

## 2020 INDEPENDENT AUDIT

Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve, an InfiniteEARTH Project, achieves another major milestone, becoming the first REDD+ project in the world to be audited for UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) compliance under the Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard (SD VISTA Standard) - achieving the highest possible rating of contributing to all 17 UN SDGs



## Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve Audited by AENOR



In January 2020, a rigorous external audit was conducted by AENOR at our project, the Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve Project, located in Central Kalimantan (Indonesia).

The main objective of the verification was to conduct an independent assessment in order to determine compliance with the requirements of the Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard (SD VISTA).

The scope of the verification included a review of the sustainable development impacts generated by the project during the monitoring period and our contribution to the UN SDGs which have a beneficial impact on the community members, including their financial prosperity.

Additionally, the project was being evaluated for its significant contribution to the protection of habitat and biodiversity.



## First REDD+ Project to be validated

This is the first REDD+ project to be validated under the SD VISTA Program as having contributed to the achievement of all 17 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the positive impacts generated by the project activities.

The initiatives introduced prevent deforestation and land use change and encourage community development and economic growth.

This verification has only been possible thanks to the combined efforts of all stakeholders including the community members, local government, our business partners and a strong partnership between Rimba Raya and InfiniteEARTH.



## InfiniteEARTH



The project was initiated by InfiniteEARTH with the purpose of reducing emissions in Indonesia by conserving almost 65,000 hectares which encompasses large areas of tropical peat swamp forest.

This action was vital in our efforts to prevent the conversion of the entire area into an oil palm plantation, which would certainly have led to additional forest degradation within the adjacent national park and consequent loss of biodiversity and habitat, particularly for the endangered Bornean orangutan and other vulnerable animals listed on the IUCN Red list of endangered species.





# Sustainable Development Goals for people, planet and prosperity



Over the years, InfiniteEARTH has used the sustainable revenue stream from the sale of carbon credits to introduce several economic incentives which are aimed at promoting community development, provincial government infrastructure and project area protection..

The initiatives introduced are the product of collaboration between community members, the Rimba Raya team and other relevant stakeholders.

Community programs serve as a means to encourage continued efforts in the preservation of the tropical peat land forests and to encourage a greater understanding of each individual's impact while highlighting the importance of coming together as a community to ensure that these initiatives are relevant and sustainable.



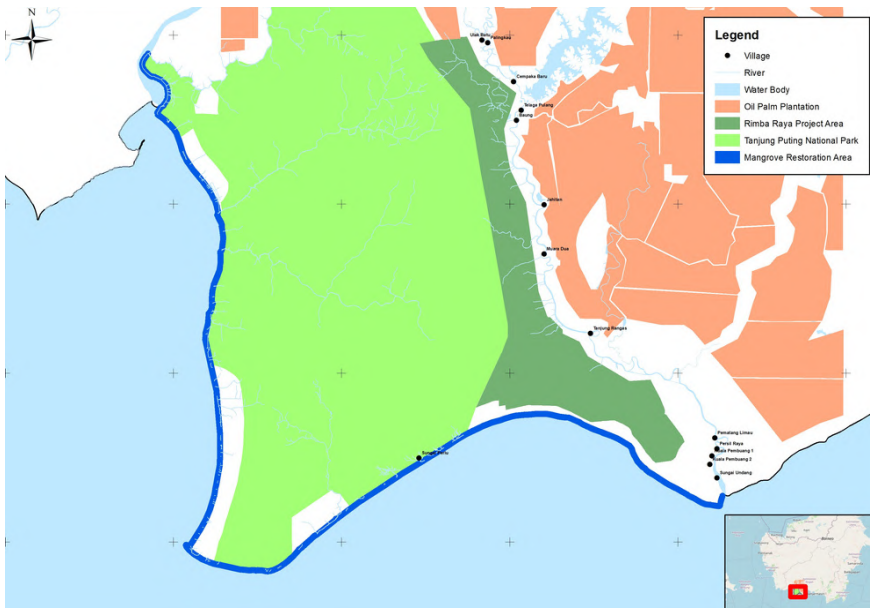
Community involvement is enhanced through the development of programs that improve quality of life. These initiatives cover a broad spectrum of services such as:

- Initiatives that promote sustainable livelihoods.
- Increased access to healthcare
- Early childhood development
- Fire prevention activities
- Water filtration systems
- Access to education
- Forest patrols





# Protecting a forest helps us protect a community



An important additional benefit of our project is the protection of the valuable biodiversity found in the adjacent Tanjung Puting National Park. The area on the Eastern border of the project creates a physical buffer zone between the park and a sea of oil palm plantations.



This confirmed SDG verification sets a new bar for ESG investing.

Companies wishing to invest in projects that offer investment opportunities with a high bar of Environmental & Social Governance (ESG), will find this verification gives them an opportunity to make responsible investments in a well-managed project that contributes to the well-being of all stakeholders and has a continuing focus on other global issues such as climate action, reduced deforestation, community development and stakeholder well-being.



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# Verified Sustainable Development Goals

SDG	GOAL	Direct Contributing Project Activities
1	No Poverty	Employment, Micro enterprises, Solar Power & Solar Lanterns
2	Zero Hunger	Chicken Farms & Zuper Shrimp Paste
3	Good health & well being	Floating Clinic, Reading Glasses
4	Quality Education	Training, Scholarships, Community Centers & Village Libraries, Mangrove Reforestation
5	Gender Equality	RRC employment, Chickens Farm & Zuper Shrimp Paste
6	Clean Water and Sanitation	Water filters and Water Filtration systems
7	Affordable and Clean Energy	Solar Power & Solar Lanterns
8	Decent Work and Economic Growth	Chickens Farm & Zuper Shrimp Paste, Tree nurseries, Community Centers & Village Libraries
9	Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure	Solar power, Micro-Credit; Chickens Farm & Zuper Shrimp Paste, Community Centers
10	Reducing Inequality	Solar Power & Solar Lanterns, Water filters
11	Sustainable Cities and Communities	Support for Tanjung Puting National, Orangutan Care Facility
12	Responsible Consumption and Production	School Curriculum: Climate Change/Sustainability
13	Climate Action	Mangrove Reforestation & Peat Swamp Reforestation, Establishment and Protection of the Rimba Raya Reserve, Community Firefighting, Training, School Curriculum: Climate Change/Sustainability, Tree nurseries
14	Life Below Water	Seruyan River Cleanup; Mangrove Reforestation
15	Life On Land	Mangrove Reforestation & Peat Swamp Reforestation, Tree nurseries, Establishment and Protection of the Rimba Raya
16	Peace, Justice, & Strong Institutions	Community Centers, Solar power
17	Partnerships for the Goals	Development Donations

