

PT. ALNO AGRO UTAMA

**CONCERN FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY OF ENDANGERED ANIMALS (ELEPHANTS) AMID
PLANTATION BUSINESS**

Throughout 2022, the Bengkulu Natural Resources Conservation Agency (BKSDA) recorded 26 human-wildlife conflicts in six regencies in Bengkulu Province. The source of these conflicts is wildlife such as elephants, tigers, and bears.

Losses that occur to humans or companies due to these conflicts include damage to agricultural / plantation crops, community livestock, and even fatalities.

PT. AAU historical location is flanked by the Seblat Nature Park and the Lebong Tandai Limited Production Forest (HPT), which has been designated as a protected wildlife sanctuary.

The issuance of forest management licenses and the number of people who open forests freely without permits to become agricultural and plantation areas will result in disruption of the environmental functions of existing wildlife, in this case, the lives of elephants.

Based on the above, the conflict between humans, elephants, and other wildlife will put both parties in a disadvantaged situation. So this is addressed by PT AAU to carry out prevention and sustainable countermeasures, namely as follows:

Prevention:

1. Forming a Task Force Team
2. Gather information on conflict-prone areas
3. Gathering information Areas that are frequently traveled by elephants
4. Map conflict-prone areas and elephant home ranges
5. Socializing the surrounding community
6. Establish an information system to detect plantation land and village settlement boundaries
7. Create barriers without electricity such as wood and living plants

Countermeasures

1. The company's task force makes a report to the Bengkulu Natural Resources Conservation Agency (BKSDA) if it sees an elephant entering the company area.
2. Evacuate company employees around the conflict site
3. Encourage employees to secure livestock and avoid having dogs around the conflict, as the noise of livestock can increase the chance of a higher-risk conflict.
4. The Task Force and employees together drove the elephant back into the forest area



Elephant entered the plantation of PT Alno Agro Utama on May 6, 2021 at Block C Division 2 Sabta Buana Estate.



From the monitoring results of the task force team, it was found that the elephant entered the plantation area, then reported to the local BKSDA (TWA Seblat), then the elephant was driven to its habitat.

PT Alno Agro Utama (AAU) attended the Socialization with the community around the Nature Tourism Park (TWA) as a form of concern for the responsibility of animal management that refers to PerMen No. 48 / MenHut / 2008.



Attending the Socialization of Prevention and Management of Wildlife Conflicts with the Bengkulu Provincial BKSDA Team, Environmentalists, Companies and Communities Around Seblat Natural Tourism Park

The PT AAU task force team also conducted socialization with all workers about the prevention and control of human and wildlife conflicts (elephants, tigers, bears, etc.) so that when this happens on the plantation, they do not act alone but report to the task force for eviction without destroying the wildlife.



Socialization of Wildlife Conflict Prevention and Management to all PT. AAU Workers

PT. ALNO and PT. MPM are very concerned with the preservation of Sumatran Elephants, so the company provides Elephant Feed assistance in the form of palm fronds in a period of twice every month with an estimate of around 6 tons/truck, this activity will take place continuously as a tangible manifestation of AEP to maintain and preserve the habitat of highly protected elephants.

