

Section I. Project Information	
Project Title: Building A Long Term Collaboration for Sumatran Tiger Protection with the Government, Preachers, and Ex-Hunter	
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 area will be expanded to areas directly adjacent to North Bengkulu, Lebong and North Musi Rawas Regencies (Rejang Lebong Regency)	
Size of Project Area (If Appropriate)	No of Tigers and Amur Leopard in Project Area, Giving Evidence & Source:
Partners: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 2023 - 31 Januari 2024	
Reporting Period: February - July 2023	

Section II. Project Progress
Summary of Progress for the First 6 Month: <p>During the February-Juli 2023 project period, several planned activities have been implemented. Collaboration with the Indonesia Islamic Scholars Council (MUI) to conduct outreach in key villages is being maintained. Routine meetings with the Leaders of Indonesia Islamic Scholars Council (MUI) have determined the schedule and location of the socialization activities to be carried out, during this period the socialization activities have been carried out 3 times in the villages of Renah jaya, Sumber Mulya and Kurotidur North Bengkulu District with 219 participants receiving socialization and socialization will be carried out again 3 times in the upcoming Agustus 2023-February 2024 period.</p> <p>In the field, by utilizing information networks from forest edge communities and information on the results of investigative activities, the Lingkar Patrol Team has carried out 10 patrols for a total of 44 days and a total distance of 385,8 kilometers on foot. In general, the findings obtained by the Patrol Team while carrying out the patrol, the team found 9 indications of the Sumatran Tiger's presence through the findings of footprints, scratches and feces.</p> <p>Apart from finding indications and direct encounters with protected wildlife, during this project period the Patrol Team also found threats in the form of findings of active animal snares at 3 points and 4 other threats were found in the form of cage traps and glue traps. Threats to protected wildlife that continue to increase can be reported in the form of illegal use of forest areas. During the patrol activities, the team found 2 points of illegal use of the area in the form of illegal logging, 1 points of mining and drilling, 27 points of illegal clearing of plantation land.</p>

the Investigation Team has carried out 6 investigations for a total of 26 days. In general, from the investigations carried out, the investigation team is still getting information about Sumatran tiger hunting activities carried out within the Kerinci Seblat National Park area. Counselling activities were still being carried out intensively. The team routinely held face-to-face meetings with 15 ex-hunters who had been coached in the previous period to ensure their commitment not to repeat hunting activities for protected wildlife. This counseling activity showed quite good progress, ex-hunters coordinated by 'MAWI' continued to approach other traditional hunters in the Musi Rawas Regency, South Sumatra Province, to persuade them to stop poaching activities. In addition, from the information obtained from the former hunters, new names emerged of hunters who were still actively carrying out hunting activities and had been followed up by the Investigation Team for checking.

In addition to the developments above, in the field the team also noted various challenges from this extension activity, ex-hunters complained about their economic situation since stopping hunting activities. Regarding this complaint, the team has consulted with the Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority. In the short term, it has been agreed that an empowerment program will be carried out for this conservation partnership group. In the long term, the Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia Team is still seeking support from other partner networks to provide support to this conservation partnership group to be able to carry out sustainable agricultural activities in a sustainable manner as a substitute for independent livelihoods for conservation partnership groups in groups.

Details of Activities and Result to Date:

1. Intensive socialization of the Indonesia Council of Islamic Scholars (MUI) FATWA No. 14/2014

During the period February-July 2023, Socialization of FATWA of the Indonesia Islamic Scholars Council (MUI) Number 04 of 2014 concerning the Prohibition of Hunting for Protected Wildlife has been carried out 3 times consisting of: in Renah Jaya, Sumber Mulya, and Kurotidur Villages, North Bengkulu Regency with a total of There were 219 socialization participants. From the 3 socialization activities, it was identified that the future need was a medium for introducing protected wildlife species because most of the socialization participants did not know the development of protected wildlife species under the Conservation Law in Indonesia. In the future, the Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia Team and the Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI) will again produce more diverse socialization media in the form of booklets, posters and leaflets.



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2. Regular informal meeting with the leaders of the Indonesia Council of Islamic Scholars (MUI) leader in Lebong and North Bengkulu District

During the period February-July 2023, the Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia has held regular meetings with the Indonesia Islamic Scholars Council (MUI) 2 times. This regular meeting has determined the plan and evaluation of socialization activities and identified the need for socialization activities in the next 6 month period (August 2023-January 2024).

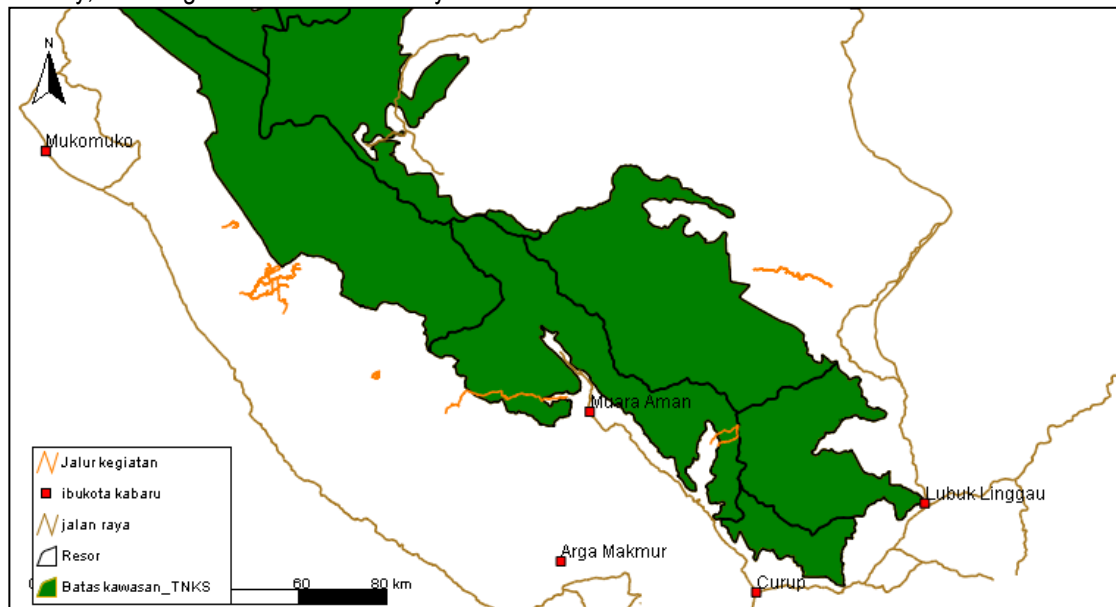
3. SMART forest patrol

During the project period from February to July 2023, the Patrol Team carried out 10 patrols to secure forest areas and clean animal traps, taking a total of 44 days and a total walking distance of 385,8 kilometers. Patrols are carried out collaboratively with the Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority and the Bengkulu Provincial Forestry Service, specifically for patrol activities in Musi Rawas Regency, South Sumatra

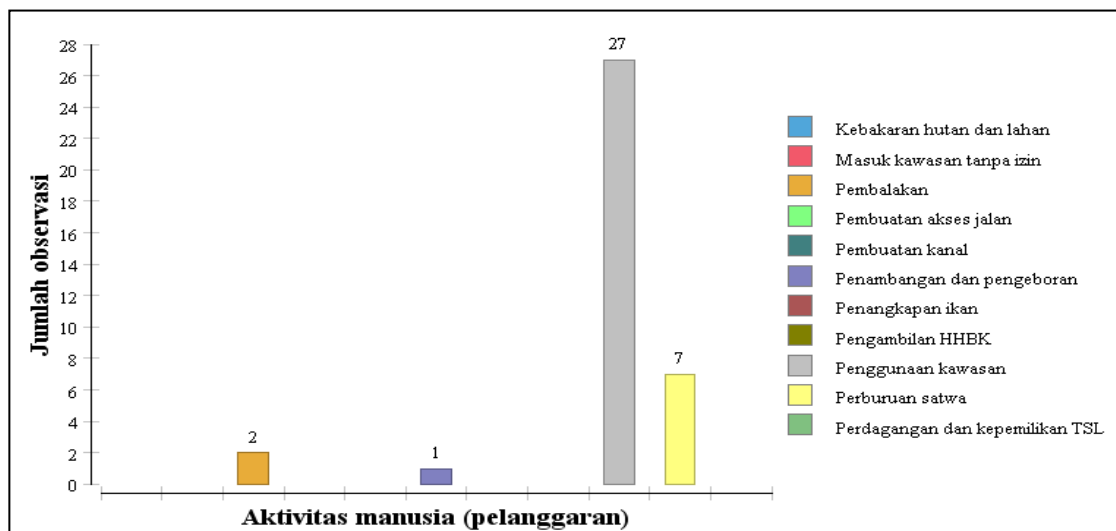
Province, patrols are carried out with the "JAGO IMAU" Conservation Partnership Group which has been formed with the Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority. This conservation partnership group is a group consisting of ex-hunters who have been guardianship program by Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia with partners from the Indonesia Islamic Scholars Council (MUI).

In general, the findings obtained by the Team during the patrol activities were carried out, the Team found 9 indications of the Sumatran Tiger's presence through the findings of footprints, scratches and feces. Apart from that, during the 10 patrols the Team also found direct encounters and indications of the presence of other protected wildlife through findings of footprints, scratches and excrement with the complete data being attached to this report.

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Patrol Map



Graph of Number of Findings of Illegal Activities in Forest Areas



Sumatran Tiger Footprints



Patrol Team Findings: Evidence of Illegal Logging in Forest Areas



Patrol Team Findings: Evidence of illegal clearing of plantation land

4. Wildlife crime investigations

During the period February-July 2023, the Investigation Team conducted 6 investigations with a total time of 26 days, which were carried out in the Bengkulu and South Sumatra provinces. In Bengkulu Province, investigations were carried out in Lebong, North Bengkulu and Muko-Muko Regencies, while in South Sumatra Province investigations were carried out in Musi Rawas Regency.

In Musi Rawas Regency, in May 2023 the investigation team received information that there was 1 illegal logging group setting up tiger snares in an area not far from the location where they carried out illegal logging activities. When met by the investigation team, the perpetrator said they had set snares at 5 points for 1 month but had not received any results.

In North Bengkulu Regency, the investigation team received information that 3 residents from North Bengkulu and Muko-muko had set snares in the Air Seblat area. The team has visited the perpetrator's house but has not succeeded in meeting the perpetrator, from information from the perpetrator's neighbors that he is currently still in the forest looking for Gaharu wood. These three perpetrators are quite senior hunters and it is very difficult to prove their crimes.

In June 2023, the Lingkar investigative team received information from one of the traders in Muara Aman, Lebong Regency, that a resident of Pelabai Village, Lebong Regency, was offering tiger bones and 3 units of fangs. This information was investigated together with the TPCU. From field investigations, information was obtained that it was true that there were residents of Pelabai Village who worked as farmers and often set tiger snares. From information from the perpetrator's wife, it was true that her husband had tiger bones and fangs which were still kept in the perpetrator's field. Until now, the investigative team and TPCU are still investigating, considering that the location of the perpetrator's field and his house is very far away.

In the future period, the investigation team estimates that hunting activities for Sumatran tigers will tend to increase, one of the causes being the high level of tiger conflicts that occurred this year. In the period February to July 2023, the Lingkar team received information and reports of Sumatran tiger conflicts 4 times and 2 bear conflicts. The bear conflict was reported by residents who had participated in the outreach conducted by the Indonesia Islamic Scholars Council (MUI) of North Bengkulu district. Lingkar has reported this information to the natural resources conservation center of Bengkulu Province and followed up by installing traps.

5. Regular meetings with Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority

The collaboration carried out by Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia with the Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority and the Bengkulu Province Environment and Forestry Service continues on an ongoing basis, at least once a month coordination and regular meetings are held to plan and evaluate collaborative patrol activities in forest areas and discuss program developments held. In May 2023, the signing of the Annual Work Plan (RKT) cooperation was carried out between Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia and the Head of the Kerinci Seblat National Park Office at the National Park Headquarters in Merangin Regency, Jambi Province.

6. Focus counselling with repeated meetings according to the needs of active hunters and forest crime recidivists

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provide support to this conservation partnership group to be able to carry out sustainable agricultural activities in a sustainable manner as a substitute for independent livelihoods for conservation partnership groups in groups.

7. Establishment of a conservation partnership group with the Kerinci Seblat National Park

Activities to Establishment of a conservation partnership were carried out in May 2023 in MUARA TIKU Village, Musi Rawas Regency, Bengkulu Province. It was agreed upon that the name of the Conservation Partnership Group be "JAGO IMAU", this partnership group consists of 15 ex-hunters who have been coached by the LINGKAR INISIATIF INDONESIA Team and have declared openly to the public to stop illegal poaching activities and when this group continues to actively protect forest areas in their area.

The organizational structure of the conservation partnership group "JAGO IMAU" consists of:

Chairman	:	Mawi	
Secretary	:	Hardiansyah	
Treasurer	:	Alexander	
Member	:	- Musmulyadi	- Edi Surdi
		- Usaman	- Andi Febriansyah
		- Muhammad Jais	- Jimi Saputra
		- Fahrurozi	- Roni AR
		- Amansyah	- Azwar Anas
		- M. Hatta	- Laelan



Establishment of a conservation partnership group "JAGO IMAU"

8. The signing of the Cooperation Agreement (PKS) between the Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority and the conservation partnership group

Specifically for the Signing of the Cooperation Agreement (PKS) between the Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority and the Conservation Partnership Group it was discussed with the Head of the National Park in May 2023 at the signing of the Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia Annual Work Plan (RKT) at the National Park Headquarters in Merangin Regency, Province Jambi, during the meeting the national park authority suggested that considering the distance between the signing of the Cooperation Agreement (PKS) and the Conservation Partnership group was only one month away from the planned signing of the MoU Extension

between Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia and the National Park Authority, the 2 activities would be carried out simultaneously in The upcoming August 2023 at the National Park Headquarters.

The schedule that had been planned for August could not be implemented because in August-September the National Park Authority was appointed by the government as the implementing committee for National Scout Day commemoration and was focusing on preparing these activities. From our discussion with the Head of the National Park Center, the signing of the Cooperation Agreement (PKS) between the Kerinci Seblat National Park Center and the Conservation Partnership Group and the signing of the Conservation Cooperation Agreement (PKS) The extension of the MoU between the Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia and the National Park Center will be carried out at the end in October 2023.



The signing of the LINGKAR INISIATIF INDONESIA Annual Work Plan (RKT) with the Head of Kerinci Seblat National Park

Other Activities:

1. Response to handling community report human and wildlife conflict

During the period February-July 2023, the Lingkar Team has made 1 responses to handling conflicts between humans and protected wildlife in Lubuk Talang UPT Translapindo Village, Muko-Muko Regency, Bengkulu Province. The community has suffered the loss of 3 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) and Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority by eviction using traditional cannons so that the tigers could return to their habitat and stay away from community villages.



Conflict Handling Team Coordination Meeting with the Village Head of UPT Lubuk Talang Translapindo



A resident's cow was eaten by a tiger



Tiger Footprints in Conflict Location

2. Global Tiger Day Commemoration

In July 2023 in commemoration of World Tiger Day, the Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia collaborated with the Kerinci Seblat National Park Office, Bengkulu Natural Resources Conservation Unit (KSDA), Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority, Tiger Heart, Forum Harimau Kita, and WCS carried out activities in the form of: conservation education for elementary school children, writing training and media campaigns for young conservation cadres in Bengkulu Province, campaigns to save protected wildlife through national media talk shows.



Conservation Education for Elementary School Children



Conservation Education for Elementary School Children



Writing Training and Media Campaign for Young Conservation Cadres in Bengkulu Province

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 2023 period, we encountered no obstacles, the overall program was able to run well, although there were several implementation activities behind the originally planned schedule, such as the signing of the Cooperation Agreement (PKS) between the Kerinci Seblat National Park Center with the Conservation Partnership Group and the signing of the Conservation Cooperation Agreement (PKS) Extension of the MoU between the Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia and the National Park Office, which will only be implemented at the end of October 2023. In the second six month period of project implementation, we have received confirmation of certainty of funding support from partners (Auckland Zoo) to support project activities until the period of August 2024.

Budget:

Expenditure of the activity budget is still in accordance with the plan.

Media:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3UJVuYsExs>