Investing in Community Based Conservation: Cases of Wild Honey Bee and Cassava Projects In Tesso Nilo National Park, Sumatra

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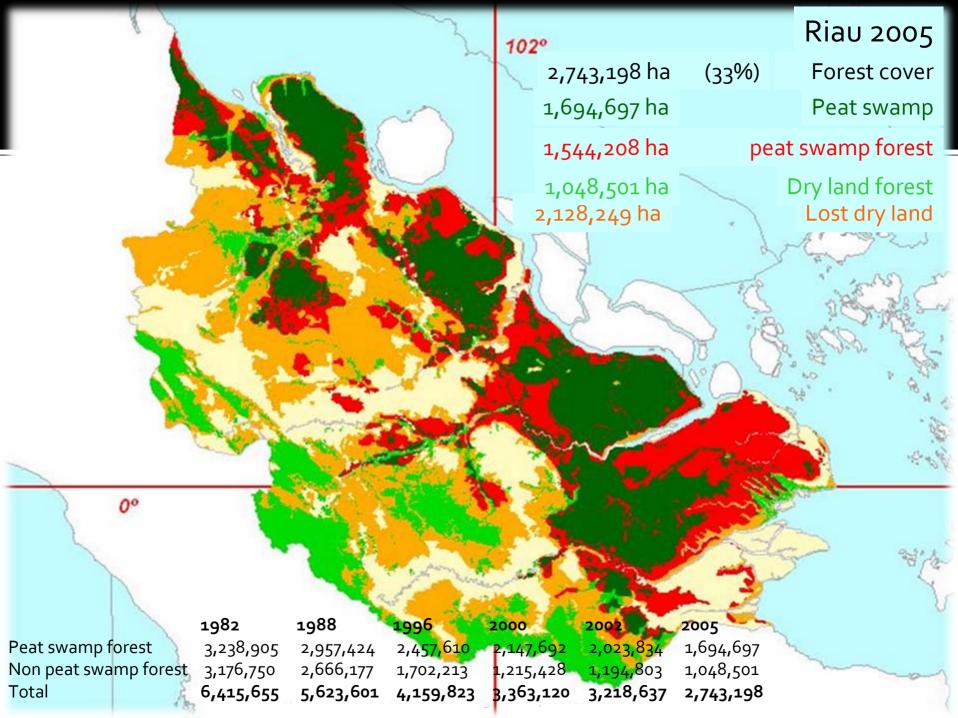
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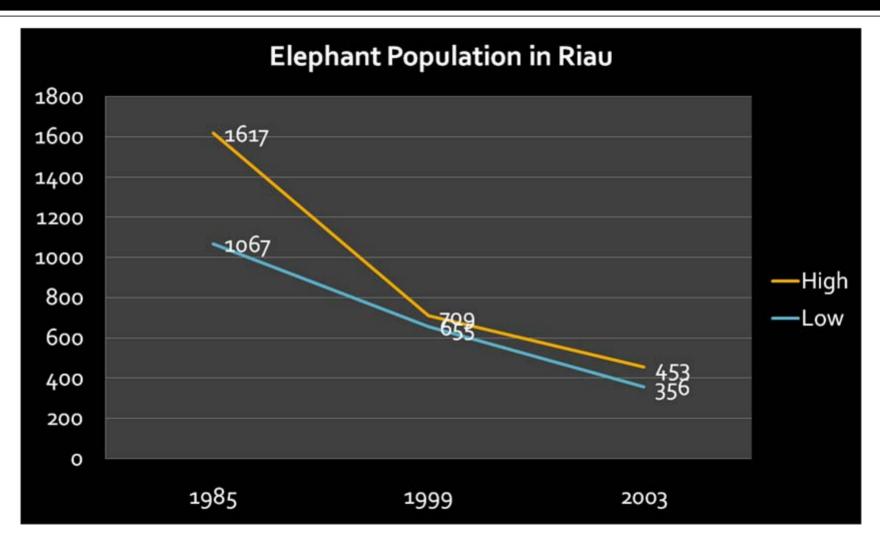


Project location



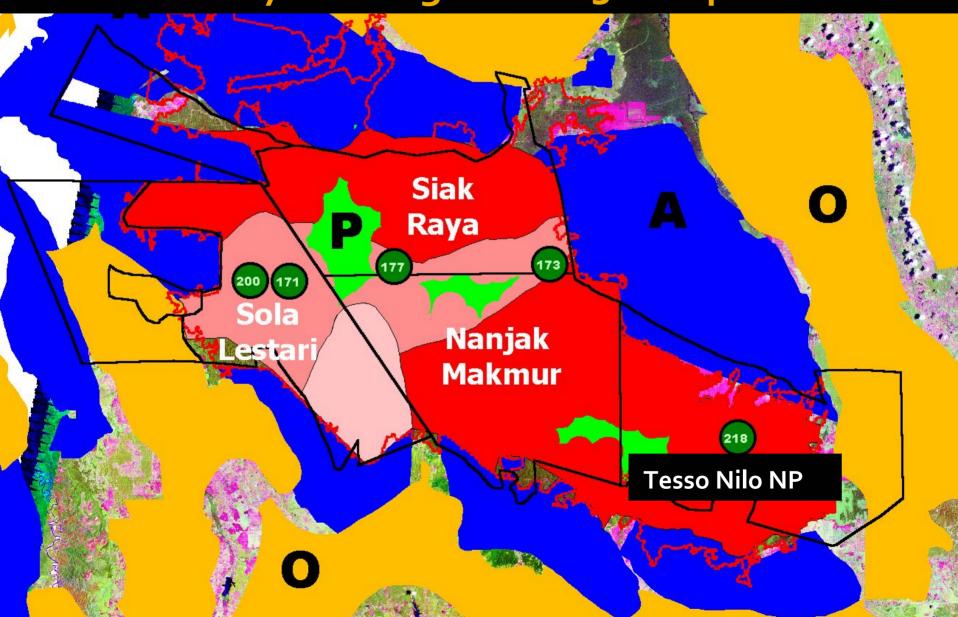


Decreasing of Elephant Population in Riau Province, Sumatra



Source: Blouch, BKSDA Riau, WWF Indonesia

Tesso Nilo:
Surrounded by 22 villages and 13 Companies

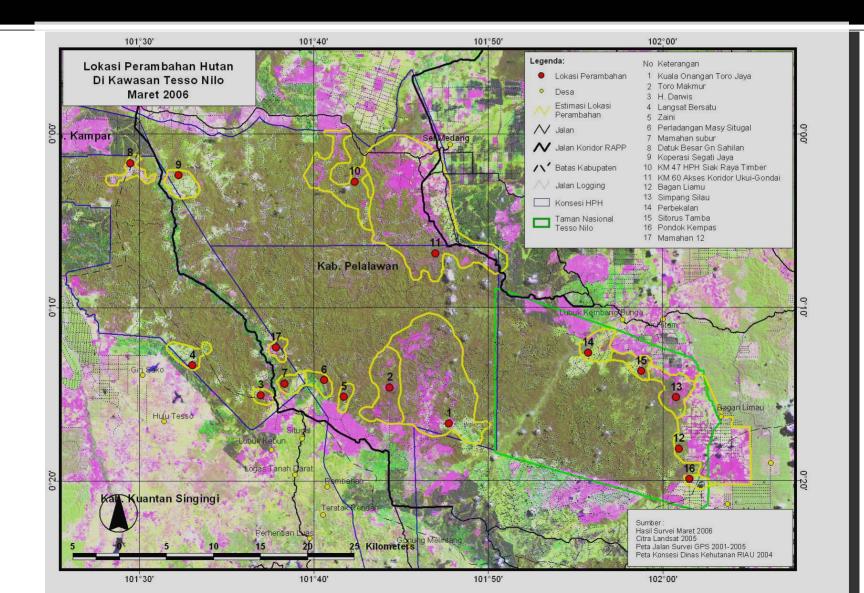


Forest Status of Tesso Nilo Forest Complex

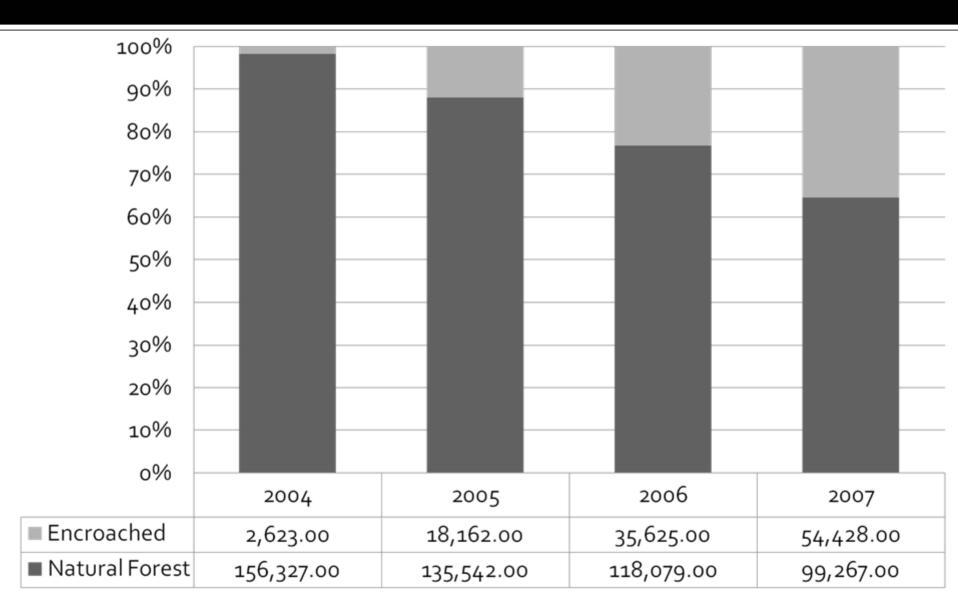
Forest s Status	Total
H. Sola Lestari (Logging concession)	33,169
Nanjak Makmur (Logging concession)	46,004
Siak Raya Timber (Logging concession)	38,578
Tesso Nilo National Park	38,576

Total 156,327

Encroachment in Tesso Nilo Forest Block



Trends of Encraochment



Wild honey bee and Cassava

Wild honey bee

Wild honey bee is typical of WWF Indonesia's NTFP Project such as Wild honey bee in Tesso Nilo NP and Betung Kerihun NP, melalueca oil in Wasur NP, river fish in Tesso Nilo NP, handicrafts Ujung Kulon NP and Kayang Mentarang NP, etc.

Cassava

Cassava is a new type of project which need medium investment and engagement with coorporates. This type of project is created:

- Demand by RAPP/APP is c.a.
 60.000 tons of modified starch per year
- •high cost of transport because of imported (1.5 2 million US\$ per year),
- •creation of jobs (1000 2000) &
- •croates other enpertunity a g

Characteristics

Wil	d honey bee	Cassava
•	Direct link to conservation	 Indirect link to conservation
-	Small investment US\$ 10,000- 100,000 per year	 Medium investment US\$4-5m WWF is functioned as facilitator,
•	Directly "managed" by WWF	project operated by third party
-	Limited stakeholders involved : community and local government (partly)	 Wide range stakeholders involved: communities, corporate, government, WWF

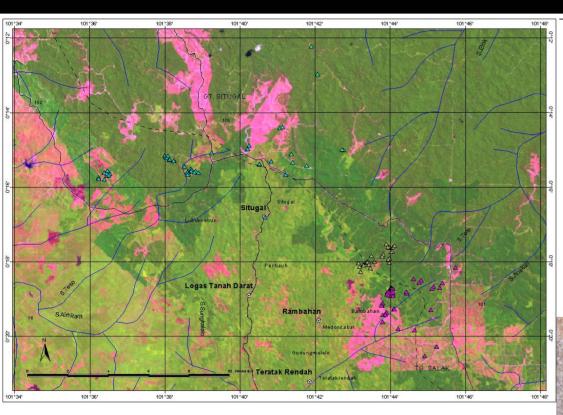
Objectives

W	ild honey bee	Cassava
•	Create income for forest dependent people	 Job creation for people outside Tesso Nilo
•	Increase awareness of community to conservation	 Engage corporate to share their responsibility to avoid encroachment

Approaches

Wild honey bee	Cassava
 Assess the economic opportunities that link to conservation 	 Assess economic opportunities as it is
Develop project proposal	 Look at potential stakeholders as business partner: Company, government, community
Recruit staff	 Engage to creadible third party to operate the project
Implement the project	
 Develop other proposal when the project still need assistance or the project close 	 Develop business plan by third party (now at this stage)
	 Develop lending syndications
	 Implement the project

Mapping wild honey bee trees







Impacts to Livelihood

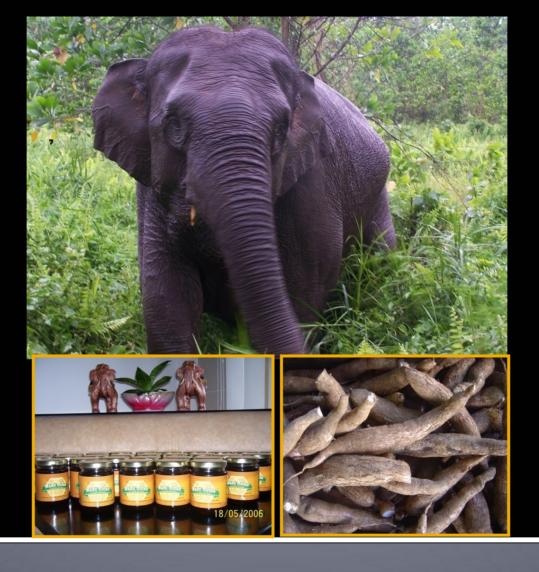
Wild honey bee	Cassava (Assumption)
 Struggling in terms of financial sustainability. 	 Economically sustainable within 3-4 years
 Relatively not significant in terms of economic size (Total US\$75,000-100,000/year) 	 Economically significant US\$ 12 -16 million (only for APRIL, Inc)
	 Politically acceptable, poverty alleviation
 Absorb small number of people (50-75 households) 	 Absorb many people (1000-2000 households)

Impact Toward Coservation Attitude

Wild honey bee Cassava Increase the attitude to conservation unknown in quality of awareness for conservation but create livelihood but fragile from the influence of other more profitable economic opportunity options outside protected areas Difficult to absorb encroachers and Increase the understanding on good neighborhood between company, illegal loggers community and conservation Less involvement of company and Acceptable by the government government decision makers and company

Challenges

wild honey bee	Cassava
Financially independent	 To put people at the center of the project
Consistency in quality and	
quantity	 Can be fallen into business as usual without
 Absorb large number of community and encroachers 	conservation impact
	Land availability 4,000 ha –8,000 ha



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