

8 stories of celebrating life,
nurturing nature, culture and
spiritual diversity



2004 community report

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GGF Grant 50-362: Krayan Hulu Ecotourism Committee

The communities in Krayan Hulu and Hulu Pujungan living within the Kayan Mentarang National park, East Kalimantan are committed to protecting their wealth of high biodiversity, scenic beauty, archaeological remains, and cultural traditions. The project helped them establish ecotourism facilities such as short boat and trekking trips for tourist. One such attraction in the area: the Melu'ung Waterfall has been visited by many tourists, including government officials. In the evenings, tourists are invited to join "cultural nights" of Dayak traditional music and dances. Krayan Hulu and Hulu Pujungan are now well known as fascinating ecotourism destinations.



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LAKBAYK-TRIBO

Grant 50-366: Inter People's Exchange, Inc. (IPEX)



Photos by IPEX

Lakbayk-Tribo is a biking caravan for mother earth and the indigenous peoples. The month long tour brought selected IP youths from remote areas to have integration with the outside world. The experience strengthened their bonding with other IPs and built their confidence in relating with non-IPs. In the process, they have imbibed the values of caring for one another and for the environment. Upon return to their respective communities, they volunteered to assist the elders in delineating their ancestral domain and in making it productive.

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GGF Grant No. 50 – 587 : JATAM

This project assisted in documenting the Buyat case and in disseminating information (i.e. fact sheet) which helped mobilize broader support from various environmental and human rights organizations in Indonesia.



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GGF Grant 50-456: Padung Kumang Sekajau

Cocoa seedlings planted by 'Adat' community groups in Padung Kumang and Mungguk Kelapak in West Kalimantan surrounding their villages strengthened their claim over their ancestral lands. This has effectively prevented big plantation and logging companies from entering their territories. Every family in both villages now owns a cocoa garden and are looking forward to their first harvest in two years time.

Samdhana deliberately focuses on smaller organizations – tailoring grants to their needs. This allows Samdhana to build close and trusting working relations with a wide range of grass-roots environmental and social organizations.



Farmers deep in discussion on how to move forward with their community mapping work

Photo by JKPP

**GF Grant 50 – 632:
Participatory Mapping in Biting-Rembong Protected Forest Area
Manggarai District, NTT**

The most frequent spatial conflicts in Nusa Tenggara Timur today are between 'Adat' communities and the government. In this particular area the seeds of conflict were sown in 1978 when the Forestry Office declared Ruteng as a protected area. Furthermore in 1984, the Ministry of Forestry expanded the protected area and made it into a 'Taman Wisata Alam' or natural tourism park. A GGF grant supported the communities in this region to develop maps that are being used as an effective communication tool with other stakeholders, and a tool to negotiate natural resource management rights for the social, economic and ecological benefits of the people.

Samdhana is the Southeast Asia Global Alliance Fund partner of the Global Greengrants network. Together, they provide support to partners in Philippines, Indonesia, East Timor and the Mekong region, through grants of up to approximately US \$5000.



**GGF Grant 50-363:
Strategic Planning Workshop
Towards Effective Ecosystem-
Based Network Management of
Community-Based Marine
Protected Areas in the
Philippines**

Pamana is a national alliance of communities that are managing marine protected areas and community based fish sanctuaries in the Philippines. With the grant, it was able to conduct strategic planning workshop attended by 18 community leaders in 69 municipalities all over the country. The project provided organizational direction with the incorporation in the 5-year strategic plan, the framework of network management for protection of marine sanctuaries at each ecosystem level. There is unity among the participants that Marine Protected Areas enforcement can only be effective when the people's organizations and barangay local government units are individually or jointly managing them. These local leaders are "more aware of what management tools are best applicable at their sites, based on their rich experiences of success and failures as marine sanctuary managers."

**GGF Grant 50-437:
3rd National Indigenous Peoples
Children and Youth Festival**

The project provided the venue for more than 140 children and youth representing 13 tribal groups from all over the Philippines to share experiences and learn from their interaction among IPs and with non-IPs. The children are impressed with the knowledge of their elders on what is happening outside their communities. They now seek their elders to tell stories about their tradition and culture. The youth are encouraged to do research and took on a leadership role when they went back to their respective communities.

Ati children from Negros Occidental are now proud of their identity and appreciate the richness of their culture



Photos by Dody Pena



IP children and youth gathering has increased their awareness of their rights as children and of their rights to their ancestral domains

**Grant No. 50 523:
LBH Semarang
Encouraging
Participatory and Just
Mechanisms to Resolve
Conflicts over
Plantations in Central
Java**

LBH Semarang or the Semarang Legal Aid Organization is working to promote conflict resolutions mechanisms that are both participatory and just in nature for the many cases of conflict over land between small farmers and big plantations in Central Java. They have been assisting farmers to document cases and prepare lobbying documents to engage the government and law makers in policy dialogue. This process has succeeded in building the confidence of farmer organizations, as they are now witnessing positive responses from government officials and gaining stronger negotiation positions – the Head of Batang district for example met with the farmer organization and has given a public statement that he will support their efforts.



Photo by LBH Semarang

Farmers of Batang Regency rally to demand security of land rights
15/06/2005