

SUAK NIE VILLAGE

Project & location

This project is developed to restore environmental biodiversity and communities livelihoods after the Tsunami in Suak Nie Village, Johan Pahlawan Subdistrict, District Aceh Barat.

Problem description

Suak Nie is located adjacent to Suak Raya (a site during the Green Coast Tsunami response phase). It is a remarkable place with a unique coastal wetland as it is the only site in this area having peatland ground as part of its ecosystem. The wetland basically consists of a small estuary with sandy beaches followed by abandoned and degraded brackish water fishponds behind the coastline. Peat depth is increasing number from the coastal side moving to inland areas.



Large numbers of wetland fauna inhabit the area, especially compared to other Green Coast sites. In total, there are 34 bird species (including protected and migratory species), 5 species of wild mammals and 18 species of herpetofauna.

Effort has been made by local people to restore the brackish water fishponds and to transfer the rubber plantation into ricefields. The NGO ICRAF is currently active in the area providing support to agriculture and forestry activities of the community. Meanwhile, Green Coast supports additional community agriculture and fisheries activities in Suak Nie.

Recovery goals

The goal of this project is to restore environmental and communities livelihoods after Tsunami in Suak Nie Village. The main objectives are:

- Greening and protecting coastal ecosystems covering 30 ha by planting 60,000 native and commercial species.

- Assisting the local community (especially women) to re-establish their livelihoods through a revolving fund.

Funding allocation

The total budget available for this project equals 160,000 Euro. In attaining the project objectives, provision of funds are allocated for activities such as:

- Coastal ecosystem rehabilitation through beach tree planting

- Development of village regulation regarding sustainable management of the coastal ecosystem

- Facilitating the development of a revolving fund mechanism to finance community income generating activities such as brackish water aquaculture.

Beneficiaries

Partners on the ground

The project is implemented by a local NGO, called Communication Forum of Aceh Barat Young Generation (FK-GEMAB).

Results so far