

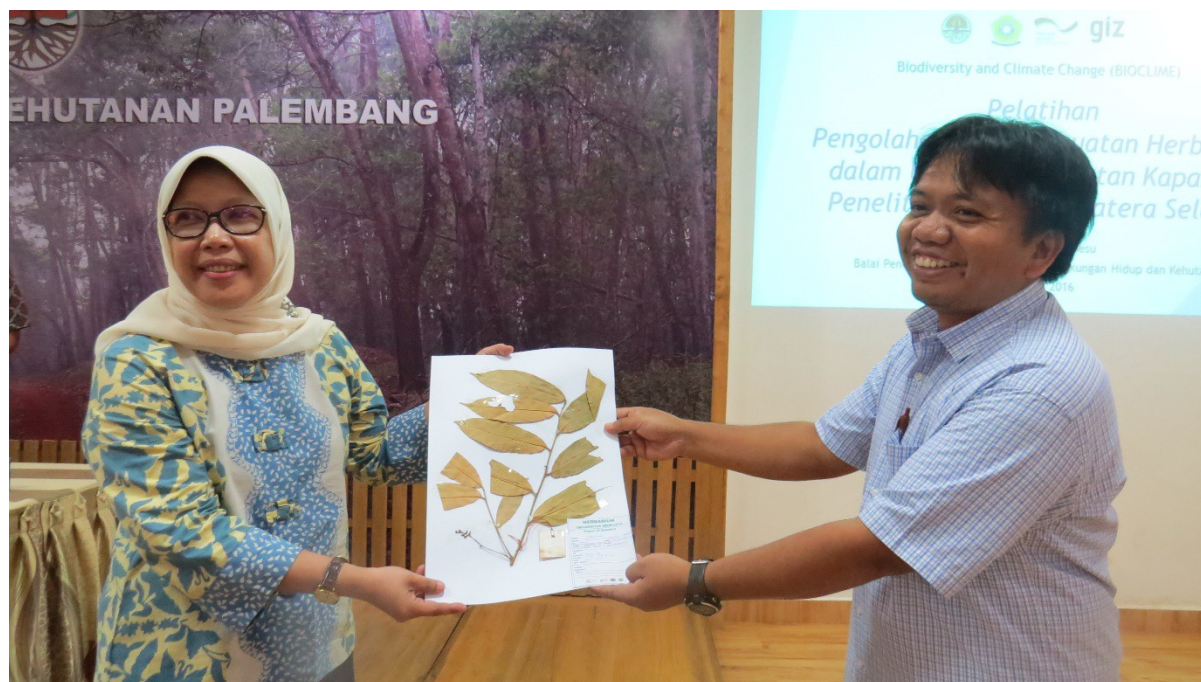
Plant Specimen Training for South Sumatra Botanists

In order to build the capacity of botanists in South Sumatra, GIZ Bioclimate collaborated with the Forestry Research Centre (*Balai Penelitian Kehutanan* (BPK), to hold a training program on processing and making plant specimens. The sessions, which took place over 2 (two) days from 7-8 April 2016 at the BPK office in Palembang, involved 27 participants from the Sriwijaya University Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Science, BPK Palembang, and the Muhammadiyah University in Palembang. The head trainer was Prof. Tukirin Partomihardjo, a botany expert from the Indonesian Institute of Sciences (*Lembaga Ilmu Pengetahuan Indonesia* (LIPI), and the assistant trainer was Dafid Pirnanda. In the words of Prof. Tukirin, "This training was an opportunity to share experiences and pass scientific knowledge on to the next generation of young botanists in South Sumatra". Further, Hendi Sumatri – the Head Organiser – added that the collaboration between GIZ Bioclimate and BPK Palembang, as well as other parties involved in measuring carbon and biodiversity, had collected many plant specimens and it would be best to make use of them in the interests of education and research.

The training was conducted using plant specimens collected since 2015 from GIZ Bioclimate's carbon inventory and floral biodiversity activities. The specimens originated from 4 (four) forest cover types in South Sumatra: peat, mangrove, montane, and lowland. At the close of training, GIZ Bioclimate handed the 100 specimens to Sriwijaya University for further management and also with the intention of supporting students' botanical studies.

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Web link: <http://www.bpk-palembang.org/information/reportase/pelatihan-pengolahan-dan-pembuatan-herbarium-upaya-peningkatan-kapasitas-peneliti-botani-di-sumsel.html>



GIZ Bioclimate handing over plant specimens to Sriwijaya University