

Alliance for Tompotika Conservation
Aliansi Konservasi Tompotika

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The Pandemic: Everybody needs to know this.

It's now a familiar picture all over the world: millions of lives lost; folks locked down at home; kids unable to attend school; businesses devastated; widespread and enormous suffering. Every one of us can tell a story of our own lived experience of loss—and all because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

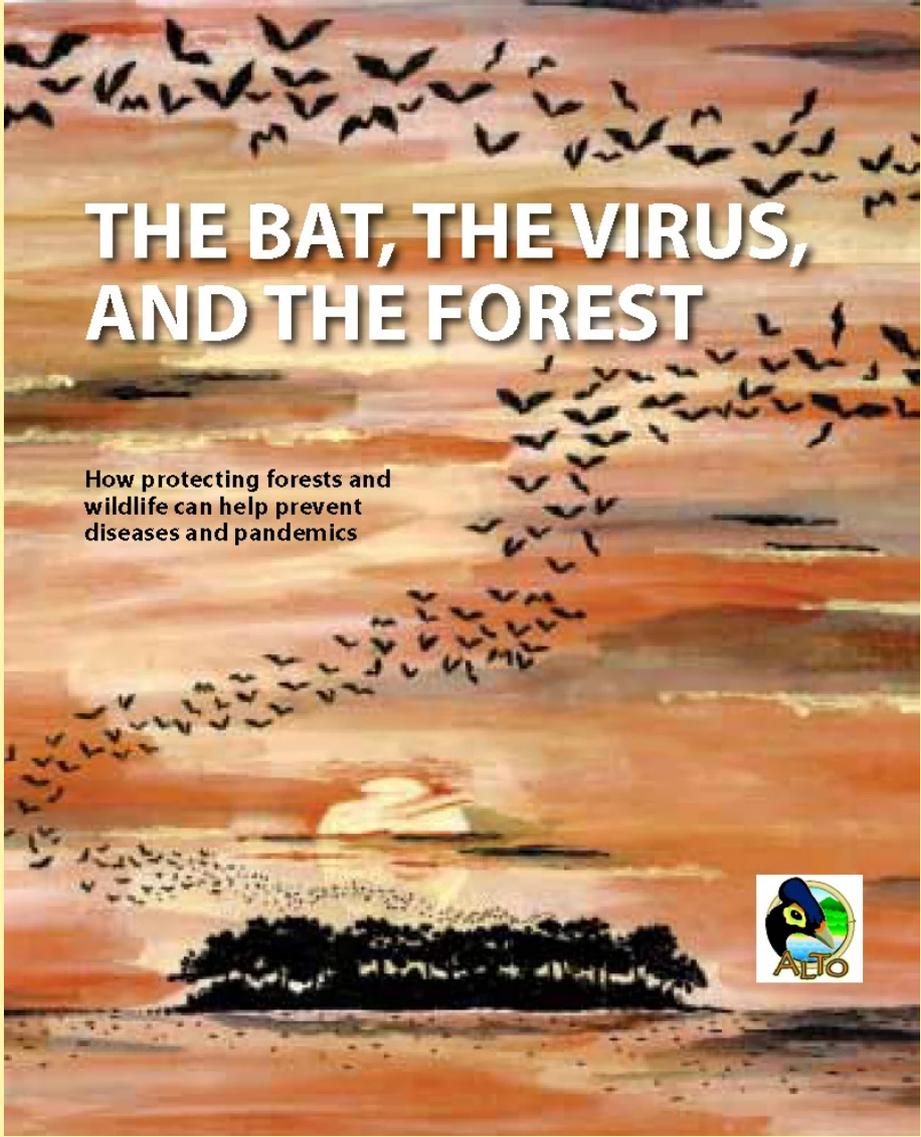
But many people don't understand how the pandemic came about in the first place, and why it didn't have to.

As an ALTO supporter, **you** are a key player in this story, and Tompotika is a ground zero for its tale. That's because a few years ago, your partnership with local Tompotikans made it possible for them to *stop* doing the things that, elsewhere in the world, gave birth to the pandemic that we are all now suffering from. Thanks to your partnership, Tompotikans are now instead—and happily—doing things that heal the whole world.



Here at AITo, we think everyone on this globally-interdependent planet ought to know this story, even though it's not an easy story to hear. We humans created this pandemic, and we humans can choose to prevent the next one.

To that end, the AITo team has created a short, richly-illustrated book called ***The Bat, the Virus, and the Forest*** (or in the Indonesian version, ***Kelelawar, Virus, dan Hutan***). The book is aimed at ages 8 and up, and it explains how the current pandemic got started (through bat hunting and bushmeat markets) and why protecting bats and forests—for myriad other reasons addition to preventing diseases—is so important. The book is available in English and Bahasa Indonesia and is printed on 100% post-consumer recycled paper.



THE BAT, THE VIRUS, AND THE FOREST

How protecting forests and
wildlife can help prevent
diseases and pandemics



As a member of the AITo family, your partnership with local Tompotikans has already helped to prevent the next pandemic. But now we invite you to do more, by reading and circulating this book amongst your network. For a donation of \$100, we'll send you three free copies of the book, and your donation will also help distribute the book for free in Indonesia, especially in areas where dangerous hunting and bushmeat markets continue.

[Click Here to Donate to AITo and Receive your Bat Book](#)

Want to receive the book, but can't swing \$100 at present? No problem! We want to get this story into your hands. For a donation of USD \$8, we'll send a copy of *The Bat, the Virus, and the Forest* to any address in the United States or Indonesia; \$15 for three copies, or \$45 for ten copies. (Posting to other countries, or donations in IDR are also welcome; please e-mail us at galen@tompotika.org).

As an AITo supporter, you have already helped prevent the next pandemic. Now please help spread the word with *The Bat, the Virus, and the Forest*.

Thank you!



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