

Strategic Action Plan for Bukit Tigapuluh National Park, Sumatra

NINA - partner in developing a locally anchored strategic management plan in Indonesia

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Main objective

To develop a strategic action plan (SAP) for Bukit Tigapuluh National Park (BTNP) and its buffer zone through local adaptation of the Convention of Biological Diversity in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders.

The project

The project has been part of the Norway-Indonesia cooperation in sustainable environmental management. NINA collaborated with the Ministry of Environment in Indonesia to achieve improved integrated management of terrestrial biodiversity in Bukit Tigapuluh National Park - one of the last remaining lowland tropical rainforests in Sumatra. The project focused on the development of a strategic action plan (in line with the Indonesia Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan and the General Management Plan for BTNP) for the park and the buffer zone in close cooperation with key stakeholders from the local to the national level. The project area is situated in the central lowland of Sumatra. The park itself is managed by the Ministry of Forestry while the buffer zone is divided between four districts, each with its decentralised management system. A major challenge for the project has been to deal effectively with different administrative levels and area of land use authority which are represented in the SAP.



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Other papers on the issue:

- Strategy and Action Plan for the Integrated Management of Natural Resources of Bukit Tikapuluh National Park and the Buffer Zone.

(Ministry of Environment, Jakarta)

Key outcomes

During the six year programme the key outcomes have been

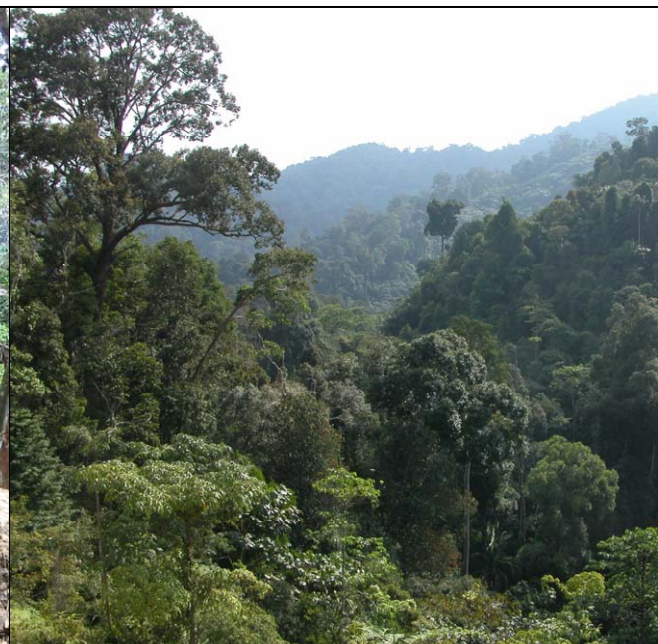
- Establishment of a Stakeholder Working Group with representatives from all four districts
- Increased knowledge and awareness of key regional government officials and other stakeholders of integrated management of natural resources in BTNP and its buffer zone.
- Development and regional adoption of a Strategic Action Plan for the BTNP and its buffer zone.

The SAP is the main outcome of the programme and, through a scoping process of threats and impact factors; focus is put on actions to combat illegal logging, forest conversion and encroachment, wildlife illegal hunting and over exploitation of non timber forest products. In addition, two programmes have been designed: (i) reshaping of the BTNP borders to better harmonise with the ecological conditions in the area, and (ii) alternative income generation to give local communities an alternative to non sustainable activities and to reduce poverty.

A declaration of implementation of the SAP in the regional development plans was signed in Jakarta by all four district heads (Bupaties), the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Forestry on 7th December 2006.

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