TFCA-Sumatera has already get the new grantees for the third cycle of grants. The grantees were decided based Oversight Committee meeting in 7 November 2012.

Before signing an MoU between grantees and the Administrator, a number of adjustment should be made to ensure the effectiveness and the efficiency of program in achieving their goals. Therefore, a series of discussions and assistance were made to ameliorate the proposals.

There are five consortia join the forces of conservation in Sumatera’s forest through TFCA-Sumatera project. They are:

1. **ALERT Consortium**, consists of Alert, UNILA, PKHS, Forum Desa Penyangga Way Kambas, BTNWK, Sajogyo Institute, SILVAGAMA, Saka WanaBakti Way Kambas, SIES. They want to protect and restore the community based forest to support to increase key population species in Way Kambas NP.

2. **YABI Consortium**, consists of Yayasan Badak Indonesia YABI, WCS Indonesia, YAPEKA-LH, KSM-Way Kambas, KSM Bukit Barisan Selatan, Litbang Kehutanan Biotrop. This consortium works in TN Bukit Barisan Selatan and TN Way Kambas to protect Sumateran Rhino (*Dicerorhinus sumatrensis sumatrensis* Fischer, 1814) as the key species in Lampung through collaborative community empowerment.

3. **Kota Agung Utara Consortium**, involves Prata, SanggaBuana, KPHL Kota Agung Utara Tanggamus, Gapoktan to work hand in hand to improve the function of Register 39 in Kota Agung Utara as the bufferzone of Bukit Barisan Selatan NP in upstream area and Waduk Batu Tegi as the water catchment area in Tanggamus District.

4. **KoRoar Berbak**, consists of Gita Buana, ZSL, Walestra wants to conserve habitat and tiger population in Berbak ecosystem.

5. **Ulayat consortium**, comprises of Yayasan Ulayat and Yayasan Konservasi Sumatera, are working together to develop TNBBS-TNKS corridor through sustainable forest management scheme.

Happy New Year 2013

The new year has already come. Many people believe, the coming of a new year will bring hope of a new life and better future. In the forestry sector we should expect a better circumstances for less land conversion will occur, less poisoning against elephants, less disaster would happen in critical areas, while we expect more on law enforcement, more forest rehabilitation and of course more people will benefit from sustainable forest management.

Let that be our resolution for 2013. Happy new year.
Unleash Local Potential through Creative Economy

Some meetings were held in Sumatera, for instance the meeting in Santika Bengkulu on 10 December 2012 and in Amalia Lampung on 18 December. The meeting explore social entrepreneurship and the possibilities of collaboration between community and private sector, for instance in elephant training centre ecotourism development in TNBBS-TNKS corridor with Alesha Wisata, a local travel agent company in Bengkulu. In Lampung, silviculture was assembled with organic farming and ecotourism.

These discussions and workshops was conducted to utilize more on community economy potential and expected to have a significant contribution in generating the welfare of community who living around and dependent on forest resource.

External resource person were invited to bring a new experience and paradigm. Some business unit under Telapak, Bogor were discussed as the case study to foster a community based business model which not only profitable in business terms but also has distinct values in ethical and environment aspects.

Monitoring in Bt Tigapuluh, Tesso Nilo and Kerinci Seblat

Monitoring activities during December to January was made to check grantee's progress in accordance with their proposal. Based on Performance Plan, TFCA team made some visits to WWF Riau (Bukit Tigapuluh), YTNTN (Tesso Nilo), AKAR (Kerinci Seblat).

In Bukit Tigapuluh, the team monitor the protection and monitoring of population and tiger habitat. The tiger presence increased, where about 4 to 5 individuals were identified in Seberida. These tigers perhaps comes from the last remaining forest in PT. Seberida Subur, because the adjacent area has been converted into palm oil estates.

Results found from Tesso Nilo NP Foundation found that 400 ha out of 1200 ha area has been planted by seedlings from Tesso Nilo NP Office. In Gondai, a woman group of 25 members has established to manage and plant horticulture commodities as well as following training in gender issues.

In Bengkulu, Akar Networks still has intensive communications with the Forestry office of Kerinci to finalize MoU draft between two institutions on forest protection. In Solok Selatan and Merangin, the MoU draft has been submitted and will be discussed soon, while in Muomuko, the draft has signed by Head of KPHP Mukomuko.

The plan to open the road between lempur - muara kambang (solok selatan), lempur-ipoh (kerinci - mukomuko) should be reviewed, and in waiting for analysis from independent team. Meanwhile DPRD and Governor of Jambi has submit a letter to Minister of Forestry for his agreement on the road development.