

Biodiversity Corridor and Community Project in Ketapang, Kalimantan Barat

[IDH & BGA Group – Pontianak]. On 16th January 2017, The Governor of West Kalimantan, Drs. Cornelis M.H., officially launched the Model Palm Oil Sustainable Partnership in Ketapang – Kalimantan Barat together with IDH Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH), PT Bumitama Gunajaya Agro (BGA) and Aidenvironment (AE) during an inauguration event organised by GAPKI.

This partnership is a collaborative multi-stakeholder initiative that aims to restore and protect a green co-management corridor between Gunung Tarak protected forest and Sungai Putri forest block in Ketapang Regency, areas that are threatened by deforestation, illegal logging, mining and forest fires. Creation of this corridor will help to protect and probably improve the biodiversity of that area in line with the West Kalimantan Governor's commitment for creation of the *Kawasan Ekosistem Esensial*, while also supporting the socio-economic growth, conforming to the Provincial ambitions on Green Growth.



Local communities will be intensively involved, as the project will work towards improving their livelihoods through alternative income generating activities, thereby limiting further forest



encroachment. The project aims to achieve this by training as many as 5,000 palm oil smallholder farmers on Good Agricultural Practices and developing inclusive village level land-use plans in eight villages, in line with governmental policies and plans. The main part of the corridor will undergo reforestation, where 400 hectares of forest are planned to be planted. Using landscape approach, this corridor will span across several areas, covering around 1,800 hectares. Approximately 1,100 hectares are located in PT Gemilang Makmur Subur (GMS).



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About PT GMS

PT GMS is a management unit that was purchased by Bumitama on 13 September 2016. Although the larger part of this area was previously opened and planted by its previous owners, the elevated concern for the remaining forest land, constant threats of fire and consideration for local communities prompted the acquisition. In accordance with its Sustainability policy and RSPO Principle & Criteria, Bumitama conducted a High Conservation Value (HCV) and High Carbon Stock (HCS) assessment of the area prior to the acquisition. The results indicated that the majority of the unplanted area could serve as an interconnection link between the forested areas on the west and east of PT GMS. Realising the importance of this area for the preservation of biodiversity of the whole landscape, Bumitama took the opportunity and approached its partners to team up in design and management of this project. Once developed, the corridor would provide mobility for several key-species of wildlife, linking production of palm oil with conservation under one sustainable landscape.

About PT BGA

PT Bumitama Gunajaya Agro (BGA) is a young palm oil company, producing crude palm oil and Palm Kernal in three province in Indonesia, which are in Central Kalimantan, West Kalimantan, and Riau. PT BGA is committed to the “No Deforestation, No planting in Peatland, and No Exploitation” policy.

About IDH

IDH convenes companies, CSOs, governments and others in public-private partnerships. Together we drive the joint design, co-funding and prototyping of economically viable approaches to realize green & inclusive growth at scale in commodity production and sourcing areas. In West Kalimantan, we work with public and private partners to achieve nature protection, commodity production and social inclusion, particularly in the Kubu Raya, Kayong Utara, and Ketapang Regencies. Our commodities and landscapes work Indonesia is funded by the Dutch, Danish, Norwegian and Swiss Governments.

About Aidenvironment

Aidenvironment is a values driven consultancy providing consultancy services, programmatic support and research in sustainable production and trade. We create social, environmental and economic value seeking a fair distribution across stakeholders. Our combination of strategic capacity, extensive on the ground experience and transparent methods makes us a leader in the field. Aidenvironment has a track record in environmental management, social and economic development in Indonesia that stretches well over 25 years.