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Protecting Tigers, Forests, and Communities

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From the Founder & Director

Dear friends, partners, and supporters,

2025 was a year of learning, action, and growing partnerships for Hutan Harimau.

As a young organization dedicated exclusively to the conservation of wild Sumatran tigers and their rainforest habitats, every step we take is an opportunity to learn, build trust, and translate our commitment into meaningful conservation action.

Throughout the year, our work brought together science, field protection, community knowledge, and collaboration. We continued to strengthen our presence in tiger landscapes, support community-based conservation, and develop approaches that connect forest protection with the aspirations of the people who live alongside tigers.

We believe that conservation is not achieved through data and patrols alone. It is built through relationships, shared responsibility, and action that responds to real needs.

Present, listen and real action is the most effective way to build trust.

This annual report reflects our journey during from the establishment in August 2024 till December 2025 — the progress we made, the lessons we learned, and the partnerships that made our work possible.

Thank you to our community rangers, government partners, universities, supporters, volunteers, and everyone who continues to stand with us.

Together, we can create a future where Sumatran tigers, forests, and communities thrive.

With gratitude,

Dr. Erlinda C. Kartika
Founder & Director
Hutan Harimau

About Hutan Harimau

Hutan Harimau Founded in Padang, Sumatra in 2024, Hutan Harimau was legitimated based on the Indonesian Ministry of Justice and Human Rights Act number: AHU-0013482.AH.01.04.Tahun 2024.

Hutan is the Indonesian word for Forest and *Harimau* is the Indonesian word for Tiger. Hutan Harimau is the organization focused exclusively on the conservation of wild Sumatran tigers and their rainforest habitats.

Hutan Harimau's vision is to secure the long-term recovery and survival of Sumatran tigers across Sumatra while fostering sustainable coexistence between people and tigers.

Hutan Harimau's mission is to secure the future of Sumatran tigers and wildlife by combining science, technology, and community knowledge to protect their habitats and build lasting coexistence between people and wildlife.

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2025 at a Glance

345 Camera-trap deployments & retrievals

Reported project achievement

19 Ranger research expeditions

Reported cumulative achievement

160+ Community rangers trained

Reported cumulative achievement

1 Tiger village established

Lubuk Gadang Utara, Solok Selatan

25 active tiger snares removed

Reported cumulative achievement

6 human-wildlife conflict handled

Reported cumulative achievement

3 education and outreach material published

Global tiger day 2025 celebration

1 Formal MoU with University

Our Conservation Landscapes

The Sumatran tiger's *core* distribution spans ~98,000 km² (38,000 mi²) of forests flanking the Barisan mountain range running the length of western Sumatra.

Hutan Harimau is monitoring tigers in one key vulnerable landscape (Ulu Masen) and intensely sampling populations in two others: Leuser in Aceh and Kerinci-Batanghari in West Sumatra

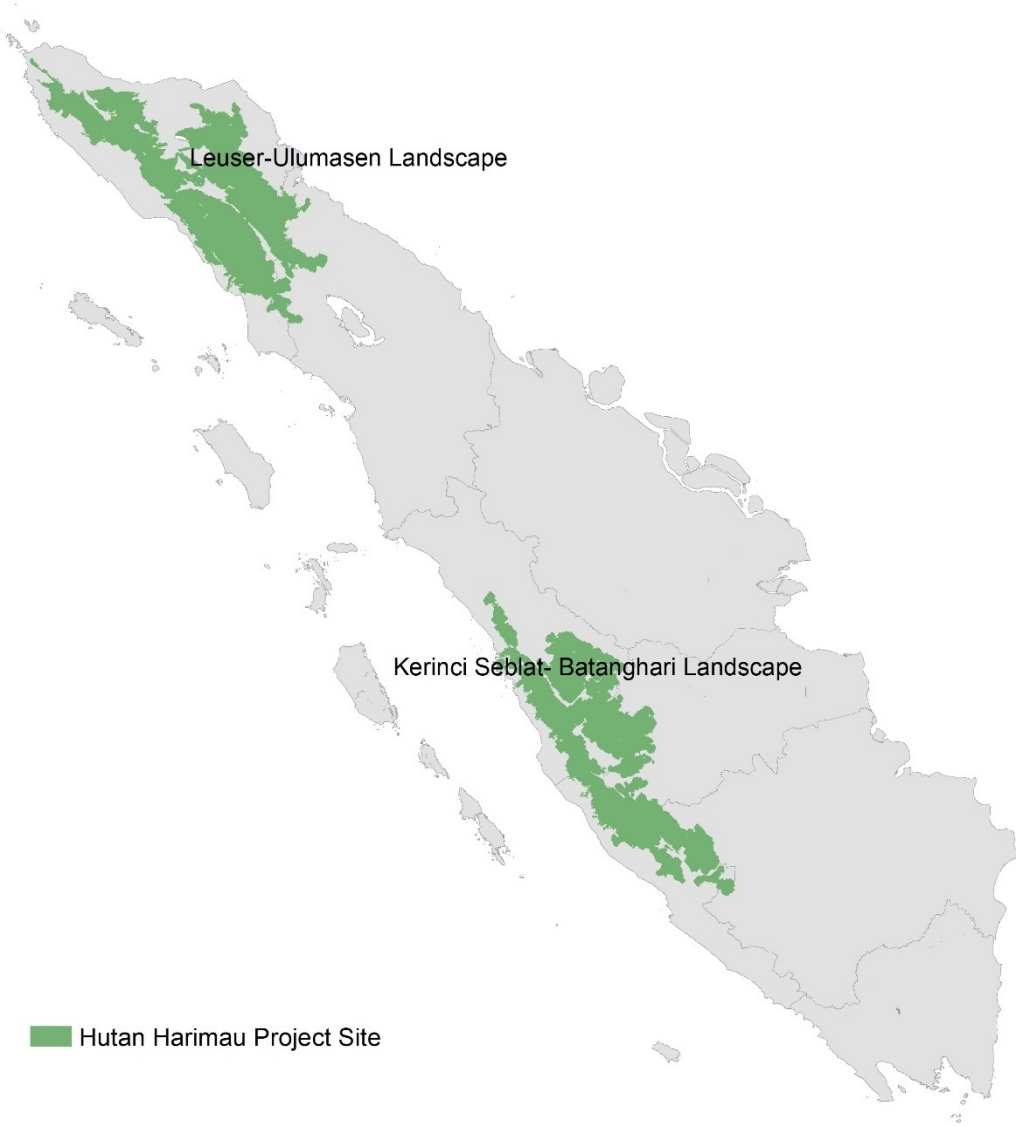


Figure 1. Hutan Harimau's conservation work spans important Sumatran tiger landscapes, including Kerinci Seblat and the Batanghari landscape in West Sumatra, as well as Ulu Masen and Leuser in Aceh

Program Kick-Off and Strategic Collaboration

Hutan Harimau initiative continues to strengthen its role as a community-based tiger conservation program in and around Kerinci Seblat National Park (KSNP) and Batanghari Protected Forest also Leuser -Ulumasen Landscape.

The program in KSNP was officially kicked off on 1 July 2025, in conjunction with Global Tiger Day celebrations. One of our core rangers, Jasman, was invited as a speaker in a KSNP-led talk show, highlighting grassroots conservation perspectives. Having a ranger share the stage alongside the Director of Hutan Harimau, the Head of KSNP, and the Head of the Conservation Office of West Sumatra marked an important recognition of the critical role rangers play in conservation.



Figure 2. Talk show "The fate of the forests and the tigers are in our hands". On the picture, from left to right, (moderator, the head of West Sumatra conservation office, the head of KSNP, Director of Hutan Harimau, Hutan Harimau Ranger)

This event also marked the formal announcement of collaboration between Hutan Harimau and Kerinci Seblat National Park, establishing a long-term partnership to strengthen tiger conservation across the landscape. This collaboration integrates field protection, community involvement, and awareness campaigns into a unified strategy.

Tiger & Forest Protection

During 2025, Hutan Harimau's field program focused on strengthening the protection of tiger habitats through ranger activities, camera-trap monitoring, and collaboration with communities and government partners.

In 2025, Hutan Harimau continued strengthening its field conservation efforts across our conservation landscape. Our teams worked alongside community rangers to monitor forests, collect evidence, identify threats, and support the protection of wildlife habitats.

Every patrol is more than a walk through the forest. It is an opportunity to understand what is happening on the ground, strengthen local stewardship, and turn information into action.

Through collaboration, persistence, and the commitment of our field teams, we are building the foundation for long-term tiger conservation.

Table 1. Number of patrols, total patrol days, kilometres covered and snares removed from the 2025 field season.

Indicator	Final results 2025
Ranger patrols/expeditions	19 trips
Patrol days	~176 days
Distance covered	~1,440 km
Snares removed	25 active snares

For all the expeditions in KSNP and Batanghari landscape, we involved 107 rangers with combination of KSNP staff (20%) and community rangers (80%).



Figure 3. An active tiger snare removed from Batanghari Protected Forest (left) and the team on camera trap installation in KSNP (right)

Community Ranger Training

A major achievement of this period was the training of 162 community rangers across the KSNP landscape. This program was collaboration between KSNP, Hutan Harimau and Fauna and Flora International.

The training focused on:

- Basic patrol techniques
- Wildlife monitoring
- Basic navigation and First Aid
- Team coordination and communication

This initiative significantly strengthens the local conservation workforce, fostering a sense of shared responsibility and building a unified protection network across communities.

The most powerful part of this training was seeing the Hutan Harimau Rangers step forward as trainers, sharing their knowledge and experience firsthand to the other community rangers.



Figure 4. Hutan Harimau rangers delivered training to their fellow Community rangers around KSNP

Community rangers play a vital role in Sumatran tiger conservation. As people who live closest to tiger habitats, they possess valuable local knowledge, understand the landscape, and are often the first to recognize changes and potential threats in the forest. Community rangers are not just the eyes and ears of the forest. They are its guardians, advocates, and an essential part of its future.

Science and Camera-Trap Monitoring

Reliable conservation decisions begin with reliable information.

In 2025, Hutan Harimau continued developing its camera-trap and biodiversity monitoring work across Sumatran tiger landscapes. Field teams deployed and retrieved camera traps, documented wildlife, and collected information to support a better understanding of tiger habitats and the species that share them.

By combining field observations, camera-trap data, and collaboration with conservation partners, Hutan Harimau is strengthening the scientific foundation for tiger conservation.

Table 2. Number of cameras installed and removed from the 2025 field season.

Indicator	Final results 2025
Camera traps deployed	282 cameras
Camera traps retrieved	63 cameras

A total of 44 independent tiger detections were recorded in Kerinci Seblat National Park, identifying 8 adult tigers and 2 cubs.



Figure 5. A female tiger with two cubs from camera trap capture in KSNP

In addition to tigers, the camera traps recorded several important prey species, including sambar deer, wild boar, muntjac, Sumatran serow, and Malayan tapir. The surveys also documented the presence of other important carnivores and mesopredators, including the Sunda clouded leopard, Asiatic golden cat, dhole, and marbled cat.



Figure 6. Marbled cat captured in one of camera traps in Batanghari landscape

Furthermore, the camera traps captured images of other notable and ecologically important species, including the Sunda pangolin and Sumatran rabbit.

These findings highlight the rich mammalian diversity of the surveyed area and reinforce the importance of Kerinci Seblat National Park as a critical habitat for the conservation of Sumatran tigers and other threatened wildlife.

Data collected from camera traps is currently under analysis and is expected to contribute to improved understanding of tiger presence, prey dynamics, and threat distribution.

Human–Tiger Conflict Mitigation

We responded to 6 Human-wildlife conflicts during 2025.

Mitigation measures included:

- Conducting targeted patrols near affected villages and install camera trap to monitor the movement of the tiger.
- Issuing warnings through mosque loudspeakers
- Advising villagers to:
- Secure livestock
- Avoid forest-edge activities during high-risk times (early morning and evening)
- Using fireworks to safely deter tigers from settlement areas
- Distributing information through printed flyer and social media about How to act in conflict situation.

Rapid-response actions helped prevent escalation, ensuring both human safety and tiger protection.

Hutan harimau, together with KSNP rangers and the West Sumatra Conservation Office, worked collaboratively to respond to human–tiger conflict incidents.



Figure 7. Tiger Team conducting patrol around the village to confirm information about tiger present, detect the present of poachers (if any) and installing camera trap to give 'safety feeling' to villagers and monitor the movement of the tiger

Global Tiger Day & National Conservation Day Celebrations

In July 2025, Hutan Harimau, KSNP and the local government of Solok Selatan Regency jointly organized a series of large-scale public engagement activities, including:

- Launch of a KSNP-wide tiger survey
- Public talk shows and awareness campaigns
- Online outreach initiatives (29 days online campaign toward Global Tiger Day)
- Community fun bike event
- A large-scale village celebration ("village party")



Figure 8. Fun bike (left) and village party (right) to celebrate Global Tiger Day 2025

The village celebration was a key social intervention designed to:

- Introduce the Tiger Team to the community and mark the establishment of Tiger village initiative (Kampung Harimau).
- Build local pride and ownership over conservation efforts
- Strengthen trust between rangers, authorities, and villagers

The event was attended by:

- The Mayor of Solok Selatan, who officially inaugurated the Tiger Team and handed the certificate to the head of the village for tiger-friendly village initiatives (signed by both the Solok Selatan regency and the head of KSNP)
- The Head of Village and Community Empowerment Department of West Sumatra Province
- The Head of KSNP
- The Head of tourism department of Solok Selatan Regency.
- Leader of all clans in Lubuk Gadang Utara.

The local government of Solok Selatan and Provincial governmnet representative expressed strong interest in the **Tiger Village concept (Kampung Harimau)**, with intentions to elevate the initiative to the provincial level and explore future collaboration.



Figure 9. Certificate Tiger Village (left) and inauguration of tiger team and handing certificate to the head of the village (right).

The Tiger Village initiative integrates conservation, community empowerment, and sustainable tourism to create a model where people and tigers can coexist. It combines community-led patrols, conflict mitigation, and habitat restoration with ecotourism development, local livelihoods, and strong governance systems. By positioning the village as a conservation-driven destination, this initiative not only reduces threats to tigers but also generates sustainable income and fosters long-term community stewardship, creating a replicable model for other tiger landscapes in Sumatra.

Education, Youth and Community Engagement

Education remains a core pillar of the Hutan Harimau approach. During this period, we developed and implemented several innovative outreach tools:

Creative Education Materials.

- A cartoon book about tigers, designed for children and families https://www.instagram.com/p/DMtsgoVSMLh/
- A tiger animation video, simplifying conservation messages in an engaging format https://www.instagram.com/p/DR_UkZ6D0z9/

The comic and animation film were produced by interns from vocational schools and local universities in communication design and visual arts, providing a platform for young people to engage in and shape conservation efforts through their creativity



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Practical Awareness Tools

To mitigate the conflict, we produced and distributed flayer on how to respond during tiger encounters and disseminated them both online and offline to maximize reach.

These efforts aim to transform perception of the people from fear of tigers to coexistence and stewardship.



Figure 11. Flayer on practical ways on how to respond during tiger encounters

Youth engagement

To ensure future generations are actively involved in conservation, we conducted a talk show at Syiah Kuala University, engaging around 200 students in discussion. We also provide opportunities for students to undertake research and internships within our organization.

To date, we are supporting four undergraduate students working on their bachelor's theses, one intern focusing on illegal wildlife trade, and one volunteer managing social media. We expect to host an additional three undergraduate interns starting next July.

Community Dialogues

In 2025 we conducted two community meetings with traditional clan leaders in West Sumatra to strengthened cultural integration of the Tiger Village concept





Figure 12. Meeting with two Major clan leaders in Lubuk Gadang Utara Village.

Government coordination, support and Collaboration

Since the start of the collaboration, Kerinci Seblat National Park and the West Sumatra Forest Department have been highly supportive, including granting permits to conduct camera trap surveys in both areas. The Ministry of Forestry, through the Directorate General of Natural Resources and Ecosystem Conservation, has also provided formal endorsement for Hutan Harimau to establish an official MoU to continue its work within KSNP. The MoU is scheduled to be signed in the first week of May 2026.

In addition, the Mayor of Solok Selatan Regency has invited Hutan Harimau to a formal discussion at his office to explore the further development of the Tiger Village (Kampung Harimau) initiative, with a focus on how the Regency Government can actively support and scale the program.



Figure 13. Meeting with the Mayor of Solok Selatan Regency (left) and the head of Village and Community Engagement Department (right)

The Government of West Sumatra Province, through the Village and Community Empowerment Department, has expressed strong support for the Tiger Village initiative. This year, the department has allocated funding to establish a creative hub in the village, aimed at strengthening digital marketing for ecotourism and supporting small-scale green economy enterprises

MoU with Syahkuala University

In 2025, Hutan Harimau strengthened its commitment to science-based conservation through academic collaboration with Syiah Kuala University (Universitas Syiah Kuala), Aceh.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishes a foundation for collaboration in research, education, biodiversity conservation, knowledge exchange, and capacity building.

Through this partnership, Hutan Harimau aims to connect scientific research with practical conservation efforts, creating opportunities for students, researchers, and conservation practitioners to contribute to the protection of Sumatran tigers and their habitats.

Looking Ahead: 2026

Building on the foundations established in 2025, Hutan Harimau will continue strengthening its commitment to wild Sumatran tigers, rainforest protection, and community-led conservation.

Our priorities include:

- Establishing a formal MoU with KSNP and Village/Community Forest around Batanghari landscape
- Strengthening tiger monitoring and evidence-based conservation.
- Supporting community ranger teams and forest protection.
- Advance Kampung Harimau/Tiger Village initiative as a model for community conservation by xpanding sustainable livelihood initiatives, including home-garden coffee cultivation, agroforestry and ecotourism.
- Strengthening partnerships with government agencies, universities, and conservation organizations.
- Developing the Tiger Learning Center concept as a platform for education, research, and knowledge exchange.

We look forward to working together with our partners, supporters, and communities to turn these priorities into meaningful conservation action.

Learn together. Protect together. Thrive together.

Acknowledgements

Hutan Harimau extends its sincere gratitude to all institutions, donors, partners, and individuals who have supported our conservation efforts throughout 2025.

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