

WHV – Royal Belum State Park, Malaysia: Advancing EcoDigital Communities for Sustaining Natural Heritage

Royal Belum State Park, Malaysia

Natural property inscribed on the Tentative List (2017)

PROJECT DATES

01 June - 31 December 2025

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 - In its fourth consecutive year, the project aims to advance EcoDigital initiatives that engage young people, volunteers, local communities, visitors (local and international), and key stakeholders. It seeks to cultivate a deep appreciation for the Royal Belum State Park, instilling a collective responsibility to conserve and promote the park's rich natural heritage. By highlighting its ecological importance as a climate stabilizer and impact on ecosystem stability, the initiative emphasizes sustainable actions and innovative solutions to ensure the long-term protection of this tropical rainforest

ACTIVITIES - Participants will have the opportunity to explore, strategize, and participate in a variety of on-site and digital activities inspired by the TRaCe framework, focusing on Awareness, Biodiversity, Community, Partnership, and Solutions. Volunteers will contribute to actionable solutions, including exhibitions and explorations, enhancing the wellness and livelihoods of the indigenous communities, online webinar forum and developing ecotourism products that align with the conservation goals of the Royal Belum State Park.

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; EMKAY Foundation, Belum Rainforest Resort, EXOTEL, local communities of Belum-Temenggor.

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