



Gunung Palung National Park
Located in western Borneo, Indonesia, Gunung Palung National Park is one of the most biodiverse ecosystems in the world. It is home to 10% of the world's remaining orangutans. Among the many other benefits it provides, it is the source of clean water for 60,000 people in the area.



Better Health for All
Gunung Palung National Park is part of a highly biodiverse rainforest ecosystem on the island of Borneo. The park is being rapidly degraded and destroyed by illegal logging, manmade fires, clearing for agriculture, and poor management. Yet intact tropical forests provide crucial environmental and health benefits to the local community and the world.



Reducing Illegal Logging
Our goal is to reduce illegal logging, since a healthy forest means healthy people and habitat for endangered species. We enjoy powerful local and governmental support, and we are encouraged that our work is beginning to bear fruit.



Health in Harmony: A unique Model
Health in Harmony supports work with communities in western Borneo to integrate health care and protection of the threatened rain forests of Gunung Palung National Park.

Its centerpiece is a medical clinic that provides low-cost, high-quality care. Patients can pay with non-cash means; they receive discounts if they live in villages that do not illegally log. Combining health care with conservation is a powerful means of increasing social capital.



Goats for Widows
Widows living near the threatened rainforest can receive a free goat. In exchange, she returns offspring and manure to the program. The kids go to other widows, while the manure goes to organic gardens.

Reducing Toxic Chemicals
Our organic farming and reforestation programs encourage people to reduce their dependence on chemical pesticides and fertilizers.



Reforestation
Due to illegal logging, invasive plants, and manmade fires inside Gunung Palung National Park, the forest is not regenerating naturally. Our reforestation program provides education, increases scientific knowledge, and constitutes an alternative to illegal logging for wage-earners.

Organic Farm Training
Organic farm training for farmers around the national park helps reduce slash-and-burn agriculture, discourages the use of pesticides, and provides an alternative source of income.



Manure
Bringing in manure for the clinic's organic garden is one of many eco-friendly non-cash methods people can use to pay for health care. Other options include labor, seedlings, and local crafts.