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LONG PA' SIA', SABAH

Long Pa' Sia' has a population of around 800, the majority of whom are Lundayeh.

It is located 1,000m above sea level on the Maligan Highlands and adjacent to Payeh Maga, home to the Black Oriole, an endemic bird of Borneo.

Key economic activities are paddy planting and ecotourism. It is renowned for its diversity of orchid species, as well as pitcher plants which can be found in abundance in Long Pa' Sia' Kerangas Park and in forests around Ulu Padas.

Long Pa' Sia' shares its boundary with Long Semadoh and Central Krayan (Indonesia).



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ABOUT FORMADAT

FORMADAT (Forum Masyarakat Adat Dataran Tinggi Borneo) stands for the Alliance of the Indigenous Peoples of the Highlands of Borneo. It is a trans-boundary, grassroots initiative that aims to increase awareness and understanding of the communities of the Highlands, maintain cultural traditions, build local capacity, and encourage sustainable development in the Heart of Borneo without risking the degradation of the quality of the social and natural environment. The purpose of FORMADAT is to encourage sustainable development by means of community-based ecotourism, organic farming and agro-forestry, communication and information technology, and the preservation of cultural and natural heritage of the Highlands to benefit present and future generations. FORMADAT comprises the sub-districts of Krayan and Krayan Selatan in Indonesia; and Bario, Ba' Kelalan, Long Semadoh and Long Pa' Sia' in Malaysia.

VISION

The homeland of the Lundayeh/ Lun Bawang, Kelabit and Sa'ban peoples in the Highlands of the Heart of Borneo is developed in fair and sustainable ways for the well-being of the local peoples and future generations.

MISSION

- Maintain and strengthen cultural traditions, language, customs and family bonds shared by all the Lundayeh/ Lun Bawang, Kelabit and Sa'ban people in their common ancestral land of the Highlands of Borneo.
- Encourage the development of sustainable economic alternatives such as organic agriculture and community-based ecotourism, and establish fair trading networks in the Highlands.
- Encourage conservation and sustainable development for the Highlands, and ensure involvement and participation of the local Indigenous Peoples in all aspects.
- Preserve water sources, river banks and community forests, protect cultural and historical sites, and the collective intellectual property rights of the Indigenous Peoples of the Highlands.

CHALLENGES



Logging



Poaching of wildlife



Valuable flora theft



Insufficient enforcement



Development programmes that destroy the environment



Difficult access



Lack of support in education

ACTIVITIES 2015 - 2017



Develop sales for existing and potential Long Pa' Sia' products



Complete mapping and area zoning for conservation, ecotourism and cultural site



Construct a Long Pa' Sia' community multipurpose cultural home



Activate river cleaning & recycling programme

OBJECTIVES & BUDGET 2015-2017

Taking steps to ensure a sustainable future, FORMADAT Long Pa' Sia' focuses on implementing the objectives below and are seeking donation to enable their efforts for 2015-2017.

Objectives	Estimated Cost
Improve tourism facilities for sustainable environment by 2016.	RM 352,000
Increase revenue through ecotourism by 2017.	RM 37,000
Identify tourism and research zones by 2015.	RM 1,400
Increase understanding and participation in FORMADAT activities by 2015.	

FOREX 1 USD = 3.56 MYR (April 2015, www.xe.com)

FORMADAT & OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

In the efforts of FORMADAT to ensure the Highlands of Borneo are managed sustainably, key activities by FORMADAT focus on sustainable farming, watershed conservation, and sustainable forest management to prevent threats that lead to biodiversity loss as the forests are valuable assets for ecotourism, daily used as food source, material for construction, and raw materials for handicrafts and so on.

FORMADAT has collaborated and shared knowledge with various organisations, including government departments, tour agencies and other NGOs. FORMADAT welcomes collaboration and networking with other organisations that share a similar vision and mission. WWF-Malaysia and WWF-Indonesia are FORMADAT partners under their environmental conservation initiative and has been since the very beginning.



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“We, the Indigenous Peoples of the Highlands in the Heart of Borneo who share a common heritage and a common land as the Lundayeh, Kelabit, Lun Bawang, and Sa’ban people, come together in the Alliance of the Indigenous Peoples of the Highlands of Borneo (FORMADAT) to : increase awareness and understanding about the highland communities, build local capacity, and encourage sustainable development in the Heart of Borneo”

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