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PRESS STATEMENT

**MPIC THROUGH MPOGCF COMMITTED TO SAVE WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION**

1. The Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities today paid a working visit and witnessed the MOU Signing Ceremony between Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) and Malaysian Palm Oil Green Conservation Foundation (MPOGCF) with the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (PERHILITAN) at the National Wildlife Rescue Centre, Sungkai, Perak.
2. The main objective of the Malayan Tiger Conservation Program through the National Tiger Conservation Action Plan is to increase the Malayan Tiger populations in their native habitat. Through this cooperation, it is hoped that the Malayan Tiger populations can be increased by using captive breeding technique. The best breeds in the custody of the Department of Wildlife will be bred and the offspring will be released back to their natural habitat after the rewilding process.
3. The Malaysian palm oil industry through the MPOC has been given the opportunity to work with the Department of Wildlife to conserve one of the iconic species of the country, the Malayan Tiger. This unique species which can only be found in Peninsular Malaysia is threatened with extinction due to illegal hunting activities. To date, less than 200 Malayan Tigers have been recorded alive in the forests of Peninsular Malaysia.
4. Through this collaboration, MPOC through MPOGCF will sponsor 7 adult tigers that covers the cost of food, medicine and other cost related to the breeding and rewilding process of the resulting cubs. MPOGCF will also sponsor costs related to the research and public awareness programs related to this Malayan Tiger conservation

effort. The total estimated sponsorship is worth about RM 3 million for 5 years programs.

5. MPOGCF which commenced operation on 1st April 2021 was established to continue the projects carried out by Malaysia Palm Oil Wildlife Conservation Fund (MPOWCF), supervised by MPOC, in encouraging and supporting conservation initiatives and sustainable practices within Malaysian palm oil industry. MPOGCF also plays a role in initiating and supporting reforestation program of degraded forests, as well as providing funding assistance for wildlife and biodiversity research. In addition, this foundation is providing funding assistance for conservation activities including promotion and awareness programs.

6. Through MPOGCF, the ministry will always give a full commitment in ensuring that the Malaysian palm oil industry continues to remain sustainable and free from external threats. The industry players and Malaysians are urged to continue supporting the country's palm oil industry so that it will always be relevant globally.

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