



Save Critical Habitat for Sumatran Tigers in Indonesia

There is an expanse of richly biodiverse rainforest on the Indonesian island of Sumatra that is essential habitat for the Critically Endangered Sumatran Tiger, the most endangered subspecies of Tiger with only an estimated 400 individuals surviving today. The landscape—known as the Kerinci Seblat–Batanghari tiger conservation landscape—is home to the largest known population of Sumatran Tigers as well as other highly threatened, charismatic species like Critically Endangered Sunda Pangolin, Endangered Sumatran Clouded Leopard, and Endangered Malay Tapir. Two species of medium-sized monkeys, the Endangered Southern Pig-tailed Macaque and Vulnerable Nicobar Long-tailed Macaque, are also residents.

This region of western Sumatra is spectacularly important to big cat conservation and must be saved from the ravages of deforestation that have already taken the vast majority of Sumatra's rainforests over the past five decades for oil palm and pulp plantations, unregulated logging, and agricultural expansion. These threats continue to spread across the island and standing forests are rapidly disappearing. Poaching and human-wildlife conflicts are further reducing remaining Tiger populations.

Rainforest Trust now has the opportunity to support our partner, Yayasan Palka Agra Hayati, by raising \$254,070 to facilitate the legal designation of 35,800 acres of lowland rainforest as Village Forests in the Solok District of West Sumatra Province. This designation formalizes a social forestry program agreement between the local communities, the West Sumatra Forestry Service, Solok Protected Forest Management Unit, and our partner.

CONNECT CRITICAL HABITAT FOR ICONIC INDONESIAN SPECIES

The Batanghari Landscape spans more than 741,000 acres—an area the size of Yosemite National Park—to the northeast of the vast 3.39-million-acre Kerinci Seblat National Park, which is Sumatra's largest protected area and at the core of vital habitat for the Sumatran Tiger.

Sumatra is the only place where tigers, rhinos, orangutans and elephants live together. Despite this extraordinary representation of iconic species that used to thrive across the island, their populations have declined significantly. A substantial percentage of these surviving species live in isolated, unprotected marginal



35,800
ACRES

\$254,070
PROJECT COST

\$7.09
COST PER ACRE

7,153,637 mT
CO₂ EQUIVALENTS
STORED

KEY SPECIES:

Sumatran Tiger (CR),
Sumatran Clouded Leopard (EN),
Malay Tapir (EN),
Nicobar Long-tailed Macaque (VU),
Sunda Pangolin (CR),
Southern Pig-tailed Macaque (EN)



habitats, which increases the rate of illegal poaching and human-wildlife conflicts that usually lead to animal deaths.

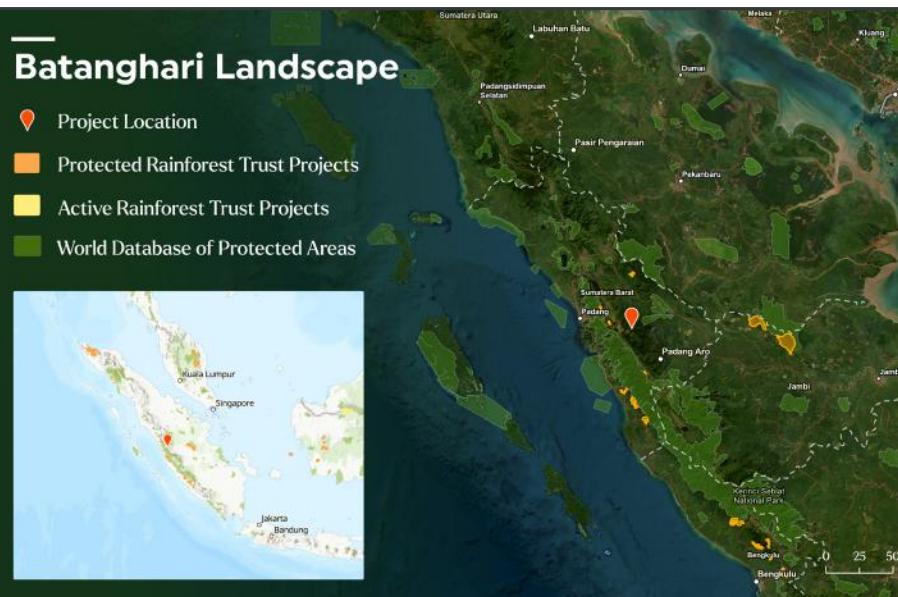
This project connects the Kerinci Seblat National Park to other large protected and conserved areas. Protecting what remains of critical rainforest habitat in Sumatra is an urgent conservation priority, and we must not lose this opportunity. Only by protecting the larger landscape can we hope to protect the 128 Sumatran Tigers estimated to be living within it. This project builds on the government's vision of collaboration between government, NGOs, academics, and other related parties to preserve the forests and the environment for the long term.

SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

The project goal of securing land tenure and customary use rights through government designation as Village Forests will prohibit illegal logging, commercial hunting, and conversion to plantations while subsistence uses will be limited. The project supports a livelihood development program for community members that centers on sustainable collection of non-timber forest products and ecotourism.

The proposed area of Village Forests stores over 7 million metric tons of carbon equivalents, comparable to the amount emitted by 1.6 million gas-powered passenger vehicles driven for one year.

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