

**Summary of the Report of the Meeting of the Steering Committee of the ITTO Betung-Kerihun National Park, Jakarta, Indonesia 8 May 2002**

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<b>Project title</b>	<b>PD 44/00 Rev.3 (F) The Implementation of a Community-based Transboundary Management Plan for the Betung Kerihun National Park, West Kalimantan, Indonesia, Phase II</b>
<b>Country</b>	Indonesia
<b>Implementing agency</b>	Park Management Unit of Betung Kerihun National Park and WWF-Indonesia
<b>ITTO contribution to budget</b>	USD 764,954
<b>Contribution of the Government of Indonesia and WWF-Indonesia</b>	USD 149,391
<b>Donors countries</b>	Japan, Switzerland
<b>Duration</b>	3 years
<b>Starting date</b>	April 2002

The project is a follow-up of the ITTO project PD 26/93 Rev.1 (F) “Development of Bentuang Karimun Nature Reserve as a National Park – Phase I”. The first objective of this project is to lay down the groundwork for establishing a community-based conservation and development program that will maintain the long-term integrity of Betung-Kerihun National Park (BKNP). The second objective is to develop an effective model for managing a transboundary national park with the Lanjak Entimau Wildlife Sanctuary (LEWS) on the Malaysian side.

The meeting of the project’s Steering Committee took place on May 8, 2002 in Jakarta. M. Suhariyanto, Director General of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation chaired it. The main point on its agenda was the adoption of the Yearly Plan of Operations for 2002.

In their interventions, the delegates of Switzerland and ITTO Secretariat emphasized the importance of transboundary conservation for ITTO and its relevance to its mandate. They invited the project’s management to analyze carefully the results of the ex-post evaluation of Phase I and to duly take into considerations its recommendations in the implementation of Phase II. The Delegate of Switzerland 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 meeting adopted the Yearly Plan of Operations for 2002, and recommended to the project’s team to incorporate the recommendations of the ex-post evaluation of Phase I in the work of Phase II. On 9 May, the delegates of ITTO and Switzerland and their Indonesian hosts held an exchange of information with the project’s stakeholders in Pontianak. There were interesting discussions on the problem of illegal logging and illegal timber trade in Kalimantan, and the potential role of ITTO in assisting countries to control such practices. A field visit was carried out on 10 May.