

## **Roo roo! Today is World Tree Kangaroo Day!**

SEATTLE—*Can we get a roo roo! Ok, a woot woot for tree kangaroos because today, May 21, is their special day!* Learn more about the future for these adorable tree-dwellers, their importance in broader biodiversity protection and Woodland Park Zoo's role in helping nature reach its full potential as a climate solution: <https://bit.ly/3wz2FWP>.

In collaboration with Woodland Park Zoo and the [Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program](#), Pontecorvo Productions produced this [video](#) on the voices and words of the people who have built a conservation success story in the cloud forest.



The Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program, a signature program of Woodland Park Zoo, works with local communities in the YUS conservation area to save Endangered Matschie's tree kangaroo, and in turn works to benefit local communities through supporting education, health and livelihoods programs, including YUS conservation coffee sold at Seattle-based [Caffe Vita](#).

Did you know:

- There are 14 species of tree Kangaroos found in only three countries: Papua New Guinea, Indonesia (the Province of West Papua) and Australia.
- Papua New Guinea is home to most of the species with six species exclusively found in PNG, three species found across both PNG and West Papua, three species found exclusively in West Papua and two species found exclusively in tropical north Queensland, Australia.
- Fifty percent of all tree kangaroo species are classified as either Endangered or Critically Endangered. There is an urgent call for the global community to support conservation efforts, particularly efforts within Papua New Guinea to support local communities in their efforts to establish greater Protected Areas and hunting exclusion zones, along with supporting livelihood opportunities for communities protecting tree kangaroos.
- The PNG Conservation and Environment Protection Authority, in partnership with the United Nations Development Program, are working hard to increase the total amount of Protected Areas in PNG which will be a great step in protecting tree kangaroo habitat. The recent establishment of a PNG Biodiversity and Climate Change Fund for Protected Areas Financing will provide opportunities to support local communities who set aside protected areas and non-hunting zones, not just for tree kangaroos but for all PNG species within the Protected Area.
- Major threats to tree kangaroos on the island of New Guinea include habitat destruction from logging and land clearing, and over-hunting for bush meat. In Australia, the major threat is habitat loss and defragmentation, and injury and death due to cars and dogs.

Learn more on saving tree kangaroos and how to get involved at [zoo.org/tkcp](http://zoo.org/tkcp).

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