

SWM SUSTAINABLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Papua New Guinea's (PNG) wild species are part of our culture and identity, but are threatened by unsustainable levels of hunting

Steps to preserve Bilas

The Sustainable Wildlife Management (SWM) Programme in PNG, coordinated by the Wildlife Conservation Society, provides "Bilas preservation kits" to anyone who has Bilas.

These kits help prolong the life span of Bilas and maintain our unique culture.



1 After sing-sing ceremony, dry the Bilas in cool and dry place first before wrapping it.



2 After drying, use the palm tree sheath or a firm carton box (disassembled) as a base, firmly cover and add plastic sheet.



3 Place bilas ornaments neatly and spaced (not clustered or overlapping each other).



4 When bilas are neatly spaced, place a butcher paper on top.



5 Put additional Bilas on top of the butcher paper.



6 Place mothballs between the gaps of the Bilas to absorb moisture and keep the Bilas fresh.



7 Cover with plastic wrap neatly on top.



8 Cover with the palm-leaf sheath/cardboard and bundle firmly with sticks and ropes.

SAVING WILDLIFE = saving PNG's culture PRESERVING BILAS = Long-lasting Bilas, less money and time spent getting a new Bilas

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