



Project factsheet

Mahakam Ulu Landscape Forest Restoration Project

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<p>Snapshot</p> <p>Life of Project 2021-2023</p> <p>Current project phase: Launch of the project</p> <p>Budget: € 180'000 (of total budget of € 375'000)</p> <p>Partner organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Borneo Initiative- FSC International		
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Project overview

Substantial areas within the logging concessions in the Mahakam Ulu Landscape are degraded. Such non-productive areas are often the starting point for further degradation, which may ultimately lead to the full loss of forest cover and associated biodiversity. Forest restoration has the potential to reverse this trend, however, limitations to this approach are numerous, including the cost for large-scale application or intermittent use of the restored areas for agriculture.

Project questions

The project consists of a three-year program that will trial cost-effective restoration techniques combining tree planting and natural regeneration with the aim of restoring productive capacity and associated natural carbon capture, while ensuring support for permanent community agroforestry and delivering secure land access to communities residing within the concession for their livelihoods. The project will be guided by forest inventory along with landscape analysis and social engagement with the local communities.

Expected Outcomes

- Development of well-established restoration tools that can be monitored and demonstrate the long-term, positive impacts of restoration actions.
- Development of a methodology to quantify carbon capture resulting from forest restoration.
- Adoption of an innovative approach to ensure that Indigenous Peoples benefit from improved land access inside the concession through long-term agreements on land use and revenues from permanent agro-forestry systems that replace slash-and-burn practices.
- Partnership with communities to secure land tenure for concession holder and reduce risk of conflicts.
- Establishment of an international partnership to ensure quality of the research and create the basis for national and international outreach activities.

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