FRIENDS OF MALAYSIA APPROVES GRANT TO ULU ENGKARI COMMUNITY WILDLIFE PROJECT

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At the May meeting of the Friends of Malaysia Board, a $1,000 donation to the Ulu Engkari Community Wildlife Project was approved. This project is organized by Community Conservation, a Wisconsin based NGO with a wide history of conservation programs. Working together with the Smithsonian Institute and the Sarawak Forestry Corporation, this project is training members of the Iban communities near the Lanjak Entimau Wildlife Sanctuary to monitor the health of their forest. A new phase of the project is underway, monitoring birds and primates, using audio recorders, and restoring native fruit trees to degraded areas.

Our donation will fund a workshop for community members, prioritizing the involvement of women and children. The workshop will review the results of the project to date, including hornbill and primate ecology. Hands-on activities will train the participants in using tools to monitor wildlife. Also, infographic pamphlets in Malay and Iban will show how to set up camera-traps and audio recorders and how to troubleshoot common issues with the equipment.

To learn more about the Longhouse Community Forest Management program, you will want to see this website:

https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d6f02a4498364644957d2167bc54cba7