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Announcing Field Partnership between Rimba Raya, an InfiniteEARTH Project & OFI

As an InfiniteEARTH project, Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve is proud to officially announce a partnership with Orangutan Foundation International (OFI)

Orangutan Foundation International (OFI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving orangutan populations from extinction in the wild, to protect orangutan habitat, tropical rainforest, and to rehabilitate and release wild-born ex-captive orangutans back to the wild.

Established by Dr. Biruté Mary Galdikas and associates in 1986, OFI operates Camp Leakey, an orangutan research center, within Tanjung Puting National Park. OFI also runs the Orangutan Care Center and Quarantine (OCCQ) facility in the Dayak village of Pasir Panjang near Pangkalan Bun, which is home to 330 displaced orangutans, and helps manage the Lamandau Wildlife Reserve, where rehabilitated wild born ex-captive orangutans were released into the wild.

Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve, an InfiniteEARTH project, aims to reduce Indonesia's greenhouse gas emissions and protect the endangered Borneo orangutan by preserving 64,977 hectares of tropical peat swamp forest. This is the world's largest initiative to protect and preserve High Conservation Value (HCV), lowland peat swamp forests - one of the most highly endangered ecosystems in the world. The Rimba Raya area forms a critical buffer zone to Tanjung Puting National Park in the Seruyan River watershed. The area is rich in biodiversity, including several flagship species such as the endangered Bornean orangutan, clouded leopard, gibbon, proboscis monkey, and Malayan sun bear.

OFI and Rimba Raya have enjoyed a close relationship for many years. The Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve area was initially brought to the attention of Todd Lemons, the founder of Rimba Raya by Dr. Galdikas in 2007. Dr. Galdikas and InfiniteEARTH worked closely together through the process of gaining the concession rights to and accreditation for The Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve, which were fully achieved in 2013.

The Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve is a fully verified REDD+ project under the Voluntary Carbon Standard.

This year, Rimba Raya achieved the Triple Gold ranking under the global Climate, Community and Biodiversity (CCB) standards. Rimba Raya is one of only four projects globally to be verified to meet the CCB's Triple Gold level. The CCB ranking means Rimba Raya meets exceptional targets in providing benefits for adapting to climate change, significant benefits for supporting communities around the project and protecting and nurturing the project's rich and endangered plant and animal species, including orangutans.

The partnership and close working relationship between OFI and Rimba Raya continues today. The organizations collaborate frequently. OFI provides ground-level support and advice drawing from OFI's long history in the region and experience with orangutans and with tropical forest conservation. Rimba Raya provides financial support and technical acumen to OFI. In addition to sharing knowledge and resources, the organizations even share staff via an unofficial exchange program.

Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve, in association with InfiniteEARTH, is honoured to continue and grow our close partnership with OFI, supporting Dr. Galdikas' lifelong quest to preserve and protect the vanishing forests that provide the natural habitat for endangered orangutans in Borneo.



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ABOUT RIMBA RAYA

PT Rimba Raya Conservation is Indonesian-owned and co-manages the Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve with its developer, InfiniteEARTH. It received its ecosystem restoration license from the government of Indonesia in 2013 and has rapidly built up an expert programme team on the ground and in Jakarta.

The project aims to reduce Indonesia's greenhouse gas emissions, assist local communities and protect the endangered Borneo Orangutan by preserving 64,977 hectares of tropical peat swamp forest.

Forming a critical buffer zone to Tanjung Puting National Park in the Seruyan River watershed, Rimba Raya is rich in biodiversity, including several flagship species such as the Orangutan, Clouded Leopard, Gibbon, Proboscis Monkey, and Asian Sun Bear. Project revenues have been able to fund rehabilitation programs, environmental education programs, as well as support Orangutan Foundation International. We also provide employment through native tree species replanting, created local plant nurseries and have supported the development of handicrafts programmes and a very successful garbage bank recycling initiative.

In 2007, the project area was under imminent threat of planned deforestation; the area was gazetted by the provincial governmental to be converted into four palm oil estates. This area has now officially been re-designated as a Conservation Forest resulting from project developer infiniteEARTH's successful bid to win the approval of Indonesia's first "Ecosystem Conservation & Restoration" concession license for a REDD project.

The Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve is the largest-ever REDD+ project to have its emission vetted and confirmed under the Verified Carbon Standard, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by an average of four million tonnes per year.

About InfiniteEARTH

InfiniteEARTH developed the world's first REDD methodology and is the original project developer of the Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve, the first REDD project to be validated under the VCS/CCB standards. InfiniteEARTH continues to co-manage the project with PT Rimba Raya.

At InfiniteEARTH, our ultimate mission is to move the world from an unsustainable extractive economy to a sustainable replacement economy by changing the way the world views the consumption and pricing of goods and services.

This starts by helping companies find creative ways of engaging their customers in the process of sustainability. In doing so, the connection between corporate and customer values are reinforced and brand affinity enhanced. Our efforts to reduce consumption will never completely eliminate the heavy demands we place on the planet. But we can compensate through replacement with environmental offset initiatives.

For more on the project, please see:

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