

Javan warty pigs

Photo courtesy the Cikananga Conservation Center

The Los Angeles Zoo has been awarded a \$19,000 grant from the Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund (DWCF). The conservation grant recognizes the Los Angeles Zoo's involvement with the Javan Warty Pig Recovery Project in Indonesia.

"We are very honored and thankful for Disney's support of our efforts with the Javan Warty Pig Recovery Project," said Zoo Director John Lewis. "We pride ourselves in our mis-

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LA Zoo receives a Disney **Conservation Grant to help save** warty pigs in Indonesia.

sion to help animals that are in need whether they reside here at the Zoo or are found in the wild.'

The Javan Warty

Recovery Project was initiated by the Zoo in partnership with Zoologische Gesellschaft Arten-und Populationsschutz e.V. (ZGAP), a nonprofit society dedicated to the conservation and recovery of lesser known and globally threatened species. The Javan warty pig currently lives on the Indonesian island of Java and are not kept in captivity anywhere outside of Indonesia. The major cause of the species decline is habitat destruction in the form of deforestation and hunting.

The Los Angeles Zoo and ZGAP worked together to establish a breeding center in 2006 at the Cikananga Conservation Breeding Center, a former Gibbon Foundation Rescue Center. Success was achieved late last year when the first piglets were born and then again when another set of piglets was born this year. With the support of Disney and the grant from DWCF, the Zoo is able to further their efforts of raising awareness through community engagement and education and ensuring survival of this highly endangered species by relocating the pigs to a secure habitat for re-introductions back to the wild.

The Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund works to protect species and habitats, and connect kids to nature to help develop lifelong conservation values. Since its founding in 1995, DWCF has supported more than 1,000 conservation programs in 112 countries.

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NEWSBRIEF

CLEAN AIR AT THE HARBOR:

New data shows air pollution associated with operations at the Port of Los Angeles is at its lowest level since the Port adopted a formal plan to reduce harmful emissions nearly seven

The Port's 2012 Inventory of Air Emissions shows aggressive clean air strategies launched in 2006 and expanded over time - have set new records. The results include an unprecedented 79 percent drop in diesel particulate matter (DPM) over a seven-year period that began in 2005.

Removing cargo volume fluctuations from the equation, the 2012 Inventory shows that the amount of DPM emissions related to moving 10,000 20-foot containers through the Port in 2012 was 81 percent lower than the emissions output related to moving the same number of containers through the Port in 2005.

"Every year really does count and our systematic approach has accelerated our progress," said Harbor Commission President Cindy Miscikowski. "Much of the credit is shared by our industry partners who have invested in technology that in some cases surpass government regulations."

The Port's overall success continues to be reflected in the dwindling share of emissions its activity contributes to the South Coast Air Basin. The region is home to 14.6 million people and takes in portions of Los Angeles San Bernardino and Riverside counties and all of Orange County.

For 2012, six percent of all SOx emissions throughout the basin was attributable to operations at the Port – down sharply from 25 percent in 2005. Likewise, DPM emissions from the Port are now at four percent, compared with 10 percent in 2005, and NOx emissions have fallen to three percent from five percent in 2005.

The Port's Inventory of Air Emissions tracks the progress of a comprehensive suite of clean air measures, requirements and incentives to reduce harmful emissions from all sources associated with port operations: ships, trucks, trains, cargo-handling equipment and smaller harbor craft. The latest findings are based on data from the 2012 calendar year and compared with data collected annually since the baseline year of 2005.

In addition to exceeding the Port's 2014 goal for DPM, a toxic contaminant and known carcinogen, the latest data shows a record plunge in emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and sulfur oxides (SOx), which have fallen 56 percent and 88 percent respectively since 2005. The results exceed the Port's 2014 goal for NOx and put the Port within striking distance of its goal to cut SOx emissions 93 percent by 2014. Both NOx and SOx are key components of smog.

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