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Asian
Tropics News

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Construction Update

So much changed at the Asian Tropics construction site over the summer that we wanted to share our progress with you through a series of pictures! In just a few short months, the site has transformed from installing the underground infrastructure to really seeing the exhibit take shape. By mid-September, most of the major pools had been formed and the foundations have been constructed for all of the major structures. Walls are going up for the 18,000-square-foot Clayton F. Freiheit Elephant House, the El Pomar Asian Pavilion and the Do at the Zoo Rhino and Tapir Building. In the next six months, the Asian Tropics site will continue to be transformed. We look forward to sharing future updates with you.



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have secured
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million project cost.

FISHING CAT



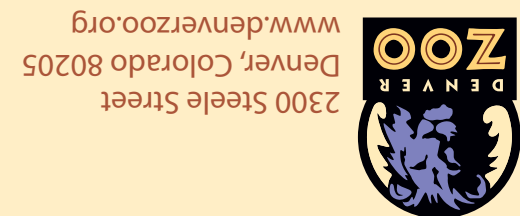
Fishing cats are secretive, nocturnal animals found near marshes and swamps in southeast Asia. These cats attract fish by lightly tapping the water's surface with their paws mimicking insect movements. They use their

non-retractable claws like fishing hooks to spear slippery fish. You'll be able to watch fishing cats in action in the El Pomar Pavilion in Asian Tropics.

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Support Denver Zoo

A bench or recognition plaque in Asian Tropics is a wonderful way to show your lasting support to Denver Zoo, while helping us meet a challenge given by one of our greatest supporters, the Gates Family Foundation. The foundation has challenged us to secure the remaining funds needed to build Asian Tropics and they will grant us the final \$800,000. Recognition plaque pricing begins at \$1,000 and benches are available with a gift of \$5,000. Help Denver Zoo today by making a gift! Gifts to Asian Tropics can be made as a one-time contribution or as a multi-year pledge. For more information, please contact the campaign office at 303-376-4939 or asiantropicscampaign@denverzoo.org.



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Campaign Update

Spotlight on an Asian Tropics Naming Opportunity...

Would you like to see your name in lights? Well, maybe not in lights, but prominently displayed in an amazing exhibit like Asian Tropics? Here's your chance. Several naming opportunities are still available for a gift of \$25,000 or more. A named gift is a great way to show your support for your community and Denver Zoo.

The Elephant Skull Interpretive Hut is a wonderful example. This educationally-rich interpretive station will be located along the pathway in the Preserve area within Asian Tropics. The hut will house educational exhibits including elephant bones scattered around the hut to resemble remains found in the wild. An elephant skull replica also will be mounted inside the hut with interactive activities surrounding it. This naming opportunity is available with a \$100,000 gift to Asian Tropics. If you are interested in learning more about this or other opportunities, please contact the campaign office at 303-376-4939 or asiantropicscampaign@denverzoo.org.



A drawing of the Elephant Skull Interpretive Hut located in the Preserve.

Elephant Exhibit Updates



Renovations to the current pachyderm building will help us prepare for Asian Tropics. Keepers are working with Mimi and Dolly to prepare them for their transition from free to protected contact, an animal management technique which we will adopt in Asian Tropics.

Recent renovations to the existing exhibit are helping to facilitate this

transition by using new pulley systems to operate doors to shift the elephants from inside to outside without any direct contact with the keeper.

Another improvement to the building is a slotted wall which will be used for protected contact foot care for the elephants. To learn more about how we are preparing Mimi and Dolly for their big move, checkout the daily keeper talk at the pachyderm building at 11:30 a.m.



More than 140 Wildlife Heritage Society members and their guests were honored at the tenth annual Wildlife Heritage Society dinner sponsored by BNY Mellon Wealth Management. The Wildlife Heritage Society recognizes the valuable contributions of friends who have included the Denver Zoo in their wills or other estate plans.

GEORGE'S GREEN CORNER



One monumental aspect of Asian Tropics, in both its size and scope, is the Rosenberry Filtration System building. Recycled city water, which

is wastewater treated to be re-used for other purposes such as irrigation, will be used to fill the numerous pools in the exhibit. The pools in Asian Tropics will contain 1.1 million gallons of water – more than all of the other pools in the zoo combined (sea lions, polar bears, flamingos, etc).

More than 800,000 gallons of this recycled water will run through the filtration building and its extensive system five times each day. Since we are filtering and disinfecting most of the water used in Asian Tropics, we hope to only increase the zoo's total water use by 10%. The Rosenberry Filtration System allows us to use recycled water for several months before having to empty and re-fill the pools. Denver Zoo, arguably the greenest zoo in the country, is committed to water conservation.

Please come and see the ongoing progress on Asian Tropics and the water filtration building soon.