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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

SYNERGY IN SUSTAINABILITY: NAVIGATING CONSERVATION DYNAMICS WITH OIL PALM BUSINESS

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FINDING THAT BALANCE AMID DIFFERENT GOALS

Growers/ Planters

Optimizing planted area

Increase Yield/Ha

Simple, fast and cost effective



Buyers/Customers/ Stakeholders /NGOs

No Deforestation

**No conversion of natural
ecosystem**

**Healthy ecosystems – riparian,
slope, HCV, unique habitats**

**Protect the Rare, Threatened &
Endangered (RTE) Species**

**Social needs of local
communities**

TOWARDS A NUANCED CONVERSATION TODAY

THE PLANET
AND PEOPLE
BEFORE
PROFITS?

PROPONENTS

.... proponents argue that there is a strong business case for corporate responsibility, in that corporations benefit in multiple ways by operating with a perspective broader and longer than their own immediate short-term profits.



WITHOUT PROFITS, THERE CAN BE
NO SUSTAINABILITY

We Need Business Models that
Blend Profit and Sustainability

**COMMODITIES : PRICE TAKERS
NOT PRICE MAKERS**

OTHER CRITICS

.... critics argue that corporate responsibility distracts from the fundamental economic role of businesses;

.... others argue that it is nothing more than superficial window-dressing.

>30 YEARS JOURNEY FROM OIL PALM FIELDS, BOARDROOM AND ADVOCACY RESEARCH AND TRAINING, CORPORATE MANAGEMENT AND OIL PALM ADVOCACY



1987-1990



UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

1990-1991



1991-2001



2001-2004



2004-2021



2022- 2024



**THERE WAS ONCE A COMPANY CALLED *THEN*- IJM PLANTATIONS BERHAD (IJMP),
AND THIS IS THE STORY OF ITS SUSTAINABILITY ie SOCIAL-ENVIRONMENT FOOT-PRINTS**

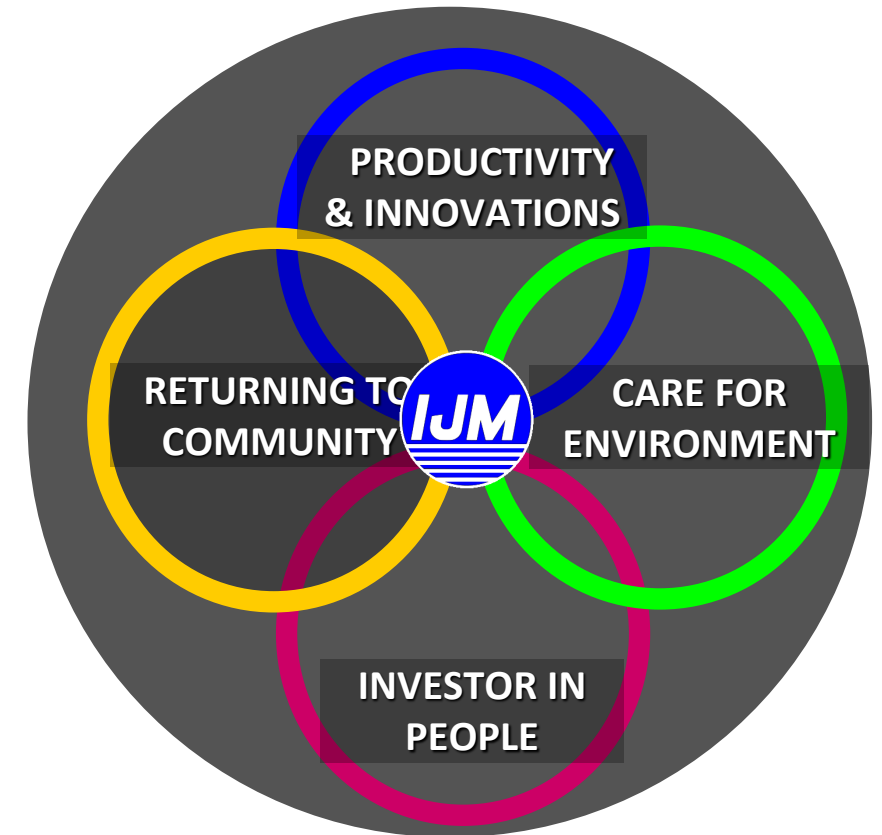


A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO IJMP TEAM AND FAMILY

NURTURING SUSTAINABILITY IN *THEN-IJMP* DRIVING A PURPOSE-DRIVEN ORGANISATION

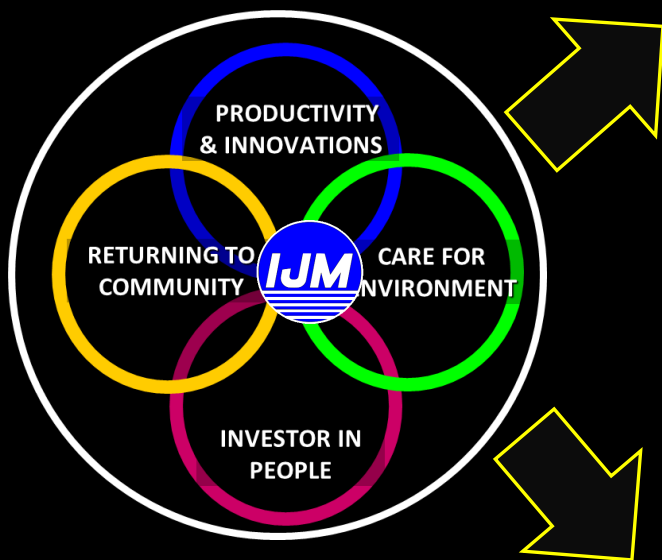


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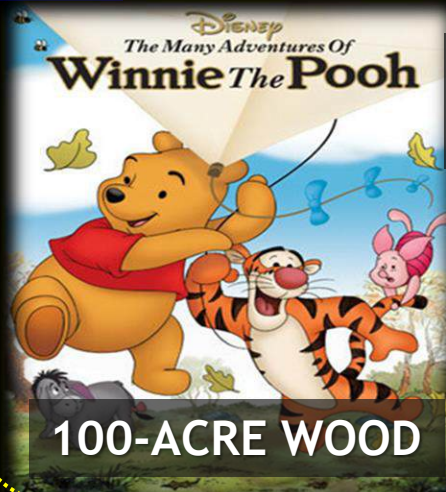


EXAMPLES OF IJMP'S SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES DEMONSTRATED THROUGH 'WINNIE THE POOH', BIRDS, RUGBY and BREAST-HEALTH

ENVIRONMENT ASPECTS (Flora/Fauna)



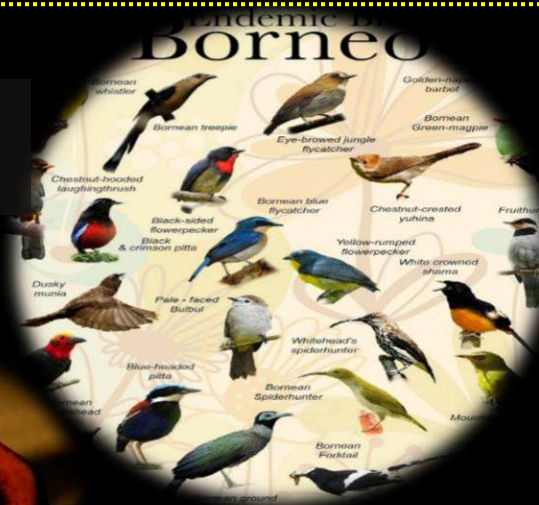
SOCIAL ASPECTS



1. Flora Biodiversity



2. Fauna Biodiversity



3. Youth Sports Development

4. Breast Health Awareness



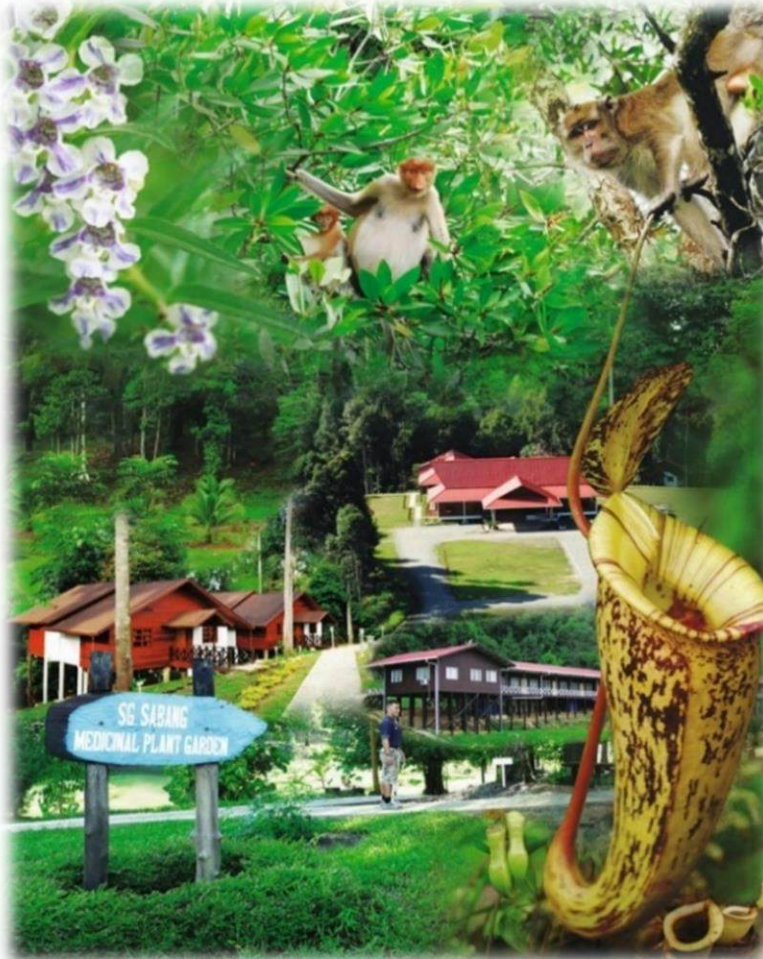
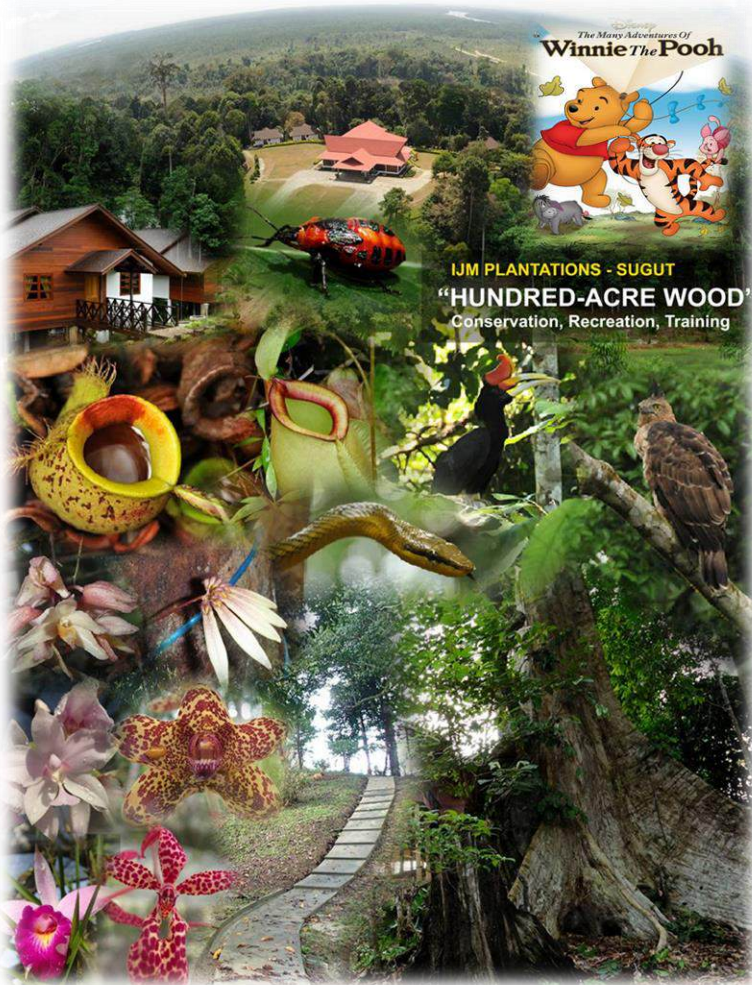


FLORA **BIODIVERSITY ASPECTS** **IN OIL PALM BUSINESS**

1a



ENVIRONMENT (FLORA) : IJMP HUNDRED ACRE WOOD IN SUGUT, SABAH (AND IN INDONESIA) CONSERVATION, REHABITATION AND TREE PLANTING INITIATIVES, SINCE YEAR 2006

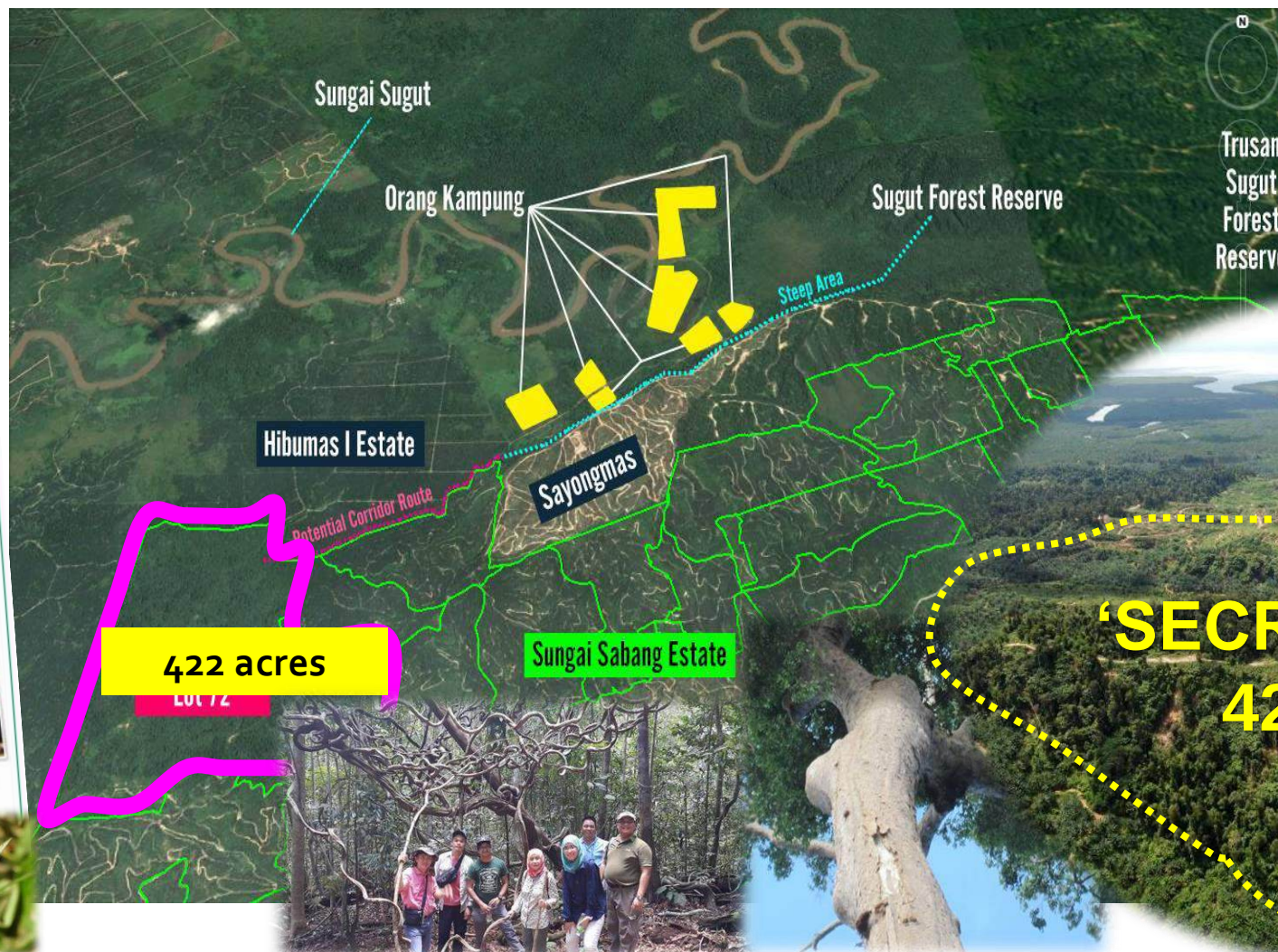
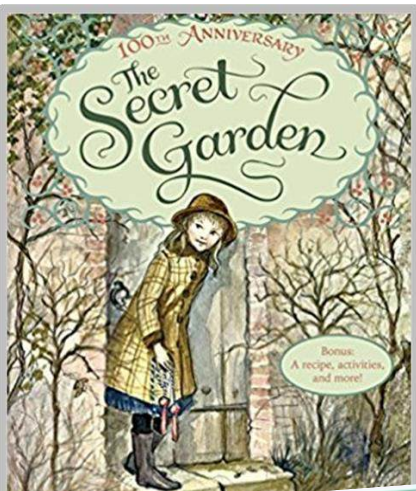


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ENVIRONMENT (FLORA) : IJMP SECRET GARDEN IN SABAH

Partnership with the Sabah Forestry Department
towards developing conservation management plan and a 'corridor of life'



Biodiversity Survey

- 64 plant species endemic to Borneo
- 7 plant species endemic to Sabah
- 6 insect species endemic to Borneo
- 9 mammal species include orang utan
- 66 bird species, 5 species endemic to Borneo

'SECRET GARDEN'
422 ACRES

FORGING COLLABORATION WITH EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT

Partnership With Sabah Forestry Department



Insects of IJM Secret Garden, Sabah.

4 videos



1b

KETUA Konservator Hutan Sabah, Datuk Sam Mannan (dua dan kanan), berbarisan bersama Pegawai Eksekutif IJM Plantations Berhad, Joseph Teik Choon Yee selepas menandatangani memorandum peretahan di Stesen SFM Sugut, Beluran. - Foto Juzaimie Jazlan

Sebuah lagi Stesen Pengurusan Hutan Lestari di Beluran

Oleh Juzaimie Jazlan
bjnews@tch.com.my

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1c



EXPLORING CONSERVATION COLLABORATION ON SUGUT MANGROVE ECOSYSTEMS

Sugut Mangrove Ecosystem in Sabah

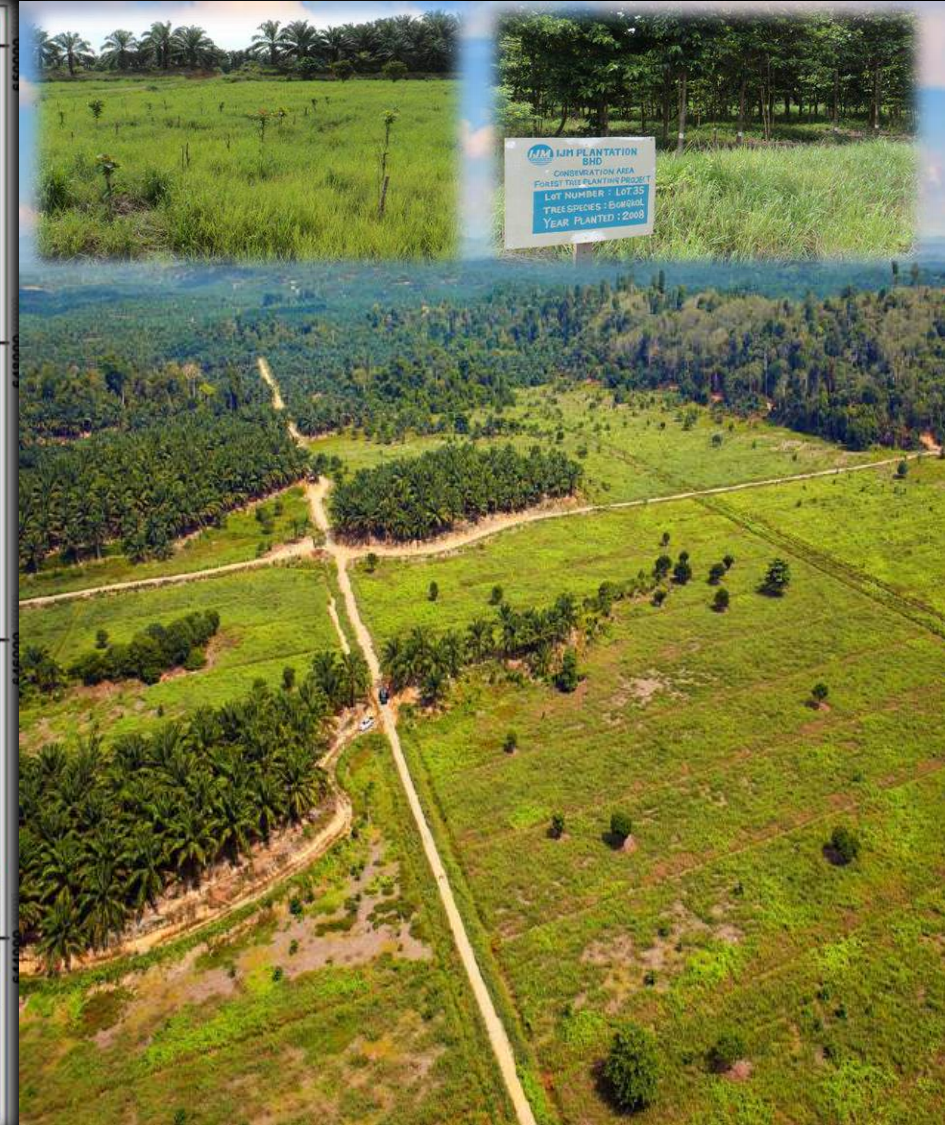
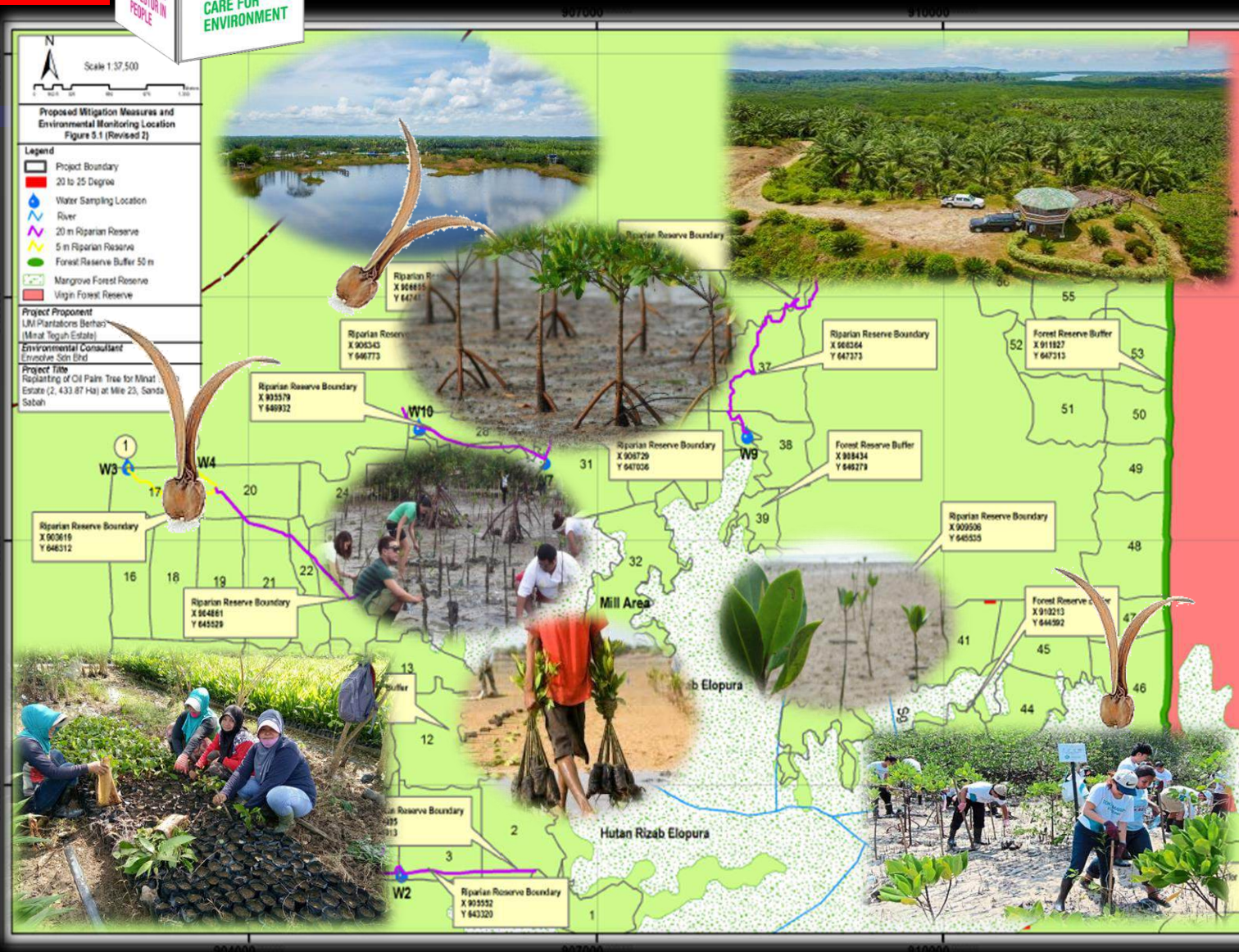


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REHABILITATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF HCV AREAS - TREE PLANTING WITH SUITABLE SPECIES

EXAMPLE: MANGROVE TREE PLANTING



1e



MANGROVE SAPLINGS PLANTING INVOLVING IJMP EMPLOYEES



Joseph TEK Choon Yee
November 21, 2016 · 📍

2016 in Sandakan. The 'bravest' IJM volunteers in the Group - amidst of 'pirates' and crocodiles!!!! Security and safety to be enhanced along prayers. Happy planting.



IJM GDO2016
Sandakan, Sabah



Recce for planting location with Sabah Forestry Department



starting point
Forestry Jetty @
Batu Sapi

Planting plots at Sepilok Laut
@ 20 minutes boat ride

After Planting (10 minutes boat ride from planting plot)
Getaway and Lunch at Forestry Sepilok Laut Reception





FAUNA

**BIODIVERSITY ASPECTS
IN OIL PALM BUSINESS**

2a



ENVIRONMENT (FAUNA) : ENHANCING GRASS-ROOT AWARENESS IN BORNEO BIRDS BIODIVERSITY, SINCE 2011



Borneo Bird Festival



Birds Survey in Estate

Birdwatching & Nature Escapade to "Hundred-Acre Wood" - IJM Plantations



Birds Conservation Awareness in School



2b



ENVIRONMENT (FAUNA) : ENHANCING AWARENESS IN BORNEO BIRDS BIODIVERSITY, SINCE 2011



Borneo Bird Festival – Official website for Borneo Bird Festival

New Homerootbirdfest2016-08-26T01:50:31+00:00 Welcome Sabah is a destination renowned among for its bird life...



<https://borneobirdclub.blogspot.com/2011/06/borneo-bird-club-birdwatching-nature.html>

2c



OTHER INITIATIVES : ADDRESSING HUMAN-WILDLIFE CO-EXISTENCE RURAL COMMUNITY, SABAH WILDLIFE DEPT, NGO AND *THEN-IJMP* IN HUMAN-ELEPHANTS IN TELUPID

Bull elephant captured, waiting to be translocated to forest reserve



The bull elephant was successfully captured by Wildlife Department officers on Thursday. Pic by of Sabah Wildlife Department

Bull from pygmy elephant herd first to be relocated

NATION

Saturday, 21 Jul 2018

KOTA KINABALU: A bull Borneo pygmy elephant which was part of a herd in conflict with villagers in east coast Beluran district for about three years has been captured with the help of wildlife rangers and local villagers.

By **Kristy Inus**
July 20, 2018 @ 6:05pm

<https://api.nst.com.my/news/nation/2018/07/392673/bull-elephant-captured-waiting-be-translocated-forest-reserve>

.... The Sandakan Wildlife Department office has been working closely with the community there, as well as NGO, the Forest Trust and IJM Plantations management since November 2015, when the human-elephant conflict become an issue.

.... The Forest Trust and IJM Plantations then formed a team of youths from Kg Ulu Muanad to assist the Wildlife Department to mitigate the conflict.



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OTHER INITIATIVES : ADDRESSING HUMAN-WILDLIFE CO-EXISTENCE

A 'JURASSIC' CROCODILE TALE FROM THEN-IJMP, SABAH

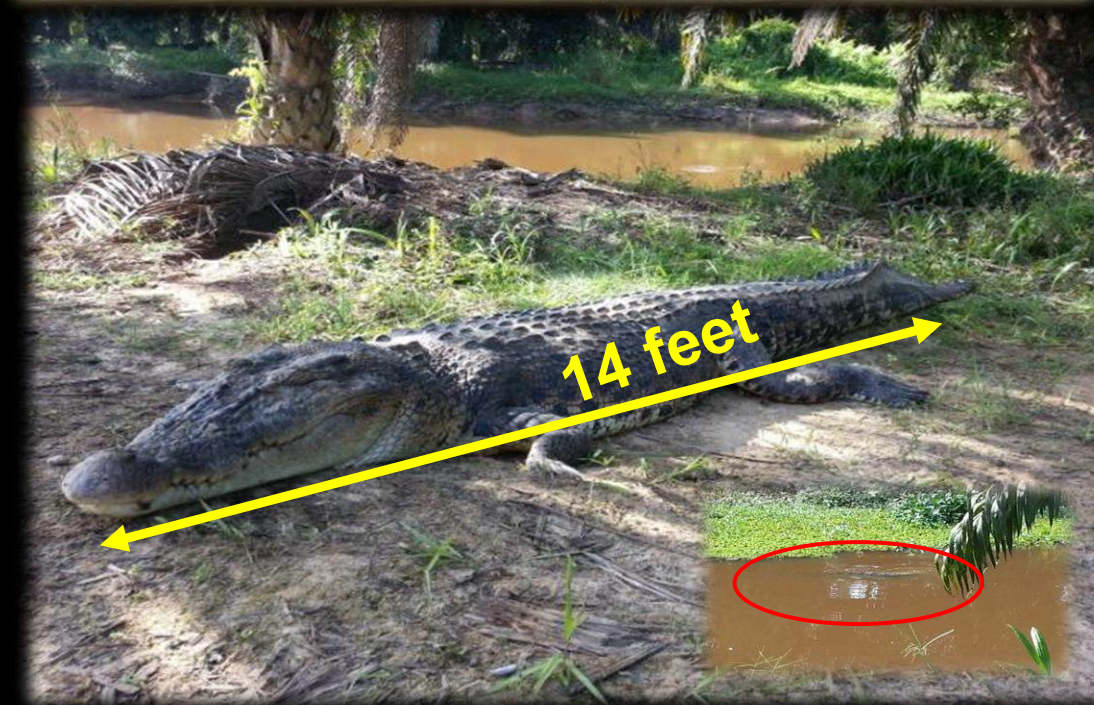
RELOCATION OF CROCODILE AND EGGS FROM MINAT TEGUH ESTATE



2e



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS : STORIES OF FAUNA IN PLANTATION





FROM BIODIVERSITY, SOME SOCIAL ASPECTS IN OIL PALM BUSINESS

3a



SOCIAL – RETURNING TO SURROUNDING COMMUNITY: YOUTHS AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN SABAH, SINCE 2002

Character-building Team-work Leadership Discipline Hard work Strategy Opportunity



3b



SOCIAL – RETURNING TO SURROUNDING COMMUNITY: PUBLIC & GRASS-ROOT BREAST HEALTH AWARENESS, SINCE 2006



**BREAST
CANCER**

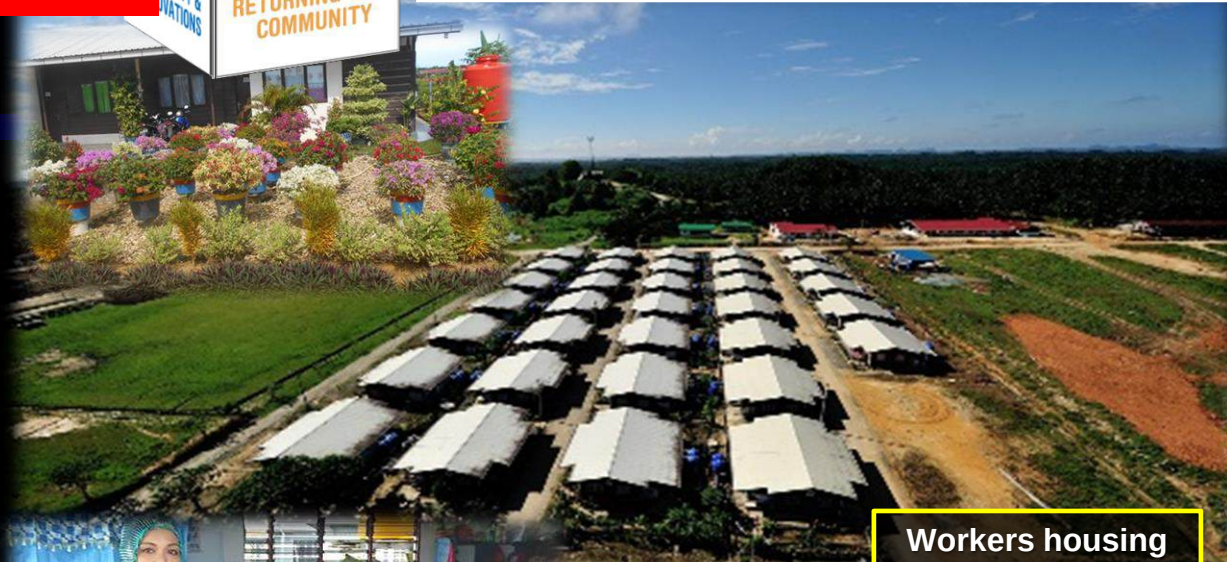


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SOCIAL ASPECTS : HUMAN-SIDE OF OIL PALM PLANTATIONS

Amenities eg. housing, utilities, crèche, clinic, learning centres, ATM-facility ++



Workers housing

Ambulance



Workers houses landscaped

Creches, kindergartens
and learning centre

DTS CRECHE



Supermarket



ATM facility in estate



Money remittance

3d

EXAMPLE: GUEST WORKERS' CHILDREN EDUCATION AND RURAL OUTREACH, SINCE 2007



EXAMPLE: PROMOTING LOCAL CULTURAL HERITAGE



KAAMATAN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

IN SUGUT



3f

STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT AND STRENGTHENING CONVERSATIONS
SINCE 2004, THEN-IJMP'S 'WALK WITH CEO' PROGRAMME



AFFIRMING NOTES FROM EU AMBASSADORS' TO IJMP

H.E. Maria Castillo Fernandez
Head of EU Delegation

H.E. Dr. Michael Postl
Austrian Ambassador to Malaysia & Brunei



PALM OIL BOOTCAMP 2015

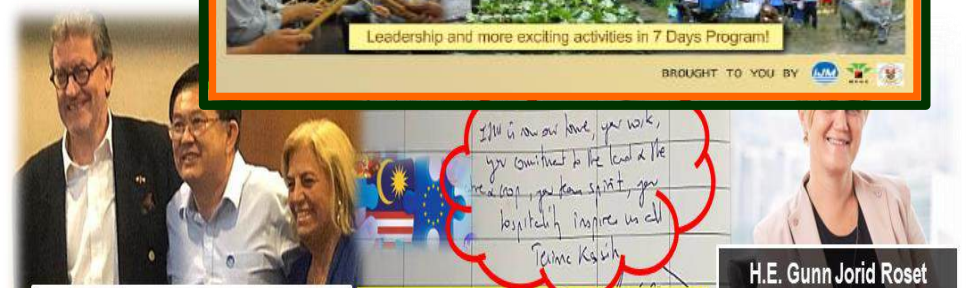
Malaysian student undergoing their final year tertiary studies in local university.

History of Oil Palm

Get-to-Know: From Seed to Oil Supply Chain Process

Leadership and more exciting activities in 7 Days Program!

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**H.E. Mr. Pascal Grégoire,
Belgian Ambassador to Malaysia**

IJMP 'Walk With CEO' @ Ambassadors
Nov 2018, Aug 2019 & Feb 2020

H.E. Gunn Jorid Roset
Norwegian
Ambassador to Malaysia



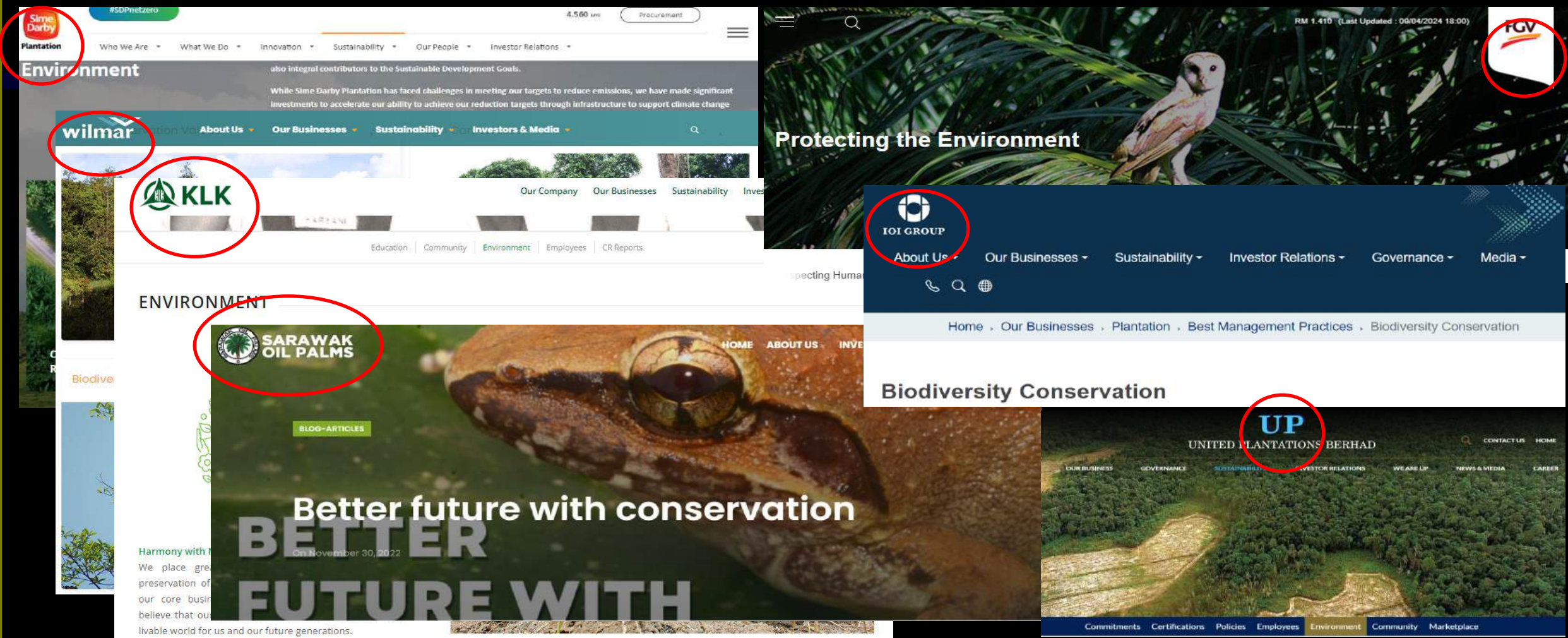
**THE GOOD NEWS,
KLK, THE NEW CUSTODIAN OF IJMP
CONTINUES TO SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE
THE SOCIAL-ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES**



CONSERVATION INITIATIVES BY OTHER PLANTATION COMPANIES & PARTNERSHIPS

CONSERVATION INITIATIVES IN MANY OTHER MALAYSIAN PLANTATION COMPANIES

Refer to Company Websites, Annual & Sustainability Reports



PROPOSAL : MPOGCF CAN COMPILE AND SHOW-CASE PLANTATION COMPANIES' CSR / ESG SOCIAL-ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES AND ORGANISE A STAKEHOLDERS COLLOQUIUM

POTENTIAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS eg. PONGO & EARTHWORM

www.pongoalliance.org

www.earthworm.org

PONGO ALLIANCE

Resilient Landscapes

We are an alliance of oil palm growers, traders and civil society organisations that promote a landscape scale approach to human land use, and who wish to see truly sustainable palm production with targeted wildlife conservation programmes that pay attention to wildlife populations as well as to individual animals.



Palm Oil and NGO (PONGO) Alliance Partners:



... Unfortunately, it folded last year
Global collaboration between NGO and palm oil com...
because of funding etc

PONGO
ALLIANCE

Earthworm





INSPIRATIONAL LOCAL CONSERVATION RELATED CASE-STUDIES



URBAN ORCHARD IN KL BY UNCLE YEN (Yen Maseri Hj Idris)

LIVING

In Remembrance Of His Late Son, This Man Grew An Orchard In The Middle Of KL

Since his son passed away, Uncle Yen stopped working and tried to cope with his loss by taking care of this orchard for years.



BY MELISSA SURAYA ISMAIL
APRIL 22, 2022



www.youtube.com/watch?v=lCtOiNVEeUc

www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqxH0kARZdA

www.youtube.com/shorts/M6rzyDmZTg8

www.youtube.com/watch?v=zh3Nzu8_Mfs

LATE RETIRED PLANTER **JAMES KINGHAM** AKA **MALAYSIAN TREE GURU** WITH A RAINFOREST NURSERY OF 2 MILLION TREES

<https://says.com/my/news/a-retired-planter-s-rainforest-nursery-with-2-million-trees-is-being-bulldozed-in-perak>



Famed conservationist and 'tree guru' James Kingham dies

By AUSTIN CAMOENS

NATION

Wednesday, 25 May 2022
8:00 PM MYT

Related News

PETALING JAYA: The Tropical Rainforest Conservation and Research Centre (TRCRC) mourns the loss of Malaysian 'tree guru' and former planter James Kingham.

Kingham passed away peacefully on Monday at his home in Tanjung Malim, Perak.

In a Facebook post on Wednesday (May 25), TRCRC said Kingham who was a Landskap Malaysia and TRCRC board member, collected millions of forest saplings on a 200-acre nursery in Tanjung Malim.

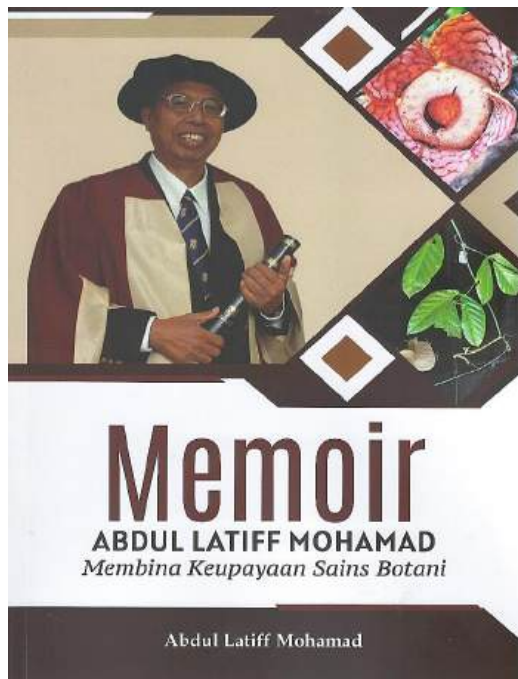


<https://bijibiji.co/blogs/posts/stop-the-destruction-the-forest-trees-are-a-national-heritage-that-belongs-to-malaysians-and-to-humanity>

TRIBUTE TO PROF EMERITUS DATO' DR ABDUL LATIFF MOHAMAD

40+ YEARS JOURNEY IN MALAYSIAN FLORA RESEARCH

www.mpogcf.org/studies-on-biodiversity-conservation-and-sustainability-of-oil-palm-plantation-by-prof-emeritus-dato-dr-abdul-latiff-mohamad/



Conclusion

- Generally oilpalm plantations are perceived to be poor in biodiversity
- It is a monoculture plantation
- Whose original biodiversity has been displaced
- However, enrichment with biodiversity is possible, esp. in buffer zone
- Introduction of both plant and animal species in dedicated areas

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: DRIVING FOR BALANCED APPROACH

Food for
thought.



1. Oil palm holdings are for agri-businesses purposes. Their landscapes are generally poor in biodiversity. However, enrichment initiatives can be pursued.
2. Oil palm businesses must continue to strive for balanced and purpose-driven '*doing the right thing*' ie *beyond the licenses to operate* in creating shared values in embracing ESG, CSR, 3Ps, UN-SDGs etc.
3. Sites can be identified and dedicated eg. buffer zones, flood-plains, hilly terrains for rehabilitation, conservation and biodiversity enhancement – even over small but multiple foot-prints.
4. There are many models by plantation companies and potential partnerships that can be forged and sustained.
5. The good-doers should be affirmed to promote and drive their initiatives forward and be examples for others. Promote inclusivity in raising the bar as well as the raising the floor.



Good Better Best



APPRECIATING THE BUSINESS ASPECTS OF THE MALAYSIAN PALM OIL SECTOR



BIG PICTURE OF AGRICULTURE TODAY



PLANET EARTH
of 8 billion people
51 billion hectares

WATER (71%)
> 36 billion hectares

LAND (29%)
< 15 billion hectares

AGRICULTURE
< 5 billion hectares

Pasture (68% or 2/3)
3.36 billion hectares

Crop-Land (32% or 1/3)
~1.55 billion hectares



GLOBAL OIL PALM
AREA : 0.02 billion or
24 million hectares
ie. <0.5% of world
agricultural land, but
produces >30% of
global oils & fats



TOP WORLD LIVESTOCK (FAO-STAT, 2014)

Chickens	:	23.2 BILLION
Cattle	:	1.5 BILLION
Sheep	:	1.2 BILLION
Goats	:	1.0 BILLION

... Cereals, Tubers, Sugar, Pulses, Nuts,
Vegetables, Fruits, Fiber, Spices

... and **Edible Oil Crops**



HOW DO YOU TAP PALM OIL FROM OIL PALM TREE?

Kalau tak
Kenal
maka
tak **Cinta**



SNAP-SHOT OF MALAYSIAN PALM OIL INDUSTRY (YEAR 2023)

ASSETS ACROSS THE VALUE CHAIN

Planted area **5.65** million hectares, **451** mills, **41** kernel crushers, **53** refineries, **20** oleochemicals, **18** biodiesel

17% Malaysia's land bank, 0.1% global agricultural land, export 20% edible oil

45%

Peninsular
Malaysia

2.52 mil ha / 45%
CPO 9.83 milT / 53%

MALAYSIA

Total Area : 329 750 sq. km (127 316 sq. miles)

POPULATION

- over 500 000
- over 100 000
- over 50 000
- over 10 000
- under 10 000

LAND HEIGHT

- 2000m/6562ft
- 1000m/3281ft
- 500m/1640ft
- 200m/656ft
- Sea Level



Sarawak

1.62 mil ha / 28%
CPO 4.22 milT / 22%



Sabah

1.51 mil ha / 27%
CPO 4.51 milT / 23%

3.13 mil ha / 55%
CPO 8.73 milT / 47%

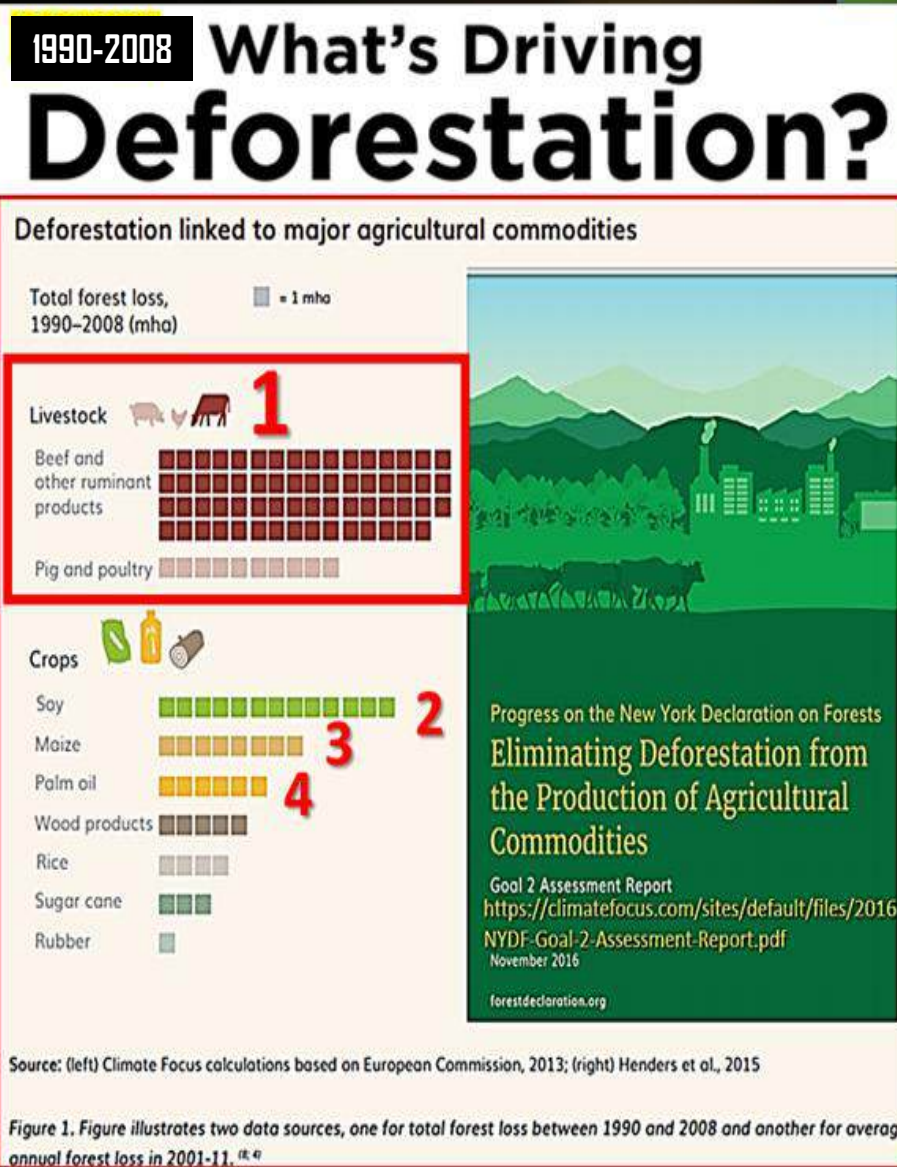
Source : MPOB

YEAR 2023 : ~90% EXPORTS, REVENUE RM100 BILLION, TAXES RM8 BILLION (INCL ~RM0.9 BILLION WINDFALL PROFIT LEVY), CESS RM320 MILLION, 450,000 SMALLHOLDERS, 4 MILLION DEPENDANTS

DEFORESTATION QUANDARY : DATA ON HAMBURGER vs PALM OIL



VS



Union of Concerned Scientists
Science for a Healthy Planet and Safer World



"The data is pretty clear: by far the biggest driver of deforestation is **BEEF**. **SOY** is second, but far behind in terms of importance. And **palm oil** and **wood products** are even smaller drivers, causing only about a **tenth** as much deforestation as beef."

*Doug Boucher,
Scientific Advisor to the
Union of Concerned
Scientists - Climate and
Energy program.*

MULTI-USES OF PALM OIL

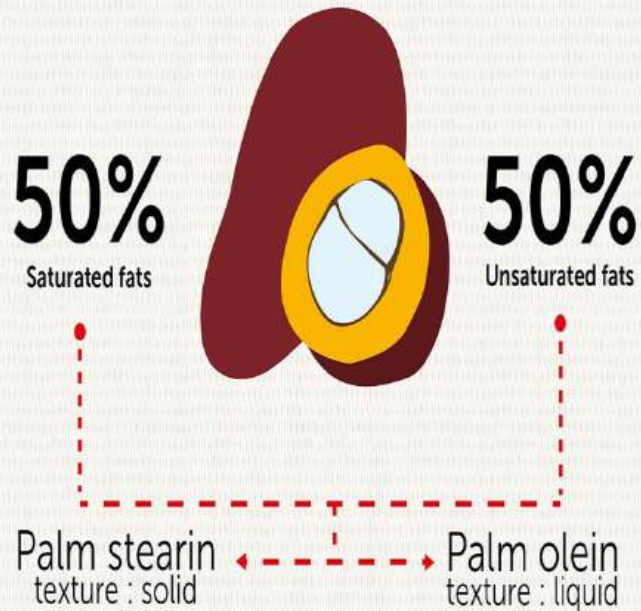
In food and also used for non-food in oleochemicals, fuel and biomass products



PALM OIL CONTAINS BALANCED RATIO OF FATTY ACIDS

40% monounsaturated **oleic** acid, 10% polyunsaturated **linoleic** acid, 44% saturated **palmitic** acid and 5% saturated **stearic** acid

Palm oil contains both saturated & unsaturated fats



Fats are important for our body!

Malaysian palm oil helps in the absorption of vitamins A, D, E, and K, which are crucial for our health.

1. ABSORPTION OF VITAMINS

The infographic features a central illustration of a chef's hat surrounded by various food items like avocado, milk, broccoli, cheese, eggs, and apples. Text around the hat states that fats are important for the body and that Malaysian palm oil aids in the absorption of vitamins A, D, E, and K.

A

300x carotenoids found in tomatoes
15x carotenoids found in carrots

The Pro-Vitamin A Carotenoids are not palm oil

2. PRO-VITAMIN A CAROTENOIDS

The infographic shows a red circle with a white 'A' inside. Inside the circle, it says '300x carotenoids found in tomatoes' and '15x carotenoids found in carrots'. Below the circle, it says 'The Pro-Vitamin A Carotenoids are not palm oil'.

E

Vitamin E TOCOTRIENOLS

prevents clogging of the arteries

promotes healthy skin

slows down ageing of cells

3. TOCOTRIENOLS (VITAMIN E)

The infographic features a red circle with a white 'E' inside. To the left of the circle, it says 'prevents clogging of the arteries' and 'promotes healthy skin'. To the right, it says 'slows down ageing of cells'. Above the circle, it says 'Vitamin E TOCOTRIENOLS'.

Fact 3

Malaysian Palm Oil IS POPULARLY USED IN GLOBAL KITCHENS

1 Has a Neutral Flavour
2 Withstands High Heat
3 Produces Less Gummy Materials
4 Does Not Oxidize Easily

The infographic shows a chef's hat made of puzzle pieces. Each piece is numbered and labeled with a benefit: 1. Has a Neutral Flavour, 2. Withstands High Heat, 3. Produces Less Gummy Materials, 4. Does Not Oxidize Easily. Above the hat, it says 'Fact 3' and 'Malaysian Palm Oil IS POPULARLY USED IN GLOBAL KITCHENS'.

TRANS FATS

Hydrogenation is in the formation of trans fats which are harmful to health.

No trans fats

No hydrogenation. No trans fats.

The infographic shows a silhouette of a person with a lightning bolt above their head. To the right, there is a red circle with a white 'X' over the words 'TRANS FATS'. Below this, it says 'Hydrogenation is in the formation of trans fats which are harmful to health.' and 'No trans fats'. At the bottom, it says 'No hydrogenation. No trans fats.'

CHOLESTEROL FREE

Cholesterol-free

Palm oil is 100% vegetable oil, therefore it is cholesterol-free. It has the beneficial effect of raising the good HDL-cholesterol level, thereby reducing the risk of heart disease.

6. CHOLESTEROL-FREE

The infographic shows a silhouette of a person running. To the right, there is a red circle with a white heart inside and the words 'CHOLESTEROL FREE'. Below this, it says 'Cholesterol-free' and 'Palm oil is 100% vegetable oil, therefore it is cholesterol-free. It has the beneficial effect of raising the good HDL-cholesterol level, thereby reducing the risk of heart disease.'

4. SLOW TO OXIDATION, NEUTRAL FLAVOUR, LESS GUMMY, WITHSTAND HEAT

5. NO HYDROGENATION, NO TRANS FATS

100% NATURAL

GMO FREE

HALAL

7. GMO-FREE & HALAL

The infographic shows three logos: a green leaf logo with '100% NATURAL', a green leaf logo with 'GMO FREE', and a black and white logo with 'HALAL' and 'MALAYSIA'.

'CINDERALLA' CPKO IN GLOBAL HEALTH-CARE @ COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Many may not be aware of the role played by palm oil's by-product, **crude palm kernel oil (CPKO)** in the **Covid-19 pandemic**.

This is because CPO has always been the main focus of the industry while CPKO makes up only 10% of the market - a Cinderella product, nobody really notices it. It is used in the healthcare to make soaps and detergents for the world amid COVID-19 pandemic.



+VE

LONG-TERM KEY FUNDAMENTALS

OIL PALM PRODUCTIVITY AND WORLD POPULATION GROWTH

LAND REQUIRED TO PRODUCE ONE MT EDIBLE OIL



1T Palm Oil = .26 ha



1T Rapeseed Oil = 1.25 ha



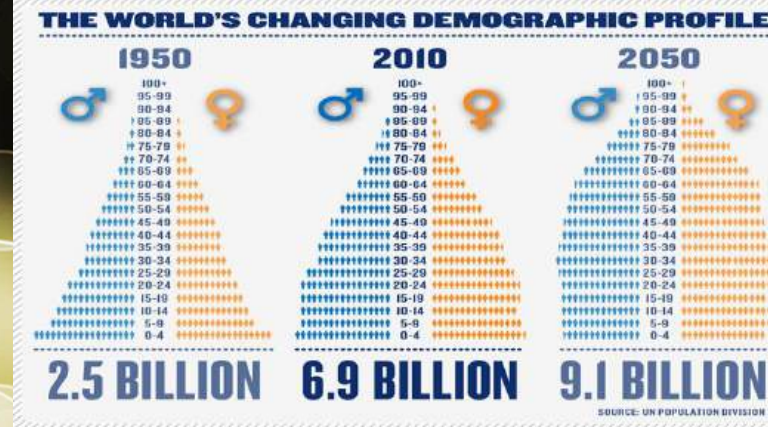
1T Sunflower Oil = 1.43 ha



1T Soybean Oil = 2 ha

Source, IUCN, 2018

FOOD SECURITY & WORLD POPULATION GROWTH



PALM OIL : MULTI-USES FOR FOOD, NON-FOOD, FEED, FUEL



SUSTAINABILITY OF OIL PALM AMID NON-LEVEL PLAYING FIELD IN GLOBAL AGRICULTURE



COBRA EFFECT ON PALM OIL

..when attempted solutions result
in unintended consequences

Removing **palm oil** from the global
food supply-demand equation will
only lead to devastating
consequences to the world.



OIL PALM PLANTERS' STEWARDSHIP FOR MANKIND

GULLIVER'S TRAVELS



JONATHAN SWIFT

Whoever could make two Ears of Corn, or two Blades of Grass to grow upon a Spot of Ground where only one grew before; would deserve better of Mankind, and do more essential Service to his Country, than the whole Race of Politicians put together.

(Jonathan Swift)



NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE
PLANTATION CROP

SINK OR SWIM

**DON'T KILL THE GOOSE
THAT LAYS THE GOLDEN EGGS**



CONCLUDING REMARKS (1/2)

1. Intertwined biodiversity and business

In the presentation today, we embarked on a journey that transcends the conventional divide between biodiversity and business. We recognise that the **flourishing of businesses is inherently intertwined with the well-being of both humanity and the planet, including biodiversity**. Palm oil, a cornerstone of many industries and socio-economic imperatives especially of developing countries, serves as a poignant example of this intricate relationship and the imperative to strike a delicate balance.

2. Sustainability nexus

At its core, sustainability emerges as the nexus binding together the 3Ps of people, planet and prosperity. It underscores the essence of **inseparability, interconnection and interdependence**. In a world teetering on the brink of imbalance, the urgency for effective solution and remediation looms large. For businesses, there exists no greater imperative than the **collective thriving of humanity and the planet**.

3. Driving for balance

As we confront the challenges posed by a burgeoning global population clamoring for **food security, palm oil emerges as a resilient and indispensable solution**. It's remarkable attributes including high land efficiency, prolific yields, widespread accessibility, and the data indicating **deceleration of deforestation** position it as a critical agent in feeding the world.

CONCLUDING REMARKS (2/2)

4. Palm oil solution

However, any joint approach must transcend ideological boundaries and embrace pragmatism **rooted in science and data-driven evidence**. We must eschew preconceived biases, dogmas and trade protectionism in favour of a nuanced understanding of the complexities at hand.

5. Constructive engagement

Moving forward, our focus must remain steadfast on strengthening dialogue and constructive engagement, productivity growth, and the drive and adoption of sustainable practices. The sector must adapt to evolving expectations while unwaveringly upholding its mission to nourish the world while delicately balancing the 3Ps in sustainability.

6. Continuous Improvements

Even as we celebrate commendable sustainability achievements in palm oil, stakeholders must continually strive to surpass existing benchmarks by '**raising the floor and the ceiling**'. It is incumbent upon us to establish palm oil as not just a productive and competitive force, but as the epitome of sustainable vegetable oil production.

7. Advocating for co-existence

In essence, I hope the presentation advocates for a harmonious co-existence wherein palm oil thrives as a beacon of sustainability, forging a path towards a brighter, shared and equitable future for all.

A GLOBAL FOOD GAP PUZZLE

Apparently, a survey was conducted by the U.N. worldwide. The only question asked

"Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world"

THE SURVEY WAS A FAILURE WHY ?



1. In Africa, many did not know what "food" meant.
2. In Western Europe, many did not know what "shortage" meant.
3. In Eastern Europe, many did not know what "opinion" meant.
4. In the Middle East, many did not know what "solutions" meant.
5. In South America, many did not know what "please" meant.
6. In Asia, many did not know what "honest" meant.
7. And in USA, many did not know what "the rest of the world" meant.

MALAYSIA is blessed with palm oil, but we live in a non-level playing world.

Removing palm oil from the global food supply-demand equation will lead to devastating consequences. All relevant stakeholders must be galvanised to sustain our competitiveness, market access and sustainability.

"Grateful for the opportunity to share my journey today. Huge thanks to the incredible IJMP team and family. Wishing the new custodian, KLK all the best on the next chapters ahead!"



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“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

— Mother Teresa



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