

## PT Dermaga Perkasapratama Preserves Biodiversity in the BCT Area



Balikpapan, 2025 — To protect the coastal and port areas surrounding the Balikpapan Coal Terminal, PT Dermaga Perkasapratama (DPP) has monitored and evaluated the biodiversity within the conservation area throughout 2025. Through direct observation and identification of plant and animal species, these activities were aimed to maintain sustainable natural resources, prevent environmental damage and species extinction, and ensure ecosystem balance. This initiative also helps to fulfill the biodiversity aspect in Green PROPER (Corporate Performance Rating Program in Environmental Management).

Based on the observation conducted by DPP, there were 52 plant species from 25 families, dominated by 79% tree species. One of the important findings was Sonokeling (Rosewood) tree (*Dalbergia latifolia*), which is classified as Vulnerable (VU) according to International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and included in the list of Appendix II CITES. In terms of animal life, there were 4 mammal species, 29 bird species, 7 herpetofauna species, and 20 insect species, including long-tailed macaque that is classified as Endangered (EN), and several protected bird species, such as Brahminy kite and collared kingfisher.

The overall ecosystem condition was quite stable, with the highest biodiversity index was at the group of birds ( $H' = 3,05$ ). This result shows well-maintained and balanced fauna diversity, which highlights the importance of conservation areas in a port environment as the habitat for various local species.

In the future, DPP will continue expanding their conservation efforts by planting native species, installing educational boards about flora-fauna, and conducting regular monitoring to track ecosystem development. Such commitment represents DPP's concrete actions to maintain ecological balance amidst the dynamic port operations.