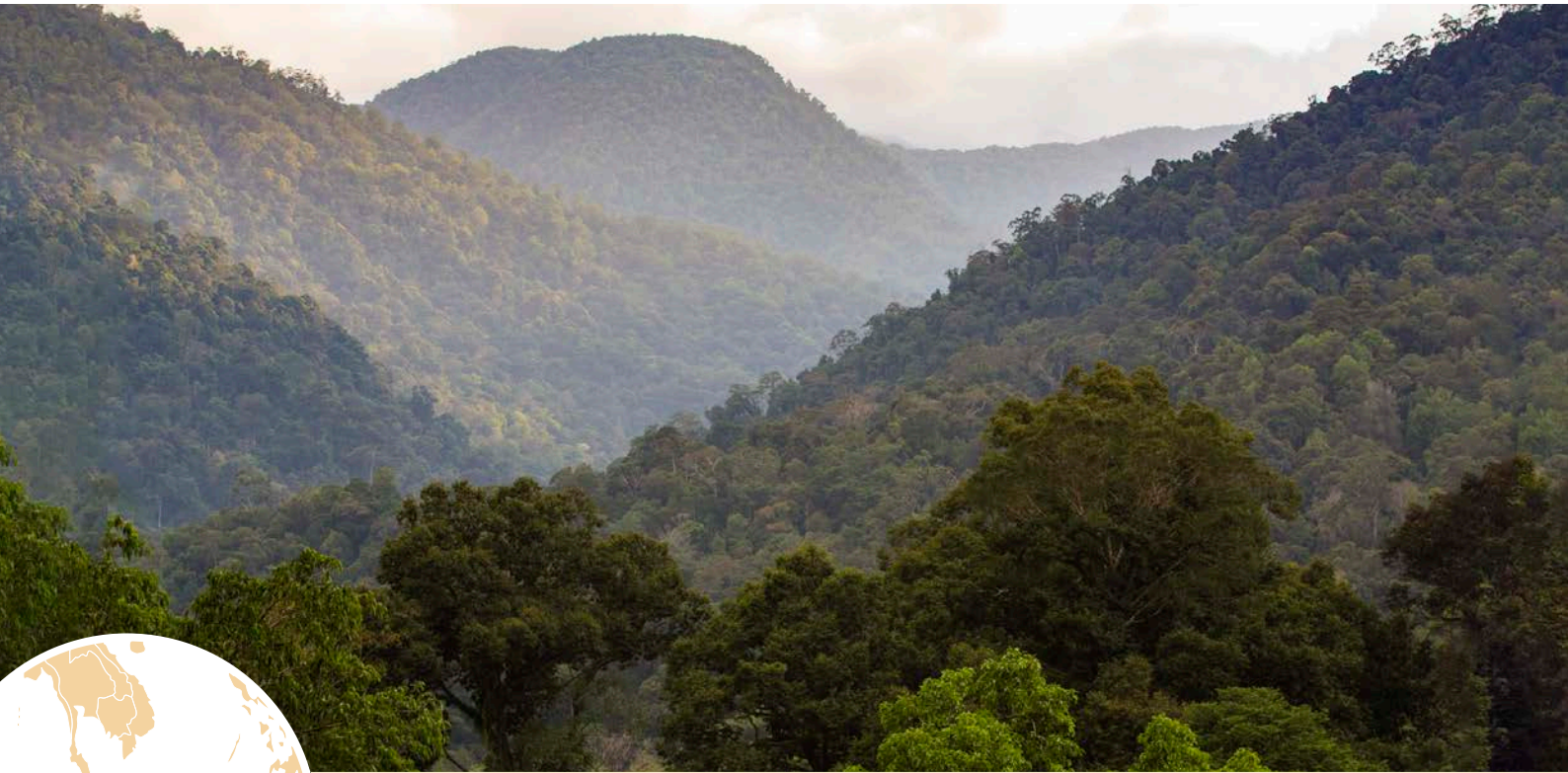


# GUNUNG LEUSER NATIONAL PARK

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### **GUNUNG LEUSER NATIONAL PARK – THE WILD HEART OF SOUTHEAST ASIA**

The Gunung Leuser National Park (GLNP) is located on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. Here, it lies at the heart of the Leuser ecosystem, which spans an area of more than 26,000 km<sup>2</sup> and is one of Southeast Asia’s largest intact rainforest ecosystems.

GLNP is the only place on earth that is home to the wild tiger, orangutan, elephant, and rhino jointly. The Leuser ecosystem contains approximately 150 individuals of the critically endangered Sumatran tiger. It also provides crucial habitats for numerous other critically endangered animals, including 11,700 Sumatran orangutans, more than 350 Sumatran elephants, and a viable population of Sumatran rhinos, one of the most threatened mammalian species on earth.

The park’s outstanding environmental, cultural, and economic values have been recognized through numerous international designations, e.g. it is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and its 43 forest watersheds provide key ecosystem services to more than 6.9 million people.



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### LEGACY LANDSCAPE DETAILS

#### Established

1980

#### Region

Sumatra

#### IUCN Category

National Park (CAT. II), Forest Management Units (FMU, CAT. VI)

#### Project Size

11,525 km<sup>2</sup> (GLNP + FMU)

#### Population in and Adjacent to the Protected Area

6,980,000

#### Biome

Tropical rainforest

#### Key Species

Sumatran tiger, rhinoceros, elephant, orangutan

#### Conservation Relevance

UNESCO World Heritage Site,  
UNESCO Man and Biosphere Reserve,  
ASEAN Heritage Park,  
Key Biodiversity Area

#### Managing Authority

Directorate for Natural Resources and Ecosystem  
Conservation (KSDAE) of the Indonesian Ministry of  
Environment and Forestry (MoEF)

#### NGO Partner

Wildlife Conservation Society

#### Funding Partner

Arcadia Fund

### KEY THREATS

- Habitat loss caused by forest conversion to palm oil plantation
- Illegal logging, mining and encroachment
- Expanding illegal settlements

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- Strengthen protected area management capacities and forest management units
- Engage stakeholders, mitigate social risks and human-wildlife incidents
- Roll out sustainable land use management strategies

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