

# Summary Field Works Report on Conducting Community Consultation Period

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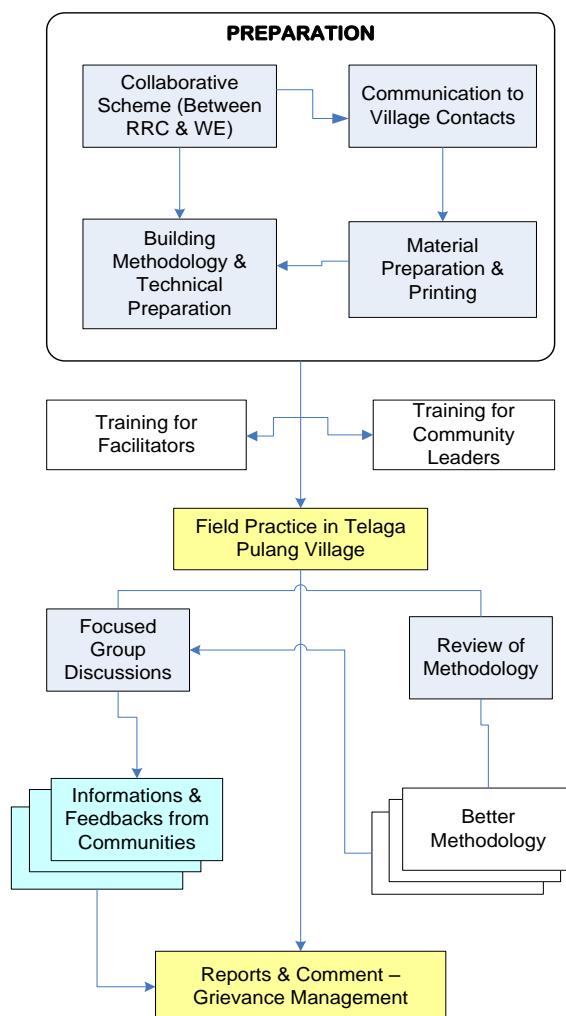
## Background

In order to bolster and ensure the community's awareness of Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve, including understanding the CCBA Public Comment Period and Rimba Raya's Grievance Process, a comprehensive training and consultation period has been conducted in collaboration with "World Education" (WE) a renowned International NGO as our nominated 3rd party inter-mediator and facilitator.

An innovative community awareness program was planned which focused on dissemination of basic information about climate change, carbon trade and the operational plan of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation in the Seruyan watershed (*See the Flowchart below*). An information package was also prepared to be widely distributed among the related stakeholders, especially communities. Posters, brochures, simple procedures on submitting public comments, grievance resolution and others are part of the information set.

## Type of Activities:

- Building MoU between RRC and WE.
- Communicating with the local contacts.
- Preparing brochure (3.000 pcs) and posters (30pcs) which has been distributed widely to the communities in 14 villages, district agencies in Seruyan, staffs of Tanjung Puting National Park, staffs of BKSDA and the representatives of WSSL Palm Oil.
- Conducting 3 days facilitator training (19-21 August 2010) for the Village Heads (or village representative) on facilitating the management of community comment-grievance, as well as on the subject of climate change and local livelihood.
- Handling several focused and comprehensive group discussions in 14 villages regarding CCBA Public Comment Period and grievance resolution plan, as well as on the subject of climate change and local livelihood.
- Installing 30 boxes in 14 villages to use as a 'post-office box' of the community comments as well as one available grievance submission mechanism.



## Focused Group Discussions Flow:

- The focused groups discussions (FGDs) in each village normally begins with the opening speech by the village head or the community leaders and followed with the introduction of the facilitators (names and roles of each institution) from PT. Rimba Raya Conservation and World Education as well.
- The current conditions (high rainfall, the season has changed, to flood a few times a year, hard to find fish) are the basis for the communities reflection on climate change at the local level.
- Discussion leads to: Why does it all happen? Facilitator explained than on the greenhouse effects its causes, including deforestation and degradation (of the forest).
- The discussion evolved into: How to reduce the carbon emission? Facilitators convey information about Mitigation and Adaptation and stressed on the REDD issues.
- The facilitator connected those issues with the goals of PT. Rimba Raya Conservation; and followed by “reading the brochure” together with the communities. All of the possible basic questions has been clarify, suggests: (*See the brochure*)
  - (1) What is PT. Rimba Raya?
  - (2) Where is the location of the concession?
  - (3) What is the benefit for the community?
  - (4) What is going to be allowed and not allowed to do?
- The public comment period has been discussed; including the formal grievance process. Simple procedures for submitting public comments that have been distributed to the communities as well as publicizing World Educations role as a grievance mediator.
- The final conclusion of the meetings (FGDs) is the agreement from the communities on placing the ‘comment boxes’ by themselves.



Pic 1. The training & field practice in Telaga Pulang village August 19th-21st 2010



Pic 1. The FGDs and installing the boxes in Banua Usang Villages

### Team Member & Locations

While Telaga Pulang village was appointed to be the 'training site', the 4 teams which facilitated community awareness discussions during August 21st – 25th 2010 covered the other 13 villages as follows (from the northern to southern villages:

- Team 1. Karno (WE) and Faisal (RRC)  
3 Villages: Bahaur, Paring Raya and Parang Batang
- Team 2. Sunyoto (WE) and Hartjahyo Aryawan (RRC)  
3 Villages: Paren, Benua Usang and Tanjung Hanau
- Team 3. Hartono (WE) and Jeni Pariera (RRC)  
4 Villages: Palingkau, Ulak Batu, Baung, and Cempaka Baru
- Team 4. Gampang Budiono (WE) and Zakaria (RRC)  
3 Villages: Tanjung Rengas, Muara Dua, and Jahitan

### Beneficiaries

More than 800 members of community were attendance during the serial FGDs with the detail's below:

1. Tanjung Rengas : 60 household representatives (HR) of total 283 households (THs)
2. Muara Dua : 111 HRs of 154 THs
3. Jahitan : 55 HRs of 130 THs
4. Ulak Batu : 52 HRs of 67 THs
5. Palingkau : 32 HRs of 46 THs
6. Cempaka Baru : 54 HRs of 150 THs
7. Telaga Pulang : 76 HRs of total 421 THs
8. Baung : 57 HRs of 114 THs
9. Tanjung Hanau : 60 HRs of 170 THs
10. Paren : 55 HRs of 105 THs
11. Banua Usang : 51 HRs of 225 THs
12. Parang Batang : 75 HRs of 199 THs
13. Paring Raya : 47 HRs of 97 THs
14. Bahaur : 54 HRs of 250 THs

The total number that have been installed is 30 boxes, with the detail below:

1. Tanjung Rengas : 2 boxes
2. Muara Dua : 3 boxes
3. Jahitan : 2 boxes
4. Ulak Batu : 1 box
5. Palingkau : 1 box
6. Cempaka Baru : 2 boxes
7. Telaga Pulang : 3 boxes
8. Baung : 2 boxes
9. Tanjung Hanau : 3 boxes
10. Paren : 2 boxes
11. Banua Usang : 3 boxes
12. Parang Batang : 2 boxes
13. Paring Raya : 2 boxes
14. Bahaur : 2 boxes

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