COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION

Sustainability Policy

- Bumitama adopted a NDPE policy in August 2015;
- Creation of shared value that can be embraced by multiple stakeholders;
  - Bumitama commits to encourage and support communities ... with sustainable economic development options, also when these communities do not opt for oil palm development;
  - We embrace partnership approaches to managing the landscapes within and around the boundaries of plantation areas in order to sustain diverse landscapes that contribute to long-term food and income security and environmental integrity.
Palm Oil As Part Of The Landscape

- **Approach**
  - Plantation integrating with the surrounding areas and its stakeholders rather than imposing itself onto it;
- **Partnerships**
  - Collaboration with experts and NGOs;
  - Involvement of local communities;
- **Policy**
  - Engagement of regional/provincial government in legalisation of set-asides;
- **Practice**
  - Challenges - many stakeholders with contradictory interest;
  - Requires close alliances across all stakeholder groups.

Creating Shared Values

- Bumitama concept of shared values contributes to integration of company activities within the landscape and its actors; is designed based on assessments of community and other stakeholders needs and development potentials;
- Empowering locals to achieve sustainable economic development and attain financial stability;
- Our presence will help to address the social SDGs like elevating poverty, providing food security, health services, education and etc;
Community As A Partner

- Community as invaluable human resource provider;
- Example in ASMR most of the workers are youth and adults who had left their parents and Tanjung Puting, but now had since returned to the villages:
  - In ASMR close to 90% of the workforce are locals;
  - They come from these 5 villages: Sekonyer, Teluk Pulai, Kumai Hilir, Kumai Hulu and Bedaun;
  - Average salary is at least 10% higher than UMP.

Community As A Partner

- As service providers:
  - Security guards training enhanced in collaboration with the other governmental agencies in the region;
  - Transporters;
  - Other services:
    - Bumitama blacksmith buyback project; launched in 2013 with just few local men with skills to make blowpipes and kris as part of cultural heritage;
    - Now supporting 9 production groups (inclusive of plasma cooperatives) in the production of harvesting knife call dodos. This range is to be expanded to other types of knives.
Community As A Partner

- Bumitama food-source project
  - Meeting internal requirement not just by importing from Java;
    - Teach and provide seeds to workers to plant vegetable & fish on their own garden or communal gardens;
    - Distribution of rice to internal families;
  - Meeting/enhancing external requirement
    - Assist to improve yield in padi planting with correct method, tools and increasing planting cycle;
    - Vegetable, poultry and fish farming on abandoned land;
    - Planting fruit trees along village roads.

Community Partnership Example

- Teluk Pulai near Tanjung Puting NP - neglected village;
- Bumitama employed local people and provided financial means for establishment of other businesses;
- The community collaborated and set up multiple alternative livelihoods:
  - Communally managing 170 swiftlet hotels, each generating additional income of IDR 50 million per year;
  - Managing 70 bee hives and harvesting forest honey;
  - Growing padi for food with a surplus 350 tonnes/year;
- Community now giving back to the environment;
  - Reforesting 40,000 seedlings in areas previously burned and rehabilitating coastal zones with 15,000 seedlings of mangrove type trees.
**NTFP For Forest Conservation**

- Stakeholders stewardship inclusive of community for set-aside areas;
- Protection of the forest linked with economical benefits:
  - Harvesting NTFP such for crafts, food or medicinal purposes;
- Engaging community in rehabilitation & patrolling of the set-aside areas;
  - Loggers are taken out of forest and provided alternative livelihoods;
- Building on the indigenous people’s knowledge, passing to younger generations;
- Trainings and workshops with NGOs on sustainable forest products;
- Paludiculture pilot on 300 ha for peat rehabilitation and research.

**Landscape Conservation - BBCP**

- Landscape level approach for forest protection through partnerships based on protection – production – inclusion;
- Conserving and connecting forests, peat areas, and orangutan habitat with community, government and others involvement at the same time;
- Alignment of community development and conservation with the Provincial and Regional government Green Growth Programme, *Kawasan Ekosistem Esensial*, District’s Mid-term Development Plan (or RPJMD);
- Participatory assessment of village land for Village Level Land Use Plans (VLLP) for implementation into regional spatial plans and budgets (PKP);
- Smallholder productivity increase and replanting programme.
Community Partnership – The Journey

- Bumitama employs 26,000 workers and works with 28,000 plasma smallholders – in rural areas where poverty is double compared to urban areas;
- Wages are 10 - 20% higher than regional minimum;
- Community benefits from the employment – schools and education for children, assisted teachers in the state owned schools and help with maintenance of facilities;
  - Accessible to 4,774 children of employees through 36 internal and 10 external partnership schools;
  - Infrastructure development for the benefit of local communities;
  - Variety of successful socio-economic programmes.

Thank You