**Triggering Conservation Through Multi-Series Wildlife**

**Symposium: Success Story of International**

**Wildlife Symposium in Sumatra**

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**Abstract**

Conserving wildlife needs engagement and contribution of many people and stakeholders. Sumatra,

as a mega-diverse island, is facing many conservation problems such as deforestation, habitat loss and

fragmentation, human-wildlife conflict, poaching and else, hence some collaborative works should be

conducted. An idea regarding these efforts is through the International Wildlife Symposium (IWS) series which involve stakeholders from academicians, decision makers and conservation practitioners; even engaging those ground living people like local community. Initiated in Riau in 2014, Riau University and WWF Indonesia together with a handful partners successfully presented the first IWS located in Riau University. The first symposium was attended by participants from three countries. Continuing the success story, the second IWS was also successfully held in Andalas University, organized by consortium of Andalas University, WWF Indonesia, Riau University and partners. It was attended by participants from five countries. The third IWS, which was organized in Lampung University by a larger consortium, was attended by the participants from five countries. In general, the previous symposium series covered lectures from keynote speakers from across the globe, followed by presentations, workshops and field trip. Deploying conservation issues throughout the symposium series is powerfully beneficial for wildlifeconservation. It is expected that this symposium will be continuously presented in the future.

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