

The 4th International NGO Forum on World Heritage at Risk

Villa Decius, Krakow, 30 June - 1 July 2017

Resolution

On the Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra

The Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra (TRHS) in Indonesia is a World Heritage property that contains enormous biodiversity. It includes part of the celebrated Leuser Ecosystem, the last place on Earth where orangutans, tigers, elephants and rhinos exist together in the wild. The property has been inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2011 because of illegal logging, palm-oil development, poaching and other encroachments. The 2017 State of Conservation Report of the State Party shows that these damaging activities are still very prevalent within the property.

The participants of the 4th International Civil Society Forum on World Heritage at Risk, held on 30 June - 1 July 2017 at Villa Decius in Krakow, therefore call upon:

- a) The State Party not to grant any concession or permits with regard to plantation, energy, mining, or road development, expansion, or refurbishing of any kind, within the property;
- b) The State Party and incoming Governor of Aceh province to overrule the outgoing Aceh government's proposed Aceh Spatial Plan and to implement a management plan that protects and preserves the Leuser Ecosystem for future generations;
- c) The State Party to publish and implement a proper species conservation strategy that addresses the future of each of the key species within the TRHS;
- d) The State Party to enact effective law enforcement measures against all levels of perpetrators threatening the property, sanctioning those found guilty and thereby deterring further criminal actions;
- e) The State Party to maintain its National Moratorium on permits and expansion of palm-oil cultivation and mining ventures; to officially apply this moratorium to the entirety of the Leuser Ecosystem and the TRHS; and to prioritize an urgent review of those permits currently in existence within it;
- f) The State Party to provide detail of the progress and implementation of the "*Moratorium on the expansion of palm oil and mining in the Leuser Ecosystem*" including revisions made following the change of government in Aceh;
- g) The State Party to work with UNESCO's World Heritage Centre and the IUCN towards extending the TRHS World Heritage property to encompass the entire Leuser Ecosystem, in order to capture all areas of OUV and to help address the above threats. This would be consistent with the World Heritage Committee's request (40 COM 7A.48, clause 4);

- h) The State Party not to downgrade the protection status of any part of TRHS or the Leuser Ecosystem;
- i) The State Party to prevent the development of infrastructure that will adversely affect the property's OUV and integrity, such as the proposed geothermal plant on the Kappi plateau, road developments, and the hydropower dams PLTA Tampur, Lesten and PLTA Kluet, Meukek;
- h) The World Heritage Committee to keep the TRHS on the World Heritage in Danger List, until such time that these issues have been resolved with respect to the entire property.

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