

**Summary of the Report of the Meeting of the Steering Committee of the ITTO project
PD 38/00 Rev.1 (F) Kayan Mentarang National Park (KMNP), Jakarta, Indonesia 7
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Project title	PD 38/00 Rev.1 (F) Management of Kayan Mentarang National Park (KMNP) to Promote Transboundary Conservation along the Border between Indonesia and Malaysian States of Sabah and Sarawak – Phase I
Country	Indonesia
Implementing agencies	Directorate General of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation (PKA) and World Wide Fund for Nature - Indonesia (WWF-I)
ITTO contribution to budget	USD 853,398
Contribution of the Government of Indonesia	USD 187,278
Donors countries	Switzerland, Japan, USA
Duration	2 years
Starting date	December 2000

The project aims to develop a strategy for cooperation in trans-boundary conservation between Indonesia and the Malaysian States of Sabah and Sarawak, in order to conserve the integrity of the Park's bio-diversity values. Specific objectives are: 1) to establish an operational management unit for the KMNP; 2) to initiate a process for cooperation between Indonesia and Malaysia in the management of their trans-boundary conservation areas.

The meeting of the project's Steering Committee took place on May 7, 2002 in Jakarta. M. Suhariyanto, Director General of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation chaired it. The main point of the agenda was to review the project's progress.

In the introductory remarks, the delegate of Switzerland noted the progress achieved by the project since the last steering committee meeting. In particular, he noted with appreciation the decision taken by the Government through a Ministerial Act to choose collaborative management approach for the management of KMNP. He invited the project to think already on the major orientations of Phase II, taking into account the experiences of Phase I and the recommendations made in the evaluation of the phase I of the ITTO project of Betung Kerihun National Park project. He underlined the need for the two cooperating countries to formalize a framework for transboundary conservation and to further enhance the activities aiming at the control of illegal logging near the Park.

The project's progress as reported by the project team can be summarized as follows:

- A series of consultations and local workshops for the management plan of KMNP have been carried out in several villages including Alango, Lumbis and Malinau;
- A training workshop on community-based ecotourism was jointly held with WWF Sabah from 29 October to 6 November 2001 at Nunukan, East Kalimantan involving about 30 local participants;
- A temporary project office has been established in Malinau and a field post was erected in Alango; and

- A task force of KMNP has been established comprising central, provincial and districts authorities, the WWF and local NGOs representations.

It was noted that the project has gained positive responses from local governments and ethnic groups. However it is running slightly behind schedule for certain key activities such as the joint biodiversity expedition. The Committee found that the project needed to prepare before June 2003 a modified work plan for the remaining activities in order to highlight what will not be accomplished at the planned end of Phase I. It also found that the 32nd Session of the International Tropical Timber Council session in Bali was a good occasion for holding an informal bilateral meeting between Indonesian and Malaysian Delegations, with the facilitation of the ITTO Secretariat.

The decisions and recommendations of the Committee can be summarized as follows:

- The minutes of the previous PSC meeting were approved;
- High-level bilateral meeting will be organized, and this will start with an informal meeting during the 32nd ITTC session in Bali, to which the delegate of Switzerland will be invited as an observer;
- The Committee recommended the strengthening of local community capacity in the control of illegal logging activities;
- The Committee asked the management of the project to elaborate a modified work plan for the remaining activities.