

***We, the traditional people of the forest,
that care about the environment
in the districts of Tempunak-Sepauk-Belimbing***

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Statement and principal considerations

The sun is the source of all life on our planet. All living beings need air. Without water there is no life. The land is where we live and grow and the diverse forest is the source of all that we own.

The remnants of paradise are still around us thanks to what we inherited and the grace of God, supported by the wisdom and the ongoing fight of the local people. We have all been entrusted the responsibility to manage, maintain and develop this paradise.

There is no way without the ecosystem and the community, because the ecosystem guarantees life while the community is the ideal form of organization. Both are interdependent.

We take care of our environment to ensure that this mutualistic symbiotic association continues to function. Part of this symbiosis is that the law of nature must be abided. We also see the environment as something bigger and greater, which determines our life, tradition and culture. As such the environment has philosophic, social and economic proportions.

Our traditions, laws and governance guard our rights and obligations and our daily life. Our tradition represents the non-written laws while the constitution represents the written law. Government is established to make them, execute and apply them.

We need wise leaders that can take responsible decisions that are in accordance with nature, God and our fellow men. We measure them by the peace, hope and care they give.

We need leaders that care about global warming, climate change and weather extremes; about food security, sustainable energy, environmentally friendly technologies, local wisdom as well as global developments.

Until now we have succeeded in protecting our environment by preventing the PT Barito Pacific Timber Group from destroying our forests in 1996. We also did not take advantage of the regional autonomy policy to take each a 100-hectare large private forest concession. We rather used and continue to use the water sources to provide us with electricity through micro hydro installations. We have repeatedly rejected large-scale palm oil plantations in front of the government

and officials. We provided out of free will forest land to release orangutans. And on January 29th, 2013, we declared our lands as conservation area in front of Drs. Cornelis, governor of the province of West Kalimantan.

And now, just in 8 weeks time from April 2013 these companies destroyed almost one thousand hectares of our forest! And we have the satellite images and coordinates and pictures to prove it!

The fight for our right to live and manage nature by us, the people in and around the forest that care about the environment, has been going on for so long already and carries such high moral value for us. And this we do for each other, our children and grand children and the whole world!

Based upon the commitment of the leaders of the world about reducing green house gas emissions where Indonesia also partakes, and the presidential decree on illegal logging, as well as the presidential decree on the moratorium on logging in virgin forests and peat lands, and also based upon the instructions for land use planning about maintaining at least 30% of the land in natural condition, and the decision by the constitutional court about recognition of the traditional people forests, forests rights and state forests,

Therefore we reject the PT Kencana Alam Permai and PT. Prima Sawit Andalan palm oil companies that are destroying our forests, watersheds and hillsides.

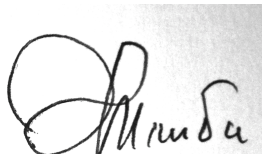
Therefore we demand the government to withdraw their permits because those two companies already destroyed forests and showed such arrogance as to bring social conflicts to our communities.

Such we write in the name of the traditional people of the forest that care about the environment.



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