

In Collaboration with BRIN, PT Perkasa Inakakerta Conducts Endangered Wildlife Survey in the Natural Forest of Kutai Timur



Bengalon, 2023 — As part of its efforts to maintain environmental sustainability around the mining area, PT Perkasa Inakakerta (PIK), a subsidiary of the Bayan Group, conducted a biodiversity survey in the natural forest located within its operational area in Kutai Timur, East Kalimantan. This activity represents one of the company's concrete steps to ensure that mining operations align with environmental protection.

The 2023 survey was conducted in partnership with the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) as the scientific collaborator. The primary focus was monitoring the population of orangutans (*Pongo pygmaeus*), an endemic primate in Kalimantan with protected status. The results were promising, with the orangutan existence being recorded on eight observation lines, with a density range of between 0.37 to 2.3 individuals per kilometer.

Additionally, the team also reported 53 bird species from 28 families in the area. Some of the species were classified as near threatened and protected, such as oriental pied hornbills, which play a key role in maintaining tropical forest ecosystem balances.

This activity reinforces PIK's commitment to more environmentally friendly mining practices and fulfills the biodiversity aspect assessment in PROPER (Corporate Performance Rating Program in Environmental Management). Through collaboration with researchers and ongoing monitoring, the company strengthens its steps in preserving flora and fauna amid the industrial dynamics. With its dedication to collaboration and conservation, PIK aims to ensure that endangered animals have suitable habitats that support sustainable operational activities.