

An English Version of a Decree in Bahasa

**MINISTER OF FORESTRY
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

**Minister of Forestry Decree
Number: P.54/Menhut-II/2006**

On

Establishment of Riau Province as Sumatran Elephant (*Elephas maximus sumatranus*) Conservation Center

MINISTER OF FORESTRY,

Considering:

- a. whereas Sumatran elephant (*Elephas maximus sumatranus*) is considered as endangered species that protected by laws and its condition is threatened with extinction, therefore it needs to be conserved;
- b. whereas the condition of Sumatran elephant in Riau Province is very concerning and threatened by habitat loss and fragmentation, conflict with human and poaching, therefore immediate conservation actions need to be taken;
- c. whereas to protect Sumatran elephant in Riau Province needs firm commitment, good program with clear direction in which the implementation is integrated and coordinated well between different sectors
- d. on considerations stated in point a, b, and c above, it is considered necessary to establish Riau province as Sumatran Elephant Conservation Centre (*Elephas maximus sumatranus*) with a decree of Ministry of Forestry.

In view of:

1. Act Number 5 Year of 1990 on Biological Natural Resources Conservation and their Ecosystem;
2. Act Number 23 year of 1997 on Management of Environment;
3. Act Number 41 year of 1999 on Forestry;
4. Act Number 32 year 2004 on Local Government;
5. Government Decree Number 27 Year 1999 on Environmental Impact Assessment
6. Government Decree Number 7 year 1999 on Preservation of Flora and Fauna;
7. Government Decree Number 8 Year of 1999 on Use of Wild Flora and Fauna;
8. Government Decree Number 34 Year 2002 on Forest System and Arrangement of Plans on Forest Management, Forest Utilization and Forest Area Use.
9. Government Decree Number 44 Year 2004 on Forestry Planning
10. Government Decree Number 45 Year 2004 on Forest Protection;
11. Presidential Decree Number 187/M Year 2004 which has been amended with Presidential Decree Number 171/M Year 2005 about Formation of Kabinet Indonesia Bersatu;

12. Minister of Forestry Decree Number P.13/Menhut-II/2005 which has amended with Minister of Forestry Decree Number P.17/Menhut-11/2005, Minister of Forestry Decree Number P.35/Menhut-II/2005, and Minister of Forestry Decree Number P.46/Menhut-II/2006 on Organization and Work System of Ministry of Forestry.

DECIDED

To Stipulate: **Minister of Forestry Decree on the Establishment of Riau Province as Sumatran Elephant (*Elephas maximus sumatranus*) Conservation Center**

CHAPTER I SCOPES

Article 1

The scope of Sumatran elephant conservation includes:

- a. Policy and strategy of elephant conservation
- b. Policy on land and forest use
- c. Mitigation on human and elephant conflict
- d. Development of institution and management of Sumatran elephant conservation center

CHAPTER II MAIN ACTIVITIES OF SUMATRAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION CENTER

Article 2

- (1) The scope of Sumatran elephant (*Elephas maximus sumatranus*) conservation center as mentioned in the article 1 is explained in main point of activities.
- (2) Main activities of Sumatran elephant conservation center as stated in clause (1) include:
 1. The establishment of an action plans for conserving the Sumatran elephant;
 2. Stopping the conversion of natural forest for any purpose;
 3. Evaluating non-forestry use of natural forest area;
 4. Protecting the remaining elephant pouches;
 5. Establishing corridors between elephant pouches between Tesso Nilo National Park, Rimbang Baling Sanctuary and Bukit Tigapuluh National Park;
 6. Functioning production forest area around conservation area as relocation place for Sumatran elephant;
 7. Establishing human-elephant conflict mitigation protocol;
 8. Implementing human-elephant conflict mitigation protocol in the forest area and land management;

9. Establishing a model of an independent ex-situ elephant conservation center;
10. Empowering the existing elephant in all elephant training camps to develop function of Riau elephant conservation center based on the principle of protection, preservation, and benefit;
11. Fundraising for the sumatran elephant conservation.

CHAPTER III SUMATRAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION TASK FORCE

Article 3

For good implementation of the main activities as stated in the article 2, it is important to form Sumatran elephant conservation task force, which from now on will be called Task Force

Article 4

- (1) Task Force as stated in the Article 3 is endorsed by the DG of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation (PHKA).
- (2) Task force as stated in clause (1) consist of Central Government, Local Government, private sector, and Non Government Organization.
- (3) Task force from Central Government side as stated in the clause (2) consists of State Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Internal Affairs, and Ministry of Forestry.
- (4) Task force from local government side as stated in clause (2) consist of Provincial government, Provincial Forestry Agency, District Government, District Forestry Agency and technical implementation unit (UPT).

Task Force as stated in the clause (1) is obliged to establish work plan and activities as the elaboration of main activities as stated in Article 2 clause (2).

CHAPTER IV EVALUATION OF SUMATRAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION CENTER

Article 5

- (1) Evaluation of activity of the Sumatran Elephant Conservation Center is carried out every year by task force.
- (2) The evaluation result of the Sumatran Elephant Conservation Center as stated in the clause (1) is periodically reported to Minister of Forestry.

CHAPTER V CLOSING

Article 6

This Decree shall come into effect at the date of its promulgation.

Approved in Jakarta
On July 19, 2006

MINISTRY OF FORESTRY,
Signed
H.M.S. KABAN, SE., M.Si.

This copy is declared to comply with the original
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This copy is notified to:

1. Minister of Internal Affairs;
2. Minister of Agriculture;
3. State Minister for the Environment;
4. Head of National Land Board;
5. Riau Governor;
6. Head of Provincial Parliament
7. Echelon I of Department of Forestry
8. Head of Regional Police in Riau;
9. Head of Districts in Riau;
10. Head of Riau Provincial Forestry Agency;
11. Head of Technical Implementation Unit (UPT) Ministry of Forestry in Riau