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WWF-Malaysia held a Capacity Building Workshop in Ba Selulong from 13th to 14th March 2017. The key objective of the Capacity Building Workshop was to ensure Community Representative Committee (CRC) members were able to practice and apply the knowledge and skills that been shared during the previous workshop. In addition, WWF-Malaysia also used the opportunity to obtain CRC's feedback of the progress of community projects and its performance. The matters that been shared and discussed during the workshop include the issue of Ba Tepan and Long Taha, the roles and term of service of CRC, representatives to SFM Liaison Committee meeting, rattan replanting and farming progress, handicraft workplan and production of coffee table book for Kubaan-Puak.

Attendees

The attendees from WWF-Malaysia were Jayl Langub, Samantha Liew, Alicia Ng and Then Yi Yii. For the CRC attendance list, please refer to the Appendix 2.

Meetings conducted by CRC Members

Since the first capacity building workshop, the Kubaan-Puak CRC had conducted four more meetings.. The date and venue of these meetings are shown in Table 1. Committees were reminded to hold meeting with the present of majority committees only, and the Secretary and Assistant Secretary were advised to cooperate with each other and record all the minutes of meetings.

Table 1: Date of meeting and venue.

Date	Venue
28 October 2016	Long Kawa
13 November 2016	Long Si'ang
15 January 2017	Long Kawa
22February2017	Ba Selulong

Ba Tepan and Long Taha Issue

Previous bad logging activity and experiences that occurred in Ba Medamut, Long Lobang and Ba Tik areas had caused the villagers from Ba Tepan and Long Taha to refuse activities in their area. As a result, they did not allow WWF-Malaysia to set-up of camera traps in their surrounding areas. To solve the issue, CRC suggested that SAO Ezra to be invited as the mediator for the discussion and explanation of the purpose of setting up the camera traps and its benefit. It was also suggested that the discussion could be conducted at Ba Selulong since the road to Ba Tepan and Long Taha was damaged.

Role and Term for Community Representative Committee (CRC)

The feedback received indicated that some of the locals do not really understand the role of the CRC. Therefore, explanation was made to the CRC EXCO members that the CRC is a

platform for committees to communicate with government agencies or private organization on the welfare of local community. WWF-Malaysia reminded the CRC EXCO members that messages sent out through the CRC are more convincing because they are decisions made after considering the opinions of all the relevant communities. Regarding the term of the CRC EXCO member, although there was no representative from Ba Tepen and Long Taha in the CRC at that moment, there was a need to seek for their opinion on the CRC service term in order to ensure fairness, prevent discontentment and misunderstanding since Ba Tepen and Long Taha were two of the directly affected community and they could join in the next CRC election.

Representatives of SFM Liaison Committee Meeting

It was suggested that two to three representatives shall join the upcoming SFM Liaison Committee meeting, which is proposed to be held on 24th April 2017 in Kuching. Locals were being told that the meeting will involve participants from District Office, Forest Department Sarawak, Sarawak Forestry Corporation and Ta Ann, and representatives from CRC.

Rattan Replanting Project

For the rattan replanting activity, the three identified pilot project villages are Ba Selulong, Long Si'ang and Ba Marong. The CRC EXCO members were informed that the upcoming rattan replanting activity will be held at these three villages from 25th to 31st March 2017. The target is to provide each village with 500 rattan seedlings and locals are encouraged to take part in the project. It was suggested that locals could discuss among themselves and think of suitable locations for planting the rattan, and get the identified areas prepared for the planting activity; so that, the rattan seedlings could be planted as scheduled. The proposed schedule for the rattan seedling planting activity is shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Schedule for rattan seedling planting activity.

Date		Activity
24 th March 2017	Friday	WWF reach Ba Selulong.
25 th March 2017	Saturday	Identify the planting plot in Ba Selulong.
26 th March 2017	Sunday	Rest day.
27 th March 2017	Monday	Plant rattan seedlings in Ba Selulong.
28 th March 2017	Tuesday	Depart from Ba Selulong to Long Si'ang; identify the planting plot in Long Si'ang.
29 th March 2017	Wednesday	Plant rattan seedlings in Long Si'ang.
30 th March 2017	Thursday	Depart from Long Si'ang to Ba Marong; identify the planting plot in Ba Marong.
31 st March 2017	Friday	Plant rattan seedlings in Ba Marong.
1 st April 2017	Saturday	WWF back to Miri.

Discussion:

- 1) The planting distance between rattan seedlings is five meters
- 2) Rattan seedlings are suggested to be planted at level land and place that is near for easier checking.
- 3) The previous planting of *wai inang* and *wai bukui* in Ba Marong was success except *wai semui*.
- 4) Suggest that rattan seedlings not to be planted on the paddy field as rattan requires many years to grow. The planting site will not be suitable for paddy after that.

Update of Previously Planted Fruit Seedlings

All fruit seedlings survived, except lime seedlings in Ba Marong and Long Si'ang because the soil was either too hot or hard. Durian seedlings also did not grow well; only half of the planted durian seedlings survived in Long Si'ang. CRC EXCO members commented that the number of seedlings given were not enough for everyone in the village and requested for more seedlings to be distributed. WWF responded that the seedlings were distributed to those participants who attended the farming training session as WWF had limited budget and source for the seedlings. Therefore, WWF could not prepare for everyone. Some of the seedlings were given by the Department of Agriculture while others were purchased by WWF.

Handicraft Training and Related Issues Arouse

The CRC EXCO members were requested to select participants for the upcoming handicraft workshop, which is scheduled to be held on 17th April 2017. The workshop will involve trainer from Kraftangan Malaysia. The CRC EXCO members brought out an issue of the sewing machine that was provided by the Kraftangan Malaysia o has broken down, and hoped that the Kraftangan Malaysia could help repair it. They also questioned about the need to have two coordinators, which was confusing to them. WWF explained that the two coordinators were appointed, as requested by locals, and these two coordinators will be responsible to collect the handicraft from different villages. Ms Madona was assigned to collect handicraft from Long Kawa, Ba Tik, Long Lobang, Ba Medamut, Long Si'ang and Ba Selulong while Ms Liza was assigned to collect handicraft from Long Mera'an, Long Lesuan, Long Ludin, Long Balau and Ba Baleh.

Coffee Table Book

WWF shared with the CRC EXCO members that a coffee table book will be produced for the Kubaan-Puak Project, and would like to include some traditional knowledge of Penan community in it. The CRC EXCO members supported the idea and they shared some Penan story such as *kangkaput* bird, *tajem*, durian tree, *atui* and *oro*.

Other Issues

The CRC EXCO members raised issues on food and transportation which WWF-Malaysia could help look into. On application of aid for farming equipment such as farming equipment, banana seedlings, three months tapioca seedlings and sago processing machine, WWF advised that the CRC send a request letter to Department of Agriculture.

Lastly, WWF Malaysia explained the delays in sending out letters to villages was due to time constraint with other organization. Thus, it was agreed that apart from official letter, information can be sent through phone message, or phone call in the future.

Appendix 1



Figure 1: Discussion with CRC members with the translation from Selapan (left). All CRC members were paying attention to what Samantha discussed in Capacity Building Workshop (right).

Appendix 2

Senarai kehadiran untuk bengkel pembinaan kapasiti di Ba Selulong 13-14 March 2017				
No	Nama	Kampung	Tandatangan	
			13/03/2017	14/03/2017
1	Asai Berat	Long Si'ang		
2	Jusely Gadung	Long Kawa		
3	Cherry Gadung	Long Kawa		
4	Sagung Raja	Ba Marong		
5	Berim Berat	Ba Marong		
6	Andrew Nyipin	Long Si'ang		
7	Liling Gadung	Long Kawa		
8	Jeffery Moyong	Ba Selulong		
9	Lukas Selapan	Ba Selulong		
10	Ahmanq yut (doten)	Ba Tahs.		
11	Selapan Malin	Ba Selulong		
12	Wanek Tetong (watin)	Ba Tahs		
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