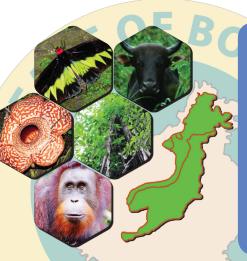


### International Conference

# On Enhancing Biodiversity Towards No Net Loss & Beyond Within The Heart Of Borneo Landscape



10 November 2014, Magellan Sutera Harbour Resort, Kota Kinabalu



The Heart of Borneo (HoB) Initiative which spans across three countries of Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei, covers about 22 million hectares of contiguous tropical forests. It was a commitment of three Governments to conserve and sustainably manage the biodiversity, ecosystems and natural resources in HoB since its inception in 2007. In Sabah, about 4 million hectares of the state's forest landscapes are designated under the HoB Initiative. Sabah lies on the North Eastern tip of one of the world's largest tropical island – Borneo. With its rich variety of forest ecosystems due to diverse topography between the sweltering tropical lowlands and the frigid highland areas, it hosts a high number of plant and animal species, many of which are endemic to Borneo. The main objective is to protect and conserve a healthy contiguous network of protected areas through the establishment of forest corridors for connectivity, as well as to promote sustainable land use practices within these landscapes.

Since the inception of the Heart of Borneo (HoB) Initiative, various efforts have been taken to improve the biodiversity within, through the establishment of more protected areas, intensification of forest restoration activities, and implementation of sustainable forest management within forest reserves and adoption of best practices within the agricultural sectors involving lands outside of the protected areas.

These constitute part of the mitigation measures for No Net Loss (NNL) or biodiversity offsets, that could bring about measurable outcomes to compensate for significant residual adverse impacts arising from any development project, after appropriate preventive measures have been taken. And hence, achieving no net loss and preferably a net gain of biodiversity on the ground.

The HoB landscapes particularly those in Sabah, involve various landuses and it would be of interest to gauge the outcomes of the preventive and mitigation measures taken thus far against any adverse impact of other landuses on the biodiversity.

With this in mind, the HoB Conference this year attempts to gather likeminded people from the region to look into no net loss on biodiversity within the HoB landscapes, while promoting economic activities that can be sustainably generated from natural capital. The objectives of this conference are to:

- Receive the current situation of the no net loss and its challenges;
- Exchange ideas and experiences from other countries and the industry on best practices;
- 3. Explore recommendations on the design and implementation of mitigation measures, offsets and conservation banks; and
- 4. Recommend the way forward to advance no net loss implementation.

The 2014 HoB International Conference will gather delegates from around the world who share a common interest in demonstrating no net loss and preferably a net gain of biodiversity within the Heart of Borneo (HOB) landscape.

Time	Tentative Programme							
07:30	Registration							
08.45	Opening							
09:00	Keynote address by Dr Gregory Asner from Carnegie Airborne Observatory (CAO), California							
10:00	International & Regional Perspectives * - International Finance Corporation (IFC) - European Commission (EC) - Equator Principles Association (EPA) - The Business, Bio-diversity Offsets Programme (BBOP)							
12:00	Lunch							
13:00	HoB and NNL * - WWF "The Environmental Status of the Heart of Borneo" - UNDP-GEF Project "Biodiversity Conservation in Multiple- Use Forest Landscapes in Sabah"							
15.00	Teabreak							
15:30	Discussions - The Way Forward							
16:45	Closing							

<sup>\*</sup>Speakers to be confirmed

#### Who should participate?

Experts and professionals from policy and decision makers, relevant government agencies, NGOs, civil society, research and financial institutions, private sector, Forest Management Units (FMUs), Oil Palm Companies, higher learning institutions, and intergovernmental institutions are all invited to the Conference.



## International Conference On Enhancing Biodiversity Towards No Net Loss & Beyond Within The Heart Of Borneo Landscape

For those interested, participants may download the Pre-Registration Form here and submit to the Organizing Committee as per the following address:

- Email to: hobconference.2014@gmail.com
- Fax to:

The Secretariat International Conference on Heart of Borneo Locked Bag 68, 90009 Sandakan Sabah, Malaysia Fax: +6089-672085/669396/ 671680

Participation is FREE and subject to "First Come First Serve" basis. The closing date for registration is on 15 October 2014.

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#### **Conference Venue**

Grand Ballroom, the Magellan Sutera, Sutera Harbour Resort, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

#### **Other Associated Programs/Events:**

#### 9 November 2014 (Sun)

Launching Ceremony of the Sabah Forestry Department's Centennial Celebration with the theme of "For the Greatest Good, For the Greatest Number, in the Long Run"



#### 11-12 November 2014 (Tues-Wed)

17th Malaysian Forestry Conference with theme of "A Century Of Forest Management -Lessons Learnt" (by invitation)



#### 13 November 2014 (Thurs)

Field tour/excursion - Specialized study tours to key project sites will be arranged for all interested participants.

#### **Hotel Accommodation & Transportation**

Participants are kindly advised to make their own accommodation arrangements. The hotels listed below are the nearest to the Conference Venue. The rates quoted are based on government rates (as of March 2014) and are subject to availability of rooms. Other rates apply for non-government participants. Transportation to and from the Conference Venue for the participants will only be arranged at these hotels, on Conference days. Transportation from the airport to these hotels and vice versa can be arranged upon request.

For other hotels in Kota Kinabalu City and their contacts, please visit:

http://www.sabahtourism.com/accommodation

#### A: The Magellan Sutera Hotel

(Deluxe Garden View)

Single Occupancy – RM380 nett (with breakfast) Double Occupancy – RM410 nett (with breakfast)

(Deluxe Sea View)

Single Occupancy – RM460 nett (with breakfast)
Double Occupancy – RM490 nett (with breakfast)

#### **B.** The Pacific Sutera Hotel

(Deluxe Golf View)

Single Occupancy – RM250 nett (with breakfast)

Double Occupancy – RM300 nett (with breakfast)

(Deluxe Sea View)

Single Occupancy - RM310 nett (with breakfast)
Double Occupancy - RM360 nett (with breakfast)

#### C.Zara's Boutique Hotel

 $Standard \ / \ Deluxe \ Room - RM155 \ nett \ (with \ breakfast \ for \ 2 \ pax)$ 

#### **D.Ming Garden Hotel**

Superior Room - RM200++ (with breakfast for 2 pax)
Deluxe Room - RM220++ (with breakfast for 2 pax)

#### E. Promenade Hotel

Superior Room — Single Occupancy – RM200 nett (with breakfast)

- Double Occupancy - RM230 nett (with breakfast)

#### F. Tang Dynasty Hotel

Standard (King-Size Bed) - RM 104 nett (with breakfast for 1 pax)
Standard (Twin Sharing) - RM110 nett (with breakfast for 2 pax)
Superior (King-Size Bed) - RM 120 nett (with breakfast for 1 pax)
Superior (Twin Sharing) - RM130 nett (with breakfast for 2 pax)
Deluxe Triple - RM150 nett (with breakfast for 3 pax)

#### **G. Cititel Express Hotel**

Standard Room – RM153.10 nett (without breakfast)
Superior Twin – RM169.00 nett (without breakfast)

#### H. Le Meridien

Classic Room – RM360.00 ++ Deluxe Room – RM390.00 ++







### **PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

# International Conference On "Enhancing Biodiversity Towards No Net Loss & Beyond Within The Heart Of Borneo Landscape"

The Magellan Sutera Harbour, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014

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Please submit this form to the Secretariat by fax at 089-672085/669396 or email: hobconference.2014@gmail.com. You will receive a Confirmation of Participation from us within 4 weeks after your submission or you can inquire from us if you do not receive your confirmation. Thank you.