

FOREST REHABILITATION 2018

The long term goal for management in this project area is to restore the functioning capacity of the forest for water production, retention and usage. The immediate objectives are to seal off and restore the forest reserves from further encroachments which means the flushing out all illegal occupation phase by phase, to rehabilitate degraded and encroached areas with indigenous tree species, to provide long-term solutions to the issue of community settlements within the protected area and to maintain the forest through carbon financing and other ecosystem services mechanism.

Intensive forest rehabilitation aims to restore the encroached areas by the removal of the oil palm and replacing with indigenous species. This will accelerate natural vegetation regeneration in order to re-establish a healthy forest ecosystem in the reserve whilst caring for the water catchment area. For this to be realized, the Sabah Forestry Department had appointed the best contractor to implement the restoration programme which was started since 2007. Planted with various species such as Kapur Paji (*Dryobalanops lanceolata*), Kapur Gumpait (*Dryobalanops keithii*), Seraya Majau (*Shorea leptocladus*) and fast growing species which is Sentang (*Azadirachta excelsa*), Angsana (*Pterocarpus indicus*), Batai (*Paraserianthes falcataria*), some Eucalypts as a trail, Laran (*Neolamarckia cadamba*), Binuang (*Octomeles sumatrana*), Ketapang (*Terminalia catappa*), Pulai (*Alstonia spp.*), Bayur (*Pterospermum javanicum*), by the Forestry Department.



Plant seedling



Shorea leptocladus