

SUSTAINABILITY & TOURISM INTERN WITH



FANIMAL & THE CIVET PROJECT



DESCRIPTION

During this internship, I worked alongside Fanimal and the Civet Project to protect the interest of civets and promote positive human-civet relationships and interactions through education, awareness, and ethical consumerism. This internship position investigated the welfare of civets, how it is affected by civet coffee production, and ways to bring awareness to this topic and has an overall goal of filming and distributing a documentary.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Successfully created a sponsorship package and distribution plan to gain support for the documentary.
- Connected with animal rights advocates such as Jane Goodall.
- Researched the impact that the civet coffee industry has on their welfare.
- Aided in the application of the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund Grant, which was accepted and awarded to The Civet Project.
- Helped develop the documentary itinerary in Vietnam such as researching civet farms, coffee shops, and habitats with dense civet populations.

BACKGROUND

What is “civet coffee”?
 Civet coffee, often referred to as “Kopi Luwak” or “Weasel Coffee”, is coffee that has been partially digested by civets.

This industry now relies on the capturing, caging, and force-feeding of civets to meet consumer demand, which can lead to stress and injury, as do the conditions in which the civets find themselves. Civet coffee tourism has added further welfare issues, as civets are also now captured for tourists to view as part of curated civet coffee production tours.

PHOTOS



Jane Goodall is filmed for an upcoming documentary by The Civet Project about the cruelty behind civet coffee.

Asian palm civets (*Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*) are frequently captured and traded for the pet trade and coffee production.



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