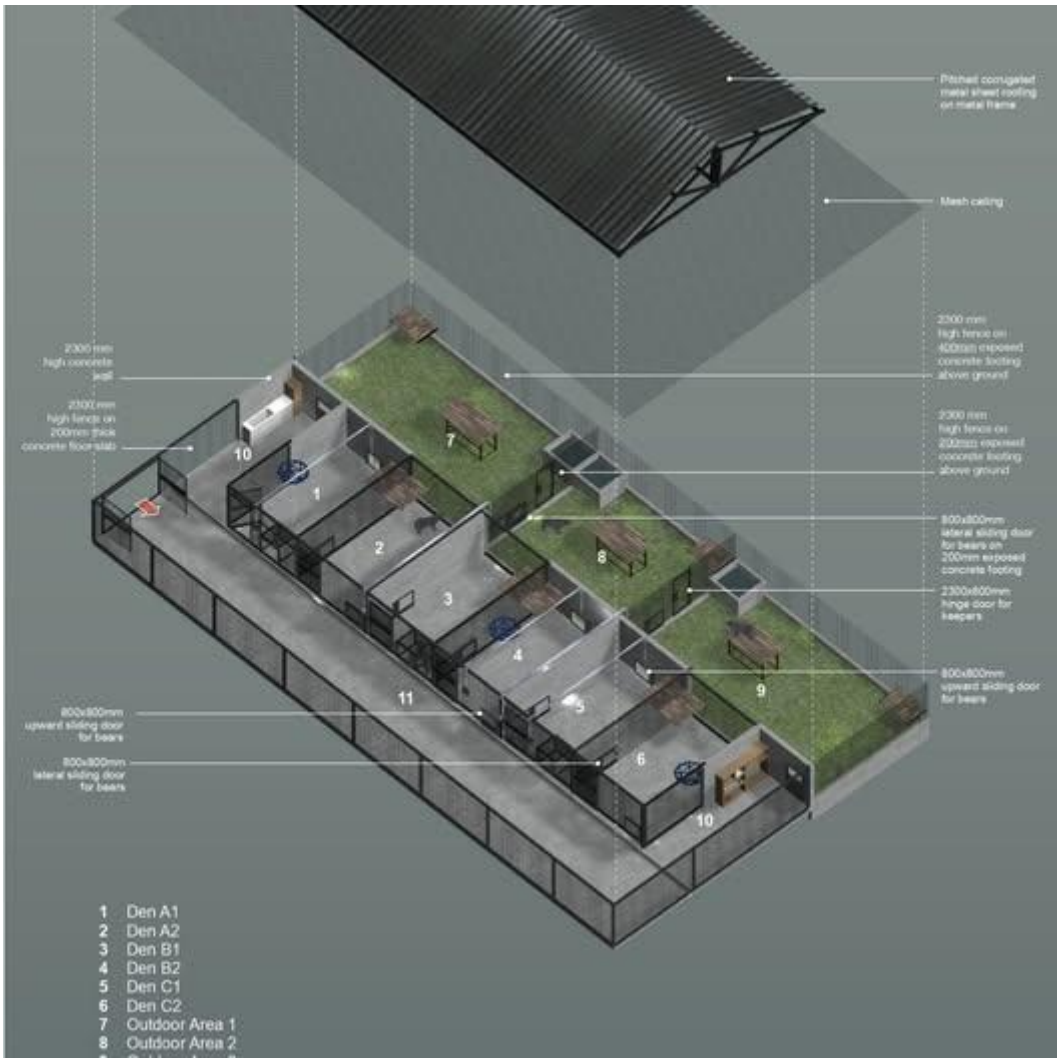


Uca & Rossa

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Animal Care, Rescue & Release

As well as our three current female bears – Uca, Jessy & Rossa – SSBT has cared for one wild male this year. Daily tasks include cleaning dens, feeding three times a day, general maintenance, daily enrichment and ongoing projects e.g. updates to enclosure furniture.



In the first half of 2023 SSBT team member Philip Stubley and his partner worked on designs (see above 3D render) for our second building, the Quarantine & Holding Facility, and building work commenced in September. Cantik and Romeo, two sun bears currently in government care in Banda Aceh, to be housed here once complete. SSBT Team member, Philip Stubley, visited site November 2023 to check on building progress and consult with sun bear keepers.





Materials being brought to site & digging the foundations

Hercules

Hercules, an estimated 15-year-old male sun bear, was rescued in February 2023 after being caught in a snare and left there for days before being rescued. SSBT provided medical aid and funds for treatment. The injury resulted in the amputation of his left paw. SSBT members Lesley Small, vet Kimberly Vinette Herrin and Lauren Spence flew out to assist with this procedure. SSBT and Sumatran Rescue Alliance (SRA), where keepers monitored his physical abilities and natural behaviours to assess his suitability for release.



Communications & Fundraising

Website & Social Media

Our website provides the general public with information on current and past activities of SSBT, sun bears, as well as how people can get involved. SSBT has a Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn account. Social media posts include photos, videos, and other interactive content whenever possible. Posts are targeted towards increasing awareness of sun bears, threats, and conservation. SSBT also uses social media to solicit donations in support of its work and to encourage followers to spread the word on sun bears and rainforest conservation issues.

Events

As with previous years we carried out a Mother's Day and Christmas Raffle.

Sponsored Runs



October High Tea Event



In August Ellen and Lauren ran in Australia's City2Surf. The Voltaren City2Surf is the world's largest fun run, covering an iconic 14-kilometre course from Sydney's central business district to Bondi Beach. In October we held another High Tea Event with auction prizes.

5WF

In March we worked on a social media collaboration with 5WFoundation highlighting sun bears and SSBTs work.

Spoil-A-Bear Program
In May we launched our Spoil-A-Bear Program this year, available through our website.

“By spoiling one of our precious sun bears you contribute to their medical, dietary and enrichment needs for 12 months. You enhance an orphaned and rescued bears life and can renew annually.

You can choose to spoil-a-bear yourself or it can make a great gift for any bear lover you know! Sometimes certain age groups are attracted to certain individuals. Maybe you know a young future conservationist that would love to spoil our youngster Jessy, the “middle child” Uca or our resident senior, Rossa.”

LINK:
SSBT - Spoil-A-Bear-Program



SECTION 2 **GOVERNANCE**

STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT

Sumatran Sun Bear Team is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

OUR PEOPLE

Name	Position
Lesley Small	Board Director
Kimberly Vinette Herrin	Board Director/ Veterinary
Sue Tonga	Board Director
Lauren Spence	Secretary
Rebecca Roskilley	Board Treasurer
Philip Stubley	Team Member

OUR SUPPORTERS

Calabash Kennels & Cattery

Calabash Kennels, premium pet accommodation not only love your pets while you're away, but they are also major supporters of the SSBT. We are very grateful for their support

Animal Assist

Assisting the unsung heroes of the natural world. We gratefully accept your help and support to protect and conserve Sun Bears in Sumatra.

Wildlife HQ

Wildlife HQ are supporters of Sumatran Sun Bear conservation and we can't thank them enough for their support.

Sea Life Sydney

Thank you Sea Life for your ongoing help and support towards the Sumatran Sun Bear Team.

Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation

The Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation award grants to organisations in need. We were fortunate enough to have been awarded one of their grants.

Black and Blanco

Black and Blanco Law Offices gave us the necessary support and guidance to register as an Australian charity and help us to continue to operate.

Vivienne Court Trading Pty Ltd

We received a grant from Vivienne Court Trading to help us continue to support and save Sun Bears. We thank them for their help and support.

Indy Publishing

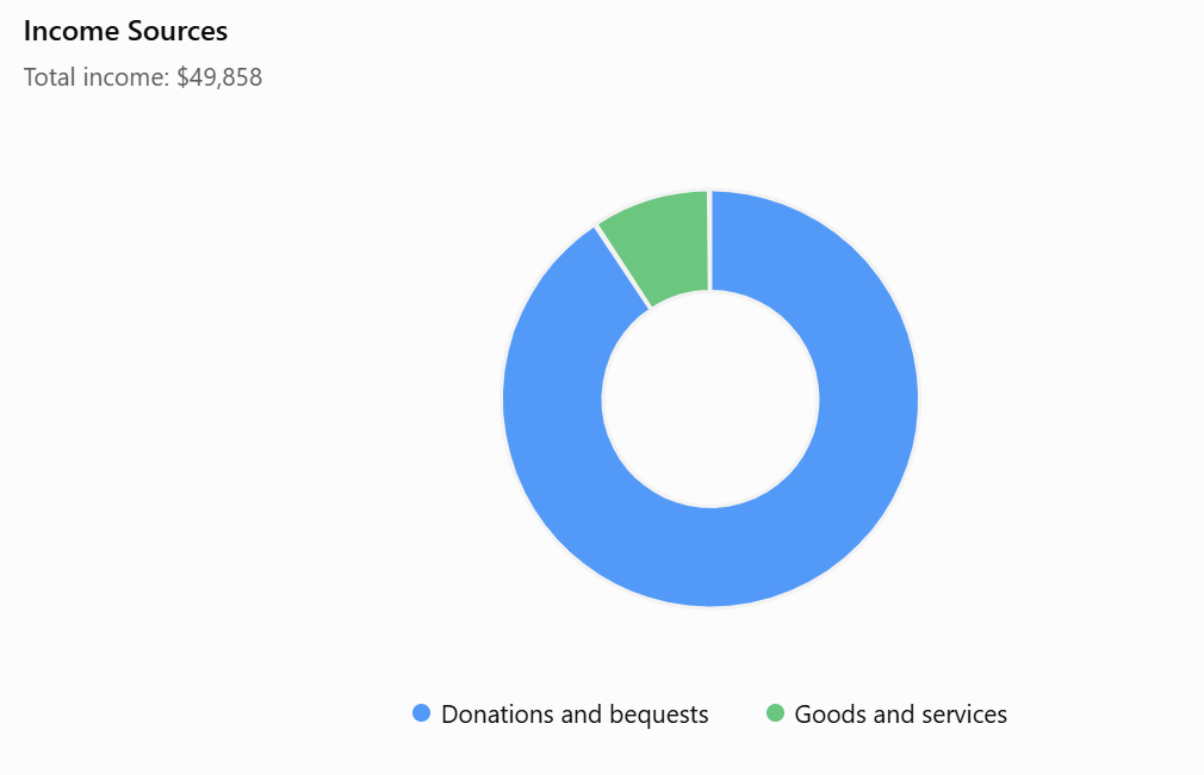
Indy Publishing has helped us support Sumatran Sun Bears through their children's book "A Bear In Trouble." It tells the story of one of our bears name Uca.

Winton Foundation

The Winton Foundation have been supporting bears all around the world since 2010. We thank them for the fund to design and build a transport box for the Sun Bears.

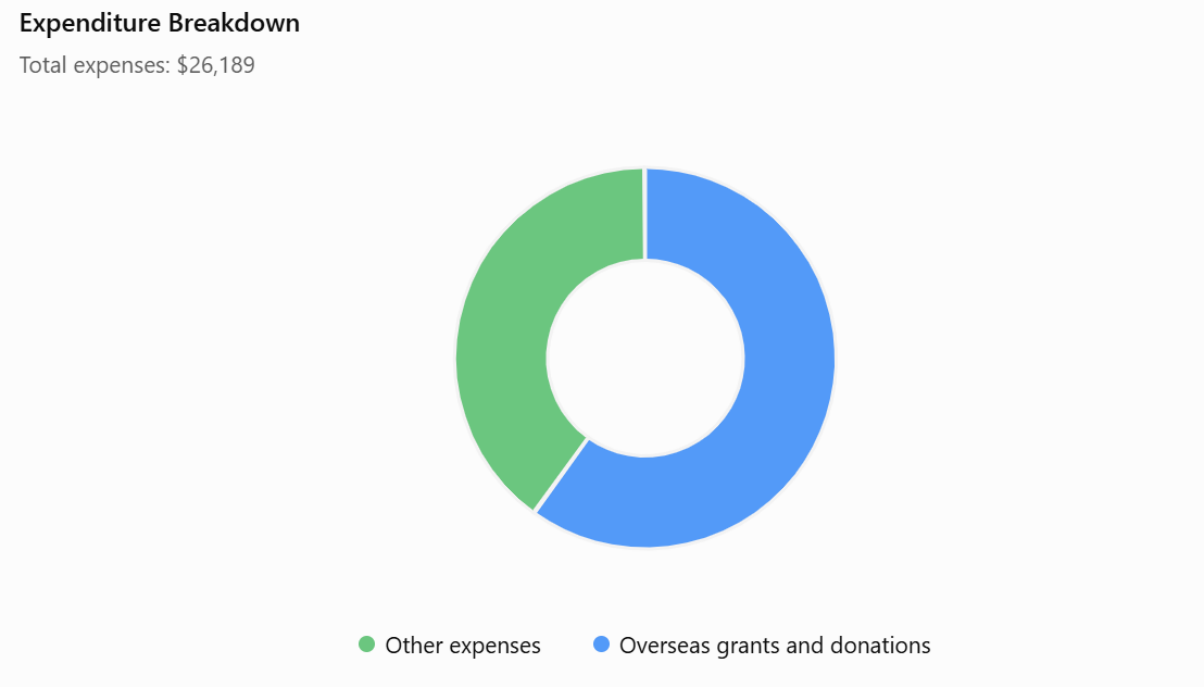
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SSBT Income and Expenditure Report (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023)
Further Details here:
[Sumatran Sun Bear Team Limited Annual Information Statement 2023 | ACNC]

1. Income breakdown



Income source	Amount	% of income
Donations and bequests	$45,314	90.9%
Goods and services	$4,544	9.1%
Total income	$49,858	100%

2. Expenses breakdown



Expense category	Amount	% of expenses
Overseas grants and donations	$15,721	60.0%
Other expenses	$10,468	40.0%
Total expenses	$26,189	100%

Sumatran Sun Bear Team – Funding Sources

Standard Donations
Standard donations are unrestricted gifts from private individuals and other supporters. Donations may be made online, by bank transfer, or through other approved payment methods. Legacy bequests are also included in this category.

Institutional Support
Institutional support includes funding from foundations, grant-making organisations, trusts and other institutional supporters. Funding may be awarded towards specific programmes or general operating costs.

Appeals
Appeals are formal fundraising requests distributed to supporters via email and other communication channels, as well as promoted through SSBT's website and social media platforms. Appeals may focus on specific needs, projects or urgent fundraising requirements.

Campaigns
Campaigns are fundraising initiatives centred on specific conservation programmes or activities. Supporters can choose to contribute towards particular campaigns and the work they aim to support.

Indirect Donations
Indirect donations include gifts of shares, employee matching contributions, vehicle donations and funds raised through third-party fundraising activities.

Spoil-A-Bear Program
Supporters can make a donation towards an individual sun bear and receive photographs and updates on their spolier bear's progress. The program provides an opportunity to engage supporters in the lives of individual bears while raising funds for sun bear conservation.

Events
Events include fundraising activities such as donor gatherings, educational talks, lectures, community events, cultural fairs and other events in which SSBT participates.

Projects
Project donations are contributions towards specific activities or requirements that are not associated with existing appeals or campaigns. These may include enclosure improvements, veterinary care, enrichment, rescue and rehabilitation work, and other conservation initiatives.

In-Kind Donations
In-kind donations are non-monetary contributions of goods or services that support SSBT's operations. These may include veterinary supplies, medical equipment, food, enclosure materials, office supplies and professional services.

Merchandise
Merchandise sales provide an additional source of fundraising income. Items featuring SSBT branding or sun bear conservation themes also help raise awareness of the organisation and its work.

SECTION 4 **OUR OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

- We currently look forward to housing sun bears, Cantik and Romeo.
- Continue care and work towards the rehabilitation and release of Hercules.
- Snare Dog Program to set up a K9 dog detection unit in North Sumatra

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