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**FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO ORANGUTAN IS EXPECTING**

*Fresno, CA* – Fresno Chaffee Zoo officials are excited to announce that female orangutan, Siabu, is expecting her second infant!

The father of the infant is 34-year-old male orangutan, Busar, who came to Fresno in 1997 from Zoo Atlanta. Siabu, 29, came to Fresno in 2001 from the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans. Siabu and Busar are also the parents of female orangutan, Ndari, born December 18, 2010, whose name means “full moon” in Indonesian.

This will be Busar’s second offspring with Siabu and third offspring overall. He and 47-year-old female orangutan, Sara, welcomed male orangutan Labu on October 31, 2010. His name means “pumpkin” in Indonesian.

“We expect Siabu to give birth in November or December,” said Lyn Myers, general curator at Fresno Chaffee Zoo. “When she gets close to giving birth, and for several months after she gives birth, she will be off exhibit with her infant. This is partly because of the colder weather, but also because it will give Saibu and her infant time to bond with one another. We expect that the public will be able to meet this new family member in the spring of 2019.”

Over the next several months, the Zoo’s veterinary and mammals teams will work closely together to create a birth management plan for Siabu. This plan will include zookeepers training Siabu specific behaviors in case she needs assistance to raise the infant, as well as a plan for intervention in case of a medical issue surrounding Siabu or the infant.

“Siabu has been excellent mother to Ndari so we are expecting the same this time around,” Myers said. “However, it’s very important to have a plan in place so that we are prepared to step in and assist Saibu or her infant if needed.”

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