

Synergy Needed to Manage Conservation Areas

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Director General for Conservation and Natural Resources and Ecosystem in Environment and Forestry Ministry, Wiratno, M.Sc., said the importance of synergy and collaboration in managing conservational areas to sustain Indonesian biodiversities.

“It needs joint action and synergy between government, society, researchers, agency and private sector to secure the habitat of Indonesian wild life,” he said on Thursday (1/2) to journalists at Faculty of Biology UGM during the *2nd Joint Seminar on Biodiversity and Conservation* at the Faculty.

Wiratno said his office had provided a call centre which gives access to all members of society to be involved in conservation efforts. His office has been mandated to manage conservational areas across Indonesia, which spans some 27.2 mil ha or 30 percent of all Indonesian forests.

“Management of conservational areas is very important for the interest of the current generation and the next generation,” he said.



Meanwhile, Head of Environmental Clinic and Disaster Mitigation of Faculty of Biology UGM, Prof Suratman, said Indonesia was one of the countries with the largest biodiversities so it became the common interest to sustain the existing biodiversities.

He said his office together with the Ministry continued to encourage biodiversity sustainability by building network integration for the development of management system of national biodiversity.

“UGM and the Environment and Forestry Ministry accelerate the implementation of Indonesia Biodiversity Center that studies national biodiversity,” he said.

The centre is scheduled to be launched in April 2018 at Faculty of Biology UGM by Minister Siti Nurbaya.

Previously, Dean of Faculty of Biology UGM, Dr. Budi S. Daryono, said integrated approach was needed to achieve sustainable environmental development in the tropical biodiversity. Therefore, it is important to build networking as well as sharing ideas and research.

The seminar is a collaboration between Faculty of Biology UGM, Faculty of Geography, Faculty of Applied Science and Technology University Tun Hussein Onn (UHTM) Malaysia, and Environment Ministry. The seminar presented Environmental Biology expert from UGM, Prof. Endang Sutarningsih S, Biotechnology and Silviculture of the Ministry, Nurtjahjaningsih, Ph.D., UHTM researcher, Prof. Maryati Binti Mohammed, and Head of Sustainability Policy and Compliance of PT SMART Tbk, Dr. Haskarlianus Pasang.

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