Project Update: April 2013

In April 2013, we prepared documents for arranging permits to enter the Merapi National Park to the Merapi National Park Management Office.

The list of targeted potentially invasive species on Mt. Merapi based on previous work on the mountain, is ongoing. This will be used in the fieldwork to conduct ecological studies of invasive species on Mt. Merapi. The list will be also useful as for starting point in conducting weed risk assessment.

We also went to the National Geo-spatial Department in Bogor, West Java to obtain some useful maps. However, the Merapi Mountain general map was not available at that time due to high demand of the map. We will come back later to check whether the map is already available or not.

We also plan to go to Jogjakarta later this month or early next month to do a presentation of the project in Mt Merapi National Park office and also we plan to go to Merapi Volcanology Observation Office in Jogjakarta to obtain some useful thematic maps.