

## Collaborative Action for Sustainable Landscape in 'Meet and Green Journey'



Participants of the 'Meet and Green Journey' traveled for three hours from the city center of Jambi to their first destination, the **Lubuk Larangan** river conservation area in Lubuk Lawas Village,

Jambi. The activity was held on November 24, 2023, and despite Indonesia being in the rainy season, the weather that day was sunny and perfect for the event. The participants from different countries including RSPo Credit Buyers and the global RSPo team, started their journey by learning the eco-printing technique, which uses leaves to create patterns on fabric. The session was led by a member of the RSPo-certified smallholder group, APBML, Susi Wahyuni and at the end of the session, each participant received an eco-printing fabric as a memento.

Moving to the other side, participants also had the opportunity to meet Mevi Ayati, Chairperson of the Women's Nursery Management Group (KP3), who explained the efforts of her group and 2 other groups in supporting environmental improvement by providing seedlings for independent smallholder groups and Social Forestry Farmers. Like relay runners passing the baton to each other, they are connected →

through each other's efforts for a better environment.

The trip also gave a chance to APBML and FPS-MRM, two RSPo-certified independent smallholder groups present their innovations, one of them by protecting rivers through the Lubuk Larangan. This innovation happened with the support of RSPo credit funds and helped them to aim at improving the environment and supporting local communities.

The next stop was to visit a palm oil plantation integrated with a Modern Islamic School, Pondok Pesantren Ar-Rosyid, where the participants learned about **Regenerative Agriculture** practices. There Imron Rosjidi, APBML smallholder and one of the leaders of the school explained the use of Empty Fruit Bunches (EFB) as an environmentally friendly fertilizer for his oil palm land. The trip then ended with a meeting and dinner with the Jambi Provincial Government, represented by the Regional Secretary, H. Sudirman where important discussions about sustainable oil palm plantation practices took place.

The Meet and Green Journey in Jambi showcased the power of collaborative action and the various initiatives contributing to sustainable practices, environmental protection, women's inclusion, and forest rehabilitation. Activities such as **eco-printing, fish release, tree planting, and different innovations** provided a greater understanding of sustainable practices and their positive impact on the community. Check out the full article [here](#) for more information, and scan the barcode to learn about their collaborative efforts to preserve the landscape.



## Independent Smallholders: Leading the Sustainable Change

From a commitment to a world-recognized achievement, **36 smallholder organizations from various countries** received their first RSPo Certification at RT 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia. This certification marks the



commitment of independent oil palm smallholders to sustainable plantation practices. Among them, Indonesia has the largest representation, with 30 groups certified, and ten of these outstanding organizations are members of Yayasan FORTASBI Indonesia, they are **Koperasi Perkebunan Belayan Sejahtera, KUD Tri Daya, Koperasi Produsen Unit Desa Rangan Jaya, BUMDES Berkah Jaya Mulya Mekar Mulya, Koperasi Serba Usaha Karya Indah, Koperasi Sawit Usaha Tani Sejahtera, Koperasi Jasa Usaha Tani Sejahtera, Koperasi Pertanian Sumber Rejeki, KSU Kel'ean Blom Kejah, and Perkumpulan Petani Mitra Harapan.**

However, this achievement would not have been possible without the **joint support of various stakeholders** including the local government, companies, and field assistants, among them are Abler Nordic, Javlec, Kawal Borneo, PT. SSMS, Ecogreen, GIZ, IDH, JDE, Cargill, and the FORTASBI field team. They have played an important role in empowering and accompanying smallholders on their journey towards certification.

As agents of change, independent smallholders also have the potential to create a ripple effect throughout the agricultural sector. Their dedication to sustainable practices will not only contribute to environmental conservation but will also improve the socio-economic well-being of their communities.

## Weaving Women's Empowerment through Eco-print Batik



Let's get to know **Susi Wahyuni** who was one of the key figures in the 'Meet and Green Journey' event held in Jambi at the end of November. Susi as a **member of APBML** showcased her skills in turning leaves into high-value batik cloth, which is called **Eco-print**. During the event, she invited the participants to join her in placing the leaves on the

fabric to produce beautiful and unique patterns. Her skill in eco-friendly batik not only highlights the potential of natural dyes but also emphasizes the significance of sustainability.

Susi's participation in the event allowed her to share her knowledge and experience with smallholders and others to promote the use of natural materials in the textile industry. Her passion for this



technique also opens up new possibilities for eco-friendly textile production and new livelihood for the community. Many participants were captivated by the intricate patterns created using only leaves. Dig deep to learn more about Susi and APBML's efforts to empower women through sustainable products [here](#) and see her latest video at the event [here](#).