

WHV – Together in TRaCe-ing Royal Belum State Park Tropical Rainforest as Climate Stabiliser

Royal Belum State Park, Malaysia

Natural property inscribed on the Tentative List (2017)

PROJECT DATES

11 - 21 September 2023

THE SITE - The Royal Belum State Park has been considered as the hotspot for biodiversity in Malaysia as it hosts diverse ecosystems and habitats for numerous different species of flora and fauna, of which many are endemic, rare, vulnerable, or otherwise threatened in Malaysia and the region. It represents the largest undisturbed and pristine habitats and ecosystems for *in situ* conservation of both the terrestrial and freshwater river and lake biodiversity in the country.

OBJECTIVES - Implemented for the second consecutive year, the project aims to raise awareness and instil a sense of responsibility among young people, volunteers, local communities, visitors (local and international), and concerned stakeholders on the need to appreciate, conserve and promote the protection of Royal Belum State Park tropical rainforest for its ecological role as a climate stabiliser.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will contribute to “TRaCe” awareness, biodiversity, community engagement, and partnerships, taking part in a diverse range of project-based activities from training workshops by experts, field visits, wisdom exchange sessions with the local community including the indigenous people, tree planting and awareness-raising events with visitors, aiming at also embracing intercultural exchanges and producing ideas to develop non-formal education tools to improve management practices and indigenous participation, ownership and empowerment.

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