

PROGRAM FINAL REPORT

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**BUILDING A CONSENSUS TO PROTECT SUMATRAN TIGER IN
BENGKULU AREA OF KERINCI SEBLAT NATIONAL PARK**



LINGKAR INSTITUTE

**KERINCI SEBLAT NATIONAL PARK AND BUFFER ZONE FOREST,
LEBONG DISTRICT OF BENGKULU PROVINCE**

A. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND RESULT

The project purpose is to reduce the poaching threat to Sumatran tiger in the National Park and adjacent forests through building strong practical collaborations between local and national government, religious leaders and forest-edge communities.

In collaboration with Muslim Leader Indonesia (MUI) district Lebong conducted socialization Fatwa on poaching and trading in endangered species and supported training to 40 local religious leaders on tiger conservation issues. These mosque preachers and village religious leaders are now actively socialising conservation of Sumatran tiger through Islamic values to park-edge communities.

In the field, the LINGKAR team has conducted a total of 6 SMART forest patrol in the National Park across a total walking distance of 97.64 km by GPS Waypoint. Along the path, the LINGKAR team has found and cleared the 9 active tiger snares, 14 inactive tiger traps and 16 other active prey snares.

From the SMART forest patrol activities undertaken during the program period, a total of 7 tiger presence records were identified.

In addition to managing forest-edge community informant networks to secure information on suspected threat to tigers for a patrol response, The information is also used to conduct wildlife trade investigations. The results of the investigation conducted, where the Director of Lingkar Institute is also the investigation team TFCU successfully support two law enforcement actions in the District of Muko-muko Bengkulu and Merangin District Jambi.

During the program period, the LINGKAR team has also responded to human-tiger conflict and wildlife emergencies. Where in January 2018 two residents reported having met the Sumatran tiger identified in a state of illness in Air Putih Village, Lebong District.

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**Activity 1:
Training for key ‘Ulama’ or Local Religious Leaders Regarding Wildlife Crime and in Particular Threat to Tigers in Lebong from Poaching and Legal Wildlife Trade**

Result : This activity was followed by 10 member of the Muslim Leader Indonesia (MUI) Lebong District, with the result of the following activities:

- The Executive Board Muslim Leader Indonesia (MUI) can understand the threats to wildlife protected Sumatran Tiger good solution specifically trade and poaching;
- Material about a ban on the poaching and trading of Tiger perform in Islam that will be given to khatib/priests to presented to the pilgrims in the mosque;
- The signing of a MoU between Chairman of Muslim Leader Indonesia (MUI) and Executive Director of Lingkar Institute about socialization of MUI fatwa No 04/2014.



**Activity 2:
Socialization the Forest Edge Community Regarding the MUI Fatwa and National Conservation Laws Regarding Tiger and Tiger Habitat more Widely**

Result :

- 40 people ‘Khatib’ mosque in Lebong District agreed and ready to deliver a sermon Friday material about the ‘Fatwa’ MUI to the faithful;
- The inputs from the preachers to socialization activities are also delivered directly to the community through village meetings because identification of the majority hunters are not religious people;
- There is an input to the knowledge about conservation to be submitted to the students to be embedded early awareness about the importance of the safety of wildlife, especially protected animals.



Activity 3:**Routine Informal Meetings with Leaders of MUI in Lebong and key Community Leaders Regarding Progress and Issues Encountered**





Result : Coordination with the Board of Muslim Leader Indonesia (MUI) is routinely implemented, until July 2017 the institute circle has carried out 5 times regular coordination, with the result:

- Establishment of good communication between Muslim Leader Indonesia (MUI) Lebong board with Lingkar institute;
- There is a mutual understanding about the importance of collaboration to implement or socialize MUI fatwa No 04/2014;
- Agreement on the draft MoU between Lingkar Institute and MUI Lebong is agreed;
- The existence of agreement on follow-up by conducting socialization directly in each village bordering with forest area and vulnerable to the threat of poaching;
- Lingkar Institute and MUI agree to give each other information about threats to protected animals either trade threat or poaching.

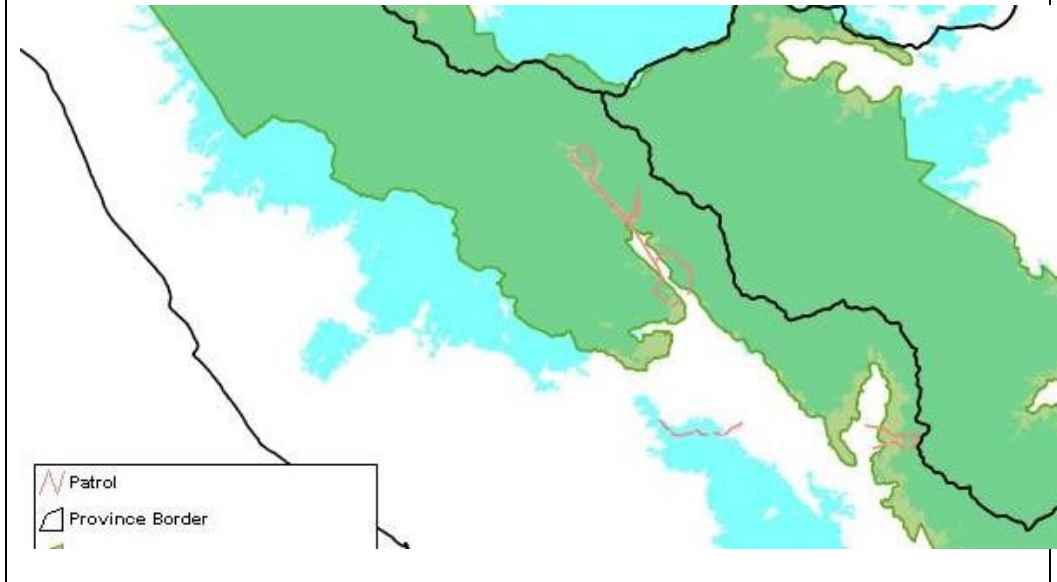
**Activity 4:****Formation of a Collaborative Rapid Reaction Unit (URC) drawn from Local Police and Forestry Service, KSDA, KSNP, Traditional Community**

Result : The Lingkar Institute has focused Group Discussion with Lebong Police, Kerinci Seblat national park, BKSDA Bengkulu and forestry department of Lebong and forestry office of Bengkulu. with result:

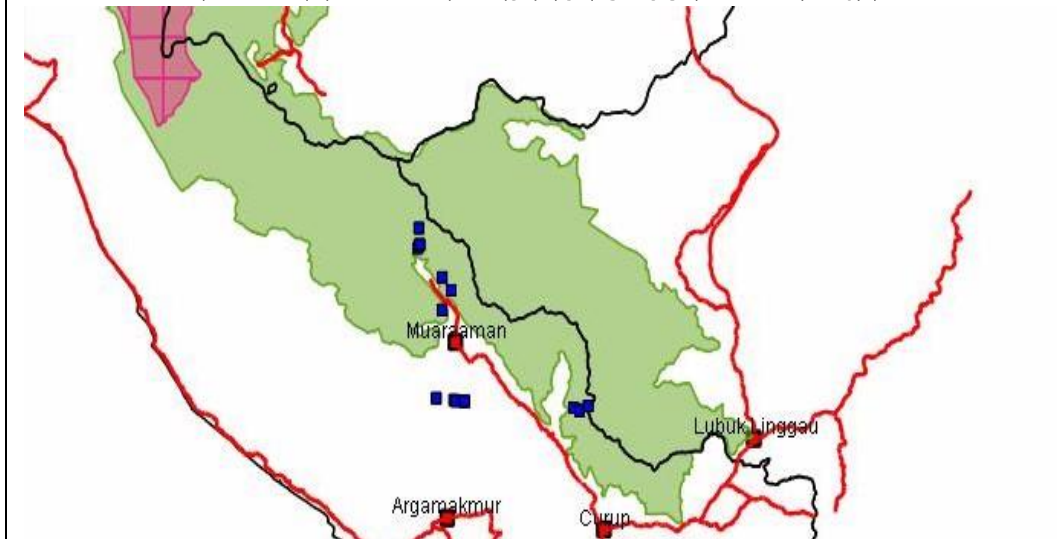
- Director of Lingkar Institute and head of the national park of Kerinci Seblat signed a cooperation agreement on saving ecosystem of landscape of Kerinci Kerinci;
- because BKSDA does not have the area Kabupaten Lebong, BKSDA agreed to support the activities undertaken by Lingkar institute and will be involved directly as a resource in the socialization of MUI fatwa No 04/2014;
- The Lebong resort police will fully support the Lingkar Institute program and will follow up on the findings from the Lingkar Institute both patrol findings and investigative findings, the Lebong police also provide information that they currently have targeted operations against Sumatran tiger hunters, the Lebong police have agreed to always share information on trading and poaching of Sumatran tigers;
- The Bengkulu forestry office explains that currently the district forestry office is not available and directly under the provincial forestry service, the provincial forest agency will help provide the data and information required by the Lingkar Institute and the provincial forestry department to permit the rapid reaction unit team to patrol the region which is managed by the provincial forestry service

Activity 5: Workshop Work Plan Development, Investigation and Rapid Response Procedure	
Result	: Lingkar Institute every month to exchange information to FFI program details in order to plan patrol and investigation activities as well as patrol and investigation results.
Activity 6: Training for Rapid Reaction Unit in use of SMART Forest Patrol Reporting Procedure	
Result	: This activity has been done by involving three Lingkar Institute team, this activity includes room and field material. The Lingkar Institute team is trained by TPCU/FFI program for 7 days, training materials covering the operation of GPS, compass, map reading, waypoint plot to map, patrol tally sheet, reporting and SMART data input
Activity 7: Law Enforcement Patrol Rapid Reaction Unit	
Result	: Rapid reaction unit has carried out patrol six times, with the result: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A total walking distance of 97.46 Km by GPS Waypoint; - The URC team has found and cleared the 9 active tiger snares, 14 inactive tiger traps and 16 other active prey snares; - From six patrols conducted by URC, a total of 7 tiger presence records were identified. <p>Lingkar Institute team was also actively involved in planning and executing Snare Sweeping activities to commemorate Global Tiger Day in Bengkulu Province with HarimauKita (Sumatran Tiger Conservation Forum) and high light the threat to tigers from poaching. These Snare Sweep patrols were conducted in forests to the south of Kerinci Seblat National Park in a protected forest area where there is no routine patrol presence from NGOs or forestry agencies and the Lingkar Institute team managed to dismantle 3 active tiger traps and 10 active prey snares in two snare sweeps while also reporting the presence of two Sumatran Tigers.</p>
	   

MAP SMART PATROLS LINGKAR INSTITUTE 2017




MAP IDENTIFY THE PRESENCE OF SUMATRAN TIGER



MAP OF INDICATORS THREATS TO THE SUMATRAN TIGER 2017



<p>Activity 8: Strengthen and Extend Lingkar’s Forest Edge Community Information Networks and Conduct Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trade Investigations to Support Wildlife Law Enforcement Actions by TPCU other to the RRU</p>	
Result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The list of names of perpetrators of poaching and trade of Sumatran Tigers; - The discovery of the same information between Lingkar Institute investigators and investigators conducted by TPCU; - Knowledgeable information of areas prone to snares from local communities; - From the information obtained by the Lingkar Institute investigators turned out to have the same residivis doing the same activity that re-hunt the Sumatran tiger. This is possible because of mild verdicts and there is no mechanism from law enforcers either the police or national park to monitor former forestry prisoners cases.
<p>Activity 9: Routine Coordination and Mettings with Lebong Forestry Agencies, Police and with TPCU</p>	
Result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Lingkar Institue has coordinated with the health office, the lebong police and TPCU. The Lingkar Institute provides information based on the patrol results conducted by the Rapid Reaction Unit team; - Lingkar Institute has provided data related threats to the Forest Service area; - The Lingkar Institute has regularly submitted patrol and investigation results conducted by the URC and the Lingkar Institute investigator to request feedback on follow-up and advice from TPCU.
<p>Activity 10: Provide Wildlife Crime Investigation Result to Bengkulu TPCU Commander or other Patners as Appropriate so that Investigations may Advance to Law Enforcement where there is Evidence of Crime</p>	
Result	<p>The results of the investigation conducted, where the Director of LINGKAR INSTITUTE is also the investigation team TPCU successfully support two law enforcement actions in the District of Muko-muko Bengkulu and Merangin District Jambi.</p> 
<p>Activity 11: Human-Tiger Conflict Mitigation and Wildlife Emergencies</p>	
Result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In January 2018 two residents reported having met the Sumatran tiger identified in a state of illness in Air Putih Village, Lebong District. - LINGKAR team attended the scene and ensured that the tigers reported by the villagers had moved back to normal; - The location of the tiger's discovery is recommended to be the priority route of the SMART Lingkar Patrols Team, to ensure that there is no poaching by the community.

C. ACTIVITIES THAT COVERING BY MEDIA

Activities in this program also received media attention from both national and local media. This following we report a list of media coverage links:

1. <http://regional.kompas.com/read/2017/10/08/18023431/kisah-para-penyapu-jerat-harimau-sumatera-di-belantara-hutan-tnks>
2. <http://regional.kompas.com/read/2017/03/29/12495171/mui.lebong.lawan.perburuan.harimau.sumatera.dengan.fatwa>
3. <https://tirto.id/mui-bengkulu-minta-khatib-serukan-larangan-berburu-harimau-cjYH>
4. <http://riauaktual.com/news/detail/22592/khatib-di-bengkulu-diminta-serukan-larangan-berburu-harimau.html#.WOetI1XyjIU>
5. <http://www.sigerindo.com/2017/02/mui-keluarkan-fatwa-haram-perburuan.html>
6. <http://regional.liputan6.com/read/2846490/mui-fatwakan-haram-berburu-harimau-sumatera-karena-hampir-punah>
7. <http://www.satuharapan.com/read-detail/read/mui-larang-perburuan-dan-perdagangan-satwa-liar>
8. <http://rimanews.com/nasional/peristiwa/read/20170330/321528/Khatib-di-Bengkulu-diminta-serukan-larangan-berburu-harimau>
9. <https://m.tempo.co/read/news/2017/02/03/206842753/terobosan-lsm-gandeng-mui-berantas-perburuan-harimau>
10. <https://nasional.tempo.co/read/news/2017/03/29/058860649/mui-bengkulu-bekali-para-khatib-upaya-penyelamatan-satwa-langka>
11. <http://bengkulu.antaranews.com/berita/41901/mui-bengkulu-ajak-masyarakat-berantas-perburuan-harimau>
12. <http://regional.liputan6.com/read/2902961/mui-minta-ulama-syiarkan-perang-lawan-pemburu-harimau-sumatera>
13. <http://leuserconservation.org/khatib-di-bengkulu-dibekali-ilmu-penyelamatan-harimau-sesuai-dengan-fatwa-mui/>
14. <http://news.okezone.com/read/2017/03/29/340/1653749/populasi-harimau-sumatera-terancam-mui-turun-tangan-ikut-keluarkan-fatwa>
15. <http://khazanah.republika.co.id/berita/dunia-islam/islam-nusantara/17/03/29/onkfrj396-mui-bekali-khatib-lebong-ilmu-penyelamatan-harimau-sumatra>
16. http://www.kompasiana.com/amp/achmadsiddikthoha/perlunya-mengawal-fatwa-mui-tentang-haramnya-berburu-harimau_58b4fec8c723bdfe038b456a
17. <https://aktaku.wordpress.com/2017/02/16/harimau-sumatera-di-bengkulu-populasi-perburuan-dan-konflik/>
18. <https://www.islampos.com/khatib-kabupaten-lebong-selamatkan-harimau-sumatera-lewat-khotbah-jumat-16117/>
19. <http://regional.kompas.com/read/2017/06/08/13252091/mereka.yang.berganden.gan.tangan.selamatkan.harimau.sumatera>