



The SE Asian
Nepenthes
Study &
Research
Foundation

Special points
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Thank You for your support of SEANSRF in 2013!

And a very happy 2014 to you!

As it is already now the last day of the year here in Thailand, I would like to take this opportunity to say a very heart-felt "Thank You" to everyone who has supported us in our work this last year. I will also provide you with an update on some of the progress and plans for 2014.

My best wishes,

Shawn



N. andamana

N. mirabilis var. *globosa* colony



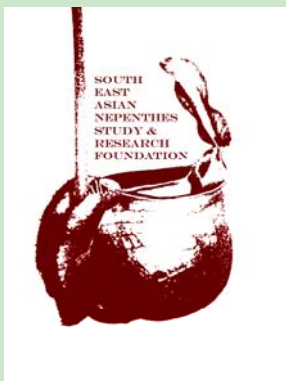
N. mirabilis var. *globosa*

January of 2013 started off with a huge success, which we hope we will be able to capitalize upon in the future... SEANSRF partners were informed late in 2012 that the last known 100% genetically pure colony of ***N. mirabilis* var. *globosa*** was about to be destroyed in the development of an oil palm plantation!

Through the dedicated efforts of a small group, we managed to present news of this issue to the highest levels possible in the country.

Within 48 hours we were relieved to receive assurances that the pending lease had been canceled and cooperation would be extended to SEANSRF for the establishment of a *Nepenthes* Habitat Preserve at the site!

SEANSRF status; It's official!



May saw SEANSRF finally receive official “**Foundation**” status from the Royal Thai Ministry of the Interior! With your help, we managed to raise the necessary funds needed to meet the establishment requirements, open the bank accounts, secure a Pay-Pal account for donations, register with the Revenue Department and we have been operating ‘officially’ ever since!

'NEPS' Goes to School!

The “**NEPS**” (*Nepenthes* Education Programs in Science) work continued with training programs and 'hands-on' learning in schools around the country. SEANSRF also held multi-day/night Science Camps in **Nakhon Nayok**, **Phetchabun** and **Phitsanulok** in association with the **Ministry of Education**, the **National Science and Technology Development Agency** and the **Princess ICT program**.

(See; [LINK](#))



Project-based learning Camp



IUCN Red Listing!

By mid-year (July 4), *N. suratensis*, potentially Thailand's most endangered *Nepenthes* species, was formally published by **Dr. Charles Clarke** and **C. Sarunday** on the IUCN's authoritative “**Red List of Endangered Species**” as “**Critically Endangered**”. This represents Thailand's first fully assessed and listed *Nepenthes* species.

(See; [LINK](#))

More research!

SEANSRF was happy to assist **Dr. Potjamarm Suraninpong** of **Walailak University** in preparation of a manuscript for publication regarding what we believe will be her teams' ground-breaking advances in DNA analysis of Thai *Nepenthes* species. (Watch for publication in 2014)!

SEANSRF research partners **Marcello Catalano** and **Trongtham Kruetreepradit** spent a non-stop month of October traveling throughout Thailand, Cambodia and even the fringes of Vietnam to track down some of the ever-dwindling *Nepenthes* colonies to gather data and photographs for their own research and were kind enough to share this data with SEANSRF.

And now for 2014!

2014 is looking like another exciting year for SEANSRF. We have lots of new projects scheduled including a “**Discovery Thailand**” film crew arriving in late January to do a documentary here in the SEANSRF nursery and then in **Phang Nga province** where we will shoot *N. mirabilis var. mirabilis*, *N. mirabilis var. globosa* and *N. andamana* all growing together.

This program will be broadcast nationally on **Thai PBS** and another Thai channel and presented to **HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn**.

In February, things will start getting busy with another 2-year **Nep-Ed** program with 20 schools for Princess Sirindhorn’s projects and a new *Nep-Ed* Science program with the **Sirindhorn Science Home** (Children’s Science University). We will also begin negotiations on the start of 4 community-supported ‘**Nep Habitat Preserves**’ for the 4 most endangered Thai species, and 3 new projects in partnership with the **National Science & Technology Development Agency!**

Stay tuned for more news!

Once again, I would like to say “**Thank You**” for your support!
May the New Year see us all continue to realize our dreams!

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