



Dear Friends,

Happy Holidays from the Borneo Project! As the year winds to an end, we have been wrapping up programs for the year, and making big plans for next year's work.

### **The News from Borneo:**

**Taib's sister ordered to pay restitution to local communities!** In an important victory for indigenous rights, Taib's sister, Raziah, was ordered to pay RM 160,000 (just over \$50,000) for her companies involvement in illegal land grabs and pollution of the natural environment in Sarawak. [You can read more here!](#)

### **The Borneo Project and a huge Coalition asks Malaysian Prosecutors to arrest Taib:**

Spearheaded by the Switzerland-based Bruno Manser Fund, over 14 non-profit and community groups have come together to call for the arrest of Abdul Taib Mahmud! [Read more here.](#)

**Google Earth Reveals the Extent of Forest Damage in Sarawak:** Incredible images show that there is less than 10% of Sarawak's forests remaining, whatever the Malaysian government might say. [Click here to read more!](#)

### **Project Updates:**

**The end of the year has been a time for reflection, planning, and of course, raising the funds that we need to scale up our work next year.** This has been a huge year for the Borneo Project: We have begun work on stopping the 12 new dams planned for Sarawak, started our indigenous language children's book project, and taken on Taib with protests in the streets of Seattle and San Francisco. We also have a completely re-designed new website, [www.borneoproject.org](http://www.borneoproject.org).

Of course, we have continued our partnerships and support work. Check out this quote from Jok Jau Evong, the President of the Uma Bawang Residents Association and long term supporter:

*"We have worked with the Borneo Project for over 20 years-- they have helped us map our lands, stop commercial logging in our forests, replant 30,000 trees, unite with neighboring communities to protect forests, and win international recognition for our efforts. More people in the United States should get involved with the Borneo Project to help our struggle. Our land is our life."*

If you have not already supported us this holiday season, [please support the Borneo Project today!](#) It's the single easiest thing to can do to create a long term, sustainable future for Borneo's rainforests. And thank you to our many supporters who have already sent in a donation!

Remember, you can also [check out the store](#) and purchase Borneo crafts to support the Project! If you didn't receive our end of the year letter, please give it a read, [by clicking here](#). You can check out the Borneo Wire, our annual paper newsletter, [here!](#) (It's totally revamped this year).

Thank you for all your support through out this exciting year! We look forward to working together next year to protect indigenous rights and forest conservation in Borneo.

Warmly yours,  
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