

WHV – Royal Belum State Park, Malaysia: Sustaining Natural Heritage through EcoDigital Community

Royal Belum State Park, Malaysia

Natural property inscribed on the Tentative List (2017)

PROJECT DATES

01 June - 31 December 2024

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 third 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 be able to discover, plan and engage in different on-site and online activities across the pillars of the TRaCe framework for active and digital engagement: Awareness, Biodiversity, Community, Partnership and Solutions. They will contribute to creative solutions to improve grazing land area, wellness and livelihood of indigenous community and enhance ecotourism products within and the surrounding landscape of the site.

PARTNERS - Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO; Ministry Of Tourism, Arts & Culture Malaysia, National Heritage Department; UNESCO Field Office Jakarta; Perak State Park Corporations; Pulau Banding Foundations; NGOs (RIMAU, MNS); Orang Asli Village; Local operators & Retailers (Persatuan Pengusaha Pemandu Pelancong Belum-Temengor); Belum Rainforest Resort.

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