

Peat Forest Education Involves 150 Participants

World Biodiversity Day 2016

To commemorate World Biodiversity Day 2016, GIZ Bioclimate, in collaboration with the Mapala nature club from Raden Fatah State Islamic University in Palembang, the Natural Resources Conservation Agency (BKSDA), the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), Animals ID, and the Sriwijaya University Postgraduate Program, held a biodiversity education event for the people of Palembang on Sunday, 29 May 2016 in Kambang Iwak Family Park in Palembang. One of the themes was saving peat forests. Activities aimed to raise community awareness of the degradation to peat forests in South Sumatra caused by forest fires, which the presenters hoped would encourage community members in efforts to save peat forests by restoring them, stopping illegal tree felling, and maintaining water supplies on peatlands.

The event was lively with a talkshow and interactive dialogues on saving peat forest, wildlife protection, and penalties for people caught damaging the environment involving speakers from the Palembang Municipal Government, the South Sumatra Police Force, Animals ID, ZSL, and Sriwijaya University. Participants came from nature lover organizations from various universities in Palembang. In addition to education, activities were also enlivened with a colouring competition for preschoolers and grade 1 to 3 elementary school students, as well as an essay writing competition on the environment for students from junior high schools. Competition winners were as follows: First place in the colouring completion went to Banyu Biru from SD 228 Palembang, second place to Aisyah from MIN 2 Palembang, and third place to Aliyah from SD Pusri Palembang. First place in the essay writing completion went to Amira Riani Kansa from SMPN 33 Palembang, second place to Rizky Ramadhon from SMPN 27 Palembang, and third place to Roaidah from SMPN 33 Palembang. According to Committee Chairperson, Ami Purnamasari from Raden Fatah State Islamic University in Palembang, the event involved almost all elements of education as is it is important to foster environmental awareness from an early age.



Colouring competition for preschoolers and grade 1 to 3 elementary school students



Photo opportunity with speakers from biodiversity education sessions



The winners of the preschool and grade 1 to 3 colouring competition

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