

Progress Report: March – May 2008

31 March 2008

- Fund received from RSG, £6,000 or a total Rp 110,291,498 (18,381 IDR).

08 April 2008

- The applicant knew that fund was received on 8 April 2008. Between 31-7 April 2008, the applicant attended a Community Development Training facilitated by LATIN Training Centre in Bogor. Most of training conducted in isolated area near Halimun-Salak National Park, West Java. The applicant realized that fund was received when return to Palembang on 8 April 2008.



Participants of Community Development Training in LATIN Training Centre, Bogor (The applicant stand up from the third left, use white T-shirt).

8-15 April 2008

- Preparing an update information for RSG website and inform to RSG about fund received.

30 April 2008

- On 30 April 2008, Mr. Gandhif Kaffle from Journal of “Our Wetlands” asked for a paper for Wetland Issues in Sumatra. Mr. Gandhif knows the applicant activities for Wetland in Sumatra from RSG website. A paper contain Sumatran local people knowledge’s of Milky stork was submitted in the mid May 2008 for “Our Wetlands” journal.

20 April-10 Mei 2008

- Collecting some references for Milky stork and some letters and emails to requesting and copying Milky stork publications (both International and national sources)
- Some important communications were made with:
 - Dr. Wim van den Bosche (IUCN Specialist Group on Storks, Ibises and Spoonbills)
Dr. Wim was sent a PDF containing information from “Colonial Waterbird Journal” with title “Status of Storks in the South Sumatra Province, Indonesia”.

Dr. Wim also asked information from the applicant about Storm's Stork in Sumatra and some information from the applicant was sent to Dr. Wim van den Bosche.

- Dr. Malcolm C. Coulter (Co-Chair IUCN Specialist Group on Storks, Ibises and Spoonbills)

Dr. Malcolm will send some papers and Proceedings of Storks for supporting applicant work for Milky stork work in Sumatra. Dr. Malcolm very enthusiast with this work.

12-14 Mei 2008

- Member of project team, lead by Fadly Takari (KPB-SOS) and Heri Mulyono (Sembilang National Park office) checking an information about local village around Banyuasin river (Banyuasin District, South Sumatra Province) information of Milky stork which caught by local people.



The Storks checked by team



Local people was informed about status of the Stork and prohibited to caught by Indonesian law

11-15 Mei 2008

- Attended and give presentation in Socialization of East Asia-Australasian migratory flyway in Bogor (workshop conducted by PHPA/Wetland International-Indonesia Progr/Australian Government).
- In Bogor, the applicant meet with some ornithologists (included my recommenders for getting RSG fund: Mr. Yus Rusila Noor & Dr. Dewi Prawiradilaga). Other ornithologists were meet and discuss and sharing about some aspects for Milky stork (method, references, conservation, and best implementation of project). They are:
 - Dr. Mochamad Indrawan (President of Indonesian Ornithologist Union)

- Prof.Dr. Ani Mardiasuti (Associate Professor of IPB University and Board member of Burung Indonesia-formerly called Birdlife International Indonesia Programme)
Prof. Ani previously conducted a study of Milky stork Ecology in Pulau Rambut, west Java). The applicant not only received some suggestions, but also her report of previously work of Milky stork in Pulau Rambut.
- Ferry Hasudungan (Wetland International Indonesia Programme and Asian Waterfowl Census Coordinator)
Discuss about some recent information about Milky stork distribution in Sumatra and Indonesia, and Wetland International Indonesia Programme records for Milky stork. Ferry was kindly facilitated for copying some important references of Milky stork in Wetland Indonesia Library.
- Ria Saryanthi (Knowledge Centre of Burung Indonesia-formerly called Birdlife International Indonesia Programme)
Discuss about some information about Milky stork in Burung Indonesia data base. Mrs. Ria Saryanthi also try to facilitate to access Burung Indonesia Library. Unfortunately, while in Bogor, there is no chance to visit Burung Indonesia library.
- Ady Kristanto (Flora and Fauna International Indonesia, work for Muara Angke and Pulau Rambut site, North Jakarta)
Discuss about some recent information about Milky stork nesting in Pulau Rambut and Muara Angke, especially recent breeding record.
- Wishnu Sukmanto (Director of PILI-Indonesian Institute for Environmental Information and first author of Indonesia Birdlist 2)
Discuss about some recent information about Milky stork distribution in Sumatra and Indonesia. The applicant received a copy of Indonesia Birdlist 2 from Wishnu (the first author).
- Adam Supriatna (Managing Director of Kukila, journal of Indonesian Ornithologist Union)
Discuss about recent Kukila's record of Milky stork and some recent information about Milky stork distribution in Sumatra and Indonesia.

The applicant was also meet with some NGOs and heads/staffs of Forest and Nature Conservation in each province. Some discussions were made for information about each sites and potential habitats/sites of Milky stork, how to access the area and letter for permit to entering the Protected forest. An important discussion was made with Hasri Abdillah (a local NGO in Akasia Foundation/Yayasan Akasia from North Sumatra) about network and implementation for Milky stork survey in North Sumatra.

16-20 Mei 2008

- 16 Mei 2008, the Applicant return from Bogor to Palembang
- 17-20 Mei 2008, meet with Fadly Takari and Heri Mulyono, discuss about Milky stork which caught by local people. The team also discuss about releasing stork in the wild again.

- between 17-20 Mei 2008, the applicant received an important information about a stork which collected by local people from its nest last year in the Ogan Komering Lebak floodplain.

21-23 Mei 2008

- A fieldwork was made for checking information source; unfortunately the stork is not Milky stork but a Lesser adjutant. The site checked is Kuro village, a part of Ogan Komering Lebak floodplain (Important Bird Area in Sumatra). However, a breeding site of nesting colonies of Stork (Lesser adjutant and possible Milky stork too) was identified (the site is Peaswamp forest in Jungkal lake, Pampangan sub district, Ogan Komering Ilir District, South Sumatra Province), still part of Ogan Komering Lebak floodplain (Important Bird Area in Sumatra). If correct, the location will be a first valid record for Lesser adjutant in Sumatra. A fieldwork for checking this breeding site will be implemented on 6-9 June 2008.



The Floodplain of Ogan Komering Lebak



The Stork which reported by Local people

26-27 Mei 2008

- A discussion with Mr. Agus Wahyudi was made in Palembang for fieldtrip for conducting Milky stork survey in Lampung Province, especially in the East coast of Way Kambas National Park. Agus Wahyudi formerly working for WCS/Wildlife Conservation Society Lampung (especially in initiation Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary in Way Kambas National Park. He is very familiar with some NGOs and stakeholders in Lampung Province.

29 Mei 2008

- A visit was made in Punti Kayu Recreation forest. This visit conducted because information from staffs of Forest and Nature Conservation of South Sumatra Province about some storks were keeping at the small zoo in the area. Two storks were observed keep at the zoo, 1 Wolly-necked stork *Cinonia episcopus* and 1 Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*.



Wolly-necked stork



Lesser Adjutant