



Save the Oldest Forests in the World from Clear-cutting

The tropical rainforests of Borneo are among the oldest and most intact forests on Earth. But the island has lost over half of its forests to date and the destruction must stop. The island of Borneo is so important to global conservation that the governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, and Brunei—the three countries on the island—signed a conservation agreement called “The Heart of Borneo” to conserve a 54-million-acre expanse of intact forest the size of Scotland and England combined. The record for the tallest tropical tree in the world has been broken here numerous times, with some trees measuring over 300 feet tall.

Rainforest Trust and our partner, Komunitas Konservasi Indonesia Warsi (KKI Warsi), have the extraordinary opportunity to support the protection of 500,000 acres in the buffer zone of the 3.36-million-acre Kayan Mentarang National Park, one of the largest protected areas in Borneo.

At least 500 species have been documented here, including the Critically Endangered Straw-headed Bulbul and Helmeted Hornbill, Endangered Greater Green Leafbird and Bornean Gibbon, Vulnerable Great Argus, and numerous other threatened hornbill species. Freshwater habitats harbor a large diversity of both amphibians and fish.

One million Indigenous Peoples call the rainforests of Borneo home and rely on them for their lives and livelihoods. This project will support Indigenous Dayak Peoples in 56 villages to secure land tenure and customary use rights through government designation as customary and/or village forests. This designation will prohibit industrial-scale exploitation of any kind, including commercial-scale hunting, logging and mining.

STOP THE SPREAD OF INDUSTRIAL-SCALE LOGGING AND OIL PALM PLANTATIONS IN BORNEO

The most imminent and dangerous threat to these rich forests is coming from large commercial logging operators that are already actively clear-cutting rainforests nearby on the island. Establishing the 500,000 acres of customary/ village forests here will ensure that a vast area in this region will be managed sustainably.



500,000
ACRES

\$1,962,000
PROJECT COST

\$3.92
COST PER ACRE

125,575,128 mT
CO₂ EQUIVALENTS
STORED

KEY SPECIES:

Helmeted Hornbill (CR),
Straw-headed Bulbul (CR),
White-crowned Hornbill (EN)
Bornean Gibbon (EN),
Greater Green Leafbird (EN),
Great Argus (VU)



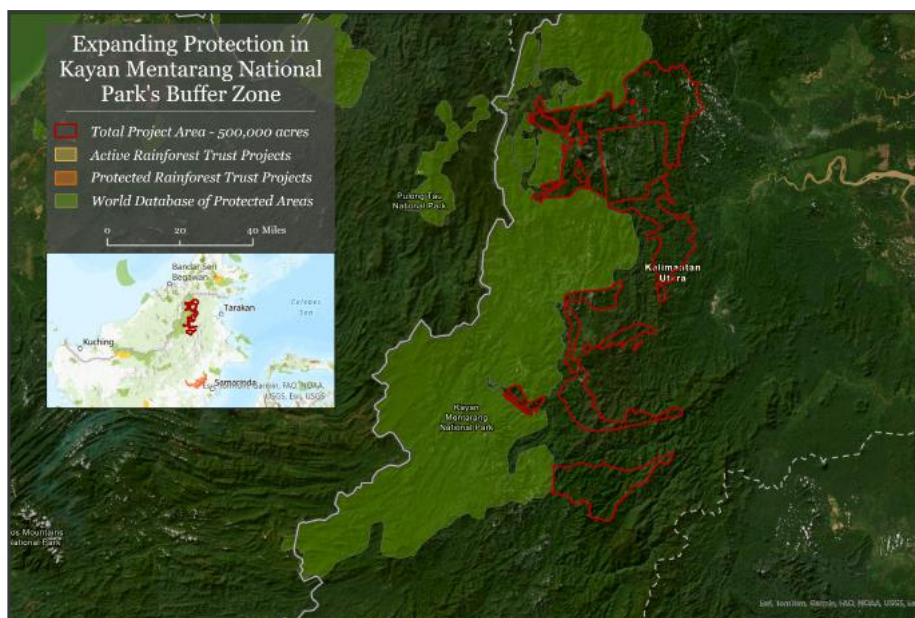
ENGAGE REMOTE COMMUNITIES IN CONSERVATION

Our partner has been working to drive community-based forest management in Indonesia and specifically, in these remote forest areas for years. Most Indigenous communities here are most commonly accessed by boat, but each village will be consulted in the course of the project. Support will be provided to communities for species monitoring and capacity-building on sustainable forest management.

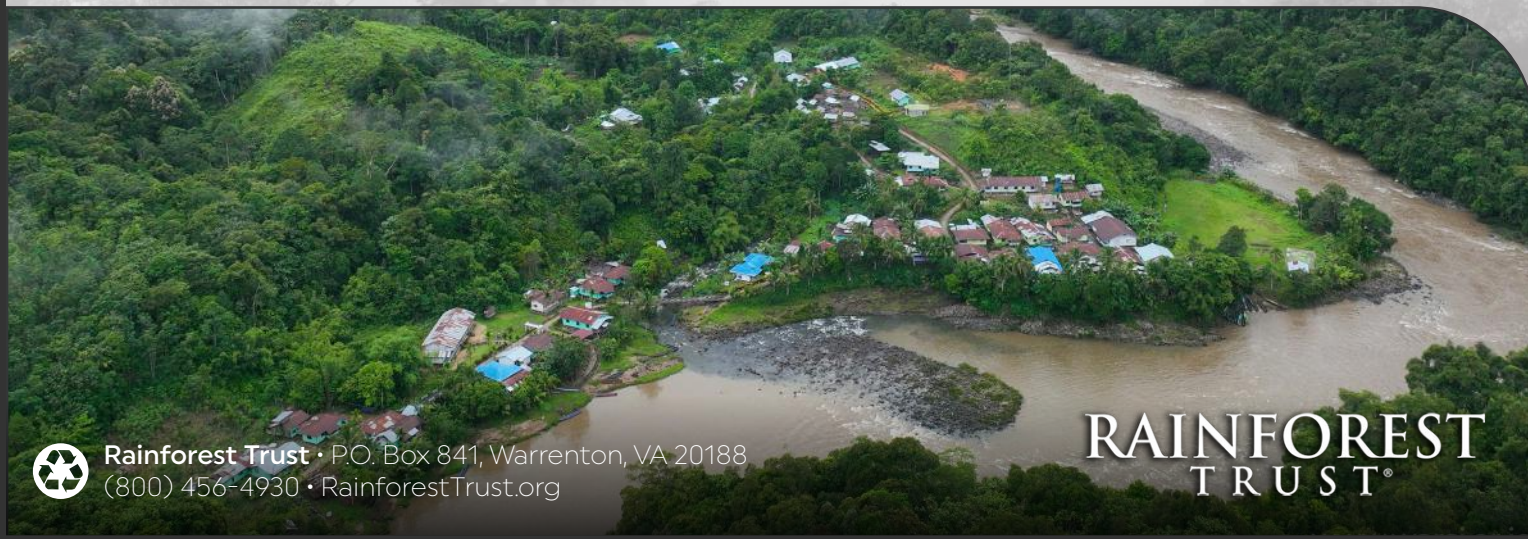
SAFEGUARD VAST CARBON STORES IN BORNEO

The ancient forests of Borneo store huge amounts of carbon and serve a major role in mitigating climate change. This project stores an amount of carbon equivalent to the emissions from burning 12 billion gallons of diesel fuel.

Rainforest Trust has been working to connect the vast expanse of intact rainforest in Borneo since 2008, when we supported the protection of Orangutans in the northern reaches of the island. To date, we have helped protect 975,048 acres and 1,700,139 acres are underway. In a number of these projects, the customary/village forest designation is achieving conservation success.



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