



Orangutan Treats Wound With Medicinal Plant

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- An **orangutan** named **Rakus in Sumatra (Indonesia)** treated a **facial wound** with a medicinal plant called **Akar Kuning (*Fibraurea tinctoria*)**.
 - This is the **first documented** instance of a **great ape** using a tool with medicinal properties to treat a wound.
- The plant is known for its **antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, and anti-fungal properties**.
- Rakus' behaviour suggests that **wound treatment** may have **originated** in a common **ancestor** of humans and orangutans.
- **Great apes** belong to the taxonomic family **Hominidae** within the primate superfamily **Hominoidea**.
 - **Bonobo (*Pan paniscus*); Chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*); Eastern Gorilla (*Gorilla beringei*); Western Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*), and orangutans (*Pongo*)** are referred to as **great apes** due to their large size and humanlike features.



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