

Media Update

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Freeport Indonesia Shares Good Practices on Preserving Biodiversity in Papua

Jakarta (18 Mei 2024) – PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) shared good practices on preserving biodiversity at a talk show during an Indonesia Biodiversity Week 2024 event organized by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry to commemorate World Environment Day, at the Manggala Wanabakti Auditorium in Jakarta, on Wednesday (15/5).

“As a company operating in a location with mega biodiversity, PTFI is obligated to contribute to biodiversity in Papua, as that is a policy we uphold,” PTFI Environmental VP Gesang Setyadi stated.

He said a key to PTFI’s success in preserving biodiversity in Papua is entering into collaboration with diverse entities, including Papua Nature Resources Conservation Center BBKSDA Papua, a non-government organization engaged in the area of conservation, and the provincial and regency governments.




“We cannot act on our own, BKSDA cannot act on its own, but if we work together, we are sure to achieve greater results,” Gesang said.

He illustrated, in collaborating with BBKSDA Papua to release confiscated endemic Papuan animals into the wild, all the animals are brought to the transit shelter belonging to PTFI in Timika prior to their being released into the wild. To date, PTFI has released into the wild 56,650 pig-nosed turtles, 25 mammals, 124 reptiles, and 578 birds.

Other contributions include assisting in the discovery of new species that were not previously scientifically identified. This encompassed discovery of 50 new insects, 21 new crab species, two fish species, one frog species, one lizard species, and 29 new plant species. PTFI routinely publishes a Biodiversity Volume on butterflies, crabs, birds, and other animals. In all 12 volumes have been published to date.

“We also worked together with Gajah Mada University to conduct research on the New Guinea Singing Dog, one of the world’s oldest canine species that was discovered in the Grasberg mining area,” Gesang divulged.

The Indonesia Biodiversity Week 2024 event organized by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry through its Directorate General of Nature Resources and Ecosystem Conservation took place from 15 May through 17 May. This activity coincided with the World Species Congress 2024 IUCN—the World Conservation Union, which was internationally themed “Biodiversity & Freshwater, Water, Marine and Coastal Security”. IUCN or International Union for the Conservation of Nature is an international organization dedicated to the conservation of natural resources.

PHOTO	CAPTION
	<p>PTFI Environmental VP Gesang Setyadi delivering a presentation on the discovery of the “Singing Dog”, a new canine species, during a talk show and discussion themed “Private Sector Participation in Wildlife Conservation in Indonesia” at the Indonesia Biodiversity Week 2024 event.</p>
	<p>Opening of Indonesia Biodiversity Week 2024 by Environment and Forestry Deputy Minister Alue Dohong (third from left)</p>
	<p>Examining a Pi-Nosed Turtle in PT Freeport Indonesia's MP 21 Conservation Area.</p>

About PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI)

PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) isa mineral mining company affiliated with Freeport-McMoRan (FCX) and Mining Industry Indonesia (MIND ID). PTFI mines and processes ore to produce copper mineral containing gold and silver.

PTFI markets concentrate to all parts of the world and primarily to the domestic smelter PT Smelting. The PTFI mining operation is located in the Grasberg mineral district in Grasberg, Papua – Indonesia. PTFI currently runs the world's biggest underground mining operation using the block caving method. In conducting its operation, PTFI promotes and upholds responsible business practices.

