

Join Us on 'Meet and Green Journey': an Infinite Journey of Extraordinary



Close your eyes for a moment and imagine a world where sustainability and responsible stewardship of the environment reign supreme. Picture vibrant communities thriving alongside nature, where their hard work not only uplifts their lives but also contributes to a brighter, greener future for generations to come.

This is the world that the sustainable oil palm industry envisions, and we invite you to participate in a captivating journey that unveils the remarkable impact of these efforts.

Welcome to the **Meet and Green Journey!** In the heart of the breathtaking province of Jambi, Indonesia, this groundbreaking event is a journey of an infinite series of impacts, where each step is interconnected, making valuable contributions to each other, from sustainable oil palm to environmental protection, women's inclusion, and forest rehabilitation.

Imagine standing on the banks of a pristine river, surrounded →

Oil Palm Independent Smallholders in the Middle of EUDR Challenges



By: **Jamaluddin** - Group Manager of Koperasi Perkebunan Belayan Sejahtera, East Kalimantan

"The European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) has had a major impact on the oil palm sector, including on independent smallholders. It is important to understand that regulations such as the EUDR not only impact

environmental aspects, but also social and economic. I believe that the best solution is to involve smallholders and together find ways to protect both the environment and livelihoods.

Let me take you to East Kalimantan, where the real story happens, which reflects how oil palm can affect thousands of smallholders in Kutai Kartanegara Regency. The area of oil palm plantations in this region reaches 15,000 hectares, and around 58% of this land is in forest areas, creating complex challenges considering the strict regulations from the EU.

Koperasi Belayan Sejahtera received RSPO certification in 2022. Amid the complexity of systems and policies in Indonesia, our efforts to achieve compliance with sustainable principles is a complex struggle.

The government should provide technical and financial support to independent smallholders to switch to sustainable practices. Deforestation and forest degradation in Indonesia have become a global concern. Therefore, proactively ending deforestation and forest degradation in Indonesia is a shared responsibility for the future of the planet."

Dive into the full article and find out 8 aspects of smallholder experiences for sustainable management practices [here](#)

by a sense of harmony with nature. In this enchanting **Lubuk Larangan**, you will witness the extraordinary initiative taken by two RSPO-certified smallholder groups, **APBML** and **FPS-MRM** who are fighting for river conservation through local wisdom. One of the actions they took was planting seedlings along the riverbanks, that they purchased from the Women's Nursery Management Group (KP3).

Kelompok Perempuan Pengelola Pembibitan (KP3) encourages change through the seedlings they have wholeheartedly cared for years. Apart from selling to smallholder groups and improving the river ecosystem there, they also provide seedlings to Social Forestry Farmers to support forest rehabilitation.

Social Forestry Farmers, from KTH Mahau Lestari to KTH Penoban Lestari and KTH Hulu Lumahan Lestari, their collective efforts to revive the forest area with a rehabilitation area of 17 hectares - coexisting with the Bukit 30 National Park.

We invite you to be a part of this journey to explore the stories and experience firsthand the transformative power of sustainable practices.

Join us from **23-25 November 2023 in Jambi Province, Indonesia**, as we celebrate the incredible accomplishments of these dedicated individuals. Spaces are limited to 30 participants only, so RSVP at your earliest convenience to secure your spot through this link <https://bit.ly/Meet-Green-Journey>. See you there **Meet and Green Guardians!**

Discover How KSU Karya Indah Initiative Empowers 244 Students



Education is the foundation of progress and growth, and supporting educational institutions is critical to uplifting society. **Koperasi Serba Usaha Karya Indah**, a cooperative located in Muara Wahau, East Kalimantan, has

taken an extraordinary steps in social responsibility by providing assistance of IDR 10 million each to support two schools in Wahau Baru Village.

SD Islam Darul Fallah is committed to providing quality education to 191 students and creating a nurturing environment facilitated by 10 dedicated teachers. To support this school, KSU Karya Indah provides assistance in purchasing school building materials. Likewise, **MI Al-Muhajirin** with 53 students and 9 teachers will also benefit greatly from this financial assistance through the purchase of sets of tables and chairs.

KSU Karya Indah provides this social fund which comes from RSPO Credit. Apart from providing benefits to students and teachers for teaching and learning activities at the school, according to KSU Karya Indah Group Manager, Widyo Anwar, this activity also aims to introduce RSPO so their communities can feel the benefits from the sales of RSPO Credit obtained.