

Progress Report - June-September 2008

2-6 June 2008

- Preparing a trip for visiting Department of Forestry of Ogan Komering Ilir District (Dinas Kehutanan Kabupaten OKI) and Government of Ogan Komering Ilir (Pemerintah Daerah OKI). This trip purpose to develop communication and invite some staffs of government institution to involve with the fieldwork activities.

12-13 June 2008

- Visiting Department of Forestry of Ogan Komering Ilir District and Government of Ogan Komering Ilir. Most our time spend with discuss with some Department of Forestry of Ogan Komering Ilir District. In this trip, we discuss our work for searching Milky stork in the East coastal of Ogan Komering Ilir District.



Office and some staffs of organization of Department of Forestry of Ogan Komering Ilir District



Structure of organization of Department of Forestry of Ogan Komering Ilir District (new structure update from formerly structure on 2007)

14-18 June 2008

- Conducting a survey for searching population and breeding colony of Milky stork in Batang river and Kumpai river (the east coastal of Ogan Komering Ilir District). In this survey, breeding colony of Milky stork in Sumatra finally rediscovered. In addition, some waterbird were observed breed in this area.

23-26 June 2008

- Based on information from local people, we also visiting a location in the East coastal of Ogan Komering Ilir namely Simpang Tiga village. Unfortunately, we failed to discover breeding colony. A Milky stork was observed as bird keeping in a home of Simpang Tiga village, but this bird said by the owner bought from Sungai Kuala 12 (not from Simpang Tiga).



Searching breeding colony of Milky stork in Simpang Tiga



A Milky stork as bird keeping in Simpang Tiga

28-29 June 2008

- Conducting a survey for searching population and breeding colony of Milky stork in Upang-Makarti village (a large settlement near Upang Delta, the east coastal of Banyuasin district).



The river bank of Upang river and condition of mangrove vegetation.



Condition of river in the settlement



Mangrove type near Upang with
Pneumatophor root

1-3 July 2008

- Coordination and apply a letter of permit to entering Sembilang National Park, for conducting survey for searching population and breeding colony of Milky stork in this area (Sembilang National Park). Also Preparing fieldwork in the Pasir river (Ogan Komering Ilir district)

4-7 July 2008

- Conducting a survey for searching population and breeding colony of Milky stork in Pasir river.



The mudflat of Pasir river



The team in the upper of Pasir river (a
freshwater habitat)

9-13 July 2008

- Conducting a survey for searching population and breeding colony of Milky stork along the east coastal of Banyuasin District (from Kuala Sugihan bay to Sembilang National Park and the upper of Banyuasin district)



The applicant & Heri Mulyono (Sembilang National Park staff) counting Milky stork Banyuasin peninsular)



The project team when conducting survey in Sembilang and adjacent waters (without in the Applicant)



The team when Observing & counting Milky stork in the Tanjung (bay) Carat



Milky stork in the Banyuasin peninsular

14-27 July 2008

- Take a rest for a while and compiling field data report. In addition preparing a field survey to Talang Lubuk village.

28-30 July 2008

- Conducting a survey for searching population and breeding colony of Milky stork in Talang Lubuk.

1-14 August 2008

- Develop a communication and discuss with Dr. Matthias Waltert (Biodiversity Specialist from Goettingen University, Germany) who will work for biodiversity assessment for SSFFMP (South Sumatra Forest Fire Management Project/EU-GTZ-Government of South Sumatra Province) in the Merang Peatdome forest in Musi Banyuasin District South

Sumatra. This area is important for buffer and bridge for large mammal (Tiger, Tapir, elephant and etc) between Berbak and Sembilang National Park in the Jambi and South Sumatra Province.

15-30 August 2008

- Assisting Dr. Matthias Waltert for conducting biodiversity research in Merang Peatdome forest. The applicant use this chance for learning his methods and conducting a survey for searching population and breeding colony of Milky stork in the area.



The Merang river



The applicant and Dr. Matthias Waltert in the field

1-12 September and may be up to mid October 2008

- The applicant take a rest for a while because this month is a fasting month (1-28 September 2008) and there will great day for Moslem (Idul Fitri, 29-30 September 2008).