

INPEX and InfiniteEARTH announce a partnership that will lead to the building of three additional orangutan release camps in the Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve.

HONG KONG, February 22, 2021/ -- [InfiniteEARTH, LTD.](#), a leading developer of tropical conservation land banks and REDD+ carbon credit supplier, announced today that it has signed an agreement with Global Energy Company, [INPEX CORPORATION](#) (INPEX) headquartered in Japan, for the purchase of carbon credits over the next five years.

INPEX purchase of carbon offsets from InfiniteEARTH will help fund the construction of three new orangutan release camps that will be built in the InfiniteEARTH managed Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve Project, a 64,977-hectare (160,000 acre) orangutan reserve in Indonesian Borneo, which was also the first project to receive verification under Verra's Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard (SD ViSta) in September 2020 as contributing to all 17 UN SDGs.

Orangutan Foundation International (OFI), with whom InfiniteEARTH and Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve have a conservation partnership, manages a care centre for rehabilitating orphaned and injured orangutans, with a current population of some 300. The new release camps will facilitate OFI's release of over 150 wild borne orangutans back into the wild. The INPEX funded release camps involve the construction of 1km+ boardwalks across the peat swamps, penetrating the forest. Housing for permanent OFI caregiver staff and feeding platforms for supplemental food. The process of reintroduction is slow and expensive. INPEX's commitment to this initiative provides vital support needed to give these orangutans a second chance in the wild.

"Rimba Raya was developed specifically to support orangutan conservation. The tragic stories behind each and every individual orangutan at the OFI care centre are a poignant reminder of why Rimba Raya is so important. Its natural borders, including the Seruyan River the Java Sea and the Tanjung Puting National Park make Rimba Raya the only viable safe haven for release", said Todd Lemons, CEO and Founder of InfiniteEARTH.

InfiniteEARTH has created economic incentives for the preservation of tropical peat land forests through its development and sales of carbon credits. The sustainable revenue stream from carbon credit sales supports local community development, provincial government infrastructure, and project area protection. The programs funded from carbon revenues aim to improve the quality of life for the local communities through the creation of community enterprises, sustainable living, including increased access to healthcare, early childhood development, access to education, and access to water filtration systems. The project is also intended to protect the biodiversity of the adjacent Tanjung Puting National Park by creating a physical buffer along the eastern border of the park.

INPEX CORPORATION (INPEX) is Japan's largest exploration and production (E&P) company, and is currently involved in projects across multiple continents, including the Ichthys LNG Project in Australia as Operator. Through building a cleaner upstream business and advancing hydrogen and renewables solutions, INPEX aims to become a leading energy company and continue providing a stable and efficient supply of energy to its customers while pioneering energy transformation towards a net zero carbon society by 2050.

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The Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve Project, developed by InfiniteEARTH, reduces over 120 million tonnes of emissions by conserving 64,977 hectares of tropical peat swamp forest in Indonesia, which was slated for conversion to oil palm plantations, a process resulting in the large-scale loss of biodiversity through the loss of habitats off over 100 threatened and endangered species, including the endangered Bornean orangutan.

Orangutan Foundation International (OFI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of wild orangutans and their rainforest habitat. OFI also supports research on orangutans and forests, education initiatives, both local and international, and brings awareness concerning orangutans wherever it can. OFI is profoundly committed to the welfare of all orangutans, whether captive, ex-captive, or wild. Established by Dr. Biruté Mary Galdikas and associates in 1986, OFI operates Camp Leakey, an orangutan research centre, within Tanjung Puting National Park. OFI also runs the Orangutan Care Centre and Quarantine (OCCQ) facility in the Dayak village of Pasir Panjang near Pangkalan Bun, which is home to 330 displaced orangutans.

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