

Newsletter

SEBANGAU CONSERVATION PROJECT



Documenting Environmental Issues through Photography Training

Located in Majar Tabella building on 22 to 25 January 2009, this in-house training was participated by all WWF-Indonesia's Central Kalimantan staffs, Natural Conservation Bureau, SNP and Bukit Baka Bukit Raya National Park. The facilitator hopes the participant's documentation skill will develop and can be used to support campaign and publication works.

Carbon Calculation Methodology and Effectiveness Management Workshop

This workshop was held on 3 to 7 February 2009, and facilitated by Dr. Henk Wosten (Alterra-Wageningen University, Netherland) and Dr. Adijaya (Palangkaraya University).

Palangkaraya University Facilitated Community Empowerment Monitoring Process

As the follow up of women empowerment training in Sebangau buffer zone on 12 to 15 February 2009, a monitoring process was done to find out the result of training. In the long term, WWF expects the training will encourage the village women to develop skills for income generating. Monitoring process was held at village of Baun Bango, Tumbang Ronen, Jahanjang, Keruing, Singgam Raya, Subur Indah, Jaya Makmur, Setia Mulya, Bangun Jaya, Kampung Baru, Teluk Sembulu, Kampung Melayu, Mekar Tani, dan Bakung Raya.



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Highlight



Collaborative Management Initiative

Sebangau Buffer Zone Community Capacity Building

Collaborative Management in the Sebangau National Park (SNP) is one of possible schemes to accommodate multi stakeholder's interests. One of the activities within this scheme is Community Participation in the Buffer Zone Workshop. This workshop was held in two sub-district, Sebangau, Palangkaraya (2-3 February 2009) and Kamipang, Katingan (3-4 February 2009). The purpose of the workshop was to get the community's inputs and point of views on collaborative works scheme.

Through this workshop, the function and role of Community Forum (Formas) in SNP Management were clarified and strengthened. "We hope this workshop will formally clarify community access to SNP Management and later on provide inputs to local spatial planning," said Surahmansyah, Formas' chief in Kamipang.(tr)

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Pre-canal Blocking activity on Bangah River



Sebangau National Park restoration has worked well, around 120,000 trees were planted and grew up and 150 canals were blocked. These activities has brought high possibility to restore peatland in SNP. One of the restoration efforts by community was canals blocking in Bangah River on 12 to 15 February 2009. Why did we choose to block the canals? The canals are located on peat land areas where forest fire happened in year of 2004-2005 and by blocking the canals the water table can be maintained and thus preventing forest fire from happening again. The condition of the canals in the surrounding area has now covered by algae naturally.

The canals blocking process started from identifying location of the canals, securing community agreement, and blocking the canal with the community. After the canal was blocked, WWF with community regularly monitored the water level and its impact to the surrounding area. WWF with community also developed fish farms in the canal as part of sustainable management of the canals.

Sebangau Forest Fire Brigade's Capacity Building

Capacity building for Community Forest Fire Brigade in Sebangau is needed to sustain the organization. Currently Sebangau National Park Management have 16 Forest Fire Brigade teams, which are located in Paduran Sebangau, Sebangau Mulya, Sebangau Jaya and Paduran Mulya (in the banks of Sebangau river) and Mendawai, Perigi, Tumbang Bulan and Keruing (in the banks of Katingan river). The first batch of training was held in Sebangau Kuala sub district from 18 to 19th December 2009. The training materials consist of institution strengthening, finance management and upgrading capacity.(tr)



Forest Fire Brigade's villages

Paduran Sebangau	Mendawai
Sebangau Mulya	Muara Bulan
Paduran Mulya	Perigi
Paduran Jaya	Keruing
Tewang Kampung	Perupuk
Hiyang Bana	Sabaru
Talingke	Kereng Bengkrai
Tumbang Ronen	Habaring Hurung

Agroforestry Competition Held in Sebangau Buffer Zone

Agroforestry competition was held in the villages of Sebangau National Park's Buffer Zone. The purpose of the competition was to raise awareness and participation of the villagers in agroforestry works. Held on December 2008, the winner of the competition rewarded with rubber seeds and iron bench to keep out the agroforestry area from animal or human disturbance. The first place won by village of Tumbang Ronen village, the 2nd place was by Baun Bango village, 3rd place was by Jahanjang village, 4th place was by Asem Kumbang village, 5th place was by Keruing village and the last place was by Perupuk village.



Tanjung Puting Lesson Learned Workshop

The purpose of the workshop was to learn management model, collaborative management, and eco tourism management in Tanjung Puting National Park. The park has unique natural conservation areas of around 415,000 ha of National Park and visited by around 3,000 tourists in 2008. The workshop, held on 12 to 15th February 2009, was attended by Sebangau National Park Management, Community Forum (Formas), Environmental Bureau, Forestry Bureau, Tourism Bureau, Palangkaraya University and WWF-Indonesia.

