

# PROTECT

## RAJANG-BELAWAI-PALOH RIVER

### ABOUT THE REGION

The Rajang-Belawai-Paloh (RBP) River Ecosystem is a unique ecosystem located in the state of Sarawak, Malaysia and is home to many endangered species and flora and fauna that the local community depends on. Unfortunately, RBP is threatened by developers in the region.



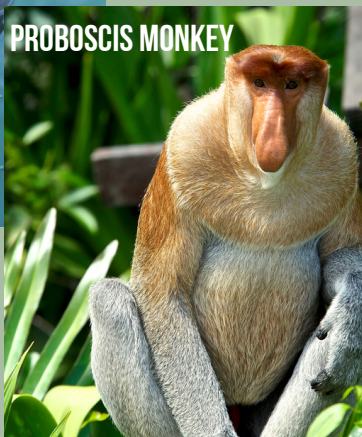
### THE THREAT

There are three companies engaged with or planning to develop in the Tanjung Manis Economic Growth Area (T-MEGA) within the RBP region, all of which will negatively impact this fragile ecosystem. These development projects may bring economic prosperity to the region, but not without permanent environmental degradation.

**We must protect RBP and the local people by stopping the developers.**



Below Image Source:  
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/facts/proboscis-monkey>  
Photographer: Joel Sartore



### WHAT'S AT RISK?

Endangered species such as the Irrawaddy dolphin, Indo-Pacific finless porpoise, proboscis monkey, and silvered langur rely on this region and without a healthy forest or mangrove forest, these precious species will continue to decline and risk extinction. In addition to the endangered species, RBP is essential to the nearby community as they rely on the region for their livelihoods- for example, fishing provides food and income for families. Another critical plant at risk is the nipah palm which is used widely for creating palm sugar; another source of food and income.

Above Image Source:  
<https://www.newsweek.com/irrawaddy-dolphin-philippines-endangered-fishing-net-1734707>  
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# VALUES OF THE RBP ECOSYSTEM

## ECONOMIC

The RBP River provides fish for the local people, contributing to the economy. Nipah palm has high economic value as they are necessary to make palm sugar.

## UTILITARIAN

Utilitarian values describe the usefulness of the area. For instance, Nipah palm leaves are useful for constructing roofs.

## INTRINSIC

Intrinsic value describes the beauty of the RBP area; this area is beautiful and deserves to be preserved for future generations.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP



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- Wed 30/8 at 8am
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