

WildCats Interim (Mid-Year) Report Template

Section I. Project Information	
Project Title: Securing the Conservation Area for the Protection of Sumatra Tiger in the Kerinci National Park, Bengkulu Province as an Anticipation of the Impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic	
Grantee Organisation: Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia	
Location of Project: Kerinci Seblat National Park and its surroundings in North Bengkulu and Lebong Regencies, Bengkulu Province and North Musi Rawas Regency, South Sumatra Province. Specifically for investigations activities, the project are will be expanded to areas Bengkulu, Lebong and North Musi Rawas Regencies (Rejang Lebong Regency).	
Size of Project Area (If Appropriate):	No of Tigers and or Amur Leopard in Project Area, Giving Evidence & Source:
Partners: 1. The Leaders and Executive of the Indonesia Islamic Scholars Council (MUI) Lebong and North Bengkulu District; 2. Management Units (UPT) of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF) - Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority and Bengkulu Unit for Conservation of Natural Resources (KSDA); 3. Lebong District Forestry Service; 4. Fauna and Flora International (FFI) KSNP Tiger Protection & Conservation Units (TPCU); 5. Lebong District Police Authority; 6. Local Community Religious Leaders, other Forest edge Community Leaders and Youth Groups.	
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Actual Start Date of Project: 01 February 2022 - 31 January 2023	
Reporting Period: February - July 2022	

Section II. Project Progress
Summary of Progress for the First 6 Month: <p>In general, in the first six months of the project period running from February to July 2022, from several socialization activities and patrols carried out, it can be reported that illegal activities in the form of hunting and trading of protected wildlife tend to decrease very drastically when compared to previous years. This general condition was also confirmed through investigation activities, information from buyers stated that during the COVID-19 pandemic the absence of demand for goods from abroad made the illegal business of trading protected wildlife temporarily inactive. From this condition, it can be illustrated that there is a causal relationship between the absence of demand for goods from abroad and the decline in hunting and trading activities for protected wildlife during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>During the first six months, it was also reported that illegal activities in the form of land clearing in forest areas carried out by people from outside the village were increasing and became a serious threat to Sumatran tiger conservation in the future. Therefore, patrol activities to secure forest areas collaboratively with ex-hunters who have been trained continue to be carried out, until now there are at least 20 ex-hunters who have declared openly to stop hunting and other illegal activities in the area. In forest areas, this declaration was carried out simultaneously in the commemoration of Global Tiger Day in July 2022.</p>
Details of Activities and Result to Date: 1. Intensive socialization of the Indonesia Council of Islamic Scholars (MUI) FATWA No. 04/104 <p>The socialization has been carried out 3 times, consisting of: 2 in Karang Tengah Village, Putri Hijau Subdistrict, North Bengkulu Regency, and once in Padang Jaya Village, Padang Jaya District, North</p>

Bengkulu Regency.. The total participants who took part in the socialization activities during this period were 131 people.

During the 3 socialization activities carried out, many people who participated in the activity said that for approximately 1 year they did not find any hunting activities as happened in previous years, but the community complained that there was a lot of new land clearing in the forest area carried out by people from outside their village.

Overall the socialization activities went smoothly but the community asked in the future that socialization media could be made about the types of protected animals because until now they do not know much about the types of protected animals, especially the types of birds. In the next period, socialization media about these protected animal species will be given to socialization participants.





2. Regular Informal meeting with the leaders of the Indonesian Council of Islamic Scholars (MUI) of North Bengkulu and Lebong Regencies

Meetings with the leadership of the Indonesian Council of Islamic Scholars (MUI) have been held 2 times in order to prepare a plan for the implementation of the socialization of the MUI FATWA No. 04/2014 in key villages around forest areas. In addition to planning, at the April 2022 meeting it was also agreed to extend the MoU between Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia and the Indonesian Council of Islamic Scholars (MUI) to continue cooperation until April 2025. *(Attached MoU document)*



Signing of the extension of the MoU between LINGKAR INISIATIF INDONESIA and MUI North Bengkulu



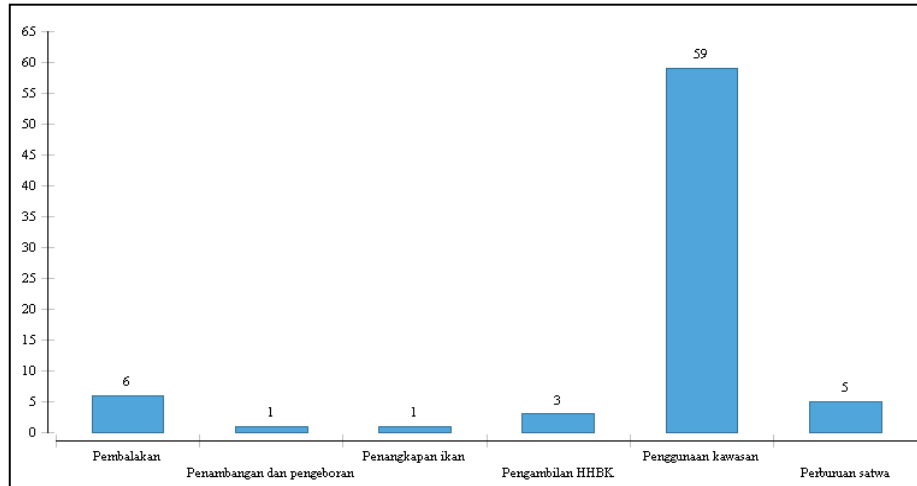
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3. SMART Forest Patrol

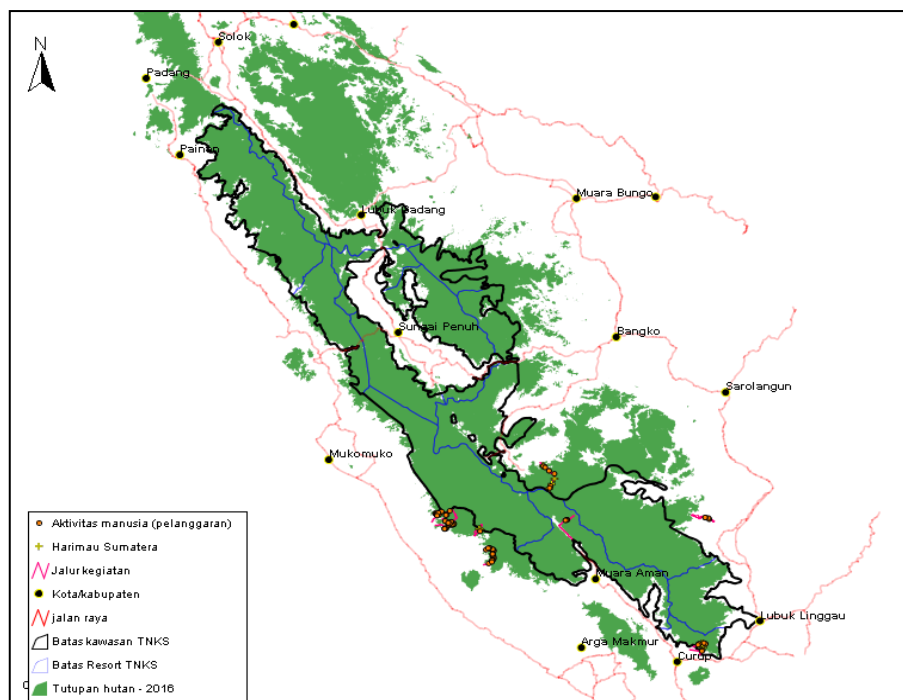
During the period February - July 2022, the LINGKAR Team has carried out 9 patrols with a total time of 47 days and a total walking distance of 270.97 km. The patrols were carried out collaboratively with the Kerinci Seblat National Park authorities and the Forestry Service, specifically for the Musi Rawas Regency and surrounding areas, the patrols were carried out together with ex-hunters who had been trained in the previous period who are currently also actively participating in securing forest areas from various illegal activities. In general, during the patrols, the team did not find any tiger snares, but the team found many illegal uses of the area by migrant communities in 59 points. The finding of this illegal use of the area has been followed up by the LINGKAR Team by submitting a report to the National Park authority and the Forestry Service for law enforcement action to take. During this period, the Patrol Team found indications of the presence of Sumatran Tigers at 8 points along the patrol route with indications of their presence through the findings of footprints, scratches, and dirt.

In May 2022, the Lingkar Team together with the TPCU team received a special assignment from the

National Park authority to carry out patrols in the Talang Tembago Village area, Merangin Regency, Jambi province, which is directly adjacent to Sungai Lisai Village, Lebong Regency, Bengkulu Province. In addition to patrolling, the team was also tasked with constructing a helipad, which is planned to be used as a point to release the Sumatran tiger into its habitat.



Patrol Team Findings for the period February-July 2022



Patrol Path Map for the period February-July 2022

4. Investigation and law enforcement of wildlife crime and illegal wildlife trade

The investigator team has carried out 5 investigations with a total of 30 days, which were carried out in Lebong Regency, Bengkulu Province, Musi Rawas Regency, South Sumatra Province, and Sorolangun Regency, Jambi Regency, where Sorolangun Regency borders the North Musi Rawas Regency. During this period the investigation team did not find any information that could be followed up with law enforcement. Information from one of the buyers in the Sorolangun Regency area, trade activities for protected wildlife since the Covid 19 pandemic have relatively stopped due to the absence of demand for goods from abroad. This information confirms the results of the Socialization and Patrol activities, that there is a causal relationship between the demand for goods from abroad and the level of trade and hunting at the

local level.

5. Regular meetings with the Kerinci Seblat National Park authorities

During the period February-July 2022, 2 regular meetings were held with the Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority. The meeting resulted in several agreements ranging from planning to evaluation of activities, including recommendations for carrying out patrols in the Talang Tembago Village area, Merangin Regency, Jambi Province, which is directly adjacent to Sungai Lisai Village, Lebong Regency, as well as making a heliped for preparation for the release of the Sumatran Tiger.

6. Webinar: Norm and religious approaches to the protection of protected wildlife

This activity will be held in July 2022 in conjunction with the celebration of Global Tiger Day. This activity was also attended by more than 100 participants (Offline and Online) and presented 20 ex-hunters who had been trained by Lingkar through the guardianship program. At the end of this webinar, 20 ex-hunters also publicly declared to stop hunting activities and then they will be actively involved in securing forest areas in their respective territories from illegal activities, as a form of their commitment to stop hunting before activities. In the webinar, they have submitted their traditional hunting gear, such as wire snares and homemade firearms, to the Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority.



Speakers in the Webinar



Webinar Activity Participants (ex-hunters)



Ex-hunter (Mawi) handed over a firearm that was usually used for hunting and stored by being buried in the forest



Handed of homemade firearms and snares

7. Award: Sumatran tiger guard

The awarding ceremony was also held in July in conjunction with a webinar to celebrate World Tiger Day. The award was given to Jaya Rachmad (Chairman of the Indonesian Council of Islamic Scholars (MUI) of North Bengkulu Regency) and Mawi (Former Hunter).

This award was given to these two people on the grounds that Jaya Rachmad as Chairman of the Indonesian Council of Islamic Scholars (MUI) has contributed a lot to Sumatran tiger conservation by conducting socialization in remote villages in forest areas. Mawi as one of the senior hunters who has now stopped illegal hunting activities, and is also currently actively involved with the Lingkar Team to secure forest areas from various illegal activities, besides that Mawi has also inspired his friends to stop hunting. , there are at least 12 former hunters from the North Musi Rawas district who participated in the declaration to stop hunting.



Giving awards to Jaya Rachmad and Mawi

8. Writing and photo competitions on mass media and social media

Writing and photo competitions in mass media and social media will be held in June-July 2022, also simultaneously in a series of activities to celebrate Global Tiger Day. These competitions have received great attention and enthusiasm from the community, this can be seen from the large number of participants who take part in this activity compared to similar competitions that have been held. The photography competition was attended by 155 participants, the poster making competition on social media was attended by 70 participants, and the journalism and essay writing competition was attended by 45 participants.

Competition and work winners:

JUARA I

Nama	: Wahyudi
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Judul	: Evakuasi Tapir yang Terjebak di Kolam Warga

Tim Rescue Balai Besar Konservasi Sumber Daya Alam (BBKSDA) Riau dibantu warga melakukan evakuasi terhadap seekor Tapir (*Tapirus indicus*) yang terjebak di dalam kolam ikan milik warga di Kota Pekanbaru, Riau, Selasa (20/4/2021). Tapir merupakan salah satu spesies satwa dilindungi Negara dan terancam punah dalam daftar merah International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

BENGKULU GLOBAL TIGER DAY 2022
 Kategori Lomba Fotografi
 Bengkulu, 20 Juli 2022

1st Place in Photography Competition Category

JUARA II

Nama : Rezky Ananda
Alamat : Pekanbaru/Provinsi Riau
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Judul : Induk dan Janin Gajah Sumatera Mati Di Areal Hutan Tanaman Industri

Dokter Hewan melakukan nekropsi bangkai gajah sumatera (Elephas maximus sumtranus) yang ditemukan mati dikawasan konsesi PT Riau Abadi Lestari, Desa Koto Pait Beringin, Kecamatan Talang Muandau, Kabupaten Bengkalis, Riau, Kamis (26/5/2022) dini hari. Gajah betina yang dalam kondisi mengandung 22 bulan itu mati bersama janinnya berkelamin betina, dan saat ini petugas sedang melakukan pemeriksaan sample organ satwa agar dapat diketahui penyebab kematiannya.



2nd Place in Photography Competition Category

JUARA III

Nama : Aji YK Putra
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Judul : Musnahkan Offsetan Harimau

Balai Konservasi dan Sumber Daya Alam (BKSDA) Sumatera Selatan memusnahkan offsetan harimau Sumatera hasil operasi bersama yang dilakukan dalam kurun lima tahun terakhir pada Jumat (18/5/2022). Harimau Sumatera merupakan salah satu satwa yang paling dilindungi lantaran sampai saat ini populasi kucing besar itu kian menurun dan terancam punah



3rd Place in Photography Competition Category

JUARA I



Nama : Febrina Mawarti Andarini
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Email : febrinamawarti@gmail.com
Judul : Jangan Mengambil Apapun Kecuali Foto



BENGKULU GLOBAL TIGER DAY 2022
Kategori Lomba Desain Poster
Bengkulu, 20 Juli 2022

1st Place for Social Media Poster Making Competition

JUARA II



Nama : Adil Nugraha
Alamat : Bogor/Jawa Barat
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Email : adilnugrahaan.an@gmail.com
Judul : Save the Tigers now to see them in future for real and not just in picture.



BENGKULU GLOBAL TIGER DAY 2022
Kategori Lomba Desain Poster
Bengkulu, 20 Juli 2022

2nd Place in the Social Media Poster Making Competition Category

JUARA III



Nama : Fira Khairunisa Yulifar
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Judul : Jaga Harimau



3rd Place for Social Media Poster Making Competition

JUARA KARYA JURNALISTIK/ESSAY

JUARA I

Nama : Aji YK Putra
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Judul : Jalan Tobat Sang Pemburu Ratusan Harimau Sumatera

JUARA II

Nama : Andri Mardiansyah
Alamat : Padang/Sumatera Barat
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Judul : Nagari Ramah Harimau Cara Orang Minang Menjaga Eksistensi Inyik Balang

JUARA III

Nama : Prayugo Utomo
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Judul : Meretas Konflik Harimau dengan Manusia di Langkat



Winner of the Competition for Journalistic and Essay Writing Category

Other activities:

1. Response to handling community report of human and wildlife conflicts

During the period February-July 2022, the Lingkar Team has made 2 responses to handling conflicts between humans and protected wildlife in Gajah Makmur Village, Muko-Muko Regency, Bengkulu Province. The community has suffered the loss of 1 cow which was eaten by the tiger. The handling was carried out with a

team from the Bengkulu Unit for Conservation of Natural Resources (KSDA) by eviction using traditional cannons so that the tigers could return to their habitat and stay away from community villages.

2. Global Tiger Day Commemoration

In addition to holding webinars: Norm and religious approaches to the protection of protected wildlife, Award: Sumatran tiger guard, and Writing and photo competitions on mass media and social media. In July 2022 in celebration of the Global Tiger Day, Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia together with the Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority, the Bengkulu Unit for Conservation of Natural Resources (KSDA), Tiger Heart, Forum Harimau Kita, and WCS also carried out Visit School activities, Talkshow: Take Care of the Tigers, Keep Life, Mural Art Performance, and Coloring Contest for Kindergarten Children.

3. Field coverage with international, national and local media

The guardianship program developed by Lingkar for hunters and recedivists using the norms and religion approach has received attention from various parties, including international, national and local media by conducting field coverage to see how this approach is used and effective. The following are the details of field coverage with the media along with links to the results of the coverage:

Media	Coverage Publication Link
- ANTARA	https://www.antarafoto.com/foto-cerita/v1647510635/jalan-tobat-pemburu-harimau
- Program Jejak Petualang TRANS 7	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TihQ9mXV1UY
- CNN Indonesia	Not published yet
- BBC	Not published yet

Give Details of any Obstacles to Success that the Project has Encountered Over the Last 6 Months:

In general, during the first six months of the February-July 2022 period, we did not encounter any obstacles, the entire program went well and is still on schedule. Hopefully this condition will continue in the second six-month period August 2022-January 2023, pending confirmation of funding support from other partners (Auckland Zoo) in this second period.

Budget:

(Expenditure of the activity budget is still in accordance with the plan)

Media:

- <https://en.antaranews.com/news/221173/a-journey-of-a-tiger-hunter-to-repentance>
- <https://www.theindonesia.id/news/2022/07/21/174500/20-former-tiger-hunters-take-wildlife-conservation-pledge>
- <https://voi.id/en/news/192713/20-south-sumatran-and-bengkulu-hunters-have-converted-no-longer-hunting-sumatran-tigers>
- <https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/people/article/3176748/indonesia-conservationists-are-hoping-save-tigers-giving-poachers>
- <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/4/29/blow-for-rare-sumatran-tigers-as-three-killed-in-wild-boar-traps>
- <https://www.jawapos.com/nasional/21/07/2022/20-pemburu-harimau-insaf-dan-berjanji-bakal-lakukan-ini/>
- <https://kumparan.com/kumparannews/foto-tobatnya-sang-pemburu-harimau-sumatera-1xilGeVo1hL/1>
- <https://foto.tempo.co/read/96364/kisah-mantan-pemburu-harimau-sumatera-yang-telah-bertobat>