

# SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY

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Welcome to the 40th edition of Goodhope's 'Sustainability Journey' - a series in which we share our sustainability story with our stakeholders. Here we take the opportunity to describe some of the key activities that have been undertaken as Goodhope continues to strengthen the sustainability of its business.

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# Engagement and Capacity Building to Promote Nabire Landscape Conservation Program

As part of its commitments to RSPO, Goodhope has pledged to protect a forested area of 4,475 ha outside of its concessions in Nabire Regency, Papua. The conservation of this area (compensation area) together with the protection of High Conservation Values (HCV) and High Carbon Stock (HSC) forest in our concessions is at the core of a collaborative program to conserve natural ecosystems in the Nabire Regency.

We have established a long-term partnership with PILI-Green Network (Pusat Informasi Lingkungan Indonesia) to facilitate planning of the Nabire Landscape Conservation Program and to drive the implementation of planned activities. PILI is working on the ground in partnership with Goodhope to help community groups to protect the forest in the landscape with support from local governments.

Preliminary activities (program scoping, planning and seeking consent from local stakeholders) began in 2019. Since then, participatory processes have been undertaken to attain legal recognition as an Essential Ecosystem Area (Kawasan Ekosistem Esensial, KEE).

In total, 107,582 ha of the Nabire Regency has been identified and designated as KEE. Conservation management and monitoring activities of the NLCP focus on areas of forest within and in the vicinity of Goodhope's concessions, including 4,475 ha area outside of company boundaries. The NLCP also contributes to the protection of KEE across Nabire Regency by encouraging government support for KEE management across the wider landscape.



The Director of PILI-Green Network, explaining the NLCP to the Bupati of Nabire Regency at Nabire Public Exhibition on 26th August 2022.

## Celebrating Commitments to Conservation on Indonesia's National Wildlife Conservation Day

The Nabire Public Exhibition was held on 26th August 2022 in celebration of Indonesia's National Wildlife Conservation Day and was organized by collaboration between PILI-Green Network and the Nabire regional government. The event affirmed the commitments of Nabire Regency to nature conservation and low-carbon development and emphasized the importance of collaboration between parties in advancing community-based conservation.

## Government Support for KEE Management

Our partners, PILI-Green Network, have been engaging with the Nabire Regency Government to encourage support for KEE management in the landscape of Nabire.

A series of Focus Group Discussion (FGDs) have been conducted to form the Nabire Regency KEE Management Unit (Badan Pengelola KEE). The establishment of the Management Unit is formalized by legal decree: Nabire Regent Decree Number 228 of 2022 dated 1st July 2022.

A follow up FGD was held on 10th August 2022 in commemoration of Indonesia's National Wildlife Conservation Day, Hari Konservasi Alam Nasional. The FGD was led by the Regional Secretary (Sekda) of Nabire Regency in the Meeting Room of the Nabire BAPPEDA Office.

At the FGD, the Head of BAPPEDA (and Head of the Nabire Regency KEE Management Unit) declared the full support of the Nabire Regency Government to management of KEE by prioritizing the empowerment of indigenous wisdom around areas of high conservation value.



## Building capacity for community-based conservation

Two Indigenous Community Groups, Yerisiam Gua and Wate Asiaina, are integral to the NCLP. We continue to provide opportunities for the local communities to learn about the program and are working to build the capacity of local teams for active participation in conservation management and monitoring.

A Community Conservation Agreement (CCA) has been negotiated with the two indigenous communities of Sima and Wanggar Pantai villages and a community patrol team has been established in each village. We are working with the two community patrol teams and supporting them to implement Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART).

Village Farmer Groups will play important roles in managing tree nurseries and promoting sustainable farming. Two Farmer Groups have been formed: the 'Manawari Rarei' Womens Farmers Group at Sima Village and the 'Ohire Jaya' Forest Farmers Group at Wanggar Pantai village. We are working closely with these farmer groups to encourage the management of two tree nurseries, from which native seedlings will be used for forest rehabilitation.

Nabire Earth Field School, 'Bumi Nabire', has been established to facilitate training and capacity building. The Field School includes demonstration plots for hands-on training and forms the core of our outreach efforts.

## Towards Low Carbon Development

KEE management in Nabire Regency is being promoted as part of low-carbon development planning in Papua. Through engagement with PILI-Green Network, Government agencies have been well informed about the potential of the NCLP to prevent deforestation and degradation, and so contribute to the avoidance of carbon dioxide emissions. The Nabire Regency KEE Management Agreement supports policies at the national and provincial levels for Green Growth Plans, and the national agenda in reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.

# Farmer Field School to Support Independent Smallholders in Kalimantan



As part of our efforts to support independent smallholders, we are pleased to report the return of our Farmer Field School (FFS) Program, developed and implemented in collaboration with Daemeter Consulting.

FFS is a capacity building program that has been developed based on smallholder needs analysis. The program is working to build relationship with independent smallholders, enhance their knowledge on sustainable agronomic practices, and ensure awareness of Goodhope's Sustainability Policy.

The program was launched in 2019, when 269 independent smallholders benefitted from the training provided by FFS. Having been put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the program resumed in September this year.



97 independent smallholders are currently enrolled in the program. Through the FFS, they are learning how to successfully and sustainably cultivate oil palm. Topics of training include the morphology and physiology of oil palm, composting processes, optimal use of fertilizer, handling of pests and disease, and soil health. The knowledge gained will help them to make steps towards improving the productivity, profitability, and sustainability of the land that they own.



Smallholders from Lanpasa Farmer Group in Central Kalimantan are among the 97 independent smallholders who are benefitting from our FFS training program in 2022. Commenting about the program, they said: *"We, from Lanpasa Farmers, would like to express our gratitude to PT Agro Indomas (Goodhope) and to the Daemeter consulting for organizing the FFS. We enjoy the combination of theory and practical sessions delivered by Mr. Yunus (trainer) and have learned valuable points about how to better cultivate oil palm. We hope that the company will continue to guide us to become successful farmers".*

# Community Engagement to Promote Fire Prevention

Goodhope's concessions and neighbouring areas of forest in Sintang Regency are threatened by fires due to the traditional slash and burn activities that are commonly practised by local communities during the dry season.

To tackle the problem, Goodhope engages with the local communities and works with them to reduce the risks posed by fires. Engagement is undertaken in cooperation with government authorities to promote fire prevention by:

- Increasing awareness about the dangers of wildfires
- Promoting alternatives to slash and burn techniques
- Providing training and resources for village fire teams

During the peak of the dry season (August-September), community consultations were conducted in 15 villages surrounding Goodhope's concessions in Sintang Regency, PT SHP and PT SSA.



# Training on Drone Operation for Fire Mitigation

Goodhope is making use of drone technology to complement routine monitoring from fire towers. The use of drones brings the advantage of eliciting a greater range of sight than a fire tower and can be used beyond concession boundaries.

At Goodhope, drones are being used at our plantations to:

- Monitor fire prone / high risk area
- Monitor areas that are difficult to access by vehicles or people.
- Identify slash and burn activities
- Support the verification process in response to hotspots detected by satellite.

A series of training sessions are being undertaken to ensure effective implementation of drone operation procedures. Drone operator training commenced at PT SSA in Sintang where five employees learned the skills to operate drones according to our procedures.



# Worker Health, Safety and Wellbeing



## Worker Training

Training and safety briefings are routinely carried out to ensure that all employees and workers are provided with clear instructions and adequate training to safely carry out their work. All new recruits undergo induction training for their job and all workers must attend regular safety briefings. In August-September 2022, more than 400 plantation workers from PT SHP and PT SSA in Sintang were trained in first aid and safe work procedures to reduce the risk of work accidents, especially for harvesting activities. Training was also conducted for new workers at PT SHP Palm Oil Mill.



## EHS Management

Monitoring and reporting of safety at our mills and plantations is undertaken by Goodhope's EHS Management Team and is an essential part of the Group's efforts to prevent accidents, injuries and ill-health at work. Effective coordination of the EHS Management Team duties is crucial and all EHS employees undergo regular training. In August 2022, a capacity building workshop was conducted on the topics of accident investigations and targets for improving safety performance.

## World Clean Up Day Action



Goodhope joined millions around the world in taking action to clean up waste on World Clean-up Day, September 17th 2022. World Clean-up Day is an annual global action program aimed raising awareness to combat the global waste problem.

Our plantation companies in Seruyan Regency of Central Kalimantan participated in environmental clean-up events organized by the regional government. The Seruyan Regency Government encourages all members of society to get involved in taking action, including government agencies, local communities, state owned enterprises, private sector, educational institutions, and community organisations.



The commemoration of the event was a good opportunity to reinforce Goodhope's commitments to manage all waste responsibly according to the type of waste, the handling, storage and disposal requirements of the waste.

## Certificate of Appreciation for Contributions to Village Electricity Program



PT Agro Bukit received an award in recognition of its participation in a program to provide electricity facilities to the village community around the company's area. The award was presented at Ramban Village, Mentaya Lower North District, East Kotawaringin Regency as a mark of appreciation for the efforts of the company in helping local residents to have access to electric lighting.

The contribution to the village electricity program is an example of Goodhope's commitment to support the welfare of local communities and encourage sustainable social and economic development.

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