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Through the drama, which focused on the illegality and cruelty of poaching, and through the use of conservation education games, the children learned how people's actions threaten wildlife in competing for natural resources and how extinction may cause the intricate web of life to collapse.

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Wang Khang Jeck, Age 11
SJK (C) Chung Wa

Knock! Knock! Is anyone home?

The team visited Kampung Basia and Kampung Batu Dua, knocking on the doors of shops and houses. The villages were selected because there are wildmeat restaurants, poachers and traders in both.

Braving heavy rain and the scorching sun, volunteers gamely went to the ground to talk to the local villagers about how they can play a part in protecting our threatened wildlife by reporting crimes to the WCH and getting rewarded for it.



WCH Car Sticker



WCH Flyers



The tiger people are in town! And in the bank too?

The yellow wave of the MYCAT team elicited curious stares from the townfolk. Members of the local community were roped in to help spread the message, from shop owners displaying MYCAT posters to bank tellers distributing WCH car stickers and flyers at the local Maybank.

The wave even reached the bank too as bank tellers sported the yellow T-shirt promoting the WCH! The flyers were also inserted in the China Press, Sin Chew Daily, Berita Harian and Harian Metro, which are Malay and Chinese newspapers.

Tiger in the market

Two night market programmes were held, in Kampung Bandariang and in Gerik town.

The MYCAT 'tiger' caused a stir brandishing a sign that said "Save me from poachers!". To find out how to do that, people were directed to the MYCAT booth, which had a display of snares, tiger parts, wildlife-based medicines and other WCH materials. Videos of television personalities expressing support for wildlife caught the attention of many.

Of special note was that several children from the school programmes brought their parents to the booth. It was a great morale booster for the MYCAT volunteers as it showed that the children had learned something and wanted their parents to learn the same.

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