

HEART OF BORNEO SYMPOSIUM 2022 by JUL.ICA (Julius Miajim & Jessica Salapan)

Heart of Borneo (HoB) hosted by Sabah Forestry Department was held on the 02 December 2022 at the Sabah International Convention Centre (SICC) Kota Kinabalu with the theme of “The Need for Holistic and Pragmatic Approaches on Conservation Effort”. Over 20 entities including government agencies, education institute, private sectors and NGOs was invited to participate in this one-day symposium to showcase their activities and effort on conservation.

Sapulut has also taken the opportunity to participate in the exhibition showcasing the High Conservation Value area and the wildlife initiative activities inside FMU 14.

We shared information about the environment, conservation and community forestry to visitors such as the commitment of the conservation approach in forest plantation operations including Sapulut Conservation area in the Natural Forest Management (NFM) and Industrial Tree Planting (ITP) areas as well as community development program initiatives. The areas that we shown during the exhibition are Batu Sapp, Batu Tantalawau, Kerangas with several species of *Nepenthes* pitcher-plant, Salt lick, water catchment, *Rafflesia* species at ITP and wildlife recorded through camera traps.

Meanwhile other agencies that have been committed to join the HoB brought their additional exhibits such as real forest plants, seedlings of Laran and *Eucalyptus pellita*, digital presentation on conservation and games to make it more interactive.

Our exhibition booth visited by the Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Seri Panglima Jeffery G. Kitingan accompanied by Sabah Chief Conservator of Forests, Datuk Frederick Kugan right after officiating the launch of HoB 2022.



BORNEO FORESTRY COOPERATIVE (BFC) NURSERY OPEN DAY

by Aldrin Peter Aloysius, Flerrencius Jossilin & Stephen David

Sapulut were delighted to host the Borneo Forestry Cooperative (BFC) Nursery Open Day that was held on the 08 December 2022 and was attended by representatives from BFC Ms Eunice Fong, Sabah Softwoods Berhad (SSB), Zillion Fortune Sdn Bhd (Zillion) and Mr. Agustan Alwi. The aim of this program is to exchange and share our ideas, as well as to find out

how they deal with their problems at the nursery stage. First session was at the potting shed where Flerrencius as the HOU of Nursery, gave an introduction of the nursery's operation with two main species which is *Eucalyptus pellita* and White Laran seedlings with different timeline. He explained the process involved—germination of seedlings, sowing, spacing time, hardening procedures, cell sizes and usage of fertilizer and followed by Q&A session with those present. Other than that, he also mentioned what are the challenges and issued that they are and have encountered. Flerrencius led the group for a tour on the area to show the media preparation including the process of cleaning trays before use, the procedure of mixing cocopeat and fertilizer, as well as the seeds

being sown. Next session is the shade house and open areas of the nursery where Flerrencius gave a tour on the germinated White Laran, Red Laran and *E.*

pellita seeds that have been transplanted into the cells as well as the grown seedlings that were ready to be planted. A briefing was conducted on the watering procedures and as per requested by one of the representative, Mr Abu from SSB, Flerrencius shown the watering patterns. Apart from that, he also explained the sorting and grading system at open area especially when the seedling ready for planting.

Sapulut took the opportunity to exchange ideas with Zillion on their planting. Zillion also facing the same problem on their monkey issues attacking their White Laran. Their main objective to participate in this programme is to learn from us how to germinate Red Laran (RL) as they have the intention to switch their planting to RL species. Both Flerrencius and Matthew Ngui provide them the process for RL species.

In the last session, the topic were about pest and disease (P&D) which was briefed by Zamrilee Mohd Sarijil. For Sapulut, the issues on the P&D at the nursery such as *Helopelthis*, leaf rollers, aphids have influenced the growth performance of the seedlings and their survival rate. Zamrilee also shared the nursery's method to control the pests via spraying insecticides and continuous data collection of the pest incidence which will be an important reference and material for future use.



DRONE HANDLING & MAPPING TRAINING

by Mohd Shahrullah bin Laupa

On 09 December 2022, four (4) staff from Sapulut FMU 14 attended the Drone Handling and Mapping Training (DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise) conducted by Steven Jipanin from LM Instruments Sdn Bhd. Training was done at Wisma Manikar, Kota Kinabalu for a half day from 9.00 am until 12.00 noon.

As usual, the training started off with an ice-breaking session between the trainer and participants. After that, the participants were given an explanation about the components of the drone and its functions. Then the practical session continues with the drone setup until the last step, which is aerial photography is completed.

At the end of the training, a Q&A session was conducted regarding the matters and topics explained during the training. Once its over, the training certificates was given to each participants by the trainers. We hope that this training will continue to be conducted for the company's development in the future in terms of drone technologies.



VISITING MEDICAL OFFICER TO SAPULUT

by Johnson Joseph

Sapulut have appointed a Visiting Medical Officer (VMO), Dr. Faisal Bakar from Mabello Clinic. The responsibilities of VMO is to assist the Company, particularly the Safety & Health Department in the operation of the Treatment Centre and its activities.

This year, VMO have visited Sapulut 3 times and during those visit, Dr. Faisal have examined the patients especially Sapulut workers, inspected the workers' quarters and also gave health talks.

The staff feel that the VMO visit in Sapulut is great and beneficial for those who are sick and need a health consultation as there is no need to leave the camp to get treatment and health consultation from outside.



VISION SUMMARY OF SAPULUT

CORE PURPOSE

Bringing back the natural forest and managing it sustainably.

Sustainability of the natural forests depend on availability of alternate supply from forest plantation timber.

Availability of supply from forest plantation timber depends on the development of forest plantation timber.

BRAND PROMISE

Consistent, Predictable and Sustainable Supply of Natural Forest and Forest Plantation Timbers.

CORE VALUES

Do the right thing, even though no one is watching.

Love and respect for self, fellow man and nature.

Recognise and promote teamwork, and never let your team members down.

Continuous improvement of self and Sapulut through training and learning and practice "I see, I think and I do".

Discipline - discipline of self, disciplined thoughts and disciplined action.

Do ordinary things extraordinarily well.

Know the rules, and know how to break them properly.

Ideas are easy. Execution is everything. It takes a team to win.



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