



SUMATRA

Perfect mother



Sumatra is one of the oldest and most experienced females of the group. She knows exactly when and where she will find the juiciest fruits in the forest, how to crack open one of the hardest nuts in the forest, the Panda nut, and how to manufacture tools in order to efficiently fish for the biting driver ants. Sumatra has a big built and none of the other chimpanzees dares to compete with her over food. She is caring and attentive towards her children and therefore a successful mother. One of her sons became the alpha male of the group and was leading the group for several years. Her son being alpha male and her body size certainly helped her to become a high ranking individual within her group. She seems to prefer the company of Louisa and Olivia who have children in the same age range like Sumatra's children.



However, also sad and tragic moments happened in Sumatra's life when she lost her three year old daughter Sassandra during a respiratory epidemic while Sumatra was very sick as well and we feared for her survival. She and her son Shogun survived the sickness and one year after the loss of Sassandra she gave birth to another baby boy that we called Solibra. Solibra is almost two years old today and his favorite game is to wrestle with his big brother Shogun. Shogun however has reached the age where he prefers to join a group of young adolescent male chimpanzees and he spends less and less time with his mother and his younger brother.