



**BORNED ECOTOURISM SOLUTIONS
&
TECHNOLOGIES**



**EMPOWERING
COMMUNITIES**

WHO WE ARE

BEST Society, is a non-governmental organisation and the auxiliary arm of Borneo Eco Tours, a leading ecotourism tour operator in Malaysia. BEST started as a charity organisation with traditional concepts of giving back. However over the years, the organisation went through a paradigm shift and now approaches rural development with an empowering perspective.

MISSION

"To Engage, Empower Elevate *rural communities in Sabah by implementing sustainable development initiatives to improve livelihood and quality of life, and to conserve nature for the next generation.* "



Since the year 1996, BEST Society has received contributions from individual donors and corporations amounting to RM 2,316,702.79.

As of 2017, Borneo Eco Tours and Sukau Rainforest Lodge have contributed RM 857,185 and RM 602,643.08 respectively out of the total amount.



Environmental CONSERVATION

We focus on grassroots conservation, education and the introduction of improved technologies among indigenous rural communities to enable livelihood improvement through sustainable agriculture practices and greater integration between nature and communities.



Kinabatangan Bee Farming



SK Sukau Environmental Awareness



Sikuati Organic Vegetable Farming



Borneo Land Conservancy

OUR IMPACT



7.7 acres of forested land in Sukau is protected



5350 trees planted along the lower Kinabatangan river



Chemical free vegetables

EMPOWERING Communities

BEST Society works to empower communities' ability to conserve the natural resources they depend upon. We invest in capacity building and skills enhancement to strengthen their role as stewards of the environment and improve their livelihoods. When we support people in our communities, we are helping to build sustainable, resilient communities.



Post Earthquake Relief



Farm Tourism 101



Kimihang VCO Processing Workshop



INTI College Sabah goes to Kiulu

OUR IMPACT



80 local folks participated in culinary & hospitality program in Kiulu



31 villagers in Kudat trained to produce virgin coconut oil



6 laptops for computer literacy program in Kiau

ELEVATING Income

We work with low income communities to help them elevate their income by creating employment opportunities through our integrated community-based tourism and sustainable agriculture projects.



Double the Rice Yield
in Ulu Kiulu



Virgin Coconut Oil



SRI in Diniwang



Kiulu Farmstay: Community-Based Tourism

OUR IMPACT



Increase
rice yield



JOB

Employment of 400 villagers
from Sukau and Kiulu



Increase product
value

Meeting **BASIC NEEDS**

One can't possibly live without the basic physiological necessities of food, water, clothing, shelter and healthcare. Painfully in some rural areas, the access to these essentials are still limited. BEST Society helps provide people with resources focusing on medical assistance, clean water, better infrastructure and improved sanitation.



Clean Rainwater



Mantanani Medical Camp



Fresh Ground Water



Rural Student Hostel

OUR IMPACT



188 rural households in Pitas and Sukau now have access to clean water



Newly refurbished hostel for 40 students in Sikuati



2670 villagers in Mantanani, Sukau and Kiau received medical and dental treatment

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

On 1 January 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at a historic UN Summit – officially came into force. In support of this, BEST Society is putting effort and tireless work to contribute to the achievement of these global goals.

We work with academic institutions, government agencies, non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations, local communities and private sectors to leverage on their resources for mutual benefits.

OUR PARTNERS

Government



Academic Institution



Non-Profit Organisation



IMPACT Areas



PARTNER WITH US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Partnership



Expertise



Internship



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