

Wilmar Signs Landmark MoU with BOS Foundation and Indonesian Government on Orangutan Conservation

Singapore, June 2011 - Wilmar International Limited ("Wilmar") reaffirmed its commitment towards the long-term protection and conservation of orangutans and their habitat when they entered into a tri-party Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation ("BOSF") and the government of Central Kalimantan, Indonesia.

This landmark MoU formalizes and consolidates the partnership between BOSF, the government of Central Kalimantan and Wilmar who will work together on a common agenda:

1. Commitment to the long-term conservation of orangutans and their habitat;
2. Dedication to developing a pilot project of Best Management Practices (BMP) for orangutans in oil palm plantations, to eventually communicate to other oil palm companies as a working example of how to achieve orangutan conservation on plantations, with the hope that this could ultimately become an industry-wide programme in Central Kalimantan.

Specifically, the project activities include:

- 1) Developing and trial-running orangutan BMP in oil palm plantations, including protection; habitat establishment and enrichment; translocation of isolated orangutans, buffer zone management; research, training and education; and human-orangutan conflict mitigation (within the plantation landscape) programme implementation. Success results and framework will be promoted and shared with other plantation operators to achieve orangutan conservation across a wider landscape.
- 2) Involving local communities in the orangutan conservation and management process, with efforts towards community development
- 3) Identifying opportunities to implement BMP as formal policy in Central Kalimantan

Dr. Togu Manurung, CEO and Chairman of the BOS Foundation, said: "We welcome this initiative as a means of ensuring that the habitat of the Bornean orangutan is preserved in a sustainable fashion, thus assisting the BOS Foundation in its mission of making certain that the species survives. This tripartite MoU is a perfect example of how major stakeholders must work together toward environmental goals.

Only through the cooperation of NGOs, such as BOS Foundation, government and business can sustainable solutions be found. We are pleased to be able to help advise Wilmar, one of

the largest stakeholders in Central Kalimantan, on Best Management Practices for oil palm companies in orangutan areas. We are also pleased to be able to assist the government of Central Kalimantan in its effort to balance economic development with conservation in a collaborative manner.”

Augustin Teras Narang, Governor of the Central Kalimantan Province, said: “I am pleased to support this tripartite cooperation. This is in line with the vision and mission of the province of Central Kalimantan “The Clean and Green Province”, all aspects of development that we undertake in this province must be truly in keeping with protection of the environment.

I also see that there is a potential for measurable reduction on emissions from the forest conservation sector and biodiversity in the activities of initiating Best Management Practices for oil palm plantations. To that end I hope that we can together search for a way in which we can contribute to the commitment of our country to reduce emissions by 26%, as declared by President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono in Copenhagen in 2009.”

Jeremy Goon, Wilmar’s Group Head for CSR, said: “We are very excited to be part of this meaningful endeavour. We have been in discussion with BOSF for some time on how to address the plight of orangutans in areas susceptible to land development. We recognise that this issue is more than just an environmental challenge, so the involvement of the local government will help escalate our efforts for orangutan conservation.

With this project, we hope to demonstrate that large scale plantation companies can be compatible with sustainable development. We are hopeful that an equitable balance between economic, social and environmental values can still be achieved while natural resources continue to be harnessed for consumption needs if all sectors of the society are truly committed to finding solutions to the sustainability cause.”

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About Wilmar International Limited

Wilmar International Limited is Asia’s leading agribusiness group. Headquartered in Singapore, its business activities include palm oil cultivation, oilseeds crushing, edible oils

refining, sugar, specialty fats, oleochemicals and biodiesel manufacturing and grains processing.

Over the years, it has established a resilient integrated agribusiness model that captures the entire value chain of the agricultural commodity processing business, while conforming to the global standards in environmental sustainability and social responsibility.

Wilmar adheres strictly to a zero-burning policy and protect areas with high environmental, socio-economic, biodiversity or landscape value – defined as High Conservation Value Areas.

Wilmar recognises the local communities as a key stakeholder, whose free, prior and informed consent is required before any plantation can be established. Besides creating employment, Wilmar also builds physical and social infrastructure to improve the quality of life in these local communities.

Wilmar is also an active key member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), an industry-led grouping that promotes the growth and use of sustainable palm oil. Wilmar commits to complete certification for all its productive estates and mills to RSPO standards by 2014.

About the BOS Foundation

Established in 1991, the overall goal of the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation is to conserve the endangered Bornean orangutan and their habitat in collaboration with local communities and other stakeholders. During the 1990's the BOS Foundation established two Orangutan Reintroduction Centers, one in Central Kalimantan situated at Nyaru Menteng, and one in East Kalimantan located at Samboja Lestari. These have now collectively become the world's largest primate rehabilitation program, caring for a total of around 850 individual orangutans.

The BOS Foundation activities focus on the rescue, rehabilitation and release back to the wild of orphaned and displaced orangutans. In addition, working with a range of government authorities, the BOS Foundation have translocated hundreds of wild orangutans from areas of conflict, such as newly cleared land for oil palm, to areas which are protected. The BOS Foundation also continue to monitor the progress of those translocated animals to ensure their continued survival and health.

The BOS Foundation has also established a company- -PT Restorasi Habitat Orangutan Indonesia (RHOI)- -to acquire from the Indonesian government ex-logging concessions re-designated as Ecosystem Restoration Concessions (ERC) for use as protected release areas for rehabilitated orangutans. The BOS Foundation, through PT RHOI, has already successfully acquired one such ERC in East Kalimantan, an 86,450 hectare site which will be used to

release rehabilitated orangutans from the Samboja Lestari center. A similar site in Central Kalimantan is in the application process.