

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In line with the West Kalimantan Provincial Government's policy to protect High Conservation Value (HCV) Areas outside of Forest Areas / Other Use Areas (APL), the Governor of West Kalimantan has established the West Kalimantan Provincial Essential Ecosystem Area Management Forum, through Decree No. 699/Dishut/2017 dated November 8, 2017 which has the task to plan, compile, coordinate between parties and propose indicative determination of Essential Ecosystem Areas (KEE) into definitive determination of KEE in West Kalimantan Province. Furthermore, in the framework of the Definitive Determination of Essential Ecosystem Areas (KEE), the Governor of West Kalimantan has issued Decree No. 718/Dishut/2017 dated November 17, 2017 concerning the Determination of Essential Ecosystem Areas (KEE) in North Kayong Regency and Ketapang Regency.

Geographically and landscape-wise, the Essential Ecosystem Area (KEE), which has been designated through Governor Decree No. 718/Dishut/2017, has an area of 12,918.13 hectares within the Plantation Business License (IUP) of PT Kayung Agro Lestari (PT KAL) and PT Bumitama Gunajaya Agro (BGA Group), namely PT Gemilang Makmur Subur (PT GMS), PT Damai Agro Sejahtera (PT DAS) and PT Ladang Sawit Mas (PT LMS). The KEE is located between the Sungai Putri Peat Swamp Forest (PT. Mohairson Pawan Khatulistiwa) and Gunung Tarak Protection Forest and Gunung Palung National Park, North Matan Hilir District, Ketapang Regency. The Sungai Putri - Gunung Tarak - Gunung Palung Landscape KEE functions as a corridor and habitat for wildlife (including *Orangutan/Pongo pygmaeus wurmbii*) and an important area providing high ecosystem services to surrounding areas.

In 2019 there were forest fires that degraded 649 ha of secondary swamp forest, while since 2018, the activities of a Bauxite Mining Company (PTB) whose licenses *overlap* with PT GMS's ABKT have cut through PT GMS's ABKT with a 20 m wide road for 1 km and damaged 13.25 ha of forest cover and cut off the connecting forest between Sungai Putri Peat Forest and PT GMS's ABKT. On April 5, 2022, PTB's license was revoked by the Minister of Investment/Head of the Investment Coordinating Board, on behalf of the Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources. This has given the KEE Management Forum renewed enthusiasm to promote restoration efforts in the ABKT.

On June 9, 2022, the West Kalimantan Provincial Department of Environment and Forestry (DLHK) organized the first *offline* meeting inviting members of the West Kalimantan Provincial KEE

Management Forum. The purpose of the meeting was to develop an action plan for the restoration of KEEs degraded by the 2019 forest fires and PTB activities. The KEE Management Forum has since agreed to develop a KEE Management Action Plan for the Sungai Putri - Gunung Tarak - Gunung Palung Landscape for 2023-2027 and meet regularly, setting a vision: *The realization of the sustainability of the Sungai Putri - Gunung Palung - Gunung Tarak Landscape KEE as a wildlife corridor and provider of environmental services and provide sustainable benefits to all stakeholders.* This action plan outlines the commitments and initiatives of the parties to support the protection of the Sungai Putri - Gunung Tarak - Gunung Palung KEE as a wildlife habitat and an important area providing other environmental services to the surrounding communities.

- (a) The central government, namely, the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (KLHK), the Natural Resources Conservation Center (BKSDA Kalbar), and Gunung Palung National Park participate in preparing the formulation and implementation of policies, technical guidance and evaluation of the management of ABKT Sungai Putri - Gunung Tarak - Gunung Palung.
- (b) The West Kalimantan Provincial Government, namely the Environment and Forestry Service, Plantation and Livestock Service and KPH Ketapang Selatan. The Ketapang District Government, namely Bappeda, the Housing, Settlement and Environment Office, the Agriculture, Livestock and Plantation Office and the Joint Secretariat for Natural Resource Management, participate in coordinating, synchronizing and harmonizing the parties in the development of programs and activities for the protection and management of KEEs, as well as monitoring and evaluating the work plan and implementation of the Management Unit.
- (c) The Management Unit of PT Kayung Agro Lestari (PT. KAL) and BGA Group (PT. GMS, PT. DAS, and PT. LSM) participate in protecting and managing KEEs, which is implemented in work plans for biodiversity protection, forest and land fire prevention, economic development and community awareness to protect the Sungai Putri - Gunung Tarak - Gunung Palung KEE.
- (d) NGOs, namely Yayasan Inisiatif Dagang Hijau (YIDH), Yayasan Inisiasi Alam Rehabilitasi Indonesia (YIARI), and Tropenbos Indonesia (TI), participate in supporting the facilitation and implementation of the Sungai Putri - Gunung Tarak - Gunung Palung KEE Management Plan program and raising financial support for the sustainability of the multi-stakeholder collaboration scheme.
- (e) The Village Government has a role in integrating the activities of the Sungai Putri - Gunung Tarak - Gunung Palung KEE Management Plan at the site level into the Village Medium Term

Development Plan (RPJM), encouraging the development of agroforestry land uses on community plantations that are conducive to the movement of wildlife and ecosystem service providers.

The role of stakeholders in the management of Essential Ecosystem Areas (EEZs)

PT Kayong Agro Lestari (KAL)

- Prepare a work plan/action plan for the protection of the Orangutan Corridor.
- Support community efforts in developing village potential.
- Facilitate assistance and/or programs to support the implementation of the Orangutan Corridor Protection Plan through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) schemes and/or other funding schemes.
- Open access to capital and market access for products developed by the community.
- Active in contributing together with stakeholders in protecting HCV areas within the Orangutan Corridor area from threats of damage and rehabilitating and restoring damaged areas.