



PONGO ALLIANCE

Making Resilient Landscapes for Wildlife and People a Reality

PONGO Alliance is a partnership of visionary oil palm growers and conservation practitioners. PONGO Alliance uses the skills of its cross disciplinary partners and highly skilled local field staff to collaboratively assist industry in achieving their mandated sustainability goals.

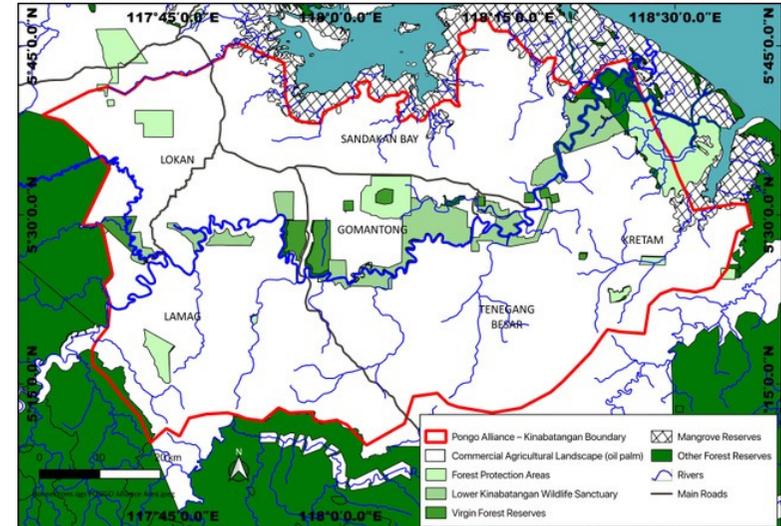
The initial focus of PONGO Alliance work is to serve both a species (the orangutan) and an industry (palm oil production) that is too often misrepresented by incendiary and polarising special interest groups. The initial area of engagement is the lowlands of the Kinabatangan River, an area well suited to both oil palm agriculture and orangutans.

Today the wild orangutan population in the Kinabatangan is at a critically tipping point. Without oil palm industry cooperation, long-term viability of this Critically Endangered and fully protected species in the wild is not assured. By working together, PONGO Alliance aims to create a paradigm shift in agricultural practice that reframes the oil palm industry as one that supports rather than destroys orangutan habitat.

PONGO Alliance engages industry with a holistic and non-judgmental approach. We work one-to-one, company by company and even estate by estate and if requested, in confidence with company sustainability teams to reach and exceed certification targets in effective and documentable ways by providing:

- Scientific survey expertise and capacity building of sustainability teams to effectively collaborate with researchers in monitoring orangutan patterns of use. This way we can better understand how to support their habitat needs.
- Restoration techniques and specific recommendations for enrichment of set-asides that support growth of plants that are useful to both wildlife and people. Planting trees is good – Growing trees is better!
- Scientifically accurate but assessable outreach education materials to resolve misperceptions, mitigate conflict, improve knowledge and compliance of laws and foster co-existence with Asia's emblematic only Great Ape species.
- A forum for open dialogue between conservation practitioners and the oil palm Industry to mutual benefit.

PONGO Alliance Kinabatangan engagement area:



Partners with estates in Sabah to date:

Sawit Kinabalu Shd. Bhd., Sime Darby Plantations Shd. Bhd. and Wilmar International Ltd.

Together we can assure a sustainable future for both oil palm and wildlife in the Kinabatangan region.

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