



**REPORT
TRIP TO SERUYAN REGENCY
TO OBTAIN SUPPORTING LETTER FROM EIGHT VILLAGES
AROUND RIMBA RAYA BIODIVERSITY RESERVE**

6 – 11 November 2009

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Field Visits Report on Pangkalan Bun

January 13 – 14, 2010

I. Meeting with Staff of Tanjung Puting National Park at OFI Office (January 13, 2010)

Attendant Fajar Dewanto, Luther Tumin, Robert Yappi, Hartjahjo Ariawan, Supriyanto Suyitno (Staff of Tanjung Puting National Park)

1. Tanjung Puting National Park has conducted community development activities for the provision of assistance such as seeds Jelutung, Gaharu and rubber assistance in some rural areas Seruyan;
2. Village Conservation Program in Pembuang Hulu 1 by Tanjung Puting National Park. The village used as a pilot program on conservation village, the reason the village is very strategic as Hanau district government center and access to national park;
3. Tanjung Puting National Park has given agroforestry training program for rural communities, besides that it also carried a revolving capital giving program for the planting of Gaharu at in Pembuang Hulu 1 village;
4. Staff of Tanjung Puting National Park stated pleased with the presence of PT Rimba Raya in Seruyan area. Tanjung Puting National Park Staff hopes to cooperate with the staff of PT. Rimba Raya in managing the border areas in the National Park Seruyan Area.



II. Meeting with Staff of World Education at WE Office (January 14, 2010)

Attendant Sutoyo, Sigid Aryanto, Hartjahjo Ariawan

Points of our discussion:

1. To get a summary of relevant desires of each village community it is necessary to facilitate the planning process by using the method of Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA). Expected with the use of methods of Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) can produce good planning appropriate activities the community wants. The planning process by using the method of Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) will be

facilitated by Rimba Raya Conservation Staff collaboration with World Education Staff;

2. World Education have build several villages since a few years ago, now has a Medium Term Development Plan (Rencana Pembangunan Jangka Menengah - RPJM), prepared by the society, they are currently planning the annual development for the year 2011 and consulted with team of technical services at district meetings Seruyan Stake Holder Meeting (SHM). Results from the village-level planning in the SHM will be used as material brought to the district level and proceed to the district level;



3. Stake Holder Meeting activity by World Education will be in mid-February 2010, is expected from Rimba Raya Staff could come as an observer can take advantage of the process and time to conduct discussions with community representatives who were present at the SHM;
4. People living in the river Seruyan most still use wood and kerosene for cooking food, while the use of gas for cooking only be found in the city districts. Barriers to the use of cooking gas due to high gas prices and limited distribution process. They not use coal and charcoal for cooking, due to the unavailability of coal and charcoal for cooking in the Seruyan area. Usually the use of charcoal for cooking is only intended for a restaurant that offers grilled fish menu and sate. The proposal of this discussion is the digester biogas production, biogas raw material can come from cattle dung and human excrement;
5. The use of water filtration systems (Colloidal silver enhanced clay) is a very useful program for people considering the need for clean water as raw water for drinking and cooking water. constraints in the field is a tool that should be imported from outside the area (introduction), the solution is to conduct training / training for people village about how to make these tools. Source of clay found only in the Baung Village, and the village community members who made bricks made from raw clay, it is likely that community members could be trained in water filtration systems produce;
6. Provision of clean water could use the filter material is placed in the water reservoir tank size 1.000 liters. Filter material consists of fibers, sand, and gravel;

7. Clean water programs can be done by providing a pilot program in each village. installation of clean water is placed on strategic places in the village and there should be community members who are appointed to perform maintenance;
8. Other programs are quite important for the community is the availability of village electricity that uses solar cells. The use of solar cells will be enough to help the community in providing the village lighting.

Field Visits Report on Seruyan

January 15 – 18, 2010

I. Field Visit to Ulak Batu Village (January 15, 2010)

Attendant : OFI Field Staff, Hartjahjo Ariawan, Chief of Ulak Batu Village, farmer (5 personal)

1. Village of Ulak Batu is a village built by World Education facilitated, so that when people meet me, they thought I was still working with WE. I explained that this had moved jobs in PT. Rimba Raya Conservation;
2. I explain the existence of PT. Rimba Raya Seruyan area to the chief and citizens, among others describe the activities of conservation and community empowerment activities;
3. I explained Rimba Raya field partners are Orangutan Foundation International, World Education, Tanjung Puting National Park Office, Seruyan of District Government;
4. We encourage the support and good cooperation with village officials and communities in the concession area of PT. Rimba Raya;
5. Head of the village with residents welcomed the activities conducted in the region Rimba Raya Seruyan;
6. When asked about the use of cooking equipment; whether use of fuel wood, kerosene or gas. It turned out that most villagers mostly using wood as fuel for cooking, while kerosene is rarely used for cooking. High prices of kerosene and gas causing people prefer wood as fuel for cooking;
7. Staff PT Rimba Raya also asked about the origin of water used for cooking and drinking. They say that the water used comes from the river Seruyan, Seruyan river water is used for bathing, washing, cooking and drinking;
8. Head of Village lodge complaints about their conflict with oil companies for oil palm companies have been taken forcibly to the community garden this time of conflict is not over



II. Field Visit to Baung Village (January 16, 2010)

Attendand : OFI Field Staff, WE Field Staff, Hartjahjo Ariawan, Head of Baung Village and Communities (10 person)

1. Meeting with residents in the village of Baung held at night at the home of World Education field staff, the meeting was not attended by the chief. Meeting with village heads conducted at the village headman's house after a meeting with residents;
2. World Education have long done community empowerment activities in the village. At the time to meet people, they still remember me. I explained that I was not working at the WE but has worked at PT. Rimba Raya since January 2010;
3. Basically, the villagers have known the name of PT. Rimba Raya but they do not know what activities will be conducted by PT. Rimba Raya. The villagers still fear and trauma of the company that will operate in their village area.



Experience with palm oil companies often promise when oil companies will start its activities. The promise given by the oil companies, among others; labor from the local community but the realization of labor was derived from outside the area, and rural infrastructure assistance that never realized. Experience with these palm oil companies that caused the public to be careful when a company will start activities in their village area;

4. Responding to public opinion against the company that will begin operations in their village so we explained that PT. Rimba Raya different with palm oil companies. PT. Rimba Raya no exploration activity even restoration activities in the concession IUPHHK area. Different from palm oil companies doing exploration activities by planting a garden area with a pattern of palm monoculture, the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides on a regular basis, oil companies ignored the principle of conservation in the management of their gardens. The impact of palm oil operations are environmental pollution and ecosystem changes in the area of oil palm plantations;
5. We describe the conservation plan (*Include replanting degraded areas, the establishment of land fire control team, monitoring the area to determine the occurrence of illegal logging activities*) and plan community empowerment activities (*Activities include health, education, agriculture*) in the village located in the

concession area of PT. Rimba Raya. We also explained that PT. Rimba Raya in carrying out activities in the region supported by OFI, WE, Tanjung Putting National Park Office and the Government of Seruyan District;

6. Based on our explanation, the public finally understand some of the activities conducted by PT. Rimba Raya. They hope to cooperate with PT. Rimba Raya primarily to support the economic needs of society and improving people's living standard

III. Field Visit to Muara Dua Village (January 17, 2010)

Attendant : OFI Field Staff, WE Field Staff, Hartjahjo Ariawan, village officials of Muara Dua and Communities (20 person)

1. Muara Dua village heads are not in place so that the meeting conducted with village officials and community;
2. Muara Dua is the only village that had no oil palm plantation activities. Villagers do not want to accept the presence of oil companies in their villages. Muara Dua Villagers quite enthusiastic in participating in the meeting, there are 20 people involved meetings with Rimba Raya;
3. They already know the existence of Seruyan Rimba Raya but do not know what the scope of activities conducted at the Rimba Raya Seruyan. We describe the plan of activities will be conducted by Rimba Raya include conservation and community empowerment activities;
4. Residents are enthusiastic about the plan of activities of PT. Rimba Raya in their area particularly those related to education, one of the villagers who are primary school teachers suggested for making the village library. Some residents suggested farmers planting local species of trees on their land in order to be supported by PT. Rimba Raya, residents also suggested support for fire fighting equipment to extinguish fires that frequently burn their crops on their land;
5. The uses of wood as fuel for cooking are also part of the discussion. They expect there to replace fuel wood for cooking with cooking fuels more environmentally friendly. Staff WE talk about how the use of cooking fuel is environmentally friendly. WE inform about biogas prepared from cow dung or human waste. The function of these biogas as a substitute fuel wood for cooking and can also be a light bulb. WE



staff willing to assist PT. Rimba Raya in preparing planning biogas device manufacturing activities;

6. Discussions also addressed the availability of clean water for the community. As custom communities around the river that use river water as drinking water, water for cooking and water for bathing. The impact of the use of river water for drinking is the spread of diarrhea that hit the community. They hope to PT. Rimba Raya to assist them in getting clean water to drink, they are very open to activities that can provide benefit to the community;
7. People are enthusiastic about the presence of PT. Rimba Raya and hope that PT. Rimba Raya immediately carry out activities in the area of Muara Dua Village.

IV. Field Visit to Pembuang Hulu Village (January 17, 2010)

Attendant : OFI Field Staff, Hartjahjo Ariawan, Head of Pembuang Hulu Village

1. Meeting with head of village have been conducted in his house;
2. We introduced ourselves and explained about PT. Rimba Raya presence in the Seruyan area;
3. Head of Village welcomes well and hope that there is a certainty when the programs begin immediately;
4. Head of Village explains the existence of problems in the village oil palm plantations are causing public land for gardening less;
5. Head of Village hoping that PT. Rimba Raya use of local residents as field workers

Field Visits Report on Seruyan

Feb 07 – 10, 2010

I. Meeting with forest officer and agriculture officer in Seruyan

1. A visit to the district agricultural office at Seruyan City.

The purpose of the visit to the district agricultural office Seruyan is to introduce PT Rimba Raya Conservation and want to know what programs will be conducted by the district agricultural offices Seruyan on February 8, 2010.



On a visit to the agriculture office, I was accepted by the former head of the agricultural branch offices. The meeting took place at the office of department of agriculture, we introduce ourselves that. PT. Rimba Raya Conservation will have activities in the region konservasi Seruyan especially along the west side of the river and directly borders Seruyan TNTP.

Agriculture Department staff welcomes well-being of PT. Rimba Raya at Seruyan area. They hope to cooperate with PT. Rimba Raya in developing agricultural programs in the region Seruyan. They were pleased that the purpose of the PT Rimba Raya is restoring ecosystem.

They explain that for the area to be managed by PT. Rimba Raya Conservation, the agriculture office stating there was no program to print rice field, the program will be conducted in the area of land is increasing capacity in the form of management of agricultural fields for crop season. Usually the land would be increased capacity is the land that had been managed by a farm community so it is not making new land. For the development of agricultural programs in the region PT. Rimba Raya Conservation is expected to district agricultural offices can coordinate with PT. Rimba Raya Conservation.

2. A visit to the district forestry office at Seruyan City

Meeting with the head of the forestry service area held on the forest department district office on February 8, 2010. We introduce PT. Rimba Raya Conservation who will conduct restoration activities in forest areas Seruyan turns

out they already know about this. They said there had previously been the team of PT. Rimba Raya who come to the forest department. They know that in 2009 the area east of TNTP been established as a restoration area. This area is classified as a High Conservation Value (Bio-Diverse) Forest by Minister's Decree with number SK617/MENHUT-II/2009.

They welcomed the presence of PT. Rimba Raya in the restoration area, thereby improving the condition of water resources, does not cause accumulation of sediment at the mouth of the river lands, and prevent environmental pollution, they hope there will be tours of the area ecosystem restoration in the southern. They also say that there is an effort of palm oil plantations for restoration into the area but by the district forestry office Seruyan not responded to their licensing and just let it go

II. Attend to Stake Holder Meeting at Seruyan City

Stakeholders' meeting organized by the World Education on February 9, 2010. Conducting a stakeholder meeting is a collaboration between World Education with the Orangutan Foundation International and Tanjung Putting National Park, with the support from USAID through the OCPS projects.



Purpose of meeting is to help stakeholder development planning in the villages who accompanied. Assistance is intended to align the physical development, economy and ecology. OCSP projects also help connect rural development planning with development planning at district level. Stake holders meeting that brought the meeting between representatives of rural communities with

technical agencies such as forestry, agriculture, fisheries, public works, education and health. They presented the results of planning from the village to get a response from technical services.



Stake holder meeting was attended by 41 people, consisting of representatives from the village of Muara Dua, Baung, Palingkau, Ulak Batu, and Tanjung Hanau, 3

regional technical institutions (forestry agency, education servoces, public health service), Tanjung Puting National Park, Staff of Hanau Sub Diistrict, Staff of Danau Sembuluh Sub Diistrict, Head of Seruyan Hilir Sub District, and Representatives of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation

There are 5 villages who presented the results of its planning, such as Baung village, Muara dua village, palingkau village, Ulak Batu village and Tanjung Hanau village. They say some things that feel less like the lack of health workers in villages, lack of education officers in the village and the lack of agricultural workers who provide agricultural extension and education in their villages.

This meeting serves to provide input to the preparation of village development plans Muara Dua, Baung, Palingkau, Ulak Batu, and Tanjung Hanau so that development priorities will be proposed to the district and next to the district level is really a development of strategic options. Furthermore, planning for each village that had been given input submitted to the District for use as a reference in the formulation of development policies subdistrict and district levels

At the forum, I as a representative of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation are welcome to introduce themselves and hope to be able to work with the community, village, technical agencies and other stakeholders. Our desire to get good response from them

Field Visits Report on Seruyan

Feb 25 - March 01, 2010

I. Socialization preparation

Table of socialization preparation

Sub District	The day of forum	Forum location	Overnight location	Day of overnight	Meal and Snack	Transport by	Event *) Organizer
Seruyan Hilir	8 March	Rumah Betang	Hotel Junjung Buih	2 night	1. Dinner - 7 March 2. Breakfast (Hotel services) 3. Lunch - 8 March 4. Snack 1 (09.00 am) 5. Snack 2 (02,00 pm)	Long boat	Wahyu Wawan
Danau Sembuluh	10 March	Aula Kecamatan	Houses*)	1 night	1. Dinner - 9 march 2. Breakfast 10 march 3. Lunch - 10 march 4. Snack (09,00 am)	Long boat	Wahyu Wawan
Hanau	11 March	Gedung Serbaguna	Houses*)	1 night	1. Dinner – 10 march 2. Breakfast 11 march 3. Lunch - 11 march 4. Snack (09.00 am)	Long boat	Wahyu Wawan

*) Note:

- In Danau Sembuluh no hotels usually stay at home resident
- In Hanau there are only 2 hotels with limited room and low quality
- With supporting from WE Field Staff and sub district officer

II. Issue in the field

1. Telaga Pulang village head wanted if the presence of PT. Rimba Raya office and mess employees was in the village of Telaga Pulang,
2. The village is the village of Muara Dua which was ignored by Regent Seruyan remembers at the time of the election district, they do not choose who regents are currently. With a situation like this they expect a lot with the PT in order to help rural communities associated rural infrastructure development, provision of teachers, fisheries aid, assistance jelutung plantation and rubber plants, agricultural assistance
3. People do not want when PT Rimba Raya acting like oil companies, among other public land acquisition for plantations, employment issues have to use local labor,

the issue of salaries for local workers must comply with regulations, such as land clearing issue would if planting.

4. Other issue are ;

- Timber needs people to build houses, to make a wooden boat, for firewood and wood taken skin as raw materials mosquito coil,
- There should be no gambling activities, there should be no drug activity, there should be no drinking events,
- Increased local production and marketing increased the production of handicrafts such as community, agricultural production and the production of plantation society
- Scholarships issue,
- Comparative study to increase the knowledge capacity of the community,
- Funding assistance,
- Training on livestock, agriculture, fisheries, plantation and computer courses,

5. PT Rimba Raya is expected by the public as their last bastion of defense against oil companies



Photos from the field



Shipbuilding from wood raw material by the community



Taking the bark for raw materials mosquito coil



Making the wood used for fuel wood



Boiling water using wood materials



scholl condition at Telaga Pulang



Quarrying of sand from the river of Seruyan for the construction of the factory oil companies

Field Visits Report on Seruyan

March 06 - 11, 2010

I. Socialization PT. Rimba Raya Conservation at Seruyan Hilir

Socialization of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation held at Kuala Pembuang, City of Seruyan Capital on Monday 8 March 2010. The event was attended by the Environment Agency Seruyan District, Department of Forestry and Agriculture, Public Health Service, Department of Labor Transmigration and Tourism, National Land Agency Seruyan District, Tanjung Putting National Park, The Orangutan Foundation International (OFI), the World Education (WE), Head of Village, Agency Village Consultative (BPD) and community leaders from Tanjung Rangs Village, Muara Dua, Jahitan and Baung as well as representatives from the management of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation and Consultant.

The event contains a description of activities Rimba Raya to the stake holders, especially to the people who attended the invitation. Presentations delivered by representatives of PT Rimba Raya. After a presentation followed by questions and answers between the participant with the representative of PT. Rimba Raya, the Environment Agency and district staff from District Forestry Office.

Feedback from the forum is quite good, in general they expressed willing if PT. Rimba Raya conduct operations on their territory. They hope to cooperate with PT Rimba Raya primarily on regional economic development, developing rural infrastructure and labor inputs from local

Photo of socialization activities in Seruyan Hilir sub district, Seruyan District, Central Kalimantan Province, March 08, 2010



Figure 1. Welcome Speech by Agung Setiawan, S.STP, MSi (Head of Seruyan Hilir Subdistrict)



Figure 1. Welcome Speech by Drs. Yusuf Sulaiman, MM (Head of BLH Seruyan District)



Figure 3. Presentation by Zakaria Ahmad (Director of Operation PT. Rimba Raya Conservation)



Figure 4. Discussion with stakeholder



Figure 5. Response from communities



Figure 6. Participant of Socialization such as NGO, Government, Villager, Consultant, PT. Rimba Raya Conservation



Figure 7. Registration of Socialization



Figure 8. Participant of Socialization at Seruyan Hilir

II. Socialization PT. Rimba Raya Conservation at Danau Sembuluh

Socialization of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation held at Telaga Paulang Village, City of Danau Sembuluh Sub-district on Wednesday 10 March 2010. The event was attended by the Environment Agency Seruyan District, Seruyan District Forestry Office, Head of Danau Sembuluh Sub District, Head of Police Officer Danau Sembuluh Sub District Level, Head of Military Officer Danau Sembuluh Sub District Level, World Education, the Orangutan Foundation International, the village chief, village officials and community leaders from Telaga Pulang Village, Cempaka Baru, Palingkau, Ulak Batu, Paren and Banua Usang, as well as representatives from the management of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation and Consultant.

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Photo of socialization activities in Danau Sembuluh sub district, Seruyan District, Central Kalimantan Province, March 10, 2010



Figure 1. Welcome Speech by Bambang (Head of Danau Sembuluh Subdistrict)



Figure 2. Welcome Speech by Drs. Yusuf Sulaiman, MM (Head of BLH Seruyan District)



Figure 3. Presentation by PT. Rimba Raya



Figure 4 Discussion with participant

III. Socialization PT. Rimba Raya Conservation at Hanau

Socialization of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation held at Pembuang Hulu 1 Village, City of Hanau Sub-district on Thursday 11 March 2010. The event was attended by the Environment Agency Seruyan District, Forest Service Seruyan District, a District Hanau, World Education, Orangutan Foundation International, UPTD Department of Education, UPTD Department of Health, Head Village, village and community leaders from the Pembuang Hulu 1 village, Bahaur, Paring Raya, Parang Batang, and Tanjung Hanau and as well as representatives from the management of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation and Consultant.

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Photo of socialization activities in Hanau sub district, Seruyan District, Central Kalimantan Province, March 11, 2010



Figure 1. Welcome Speech by Prono (Vice of Hanau Subdistrict)



Figure 2. Welcome Speech by Drs. Yusuf Sulaiman, MM (Head of BLH Seruyan District)



Figure 3. Presentation by PT. Rimba Raya



Figure 4 Discussion with participant

Field Visits Report on Seruyan

March 22 - 23, 2010

Activities at Kuala Pembuang to distribution of UKL UPL Document

- (1.) Meet with head of forestry agency district level (Mr. Priyo Widagdo) to inform presentation UKL UPL held on Palangkaraya, information include location, schedule, and who will presentation, other activities is to give material of UKL:UPL document and soft file of Rimba Raya map area.
- (2.) Meet with head of Seruyan Hilir sub-district (Mr. Agung) to inform presentation UKL UPL held on Palangkaraya, information include location, schedule, and who will presentation, other activities is to give material of UKL:UPL document.
- (3.) Meet with Staff of BLH Seruyan (district level) (Mr. Cholis) to inform presentation UKL UPL held on Palangkaraya, information include location, schedule, and who will presentation, other activities is to give material of UKL:UPL document.

Visits Report on Palangkaraya

March 28 - 30, 2010

Attend to presentation UKL UPL PT. Rimba Raya Conservation, held on BLH Province level at Palangkaraya.

- (1.) The meeting is led by Ibu Anne (Deputize head of BLH province level), attended by Staffs of BLH province level, Forestry and Plantation Institution of Province Level, Forestry and Plantation Institution of Seruyan District, Head and Staffs of BLH Seruyan District, BKSDA province level (Conservation Institutions), Head of Sub districts of Seruyan Hilir, Danau Sembuluh and Hanau, Focus Consultant Team (Full Team), Rimba Raya Team (Zakaria, Ibu Birute, Wawan, Argiansyah), Dante, and other institutions.
- (2.) Principally all meeting participants support to IUPHHK-RE PT. RRC.
- (3.) Consultant must repair and complete some data that less in UKL UPL Document in accordane with discussion result.



- (4.) Licensing the usage of area that already exist or being planning process in PT. RRC area must be informed in UKL UPL Document, like as :
Plantation area that released by Bupati, Plan of making portSeigintung, possibility existence of mining, development plan of road(scheme of work) by local government, and others to related with usageof area.
- (5.) Completely of Meeting Result will be explained in Official Report (Berita Acara) that will be signed by Y Zakaria Ahmad (Representation of PT. RRC) and Mr. Moses (BLH of Cent. Kalimantan Province). BLH promised to finish it in 1 week. and Consultant is asked by BLH to repair UKL UPL document maximize in 2 weeks.

REPORT

TRIP TO SERUYAN REGENCY TO COLLECT SUPPORTING LETTER FROM EIGHT VILLAGES AROUND RIMBA RAYA BIODIVERSITY RESERVE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PT. Rimba Raya Conservation is in process to get a restoration ecosystem license from Department of Forestry over a 100,000 ha of tropical peat swamp forest located in the Seruyan District in the Central Kalimantan Province, Indonesia. The company would like to develop an innovative REDD project in the area.

PT. Rimba Raya Conservation understands community active participation is a key to the successful of ecosystem restoration and REDD project. Therefore it is important to involve community from the early stage of the project and during its implementation. The company has communicated their project plan to the 15 villages along Seruyan River therefore community can decide whether they will support the project or not.

Seven villages have provided supporting letter for the project couple of months ago. PT. Rimba Raya Conservation sent its representatives to meet with community in order to get supporting letter from the remaining eight villages. Together with World Education (WE) and Orangutan Foundation International (OFI) staff, the representatives of the company visited the eight villages on November 2009.

After heard presentation from the team and had discussion with the team, the eight villages decided to provide supporting letter for PT. Rimba Raya Conservation's program plan. Community understood the company is still in process to get license from Ministry of Forestry in Jakarta. However community requested the company should keep communication with them so they will aware with the company progress. And community keep remind team that PT. Rimba Raya Conservation should ensure its program will provides benefit for community through community development program.

REPORT

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BACKGROUND

PT. Rimba Raya Conservation is in process to get a restoration ecosystem license from Department of Forestry over a 100,000 ha of tropical peat swamp forest located in the Seruyan District in the Central Kalimantan Province, Indonesia. The company would like to develop an innovative REDD project in the area.

InfiniteEarth has drafted a Project Design Document for this project to meet the requirements of Climate, Community, and Biodiversity (CCB) Project Design Standard. At the same time InfiniteEarth also seek for certification under the Voluntary Carbon Standard (VCS).

To fulfill CCB Standards, the project should demonstrate its provides benefit for climate through avoided emission of green house gas, provide benefit to the community surround the project area and accommodate their rights and needs, and provide benefits to the biodiversity.

PT. Rimba Raya Conservation understands that community active participation is a key to a successful forest conservation effort. PT. Rimba Raya Conservation has communicated their project objectives to the community surround project area therefore community can decide whether they would like to support the project by provide a supporting letter or not.

OBJECTIVE

Objective of this trip is to obtain supporting letters from eights villages along Seruyan River to the PT. Rimba Raya Conservation's program.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

➤ Met with Orangutan Foundation International (OFI) and World Education (WE) staff at Pangkalan Bun

First day at Pangkalan Bun, representative of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation met with Orangutan Foundation International (OFI) staff and World Education (WE) staff. Objectives of this meeting are:

- to establish communication with OFI and WE staff that will become part of a team for village visit
- to understand relationship or communication with the community has been established by the project
- to develop itinerary for the trip and logistic need to be prepared by team

OFI will provide 2 staff for this village visit and WE will provide 3 staff that is 2 staff is village facilitator who stay at Muara Dua and Baung Villages. WE staff has contacted the seven villages and tell the Village Chief about the visit of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation's representative.

Couple of months ago, OFI staff has distributed short version of PDD that focus on community aspect to the 6 villages along Seruyan Rivers. However they was not able to get the supporting letter due to time limitation for the trip because it was close to Idul Fitri celebration and communities requested the presence of representative of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation.

➤ **Report from Village Visit**

Below is report from village visit:

1. Bahaur Village

Village Chiefs had received the short version of PDD. In principle he supported the project. His concern is the overlapping of the project area with palm oil plantation. The village has bad experience with the oil palm company, at the beginning the oil palm company promises it will provide benefit to the community, in fact community get no benefits from existence of the company.

After we showed supporting letter from Seruyan Regent and explain about the project concept, the Village Chiefs decided to sign the supporting letter. He also suggested development of *Arenga sp.* (sugar palm) as an alternative to improve community source of income since most of community has experience and knowledge on processing of Arenga Sugar (sugar palm).

Village Chief informed there is a new village should be approach by PT. Rimba Raya Conservation, i.e. Paring Raya.

2. Tanjung Rangas Village

Village Chief has set up a community meeting therefore all community will understand PT. Rimba Raya Conservation's program. More than 20 community member attended the meeting.

If in the future there will be community development program in this village, Tanjung Rangas Community suggested to focus on aquaculture development since fishing is main source of income for the community. Community thought their economic condition is decrease significantly.

Through Forest Rehabilitation Program, Government has provided seedling for communities, however since there is no clear guideline and field staff assist the community, the program was failed.

Community also suggested conducting forest fire control training and providing fires fighting equipment for the village since PT. Rimba Raya Conservation will focus on forest protection and conservation. Communities practicing slash and burn system for land preparation that can trigger forest fire on PT. Rimba Raya Conservation's concession.

3. Baung Village

Village Chief has invited community for the meeting. More than 20 communities member attended the meeting. The meeting was quite hard to reach a consensus between communities. Some community members supported the program and some rejected.

This village has bad experience with palm oil plantation company. The palm oil company came to the village and communicates their objectives to the community with lot promises that the existence of the company will provide benefit to the community and the company will provide assistance to the community on many sectors. In fact, the company never delivers its promises and community got nothing except became as labor for the company. Many community member fired by the palm oil company since the company prefer to get skilled and trained labor from Java Island.

Village Chief and Chairman of Community Representative Body have read PT. Rimba Raya Conservation's document distributed by OFI staff and in principle agreed to provide letter of support. However considering their bad experience with palm oil company some communities are reluctant to support the program. Village Chief asked more time to discuss with his community and let the team leaved the village for other meeting in next village with one promise that the community will reach a consensus and support PT. Rimba Raya Conservation's plan.

After we leaved Baung Village, community had one more meeting facilitated by WE staff and reach a consensus to support PT. Rimba Raya Conservation's plan. Village Chief signed the supporting letter and WE staff delivered it into Pangkalan Bun.

In the meeting, community suggested PT. Rimba Raya Conservation to facilitate community on sustainable aquaculture development and utilization of non timber forest product to improve community's income.

4. Paren Village

Secretary of the Village has organized a community meeting for our visit. More than 20 people attended the meeting. We came earlier, the Village Chief still at his plantation therefore he was late joined the meeting. After heard team presentation, community agreed to provide a supporting letter. Community informed, most of the area around their village has been converted into palm oil plantation and the palm oil plantation company has constructed a road connecting the village and Sampit City. However the road condition is very bad.

When discussed about potential community development program, community suggested PT. Rimba Raya Conservation to support them on aquaculture development, community plantation such as rubber and jelutong (*Dyera costulata*) plantation, and community forest.

5. Parang Batang Village

Village Chief has read the PT. Rimba Raya Conservation's document and agreed to support the program. However he want to have a transporence process so the community understand the program and make their decision to support the program. Therefore Village Chief organized a community meeting attended by more than 30 people.

Team briefly presented the PT. Rimba Raya Conservation's plan. Community informed that most of the village area has been converted into palm oil plantation therefore decrease the availability of community agriculture area. Community has allocated some areas for development of community plantation. They have developed *Jelutong* plantation but need more assistance to improve the productivity. Oil palm company using chemical fertilizer that polluted the river therefore decrease fish product significantly.

If PT. Rimba Raya Conservation will implement community development program in this village, community suggested the company to provide assistance on improvement of aquaculture techniques and development of community plantation since community has provided land for this purpose.

6. Tanjung Hanau Village

The Chairman of Village Representative Body has organized the community meeting for team visit. Around 20 people attended the meeting. Team briefly presented PT. Rimba Raya Conservation's program.

This village has serious problem with palm oil company operating around their village. Six community member was arrested and sent to jail for against the palm oil company. Communities also blame the palm oil company for river pollution that has negative impact to the fish product that decrease significantly. Community requested PT. Rimba Raya Conservation assistance on improvement of aquaculture techniques and other potential alternative activities to improve their income.

Community decided to provide a supporting letter for PT. Rimba Raya Conservation. Community also informed one subcontracted company of the palm oil company is PT. Rimba Raya. Therefore PT. Rimba Raya Conservation should be careful on communicating its program so community will not get confuse with the Palm Oil Subcontracted Company

7. Paring Raya Village

Paring Raya is quite a new village established on April 2007. This village has significant fruits, rubber and *jelutong* plantation. Community source of income is from agriculture, aquaculture and traditional gold mining.

When team arrived at the village, Village Chief has departed to Pembuang Hulu for inauguration of Head of SubDistrict. Then team, together with the Head of Village Representative Body headed to Pembuang Hulu to meet the Village Chief.

After heard Brief Presentation from the team, Village Chief provide a letter of support for PT. Rimba Raya.

8. Pembuang Hulu Village

Village Chief has read the short version of PDD Document. The Village Chief signed the document after heard brief explanation about PT. Rimba Raya Conservation's plan. He understood the company is in process to get the license. Village Chief suggested PT. Rimba Raya Conservation, OFI and WE should set up a meeting with the community to communicate the company program once the company got the license. He also warned that the company should ensure the project would provide significant benefit to the community.

Conclusion from the village visit

Below is conclusion from the village visit:

1. Most of community not happy with the palm oil company because the companies never deliver their promise.
2. Palm oil company using chemical fertilizer causing river pollution and decreasing of fish product
3. Most village requested for assistance on improvement of aquaculture techniques and development of village plantation since that are main source of community income
4. All villages support PT. Rimba Raya Conservation's program with one note that PT. Rimba Raya Conservation program should provide benefit for the community through community development program.
5. In response to community requested, team explained that PT. Rimba Raya Conservation Program is in process to get the ecosystem restoration license from Department of Forestry. And type of community development program will be decided through a comprehensive analysis by the company and its partner namely OFI and WE.
6. WE have two staff that lives in two villages along Seruyan River. They have established communication with almost all villages along Seruyan River and most of community knows them. This is an advantages for this trip, the existence of the two staff in the village built community trust.

➤ Recommendation Based on Evaluation Meeting With OFI and WE staff at Pangkalan Bun

External:

- Keep communication with community through OFI and WE. Therefore if the process to get license take longer and community development program start very late, community will not think that PT. Rimba Raya Conservation not provides any benefit to them.

- Once got the license PT. Rimba Raya Conservation, OFI, & WE should conduct meeting to communicate its program to all villages.

Internal

- Should improve communication between PT. Rimba Raya Conservation, OFI and WE.
- PT. Rimba Raya Conservation need to appoint a particular staff for communication with OFI and WE therefore will keep continuity of information and increase effective collaboration
- PT. Rimba Raya Conservation, OFI and WE should sit together and develop a workplan with clear division of responsibilities and role to ensure the effectiveness and success of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation program.

Table 1. Schedule

No	Date	Activities	Location	Participant	Remark
1	Friday, 6 Nov 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Depart to Pangkalan Bun - Meeting with OFI and WE staff 	OFI Office at Pangkalan Bun	Jeni Pareira Jeni Pareira, OFI: - Fajar - Tumin - Robert WE: - Sutoyo	
2	Saturday, 7 Nov 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Depart to Pembuang Hulu Village - Meet Chief of Bahaur Village - Depart to Tanjung Rangas Village - Meet with Chief of 	Chief of Village's House at Bahaur Village Secretary of	Jeni Pareira OFI: - Tumin WE: - Sutoyo - Abdul Gofur Jeni Pareira, Sutoyo (WE) and Tumin (OFI) Jeni Pareira OFI: - Tumin - Hadel WE: - Sutoyo Jeni Pareira	Chief of the village was attended a funeral

No	Date	Activities	Location	Participant	Remark
		the village, Village Representative Body and community of Tanjung Rangas Village	the Villages's House at Tanjung Rangas	OFI: - Tumin - Hadeli WE: - Sutoyo - Budiyono	
3	Sunday, 8 Nov 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Depart to Baung Village - Meet with Chief of the Village, Village Representative Body and community of Baung Village - Meet with Chief, Secretary, Village Representative Body and community of Paren Village - Meet Chief of the Village, Village Representative Body and community of Parang Batang Village 	<p>Village Hall</p> <p>Secretary of the Villages's House at Paren</p> <p>Chief of the Villages's House at Parang Batang</p>	<p>Jeni Pareira OFI: - Tumin - Hadeli WE: - Sutoyo - Budiyono</p> <p>Jeni Pareira OFI: - Tumin WE: - Sutoyo - Budiyono</p> <p>Jeni Pareira OFI: - Tumin WE: - Sutoyo - Budiyono</p> <p>Jeni Pareira OFI: - Tumin - Hadeli WE: - Sutoyo - Budiyono</p>	
4	Monday, 9 Nov 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Depart to Tanjung Hanau Village - Meet Secretary of the village, Representative Body and community of 	<p>Chief of Sub-village's House at Tanjung</p>	<p>Jeni Pareira OFI: - Tumin - Hadeli WE: - Sutoyo - Budiyono</p> <p>Jeni Pareira OFI: - Tumin WE:</p>	

No	Date	Activities	Location	Participant	Remark
		<p>Tanjung Hanau Village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet Chief of the village, Head of Village Representative Body and a member of community - Meet Chief of Pembuang Hulu Village - Depart to Pangkalan Bun 	<p>Hanau</p> <p>A Small Restaurant at Pembuang Hulu</p> <p>Chief of Village's House at Pembuang Hulu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sutoyo - Budiyo <p>Jeni Pareira OFI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tumin - Hadel <p>WE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sutoyo - Budiyo <p>Jeni Pareira OFI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tumin <p>WE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sutoyo - Abdul Gofur 	<p>Chief of the village has departed to Pembuang Hulu to attend inauguration of Head of Sub-district</p>
5	Tuesday, 10 Nov 2009	Evaluation Meeting with OFI and WE	WE Office at Pangkalan Bun	<p>Jeni Pareira OFI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fajar - Tumin <p>WE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sutoyo 	
6	Wednesday, 11 Nov 2009	Depart to Jakarta		Jeni Pareira	

EXPENSE REPORT
TRIP TO SERUYAN REGENCY TO COLLECT SUPPORTING LETTER
FROM EIGHT VILLAGES AROUND RIMBA RAYA BIODIVERSITY RESERVE

ADVANCE	15,450,000
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NO	DATE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT		PRICE	TOTAL
1	6-Nov-09	Taxi Bogor to Jakarta Airport	1	way	285,000	285,000
2		Jakarta airport Tax	1	person	40,000	40,000
3		Breakfat at the airport	1	person		15,000
4	7-Nov-09	Hotel & Meals in Pangkalan Bun	1	night		451,959
5		Fuel for car				300,000
6		Team Breakfast, water & snack	4	person		193,500
7		Fuel for Boat				315,000
8		Team Lunch at Telaga Pulang	4	person		82,000
9		Fuel for Boat				180,000
10		Team accomodation & meals, and meals for community meeting at Tanjung Rangas				350,000
11	8-Nov-09	Meals for Community Meeting at Baung				100,000
12		Team Lunch at Telaga Pulang				100,000
13		Fuel for Boat				275,000
14		Meals fo Community Meeting at Paren				100,000
15		Team accommodation & meals, and meals for community meeting at Parang Batang				350,000
16	9-Nov-09	Fuel for Boat				116,000
17		Meals for community meeting at Tanjung Hanau				102,000
18		Lunch meeting with Chief of the Village and Village Representative Body of Paring Raya Village				167,000
19		Fee for Budiyo (WE staff)	1	person	500,000	500,000
20		Budiyo transport, communication & accommodation expense for coordination with village				280,000
21		Fee for Hadel (OFI Staff)	1	person	500,000	500,000
22		Fee for Tumin (OFI Staff)	1	person	500,000	500,000
23		Fuel for car				300,000
24	10-Nov-09	Fee for Sutoyo (WE staff)	1	person	500,000	500,000
25		Fee for Hartono (WE Staff)	1	person	500,000	500,000

NO	DATE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT		PRICE	TOTAL
26		Communication for coordination and prepare the meeting for WE staff				100,000
27		Meals meeting at WE Office				200,000
28	11-Nov-09	Hotel & meals in Pangkalan Bun				815,919
29		Airport Tax	1 person			13,000
30		Taxi from Jakarta Airport - Bogor				320,000
TOTAL EXPENSE						8,051,378

BALANCE	7,398,622
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Photos



Picture 1. Head of Paren Community Representative Body is Sign the Supporting Letter
(Photo by: Jeni Pareira)



Picture 2. Community Meeting at Parang Batang Village
(Photo by: Budiyo)

Photos



Picture 3. Community Meeting at Tanjung Hanau Village
(Photo by: Jeni Pareira)



Picture 4. Seruyan River is the Primary Means of Transportation for Community
(Photo by: Jeni Pareira)

Photos



Picture 5. Fishing is a Main Source of Income for Most of Communities
(Photo by: Genpur Sutoyo)



Picture 6. All the Villages are Located Along Seruyan River
(Photo by: Jeni Pareira)

Field Visits Report on Seruyan

Feb 25 - March 01, 2010

I. Socialization preparation

Table of socialization preparation

Sub District	The day of forum	Forum location	Overnight location	Day of overnight	Meal and Snack	Transport by	Event ^{*)} Organizer
Seruyan Hilir	8 March	Rumah Betang	Hotel Junjung Buih	2 night	1. Dinner - 7 March 2. Breakfast (Hotel services) 3. Lunch - 8 March 4. Snack 1 (09.00 am) 5. Snack 2 (02,00 pm)	Long boat	Wahyu Wawan
Danau Sembuluh	10 March	Aula Kecamatan	Houses ^{*)}	1 night	1. Dinner - 9 march 2. Breakfast 10 march 3. Lunch - 10 march 4. Snack (09,00 am)	Long boat	Wahyu Wawan
Hanau	11 March	Gedung Serbaguna	Houses ^{*)}	1 night	1. Dinner – 10 march 2. Breakfast 11 march 3. Lunch - 11 march 4. Snack (09.00 am)	Long boat	Wahyu Wawan

^{*)} Note:

- In Danau Sembuluh no hotels usually stay at home resident
- In Hanau there are only 2 hotels with limited room and low quality
- With supporting from WE Field Staff and sub district officer

II. Issue in the field

1. Telaga Pulang village head wanted if the presence of PT. Rimba Raya office and mess employees was in the village of Telaga Pulang,
2. The village is the village of Muara Dua which was ignored by Regent Seruyan remembers at the time of the election district, they do not choose who regents are currently. With a situation like this they expect a lot with the PT in order to help rural communities associated rural infrastructure development, provision of teachers, fisheries aid, assistance jelutung plantation and rubber plants, agricultural assistance

3. People do not want when PT Rimba Raya acting like oil companies, among other public land acquisition for plantations, employment issues have to use local labor, the issue of salaries for local workers must comply with regulations, such as land clearing issue would if planting.

4. Other issue are ;

- Timber needs people to build houses, to make a wooden boat, for firewood and wood taken skin as raw materials mosquito coil,
- There should be no gambling activities, there should be no drug activity, there should be no drinking events,
- Increased local production and marketing increased the production of handicrafts such as community, agricultural production and the production of plantation society
- Scholarships issue,
- Comparative study to increase the knowledge capacity of the community,
- Funding assistance,
- Training on livestock, agriculture, fisheries, plantation and computer courses,

5. PT Rimba Raya is expected by the public as their last bastion of defense against oil companies



Photos from the field



Shipbuilding from wood raw material by the community



Taking the bark for raw materials mosquito coil



Making the wood used for fuel wood



Boiling water using wood materials



Scholl condition at Telaga Pulang



Quarrying of sand from the river of Seruyan for the construction of the factory oil companies