# **ROYAL BELUM HORNBILL EXPEDITION 2020**

## 18-20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 INFO SHEET & FAQ



## Q: HOW MUCH WILL TO JOIN THIS EXPEDITION? WHAT DOES THE PRICE INCLUDE?

A: RM850 per pax. Non-refundable but can transfer name if needed. Full board with all main meals starting with lunch on day 1 and ending with lunch on day 3. Ex-Banding Island, car pooling is encouraged. Bunk bed sleeping quarters (socially distanced). Price incl. park permits and exclusive Expedition T-shirt and e-certs. Access funds goes towards ECOMY's *KampungKu* project for Orang Asli support.

### Q: WHAT IS THIS EXPEDITION ABOUT?

A: To promote Royal Belum State Park as one of Malaysia's unique birdwatching destination using Hornbills as its signature species & to identify and collect data on the distribution and movement of Hornbills of the area in a fun and educational event. This event will also have workshops/presentations about hornbill identification and other iconic species.

Participants will receive e-certificates and an exclusive collector item t-shirt.

All SOPs for COVID-19 and safety will be adhered to hence the number of participants is at its minimum.

## Q: DO I NEED TO BE AN EXPERT BIRDER TO JOIN?

A: Not at all. There will be a classroom session of hornbill & other iconic birds' identification and each boat will have its own guide to help point and ID the birds.

### Q: HOW DO I GET TO ROYAL BELUM?

A: Participants will meet at Pulau Banding, Perak and park their cars there. From there, we will check into our houseboat and launch into Royal Belum.



## Q: HOW DO WE BIRDWATCH THERE?

A: Participants will be split into 5 teams. The houseboat will act as our mobile basecamp but mainly, we will launch into smaller faster boats at certain areas to access monitoring sites.

### Q: WILL THERE BE GUIDES TO HELP ME IDENTIFY BIRDS? WHAT ARE THE TARGETS?

A: Yes, each boat will have local guides and ECOMY will also have an experienced team on hand to make this experience unique and personalised. We will target all 10 species of hornbill and iconic birds of the area such as the largest woodpecker in the world, the Great Slaty, Lesser and Grey headed Fish-Eagle and more. Photography will be a challenge especially on the boat, so come prepared!

## Q: HOW DO I BOOK, WHAT AGE IS SUITABLE?

A: email your interest to <u>info@ecomy.org</u> or whats app to +6019 3745246. We accept participants aged 12 and above. **Deadline 31**<sup>st</sup> **August 2020**. Only 20 participants will be accepted.

(PHOTOS OF OUR BASECAMP, FACILITIES & TARGET FLOCKING HORNBILLS!)







