

Project Update: May 2016

Based on my research from December 2015 to May 2016, habitat of mentilin Bangka (*Cephalopachus bancanus bancanus*) generally was abandoned rubber (*Hevea brasiliensis*) agroforests aged over 10 years. Vegetation species used as sleeping vegetation by mentilin are seruk (*Schima wallichii*), mengkirai (*Trema orientalis*), bua bulu (*Ficus annulata*), and bua tupai (*F. aurata*). The habitat was dominated by Lepidoptera and Orthoptera insects as mentilin potential foods. Population density of mentilin based on observations until May 2016 was 2.22-17.78 individuals/km². Research of mentilin population density was still continued until November 2016, in order to obtain more accurate data of mentilin population. Besides, I and ALOBI (Animal Lovers of Bangka Island) Community have done several activities of mentilin conservation, those are:

- (1) Releasing mentilin from illegal hunting and trading to its habitat, and
- (2) Conducting socialisation about mentilin conservation, installing banner, distributing t-shirt and pamphlet entitled "Save Mentilin Bangka" to people around the research location.



