Milestone Achievement

PT Indexim Utama (Central Kalimantan) with 52,480 hectares achieved FSC certification on June 11th, 2013. In total, we have facilitated FSC certification of 10 forest companies with together 1,105,440 hectares, of which 9 companies are in Indonesia with 956,540 ha.

APHI – TBI 7th Signing Event

In cooperation with the Indonesian Association of Forest Concessionaires (APHI - Asosiasi Pengusaha Hutan Indonesia), The Borneo Initiative is organizing the 7th signing event: "Promoting Combined Certification for SVLK/PHPL and FSC". We will extend our support to another seven forest concessions, and we will celebrate the two new FSC certificates achieved since our previous event in March. The event will be held on Thursday, 21 November 2013 at Hotel Borobudur Jakarta. The theme is "market development" and we hope it will be another good networking opportunity for timber companies – feel free to contact us for further information.

VPA Signing a Milestone Achievement for Indonesia Forestry

On September 30th, 2013, Ministry of Forestry of Republic of Indonesia signed the Voluntary Partnership Agreement on Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (VPA-FLEGT) with the European Union in Brussels. This milestone achievement will certainly increase Indonesia’s status as preferred trading partner.

As a sustainable forest management support program, we aim to fully align FSC certification to SVLK/PHPL. The forest concessions that we support must indicate the concrete steps toward SVLK and PHPL certification in their action plans and progress reports. This is important, as forest companies without the required SVLK/PHPL certificates will have difficulty to earn or maintain the FSC certificate. We also proactively inform market parties in Europe and the USA about the growing availability of Indonesian certified wood products – check our website for an overview of the forest concessions that we support with SVLK-FSC certification.
Overseas Promotion of Indonesian SVLK-FSC Certified Wood Products

FSC Netherlands and The Borneo Initiative have established a formal partnership for promoting Indonesian SVLK-FSC certified wood products on the Dutch market. For enquiries, please contact Ben Romein (b.romein@fsc.nl).

Similarly, the UK market is showing an interest too in our SVLK-FSC certification initiative. The Borneo Initiative was awarded the Timber Trade Journal (TTJ) Environmental Achievement Award 2013 on September 12, 2013 in London, UK.

This award indicates that the UK timber market appreciates the efforts of the Indonesian forestry sector towards legal and sustainable certification via the combined domestic and international standards of SVLK-PHPL and FSC.

A USA promotion initiative is in preparation too. More information on market development can be learned in our 7th signing event in Jakarta, November 21st.

John White (right), the Chief Executive of TTF presented the trophy to The Borneo Initiative's Programme Director, Wim Ellenbroek (centre), accompanied with Huw Edwards (left), BAFTA award winning commentator and Broadcaster, who also was the awards host for the day.

Sumatran Rhino in East Kalimantan Forest

Congratulations to WWF with their most remarkable discovery of Sumatran rhinos in the jungles of East Kalimantan. Evidence was collected via cameras, one animal was seen wallowing in the mud and wandering through the shots in search of food. Previously, the Sumatran rhino was believed to be extinct in Kalimantan and only to survive in Sabah, Malaysian Borneo. This finding is further motivation to support forest management - congratulations again to WWF for this spectacular news!

List of TBI Participants

Per September 2013, we discontinued our support to PT Manokwari Mandiri Lestari and PT Sarang Sapta Putra. Both companies will continue their efforts towards sustainable forest management on their own. For an updated list of the forest concessions that we support, please visit our website.

New Staff

Since 1 July 2013, Among Prasetyo joined The Borneo Initiative team as Technical Officer in our Indonesia office. He is responsible for assisting the Director Indonesia Office in administering the certification program and with market links development. Among is trained in forest management and environmental management and has worked on forest certification with one of the forest concessions in is previous assignment.

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