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IKI Indonesia Newsletter



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Dear readers,

The 32nd edition of the IKI Indonesia Newsletter arrives with a collection of stories tracing how persistence takes root across different corners of the archipelago. Across landscapes shaped by hope and possibility, this issue follows communities and ecosystems finding ways to endure and adapt.

In Petungkriyono, women are stepping further into the agroforestry value chain, transforming local products and strengthening rural economies. Meanwhile, in Hutan Harapan, early observations suggest that agile gibbon (*Hylobates agilis*) populations are holding steady — a sign of delicate balance, carefully negotiated over time.

This edition also coincides with World Water Day (22 March), offering a moment to reflect on water

not simply as a resource, but as a grace that shapes life, memory, and connection. For Indonesia, as an archipelagic nation, water touches every shore, carries quiet stories that bind its islands, cultures, and ways of life.

Taken together, these stories reveal the many ways communities are working to restore, protect, and manage ecosystems. Remind us that conservation is as much about people as it is about nature. We hope you enjoy the stories. Make sure you're subscribed to the newsletter here

Best regards,

Climate and Biodiversity Hub Indonesia (IKI interface project in Indonesia)

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Policy Highlights



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Fifth Prabowo Cabinet Reshuffle Brings New Environment Minister

On 27 April 2026, President Prabowo carried out his fifth cabinet reshuffle. Mohammad Jumhur Hidayat, head of the KSPSI trade union confederation, was sworn in as Minister of Environment and Head of the Environmental Control Agency (KLH/BPLH). His predecessor Hanif Faisol Nurofiq was

moved to the post of Deputy Coordinating Minister for Food Affairs. Jumhur comes from a labour rather than environmental background, and the direction of the ministry under his leadership is not yet clear. The same reshuffle brought in retired General Dudung Abdurachman as Chief of the Presidential Staff, Muhammad Qodari as Head of the Government Communication Agency (Bakom), Hasan Nasbi as Special Presidential Advisor for Communications, and Abdul Kadir Karding as Head of the Quarantine Agency.

Read [more..](#)

Source: [Tempo English](#), 27 April 2026; [Detik News](#), 27 April 2026; [INP](#), 27 April 2026

New Forestry Carbon Trading Regulation Opens Market to Communities

On 13 April 2026, Minister of Forestry Raja Juli Antoni promulgated Permenhut No. 6/2026 on Procedures for Carbon Trading through Greenhouse Gas Emission Offsets in the Forestry Sector. The regulation is the first major implementing rule under Presidential Regulation No. 110/2025 on Carbon Economic Value Instruments and replaces the earlier framework under the former Ministry of Environment and Forestry. It opens forestry carbon trading to a broader set of actors, explicitly including social forestry groups, indigenous communities (masyarakat hukum adat), private forest owners, and environmental service providers, alongside corporate concession holders. Five forest categories are eligible as supply sources for offsets: production and protection forests under existing permits, protection and conservation areas not yet under permits, customary forests, private forests, and state forests outside designated forest areas. Project developers must demonstrate additionality, fair benefit-sharing, biodiversity safeguards, and informed community participation, and follow a three-stage grievance mechanism. Carbon trades are subject to a non-tax state levy (PNBP). The Ministry has also entered a partnership with the Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market (ICVCM) to align the framework with international integrity standards. Legacy projects already underway must register with the Ministry within six months of enactment.. Read [more](#).

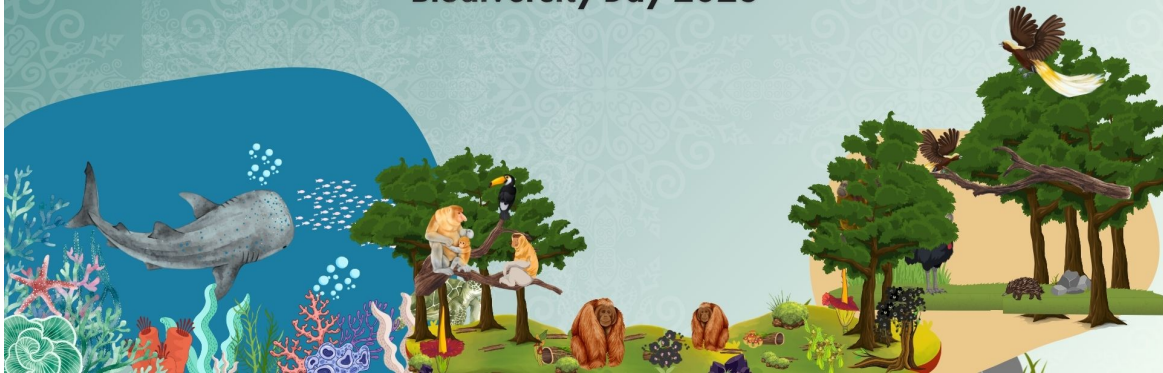
Sources: [Ecobiz Asia](#), 15 April 2026; [Antara News](#), April 2026

More on Policy Updates:

- » [Renewable Energy Acceleration as a Response to the Middle East Crisis](#)
- » [KLH/BPLH Enforcement Wave: Mass Suspension on Mining Permits](#)
- » [Bappenas Unveils the Green Economy Grand Design Indonesia 2045](#)



International Indonesia Biodiversity Day 2026



IKI Hub Indonesia 2026

Indonesia Biodiversity Day 2026

International Biodiversity Day 2026 is just around the corner! This is the right time to reflect on our love for nature and how we steward biodiversity, whether through small actions in our neighbourhood, discussions within communities, or collective initiatives across levels. The Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Indonesia, and the International Climate Initiative (IKI-Hub Indonesia), supported by GIZ Indonesia & ASEAN also recognize this as a crucial moment. Therefore, they are hosting a series of events under the banner of Biodiversity Week 2026. Read [more!](#)

Forest conservation and bioeconomy for climate, biodiversity and sustainable livelihoods

Forests make a significant economic contribution worldwide through their essential ecosystem services: they provide clean water, help combat climate change by storing carbon, maintain soil fertility, support ecotourism, and provide energy and raw materials. In addition, forest ecosystems provide the foundation for a sustainable bioeconomy. The bioeconomy refers to an economic model based on biological, renewable resources that enables sustainable material cycles and reduces the economic system's dependence on fossil fuels. [Read more!](#)

IKI Annual Report 2025

To enhance access to key information and broaden engagement, the IKI Annual Report 2025 is now available as a comprehensive overview of the programme's activities. It brings together essential topics, data, and insights, offering a clear perspective on IKI's development as a development instrument. The report also highlights major events that shaped this successful year, allowing readers to explore milestones and progress in one place. [Check this out!](#)

Submit your event to the IKI Calendar!

To increase the visibility of IKI events and support event promotion, the online IKI event calendar is now available on the IKI website. By managing your event entries there, you can reach a wider international IKI audience. You can also save events in your own time zones and export them to personal calendars. Access the [calendar here](#).



Human Impact Stories

Stories that bring human perspective (from project beneficiaries) in the field.



Prof. Dr. Sri Nastiti shares her insights on energy-efficient Green Building principles during the Low Carbon Building training under the Asia Low Carbon Buildings Transition Project in Indonesia.

ALCBT Training on Green Building Parameters: Strengthen Capacity for Low-Carbon Buildings in Indonesia

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Through Low Carbon Building training under the Asia Low Carbon Buildings Transition Project, implemented by the Global Green Growth Institute, building sector professionals in Indonesia—including governments, architects, engineers, and academics—are strengthening capacity in energy-efficient and low-carbon design while supporting practical application of green building principles. [Read more.](#)

Other Human Impact Stories

- » [From Conflict to Care: Elephant Scouts in Bukit Tigapuluh train for Emergencies in the Field](#)
- » [“Jagai Ponu”: How SALAMA Takes Action to Safeguard the Shores of Lalombi](#)



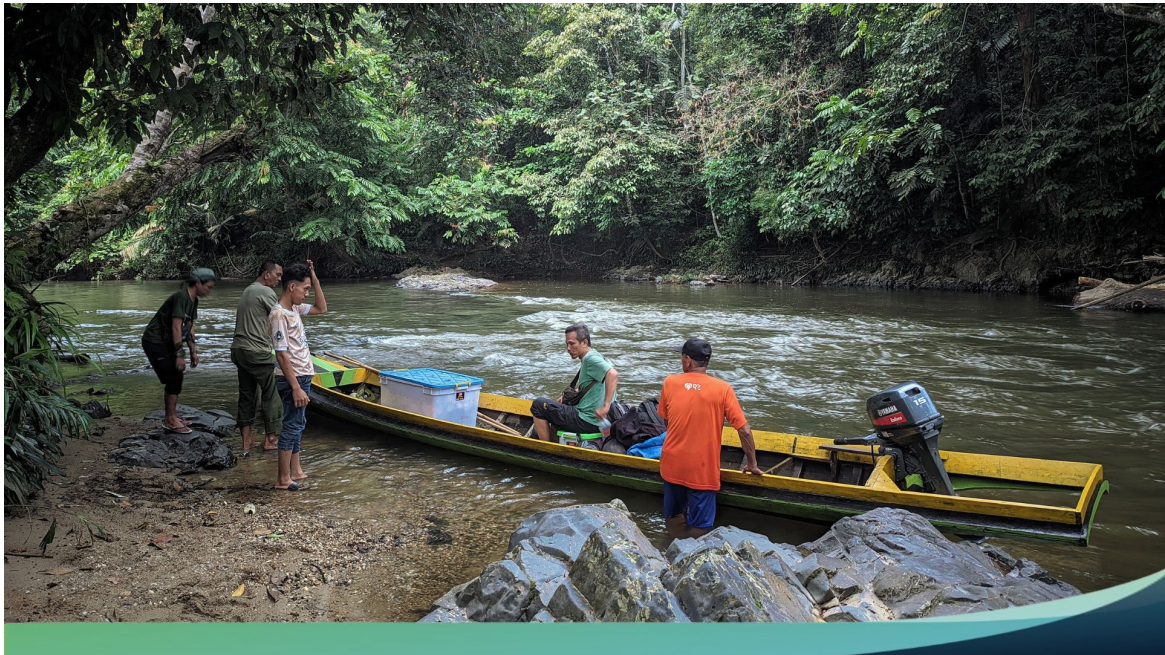
Special Environmental Day

From River to Resilience: World Water Day Expedition supporting indigenous Talang Mamak communities in Bukit Tigapuluh

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On World Water Day, teams from Frankfurt Zoological Society and Bukit Tigapuluh National Park travelled the Gansal River to visit the Talang Mamak community in Suit. Since 2020, agroforestry, nurseries, and beekeeping improved livelihoods. The visit reviewed progress

and introduced motorized canoes to strengthen access, communication, and cooperation.
[Read more.](#)



On World Water Day, FZS community development staff travelled into Bukit Tigapuluh National Park to visit the indigenous Talang Mamak community of Suit supporting sustainable livelihoods Photo: M Pachruzzaini M Z/FZS



Gender Updates

Stories from the field about how women, men, and/or group/community implement the principle of gender transformative principles in their work.



Community-based agroforestry enterprises for sustainable and collective land use project

Women in Petungkriyono Are Finding New Confidence Through

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In Petungkriyono, women are taking on a growing role in processing

agroforestry products and supporting local livelihoods. Through hands-on project assistance, they are building new skills, greater confidence, and stronger recognition in their households and communities, showing that resilience grows stronger when women are fully included. [Read more](#)

Gender Updates:

- » [CIFOR - GESI: Lessons from the Field](#)
- » [Coffee Brings New Hope to Delima Village](#)



SMALL AND MEDIUM GRANTS

News articles from Small and Medium Grant Projects



Girls in East Nusa Tenggara Are Productively Growing Green Beans to Empower Their Lives © Plan International

Young People in East Nusa Tenggara Are Leading Inclusive Climate Solutions to Build a More Resilient Future

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Youth advocates and youth-led organisations in East Nusa Tenggara are driving climate action through inclusive sustainable agriculture and community-led innovation. Selected from 233 applicants, young leaders are creating solutions to food insecurity, land degradation, and exclusion of persons with disabilities while strengthening livelihoods and promoting sustainable practices. [Read More.](#)



Project News - BIODIVERSITY

Conserving biological diversity: Implementing the Global Biodiversity Framework



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Sustaining Agile Gibbon Conservation Through Continuous Monitoring in Hutan Harapan

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In January 2026, PT REKI conducted an agile gibbon survey in Hutan Harapan to update the 2023 data. Preliminary findings indicate stable population patterns, emphasizing the importance of continuous monitoring, adaptive conservation strategies, and consistent long-term data to protect this endangered primate and its forest habitat. [Read more.](#)





Mangrove restoration efforts in Karangbenda Village, Cilacap © ARuPA

Collaborative Community Action to Restore Ecosystems in the Serayu Watershed

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Under the SOLUSI Project, ARuPA is rehabilitating critical land from the Serayu watershed to Kebumen. By utilizing Nature-based Solutions, the project harmonizes ecological recovery with community empowerment through agroforestry and mangrove conservation, contributing to the goal of 28,000 hectares of community-led land-and-seascape management. [Read more.](#)

Project News - MITIGATION

Mitigating greenhouse gas emissions: Setting the course for global climate neutrality by 2050



WRI led the discussion with government officials.
Photo: WRI

The Meaningful Participation to Shape the Course of the Low-Carbon Development Planning Process in South Sumatra Province

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Following up on the development of South Sumatra's Low Carbon Development Plan (RPRKD), WRI Indonesia, together with Bappeda and the provincial low-carbon development working group, held a focus group discussion to validate the modeling baseline and to inventory medium- and long-term sectoral policies for creating a policy-intervention modeling scenario. [Read more.](#)

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WRI Indonesia guided participants in the training session.
Photo: WRI

WRI Indonesia conducted a capacity-building session focused on systems thinking and systems dynamics

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WRI Indonesia, in collaboration with Bappenas, convened a capacity-building session for 29 government partners from across directorates within the PSDALH Deputyship at the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas. [Read More.](#)



©GIZ/SETI – SETI's Industrial Energy Lab Batch 2 Socialization

Accelerating Industrial Decarbonisation in Indonesia through SETI's Industrial Energy Lab Batch 2 Initiative

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SETI's Industrial Energy Lab Batch 2 marked a key step in advancing industrial decarbonisation in Indonesia. Launched in Surabaya on 9 April 2026, the initiative supports 50 industries through technical assistance, promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions to reduce emissions, strengthen competitiveness, and accelerate the transition to a low-carbon industrial sector. [Read more.](#)



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SETI Shares Key Findings to Support Batam's Long-Term Energy Plan

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The SETI project concluded the Baseline Energy Consumption Study in Batam, and its findings were disseminated on 16 April 2026 to key stakeholders from the city council, provincial government of Kepulauan Riau, selected building owners, and representatives from local universities. The findings will serve as key references for the development of a long-term energy plan. [Read more.](#)



Project News - NATURAL CARBON SINKS

Preserving and restoring carbon sinks: Combating the causes of global warming and the destruction of natural ecosystems



The KOPI DARAT (KOPDAR) activities of the Karsa Bentala Community in Palembang

Kopi Darat for Participatory Mapping: Breaking the Data Barrier to Strength Nature-based Climate Solutions Sumatra Province

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The KOPDAR activities of the Karsa Bentala Community in South Sumatra strengthen participatory mapping to support nature-based climate solutions under the Epistem initiative. Bringing together diverse stakeholders, the initiative fosters collaboration, builds technical capacity in remote sensing, and enhances spatial data use for informed planning, decision-making, and sustainable land management. The KOPDAR activities in South Sumatra serves as template for future expansion in other parts of Indonesia. [Read more.](#)



KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

- Semua yang Perlu Kamu Tahu: LUMA (Land Use Mapping for All) Modul 1-7 [Booklet](#)
- Antara Target Ambisius Pertumbuhan Ekonomi dan Implementasi Perjanjian Paris: Tiga Catatan Penting untuk Tata Kelola Perubahan Iklim Indonesia | WRI Indonesia [Insight Article](#)
- Poster: [Evolving Participatory Information System for Nature-Based Climate Solutions \(Epistem\)](#)
- Flyer: [Bersama Membangun Sistem Digital untuk Solusi Alami Perubahan Iklim](#)
- Flyer: [Interpretasi Citra](#)



Indonesia Biodiversity Day - IKI Hub Indonesia and Directorate of Biodiversity, Ministry of Environmental of the Republic of Indonesia

22 May 2026 - Jakarta

Global Peatlands Initiative 4th Meeting of the Partners

30th June - 4th July 2026

UNEP and the Ministry of Environment of Peru will co-host the Fourth Meeting of the Global Peatlands Initiative Partners on 30 June to 4 July in Lima, Peru. Under the theme “Peatlands as livelihoods and the conditions for their conservation and sustainable management”, the meeting will bring together GPI partners, governments, experts, and stakeholders to strengthen collaboration across science, policy, practice, and finance, with a strong emphasis on South-South Cooperation and the science-policy interface. It will also serve as a key platform to advance collective action and accelerate impact towards the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of peatlands globally.

For more information, please [see here](#).

Third Biannual International Workshop of The Venice Agreement for Peatlands – Papyrus Wetlands, Lake Victoria, Kenya (2026)

2nd – 4th June 2026

In June 2026, the third biannual International Workshop of the Venice Agreement for Peatlands (VA) will be held in the papyrus-rich wetlands of Lake Victoria, Kenya—one of Africa’s most vital yet vulnerable peat-forming ecosystems. This international workshop, co-organized with Ecofinder Kenya and partners including the Global Peatlands Initiative, RE-PEAT, and the Michael Succow Foundation, will convene a transdisciplinary network of peatland stewards, scientists, artists, and Indigenous leaders from across the globe.

Timed to coincide with World Peatlands Day (June 2), the gathering builds on the VA’s commitment to grounded, convivial conservation. It will focus on African peatlands and their custodians, with workshops, artistic programs, and the development of a “Living Menu of How-Tos”—practical, values-aligned strategies for reciprocal, community-led peatland care. As with past gatherings in Venice (2022) and Torres Vedras (2024), global underground workshops will precede the main event, activating local action and trans-local solidarity.

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