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BUILDING A LONG-TERM COLLABORATION FOR SUMATRAN TIGER PROTECTION WITH THE				
GOVERNMENT, PREACHERS, AND EX-HUNTER				
is ini North Bengkulu and Lebong Regencies, Bengkulu				
uth Sumatra Province. (Attached Map).				
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ngered wildlife to the community and village religious				
of Environment and Forestry (MoEF)-Kerinci Seblat				
for Conservation of Natural Resources (KSDA): These				
t of forest and protected areas and wildlife conservation				
trols and community awareness meetings;				
the project team for SMART patrols in watershed				
protection forests adjoining the national park; 4. LINGKAR INISIATIF INDONESIA holds an MoU with the National Park Authority and works with				
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the Lebong and North Bengkulu chapter of the Indonesia Islamic Scholars Council (MUI) under an Mou;				
5. LINGKAR INISIATIF INDONESIA will continue to work closely with the FFI/KNSP Tiger Protection				
& Conservation Units which operate from a base camp in Seblat, North Bengkulu;6. Police authority will be the project team lead partner for wildlife crime law enforcement outside the				
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protected area where investigations secure evidence of poaching or illegal wildlife trade. 7. The FFI/KSNP Tiger Protection & Conservation Units will be strategically important partners				
providing technical advice and support to LINGKAR INISIATIF INDONESIA, including conducting				
SMART patrols using information from LINGKAR INISIATIF INDONESIA community networks and				
l illegal wildlife trade investigations;				
8. Local community religious leaders, other forest edge community leaders and youth groups				
partnering with LINGKAR INISIATIF INDONESIA team to scure and pass on information on				
suspected wildlife crime, threat to tiger and tiger prey and potential human tiger conflict.				
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Section II. Project Result

Long Term Impact:

The long-term impact of this support is to overcome and reduce threats to tiger conservation from illegal activities in forest areas by maintaining stable collaborative partnerships with government agencies, religious leaders, community leaders and edge communities.

Conservation Outcome:

In Lebong Regency and Bengkulu Utara, Bengkulu Province, and North Musi Rawas Regency, North Sumatra Province, where this project will be implemented by religious leaders, community leaders, forest edge communities and LINGKAR INISIATIF INDONESIA have established good cooperation in strengthening awareness among their communities, that conservation of protected wildlife such as the Sumatran tiger is the obligation of Muslims and that Islam prohibits the hunting and trade of endangered species.

This awareness can be seen from various project reports in previous years that illegal hunting activities have decreased relatively compared to previous years (this decline in hunting activity was recorded only in areas where the process of fostering hunters has been carried out by Lingkar, while in areas that have not been in areas where Fatwa socialization has not been carried out). Illegal trading activities are easier to detect with information conveyed by religious leaders, community leaders, and forest-edge communities.

Since 2020, LINGKAR INITIATIVE INDONESIA has specifically developed a guardianship program for forest crime hunters and recidivists using a normative and religious approach. So far the program has made some progress, 20 ex-hunters have symbolically declared to stop hunting activities and have handed over the traditional equipment commonly used for hunting consisting of homemade firearms and snares and has been officially handed over to the national park authorities in July 2022 simultaneously in commemoration of World Tiger Day.

The situation mentioned above must be maintained even though hunting, trading and other illegal activities in forest areas remain a serious threat to the conservation of Sumatran tiger life. Support for rapid response unit collaborative forest patrols, investigative activities, and ongoing outreach in key villages is work that remains to be done.

Summary of Activities and Achievements:

During the project period February 2023-January 2024, in general much progress has been achieved. Together with key partners (MUI), the MUI FATWA socialization activities regarding the prohibition of hunting and trade in wildlife continue to be disseminated in key villages on the edge of the Kerinci Seblat National Park, in fact this socialization activity is not only carried out in North Bengkulu and Lebong Regencies because there is demand specifically from the MUI management of Rejang Lebong Regency to carry out outreach activities in Lubuk Kembang Village, Rejang Lebong Regency.

In the field, by utilizing the information network of communities on the edge of the Kerinci Seblat National Park and its surroundings, the Patrol Team has carried out 18 collaborative patrols involving personnel from the Kerinci Seblat National Park, the Forestry Service, the Conservation Partnership Group "JAGO IMAU". The 18 patrols were carried out over 83 days with a total walking distance of 623 kilometers.

In general, during the 18 patrol activities carried out the team did not find any tiger snares (active or non-active) but the team found indications of poaching of protected wild animals at 10 points (6-point glue traps, 2-point bird nets, and 2-point nylon snares). During this period, the patrol team also found indications of the presence of Sumatran tigers at 15 points along the patrol route with indications of their whereabouts through the discovery of footprints, scratches and excrement. Apart from that, the patrol team also discovered illegal use of forest areas by the community at 108 points. These findings have been followed up by the Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia Team by submitting a report to the Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority for law enforcement activities.

Investigations activities were carried out 10 times for a total of 48 days. Investigations were carried out in the districts of North Bengkulu, Lebong, Rejang Lebong and Muko-Muko, Bengkulu Province, as

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well as in North Musi Rawas District, South Sumatra Province. From the investigations activity report, it is known that currently there is a hunting group in Muko-Muko Regency which is currently active again in carrying out Sumatran Tiger hunting activities, especially in the border areas of Bengkulu and Jambi Provinces. One of the members of the hunting group was a recidivist in a tiger skin trade case who had previously been arrested by the TPCU/PHS Team. The results of this investigation have been conveyed to the TPCU/PHS team and joint monitoring has been carried out, although up to now there has been no significant progress in continuing with the law enforcement process considering that the group is experienced and very closed to new people they meet.

Apart from carrying out activities that had been planned before the project period started, during this project period the Lingkar Team in collaboration with Garda Animalia, an organization that focuses on research and journalistic activities related to the issue of conservation of protected wild animals in Indonesia, in the 2003 period produced a documentary film about the story of the conversion of former Sumatran tiger hunter "MAWI", who was one of the former tiger hunters fostered by Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia. This film was launched and premiered at the Bandung Creative Hub and at the Faculty of Communication Sciences, Padjadjaran University, Bandung Province on December 3 and 4 2023. This activity was attended by students, researcher and conservation activists in Indonesia and presented directly "MAWI" and Iswadi as Director of Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia as resource person.

Even though a lot of progress was achieved, during this period the Team also experienced obstacles, one of which was that the signing of the extension of the Cooperation between Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia and the National Park Authority was not yet possible because since May 2023 there were changes to procedures implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia, the extension of the cooperation agreement must be submitted and received direct approval by the Minister. Until the project period ends, the circle team is still waiting for information on approval for the extension of the cooperation agreement from the Ministry.

Details of Activities and Result to Date:

Objective 1:

Strengthen awareness of the FATWA MUI No. 04/2012 on Hunting and Trade in Tiger and other Endangered Species in key Villages Kerinci Seblat National Park and Surrounding in Lebong and North Bengkulu District of Bengkulu Province.

Activity 1:

Intensive socialization of FATWA MUI No. 04/2012 in the six villages Lebong and North Bengkulu Districts that have been identified by the project team where active hunting and trade in protected wildlife occurs.

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Result	1:	During the period February 2023-January 2024, socialization activities have been carried
		out 6 times, socialization was carried out in the Renah Jaya, Kurotidur, and Sumber Mulya
		Villages of North Bengkulu Regency. In Lebong Regency, socialization were carried out
		in Lemeu and Seblat Ulu Villages. Apart from North Bengkulu and Lebong Regencies,
		based on the results of regular meetings held with Indonesia Council of Islamic Scholars
		(MUI) leader, socialization carried out in Lubuk Kembang Village, Rejang Lebong
		Regency, this was carried out because there was a special request from the Indonesia
		Council of Islamic Scholars (MUI) leader of Rejang Lebong Regency, remembering that
		many people still carry out hunting activities for prey animals because many people still
		don't know about the types of wild animals that are protected in Indonesia. The total
		number of participants who took part in socialization activities in this period was 373
		people. In North Bengkulu Regency, outreach was also carried out in 5 mosques through
		sermons when Muslims performed Friday prayers (2 mosques in Kurotidur Village, 2
		mosques in Sumber Mulya Village, and 1 mosques in Renah Jaya Village).
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Activity 2:

Regular informal meeting with Indonesia Council of Islamic Scholars (MUI) leader in Lebong and North Bengkulu District regarding progress made and challenges recorder.

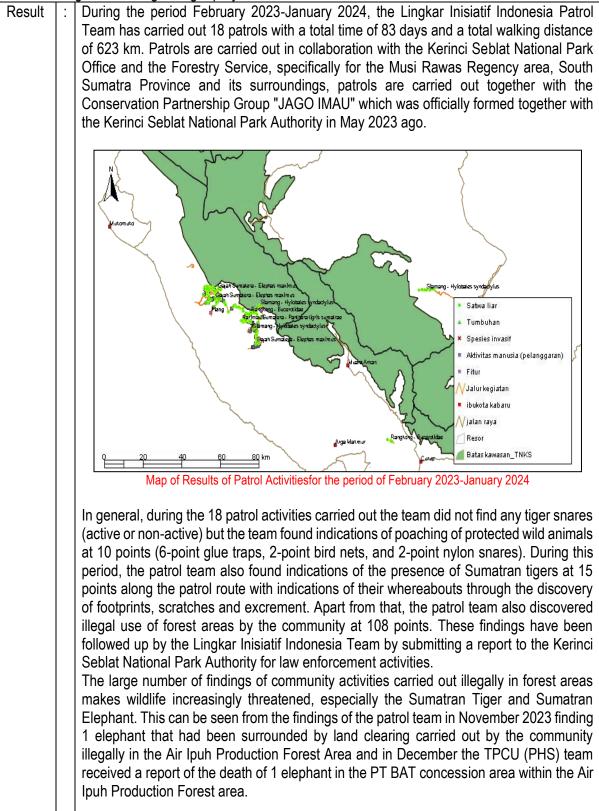
Result	:	Routine informal meetings with the Indonesia Council of Islamic Scholars (MUI) leader of
		North Bengkulu and Lebong District have been held in this period 6 times. These routine
		activities were carried out to prepare an agenda for activities to be carried out and to
		evaluate the activities that had been carried out.

Objective 2:

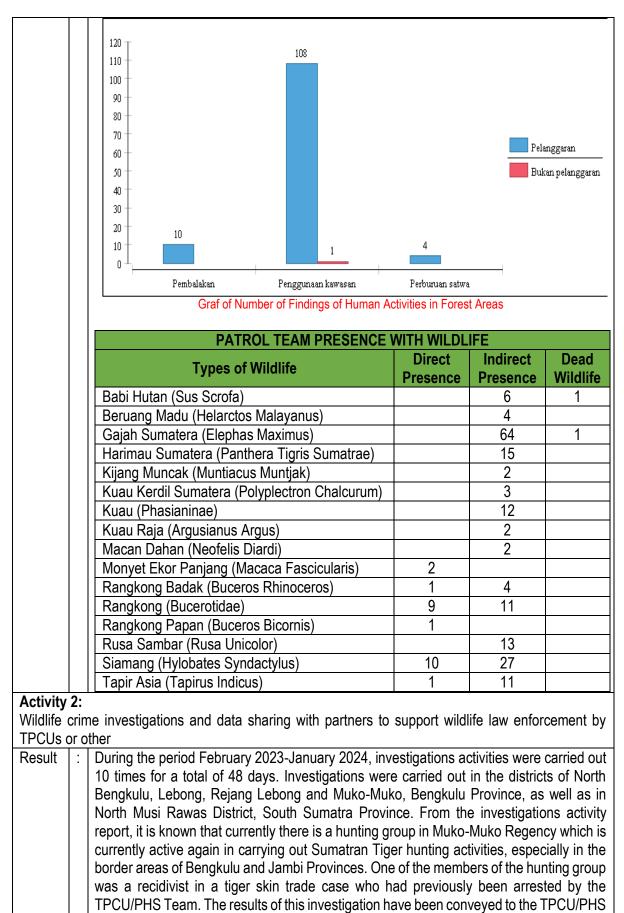
Maintain action to protect and conservation wild Sumatran Tiger in the far south of Kerinci Seblat national Park area through rapid reponse unit SMART forest patrols, managing community information networks, investigation and wildlife crime law enforcement.

Activity 1:

Regular SMART forest patrols are information-led, by rapid response patrol units focused to detecting and reducing threats to tigers, tiger prey and habitat.



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	significant progress in continuing with the law enforcement process considering that the group is experienced and very closed to new people they meet. In May 2023, the Lingkar Investigation Team received information from members of the conservation partnership group "JAGO IMAU" that in the Musi Rawas Regency area, South Sumatra Province, 1 illegal logging group had set up tiger snares not far from the location where they were carrying out illegal logging. When met by the team, the perpetrator admitted that he had set snares at 5 points but had not gotten any results. In North Bengkulu Regency, Bengkulu Province, the Lingkar Investigation Team received information that 3 residents from North Bengkulu and Muko-Muko Regency had set tiger snares in the Air Seblat Area, North Bengkulu Regency. Based on this information, the team has visited the homes of the 3 perpetrators but has not been able to meet them, from information from the perpetrator's neighbors that they are currently still in the forest looking for agarwood (Gaharu). In June 2023, the Lingkar Investigation Team received information from the public that there were people in Pelabai Village, Lebong Regency who were offering Sumatran tiger bones and tusks. Until December 2023, the team had made 3 visits to the alleged perpetrator's house but had not met in person, until now investigation is still ongoing.
Activity 3:	
	eetings with Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority to prepare plans and agree actions
	securing the national park conservation area.
Result :	Routine meetings with the Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority and the Environment
Result .	Additional Park and Continuously, at least once every 2 months coordination and regular meetings are held to plan and evaluate collaborative patrol activities. In May 2023, the Lingkar Team signed the Annual Work Plan (RKT) with the Kerinci Seblat National Park Authority at the National Park Head Office in Merangin Regency, Jambi Province. In October 2023, the Lingkar Team coordinated and met with the new Head of Division III of the Kerinci Seblat National Park to discuss plans to extend the Cooperation Agreement (PKS) between Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia and the Kerinci Seblat National Park Office, in the meeting the Head of Division said that Since May 2023 there have been changes in procedures regarding the extension of the cooperation agreement because it must obtain direct approval from the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia, and currently the Lingkar cooperation extension document is being processed at the Ministry and awaiting the Minister's approval.
	The signing of the Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia Annual Work Plan (RKT) with the Head of Kerinci Seblat National Park

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Objective 3:



Strengthen the protection of Sumatran Tiger and other endangered species in the project area by expanding a guardianship program for active hunters together with the government, preacher, and exhunters.

Activity 1:

Focus counselling with repeated meetings according to the needs of active hunters and forest crime recidivist who are indetified as still carrying out illegal activities.

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Result	: Extension activities until the project period ends in January 2024 will continue to be carried out intensively. During the ongoing project period, the Lingkar Team together with partners have held face-to-face meetings with 15 ex-hunter who had received training in previous project periods. This was done to continue monitoring and ensuring that they do not repeat hunting activities against wildlife. The results of the meeting activities showed quite good progress, the ex-hunter coordinated by the senior ex-hunter "MAWI" continued to approach traditional hunters to stop illegal hunting activities in forest areas in the Musi Rawas Regency, South Sumatra Province. From that meeting, the team also received information on the names of new hunters who were still actively hunting and this information was followed up by the investigation team to carry out monitoring. During the project period, the Team also provided counseling to 2 active hunters from Lebong Regency and 1 active hunter from North Bengkulu Regency. Routine counseling has been carried out 3 times to the 3 active hunters, until now the circle team and partners are still trying to convince these hunters to stop hunting Sumatran tigers. Apart from the developments above, in the field the team also noted various challenges from this extension activity. The hunters complained that their family's economic situation had declined since stopping hunting activities, the team had coordinated with the national park authorities to provide a solution to this problem, it was agreed that in the short term the team together with the national park authorities would synergize the empowerment program for this group of ex-hunter and in the long term The Lingkar Team will continue to seek support from a network of partners to provide support to this group of ex-hunter through sustainable agricultural programs as a replacement for the livelihoods of ex-hunter.
Activity	2:
Esthablis	ment of a conservation partnership group with the Kerinci Seblat National Park.
Result	: Activities to Establishment of a conservation partnership were carried out in May 2023 in Muara Tiku village, Musi Rawas Regency, South Sumatra Province. It was agreed upon that the name of the Conservation Partnership Group be "JAGO IMAU", this partnership group consists of a 15 ex-hunter 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 ptotect forest areas in their area. The organizational structure of the conservation partnership group "JAGO IMAU" consists of:
	Chairman:MawiSecretary:HardiansyahTreasurer:AlexanderMember:- Musmulyadi- Edi Suryadi- Usaman- Andi Febriansyah- Muhammad Jais- Jimi Saputra- Fahrurozi- Roni AR- Amansyah- Azwar Anas- M. Hatta- Laelan





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



A resident's cow was eaten by a tiger



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2. Global Tiger Day Commemoration

In July 2023 in commemoration of the 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 show.



Conservation Education for Elementary School Children



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

3. Public Campaign: Making and Screening Film the Story of the Tiger Hunter's Conversion Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia in collaboration with Garda Animalia, an organization that focuses on research and journalistic activities related to the issue of conservation of protected wild animals in Indonesia, in the 2003 period produced a documentary film about the story of the conversion of former Sumatran tiger hunter "MAWI", who was one of the former tiger hunters fostered by Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia. This film was launched and premiered at the Bandung Creative Hub and at the Faculty of Communication Sciences, Padjadjaran University, Bandung Province on December 3 and 4 2023. This activity was attended by students, researcher and conservation activists in Indonesia and presented directly "MAWI" and Iswadi as Director of Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia as resource person.



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Obstacles to Success:

Monitoring and Evaluation:

To ensure the success of the project, Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia uses monitoring and evaluation with the mechanism of holding regular meetings at least 2 times a month. This meeting was attended by all staff to discuss the work plan and evaluation of the activities that have been carried out.

In addition to regular meetings twice a month, the Lingkar Inisiatif Indonesia also has mechanis for regular meetings with the Supervisory Board are held every 6 months. This meeting is chaired by Chairperson of the Supervisory Agency to evalute this suitability of the implementation of activities with the planning of activities.

Externally, evaluation and monitoring are also carried out the by the KSNP Authority based on the Program Implementation Plan (RPP) and Annual Plan (RKT) which have been mutually agreed upon and approved by the Head of the KSNP Authority.

Shared Learning:

LINGKAR INISIATIF INDONESIA will continue to share experience related to conservation work carried out in the project area using various existing campaign media, conventional and social media.

Media:

- 1. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3UJVuYsExs</u>
- 2. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lb5m4YM9lk&t=24s
- 3. https://gardaanimalia.com/gelar-screening-film-dokumenter-penyelenggara-undang-datuk-mawi/
- 4. <u>https://bandungbergerak.id/article/detail/159228/menyelamatkan-harimau-dan-cendrawasih-</u> melalui-film-dokumenter

Have you provided at least 2 blogs? Y/N? Yes

Have you provided at least 10 high quality images with details of the relevant credit? Y/N? Yes



Section III. Appendix (Please populate this see	ction with details from section II)	
Did yo carry out camera trapping as part of th	is project ? N	
If yes:		
Total camera trap night/days:		Total area surveyed:
Numbers of tiger/leopard/prey recorded		Have you included data on other species recorded
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Did you carry out patrolling as part of this pro	ject ? Y	
If yes:		
Total distance patrolled: 623 km		Total area patrolled: 136.975,64 Ha
Do you use Patrol Monitoring Software such a	as SMART ? Y	
If yes: Total distance patrolled using patrol monitorin	ng software ? 623 km	How do you collect data? Handheld devices/paper/other? Please give details? Coordinate data retrieval using GPS, all findings are recorded manually using a tally sheet and then the data processed using the SMART (Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool) program.
Does your project work with local communitie		
If yes: (please be as specific as possible)	What did you do? Make a collaborative	How many people did you reach?
Who? Reguler meeting with local leader and	patrol for secure tigers habitat and	
religious, and also local communities	socialization for tiger protection in KSNP	
Did you carry out educational activities with a	dults or children? Y	
If yes: Who? Village communities in Lebong and North Bengkulu regencies	What did you do? Together with the KSNP authority and the management of the Indonesian Islamic Scholars Council (MUI) to socialize the MUI Fatwa No. 4/2014	How many people reached? 373 people



	which prohibits hunting and trading of endangered wildlife.			
Have you seen behaviour change from these activities? (Please give details of how this is measured) Yes, based on the results of the investigation some people were previously active hunters but the results of monitoring by religious leaders and the results of the current investigation some of these people have shown changes in behavior and are no longer hunting.				
Did you carry out training activities for any sta	aff/community member on the project? N			
If yes: (please be as specific as possible)				
Who?	What did you do?	How many staff trained? How many others trained?		
How do you measure the effectiveness of this training?				
Did you carry out conflict mitigation activities with community members?				
If yes:				
Who?	What?	How main people did this include?		
Were any scientific papers/articles published because of your project? N				
If so, please give details or provide copies.				