

Media Update

Freeport and Ministry of Environment Accelerate National Mangrove Rehabilitation Program in South Kalimantan

Banjarmasin, June 2, 2025 - PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) together with the Ministry of Environment and Life and Lambung Mangkurat University (ULM) conducted mangrove planting covering 5 hectares in Sabuhur Village, Jorong District, Tanah Laut Regency, South Kalimantan as part of PTFI's commitment implementation to plant 10 thousand hectares of mangroves until 2041.

"PTFI implements the Mangrove Rehabilitation Acceleration program covering 8,000 hectares in Papua and 2,000 hectares in various other regions in Indonesia. This is the company's commitment to the National Mangrove Rehabilitation Acceleration Program in Indonesia for the restoration of mangrove ecosystems to provide benefits for the environment and coastal communities," said PTFI President Director Tony Wenas after the mangrove planting.

The symbolic mangrove planting was conducted by Deputy for Pollution Control and Environmental Damage of the Ministry of Environment/BPLH Rasio Ridho Sani, PTFI President Director Tony Wenas, together with South Kalimantan Provincial Government officials, Tanah Laut Regency Government, and PTFI management, Monday (6/2).

Tony explained that this activity is the starting point of the 500-hectare mangrove rehabilitation program in South Kalimantan, namely 400 hectares in Tanah Laut Regency and 100 hectares in Kotabaru Regency.

The mangrove planting in Sabuhur Village, Tanah Laut Regency is a follow-up to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, the Peat and Mangrove Restoration Agency (BRGM), and PTFI signed in June 2023. PTFI and ULM have also signed a memorandum of understanding regarding mangrove restoration, wetland management, and strengthening the University's Tri Dharma, in February 2025.

Deputy for Pollution Control and Environmental Damage of the Ministry of Environment/BPLH Rasio Ridho Sani said Indonesia has 3.4 million hectares of mangrove forests, the largest in the world. Twenty-three percent of the world's mangrove population is in Indonesia. This means Indonesia has the largest mangrove coverage in the world.

Rasio said Indonesia's total mangrove carbon storage potential is globally significant. However, mangrove ecosystems face serious pressures such as land conversion, intensive aquaculture, plastic pollution, and reclamation, among others.

Mangroves are not just coastal and beach shade. They are supporters of the blue economy, carbon capturers, and protectors of land from crisis. "We are not just planting trees, but planting hope. Hope for the sea, for the climate, and for the future of coastal communities," he said.

Rasio said Indonesia's mangrove ecosystems play an important role as nature-based solutions for climate change mitigation, as natural coastal protection, ecotourism, breeding and shelter places for various marine and river biota, as well as biodiversity habitats.

"With business world support, mangrove rehabilitation becomes real. Today I planted mangroves together with the business world, in this case PT Freeport Indonesia, Lambung Mangkurat University, as well as fishermen and business actors in South Kalimantan. Small steps, big impact. Let's support restoration and the blue economy," he said.

Tony added that from 2005 to the present, PTFI has conducted mangrove planting in coastal areas within PTFI's Special Mining Business Permit (IUPK) area with an area reaching more than 1,500 hectares. PTFI will continue to work with the government and communities to plant 10 thousand mangroves.

"Before Tanah Laut, in 2023 mangrove planting covering 5 hectares was conducted in IKN and in 2024 as much as 25 hectares in Deli Serdang, North Sumatra," said Tony.

Continuing these efforts, PTFI in collaboration with Gadjah Mada University (UGM) has verified various mangrove planting locations proposed by the Ministry of Environment. PTFI has successfully identified an area of 834 hectares for planting starting in 2025, with locations spread across the provinces of North Sumatra, West Sumatra, Riau, West Nusa Tenggara, East Nusa Tenggara, Bali and Kalimantan.

On the same day, in conjunction with Environment Day, ULM together with the Ministry of Environment and PTFI organized a National Seminar with the theme "Shaping the Future of Indonesian Mangroves: Collaboration of Science, Action, and Policy to End Plastic Pollution" at the ULM Campus Auditorium. A total of 1,000 students attended this activity.

PHOTO	DESCRIPTION
	<p>Deputy for Pollution Control and Environmental Damage of the Ministry of Environment/BPLH Rasio Ridho Sani (left), PT Freeport Indonesia President Director Tony Wenas (center) and ULM Vice Rector 2 Dr. Ir. Arief Rahmad Maulana Akbar, M.Si, IPU (right) during symbolic mangrove planting in Sabuhur Village, Jorong District, Tanah Laut Regency, South Kalimantan (6/2). This planting is part of PTFI's commitment implementation to plant 10 thousand hectares of mangroves until 2041.</p>
	<p>PT Freeport Indonesia Vice President Environmental Gesang Setyadi (left) while giving a presentation about mangrove land rehabilitation activity locations to Deputy for Pollution Control and Environmental Damage of the Ministry of Environment/BPLH Rasio Ridho Sani (right). The activity was conducted in Sabuhur Village, Jorong District, Tanah Laut Regency, South Kalimantan (6/2).</p>
	<p>PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) President Director Tony Wenas while giving remarks at the National Seminar with the theme "Shaping the Future of Indonesian Mangroves: Collaboration of Science, Action, and Policy to End Plastic Pollution" at the ULM Campus Auditorium, Banjarbaru, South Kalimantan, (6/2). A total of 1,000 students attended the National Seminar organized by ULM together with the Ministry of Environment and PTFI.</p>

About PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI)

PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) is a mineral mining company affiliated with Freeport-McMoRan (FCX) and Mining Industry Indonesia (MIND ID). PTFI mines and processes ore to produce copper minerals, which contain gold and silver.

PTFI markets concentrates worldwide, and especially to domestic copper smelters, PT Smelting. PTFI's mining operations are located in the Grasberg mineral area, Papua - Indonesia. Currently PTFI operates the world's largest underground mine using the block caving method. In carrying out its operational activities, PTFI prioritizes responsible business practices.