

EDUCATIONAL VISIT BY BOY SCOUTS OF SMK BAKUN TO BELAGA RECOVERY (HIGH CARBON STOCK) SITE

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1. INTRODUCTION

Glenealy Plantations Sdn Bhd (GPSB), is a subsidiary of the Samling Group of Companies, with its activities focused mainly on the management of oil palm plantations in Malaysia and Indonesia. On 10 April 2020, GPSB committed to the oil-palm supply chain requirement of No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation (NDPE) by publishing their own policy. This commitment applies to all of their oil palm plantation concessions, namely, Lana Estate, Jelalong Estate, Belaga Estate (Sarawak, Malaysia); Sabah Timora Complex Estate (Sabah, Malaysia); PT. Abdi Borneo Plantation (ABP) and PT. Tunas Borneo Plantation (TBP) (North Kalimantan, Indonesia).

To implement and demonstrate the NDPE commitment, GPSB independently calculated the loss of high carbon stock (HCS) areas throughout their oil palm concessions in January 2021, which resulted in an identified area loss of approximately 1,853 ha. As compensation for HCS loss, GPSB established an area to be managed strictly for conservation and rehabilitation. The total compensation area was set at approximately 3,736 ha. Thus, through the management and development of this carbon compensation site, GPSB wishes to conserve the natural resources and ecosystem, and also to ensure increment of carbon stock through natural regeneration within the Belaga HCS Recovery Site. The company also intends to rehabilitate indirectly areas within the recovery site that have been impacted by human activities. In addition, GPSB wishes to involve the local community in its rehabilitation and conservation education efforts. This is to improve the relationship between the company and the surrounding communities.

2. THE PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY FOR 2025

THE EDUCATIONAL VISIT BY BOY SCOUTS OF SMK BAKUN, BELAGA TO BELAGA HIGH CARBON STOCK (BELAGA RECOVERY SITE – BRS), BELAGA COMPLEX.

I. PROGRAM /ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Glenealy Plantations Sdn Bhd (GPSB), in collaboration with SMK Bakun, Belaga, conducted a visit to the Belaga Recovery Site (BRS) with the following objectives to:

- a) Rehabilitate the BRS through the planting of *Ficus* sp. Seedlings. This is to raise awareness amongst students on the importance of planting wildlife food sources.
- b) Introduce knot-tying, which is important for Boy Scouts as a form of self-survival knowledge for the younger generation
- c) Introduce and expose the scouts to new wildlife monitoring and research in the form of Camera Traps.

Approximately 13 Boy Scouts from SMK Bakun participated in the visit accompanied by 2 teachers. GPSB was represented by 23 staff members of which 4 were from the Sustainability Department. The program started with a safety briefing delivered by Mr. Rendall followed by a welcoming speech by Mr. Raymond Naga (Belaga 1 Manager). Then, the Sustainability Senior Executive briefly explained the programs or activities prepared for the day. The participants departed to the Belaga Recovery site at approximately 0930hrs in the morning. The first program was the planting of 50 *Ficus* seedlings. Two species of fig trees, namely *Ficus nervosa* and *Ficus racemosa* were planted. Both the species were chosen for their high survival rate in degraded, low mineral soil and open (hot and humid) environment. On completion of the tree planting exercise, GPSB conducted a fun activity called Knot-Tying. This activity was managed by the GPSB Auxiliary Police Force (Belaga Estate). The scouts were taught 5 different types of knots tying. Upon completion of the demonstrations, the participants were divided into 4 groups for the mini knot tying competition. All groups were given 30 minutes to complete 5 types of knots. The team with the most correct knots was declared the winner.

The next interesting program was the introduction of the use of Remote Camera Traps as an important tool in wildlife research and monitoring. The briefing and demonstration were conducted by Mr. Iman (UPM Intern) for approximately 30 minutes. After completing all the activities, we took a group photograph before departing for lunch at the Community Learning

Centre (CLC). Souvenirs were presented to the participants after lunch after which the program was completed.

II. PROGRAM APPENDIX



Photo 1: Welcoming speech was delivered by Mr. Raymond Naga of Belaga 1 Estate



Photo 2: SMK Bakun's Boy Scouts planting *Ficus* seedlings at designated area prepared by GPSB



Photo 3: GPSB executives monitored all the participants from SMK Bakun to ensure seedlings were planted accordingly.



Photo 4: Mr. Albert of GPSB Auxiliary Police demonstrated all five (5) knots to all the participants



Photo 5: All participants were given the opportunity to try and learn all the knots demonstrated earlier by GPSB's AP.



Photo 6: UPM Intern, Muhd. Iman Muqri, demonstrated and briefed all participants on the use of Remote Camera Trap and its importance in wildlife research.



Photo 7: A group photo with all the participants was taken at BRP site before departed to CLC for lunch



Photo 8: A group photo with all the participants was taken at the CLC site before departing to SMK Bakun.