



MESCOT Habitat Restoration in Kinabatangan, Supu Forest Reserve, Sabah, Malaysia

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What's in the Presentation

1. Introduce Kinabatangan & Batu Puteh
2. The MESCOT Program & What we do...
3. Conservation Activities
4. Community & Economic Impact
5. Partnership & Collaboration



Location : Kinabatangan



Floodplain Forest Types: Peat Swamp & Freshwater Swamp



High Biodiversity & High Concentration of **Wildlife**

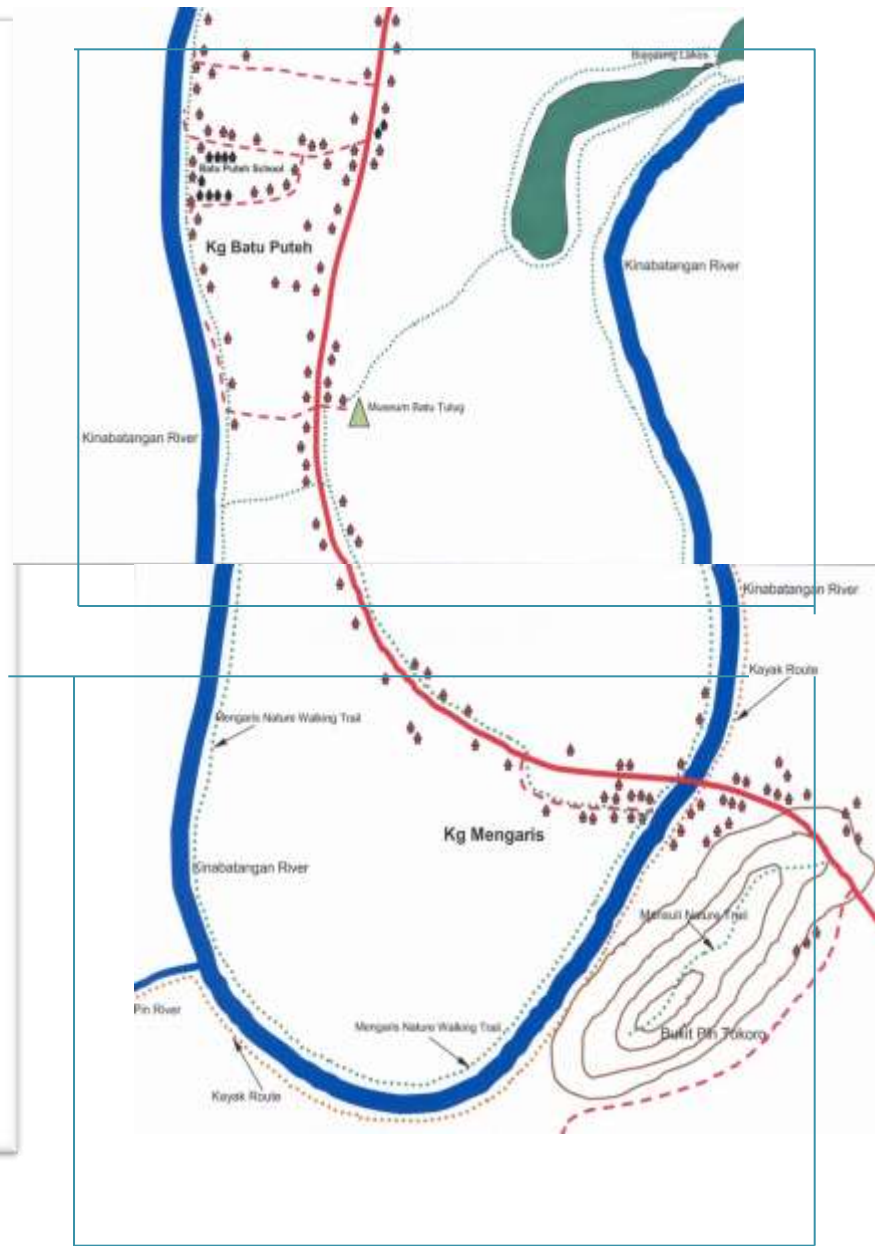
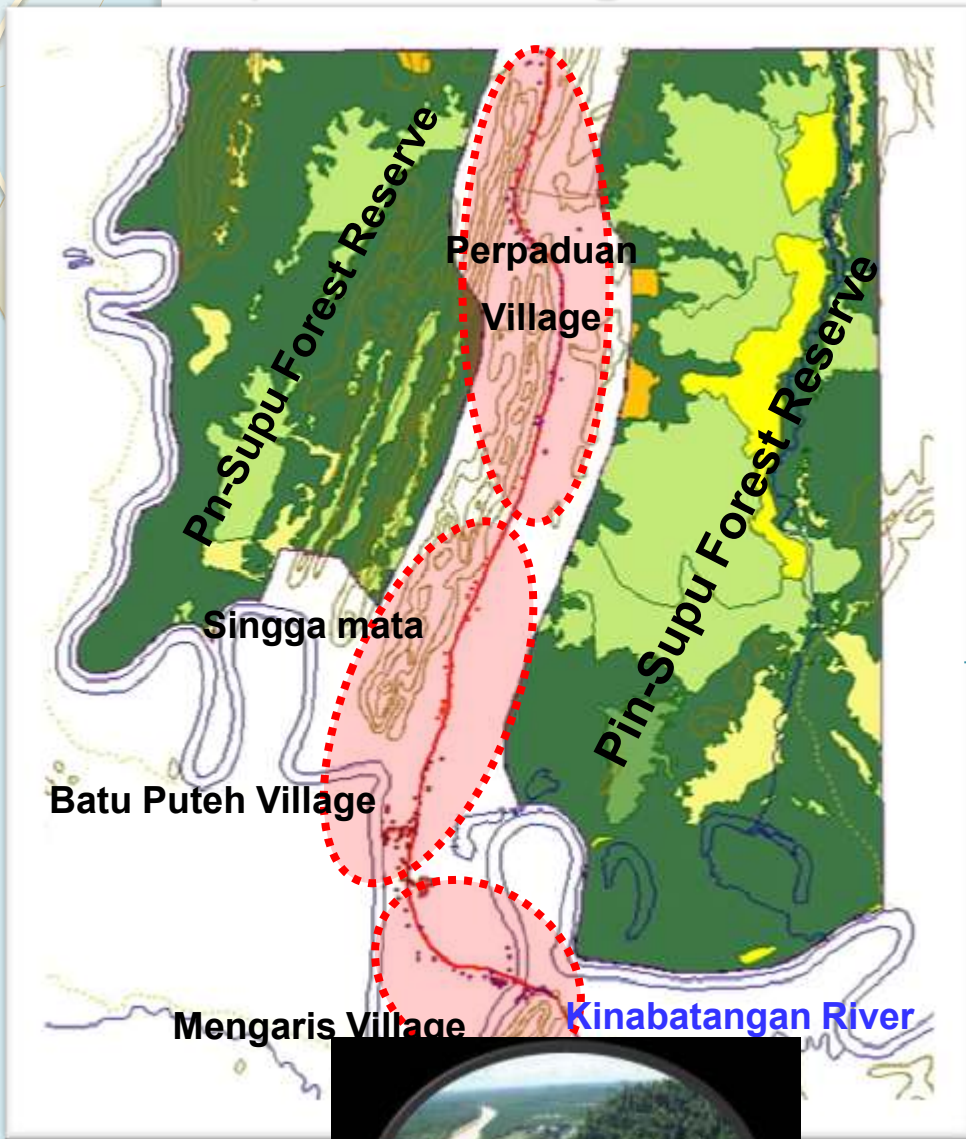


Natural Heritage...



Representative of almost all Lowland Bird Species of Borneo

Map of the Village



Cultural Attractions



- Over 10 Language Groups
- Unique Stories, Art & Dance
- Traditions still alive & intact
- Unique knowledge of Environment
- Historical Sites – Batu Tulug

What are we Doing to Protect & Develop this area ?

MESCOT Project

Forest Restoration



THE STAR (SEDA) August 12 1997

ENVIRONMENT SECTION 2/3

Taking charge of their future

By MASJALIZA HAMZAH

KAMPUNG Batu Putih is in many ways a typical (river people) settlement by the Kinabatangan, Sabah's longest river. The villagers depend on the surrounding environment for much of their shelter and subsistence needs, while deriving cash income from a variety of jobs like clearing land, fish farming and

Awang Agelik who ventured as far as Kuala Lumpur for a job, he has now found a good reason to stay in his kampung by the river that had, for a long time, been plagued by problems arising from idle youths looking for ways to keep themselves occupied.

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Awang and his fellow villagers hope to benefit from the Mesocot community.

MESCOT ?



MESCOT Started March 1997



Renovated old building to carry out training and village level discussion

MESCOT?

(MODEL ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AND TOURISM)

- ❑ The MESCOT initiative was designed to **empower local people, build local capacity, and plan ecologically sustainable community based ecotourism activities**, whereby creating alternative sources of income and at the same time benefit the conservation of the remaining rich natural forest resources and biodiversity of the area.
- ❑ Bottom-up Planning Process
- ❑ involvement of Local Community through participatory planning

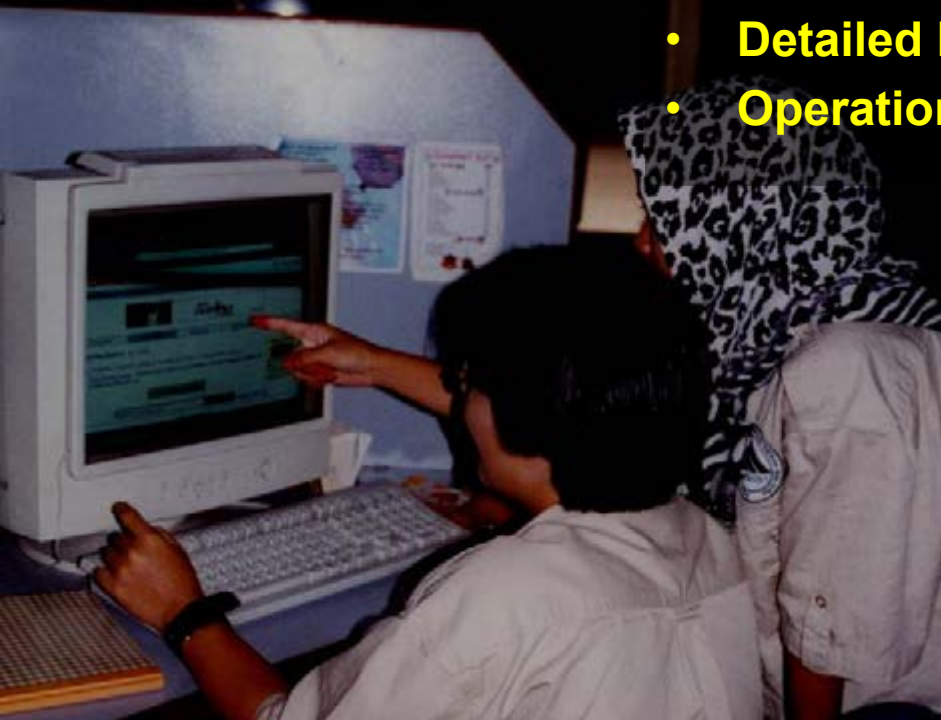
Plan the Planning





Establishment Phase

- Research
- Exposure
- Brainstorming
- Detailed Planning
- Operations



Begin Operation – June 2000



Ecotourism Activities

- Boat Trips
- Wildlife Observation
- Tree Planting
- Homestay & Culture
 - Cooking Lessons
 - Traditional Games
 - Traditional Music & Dance



Miso Walai Homestay



Cultural dance ...



Jungle Trekking Nature Interpretation Walks



Hammock and Tent Camping





Caves Exploring



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Tree Planting Activity



Research Tourism

- Wildlife Monitoring
- Water Quality
- Forest Mapping



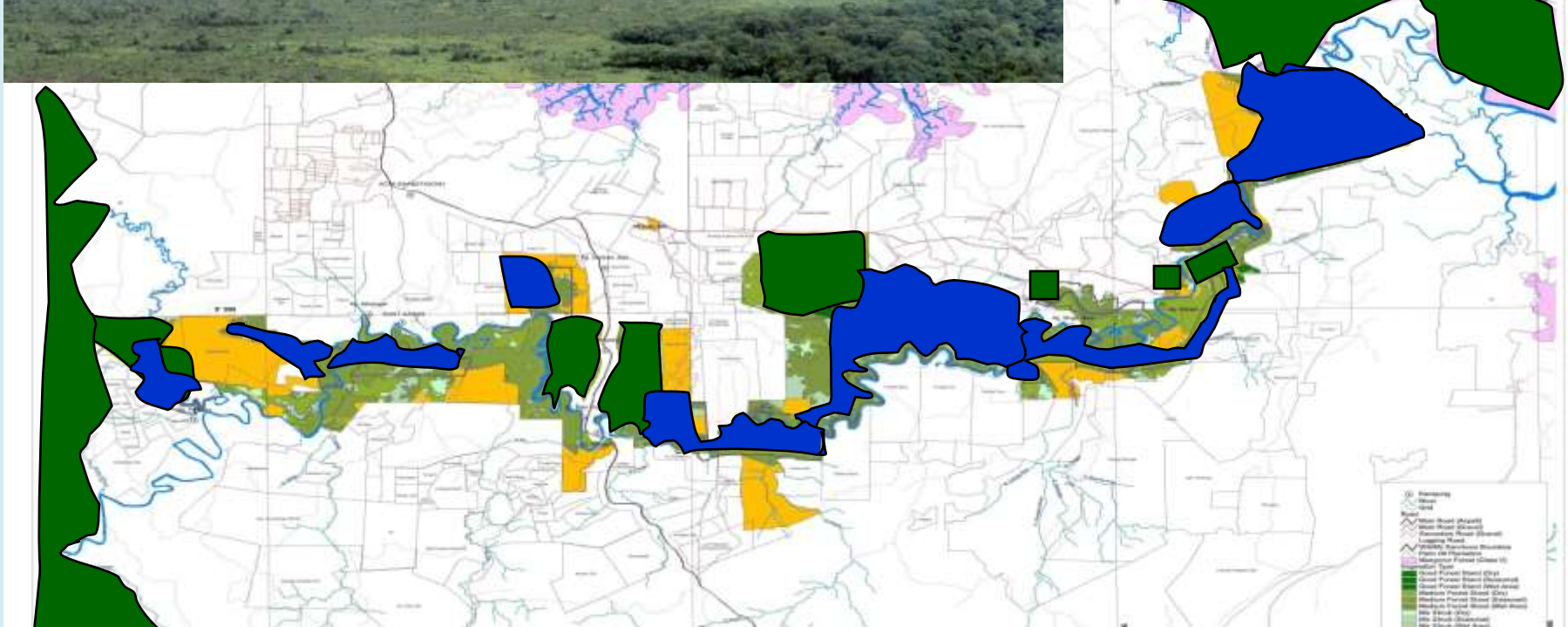


Alongside this we have also got involved in conservation activities..

“FOREST HABITAT RESTORATION WORK..”



Forest Reserves & Wildlife Sanctuary



Status of Natural Forest in Kinabatangan



Supu Forest Reserve 1998

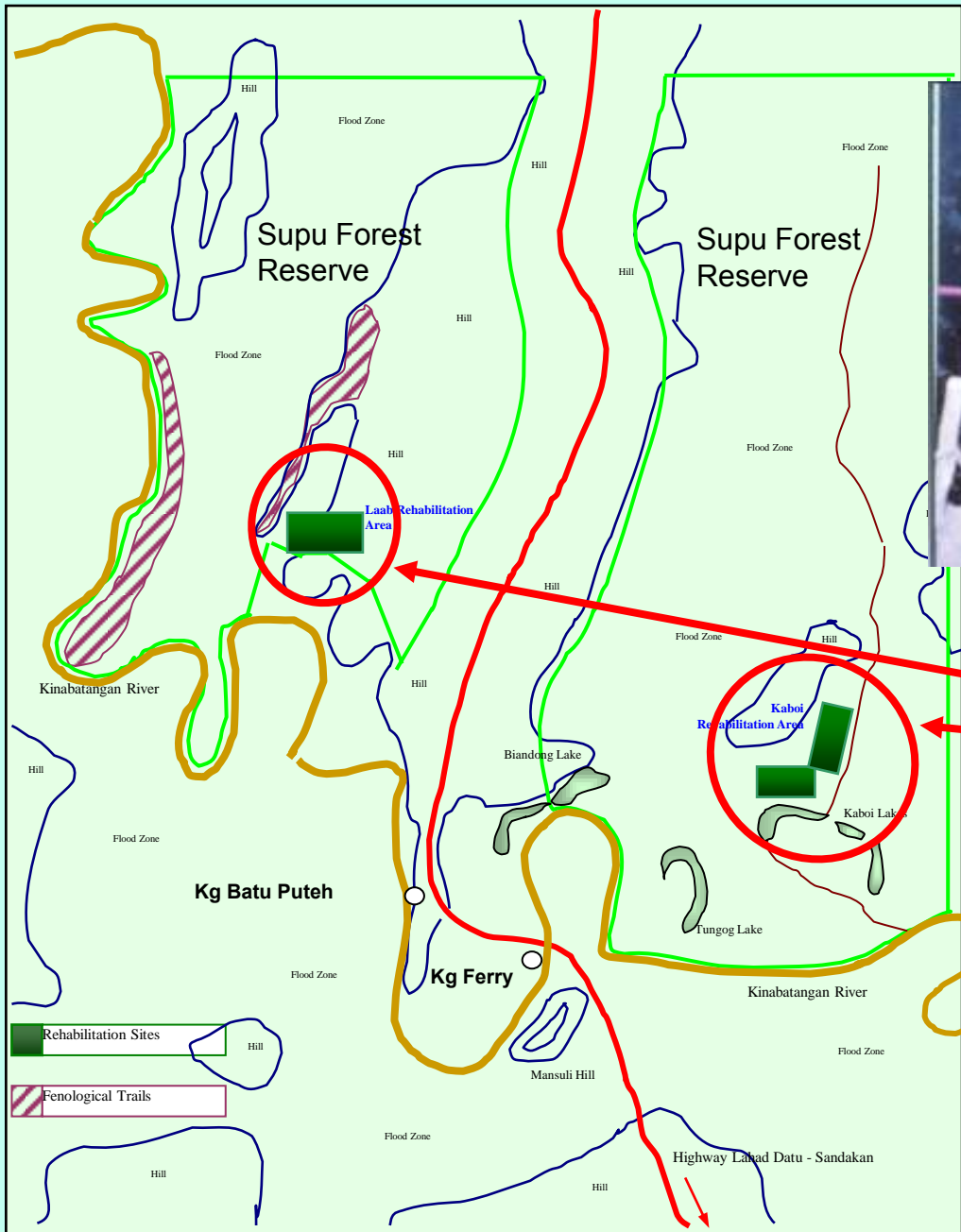
Top layers of peat very dry & combustible





Burnt Forest of Supu





Forest Restoration...

