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Progress Update on Independent Third Party Verification

A half day planning session took place between EcoNusantara, AAL, and Robertsbridge on Tuesday 9th May. The EcoNusantara team's project lead for the independent assessment, Teguh Surya, briefed the meeting on progress to date, and itemised documentation required to take the next steps. EcoNusantara are engaged with WALHI at both local (Sulawesi) and national levels, while Robertsbridge are in communication with Friends of the Earth (US). EcoNusantara plan to be in the field on the third week of May for an initial set of interviews with community members, Walhi as the communities' advocate and AAL related staff.

EcoNusantara have spent the last month communicating with WALHI and other concerned parties in Sulawesi, to form a common understanding of the purpose and mission of the assessment, and to get buy-in from these interested parties. In addition, EcoNusantara have done a considerable amount of desk research examining all relevant documentation, before planning to go into the field.