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IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATION – 3rd SOUTH KETAPANG LANDSCAPE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

Jakarta, 29 November 2019 – On 20th and 21st November 2019 a one and half-day workshop event with the participation of Bupati of Ketapang took place in the city of Ketapang – West Kalimantan, where stakeholders including heads of villages from South Ketapang, BKSDA – the Indonesian Body for Conservation of Natural Resources, Manggala Agni – the Forest Fire Department, BNPB – the National Board for Disaster Management and NGOs of Aidenvironment and Global Environmental Centre together with representatives of HTI and Oil Palm plantation companies operating in the landscape met to share best practices and develop new ways of streamlining and integrating their efforts and resources in managing areas surrounding the Muara Kendawangan Wildlife Reserve (*Cagar Alam Muara Kendawangan*) and to propose recommendations for the Regional Government to include into its planning for the benefit of improved management of natural resources, community empowerment and community economic development.



The stakeholders were organised into 3 working groups focused around the project's main concerns; forest and land fire prevention and management (Karhutla), management of conservation areas (Cagar Alam, HCV, HCS and peat areas) and community social economic development. These groups have formulated propositions, that aim not only to tackle current

issues but also to reshape the vision for the whole landscape through innovative ideas and new directions. For short-term plan, the stakeholders proposed to collaborate in activities including assessing, zoning, patrolling, rehabilitation and infrastructure development, strengthening of communication, community inclusion and socialisation, livelihood development training and simplified market access.

Bumitama has been actively participating in this project and during the event, our staff shared on the needs of appropriate fire management and contributed with ideas toward transforming the South Ketapang landscape collaboratively and sustainably, in line with Ketapang region's Green Growth Plan.



For the Bupati of Ketapang, Mr. Martin Rantan, this project is already a second landscape-based collaborative initiative along with the one formed around Sungai Putri peat-swamp forest in North Ketapang, which further promotes his vision for a sustainable Ketapang region, by opening opportunities for rural development, sustainable use of natural resources and management of conservation areas. In his address to the forum, he appreciated the involvement of the stakeholders and asked for synergizing efforts for a greener development for the whole region.

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