

Final Report

We have successfully completed the one year work and through it managed to learn more of the enigmatic Plain-pouched Hornbills (and other hornbill spp. Too). To date, we now have a complete and continuous 6 mth population survey data, as compared to opportunistic data previously. The data afforded us a glimpse into their mass movement patterns and numbers. Even though, we now know more about them, but we have more unanswered questions!

During the course of the project, we learnt that the Temengor section of the forest reserve is being portioned into logging concessions. The input from the hornbill project was partly important (including other factors) in determining MNS' next course of action.

After about nearly a year of internal and external discussions (eg. amongst NGOs, MNS Science & Conservation Committee and State Branches), MNS decided to form a coalition to address the logging issue in Belum-Temenggor. We have to date met the Executive Director (we call them Menteri Besar locally) of that State and handed him our memorandum and about to launch our signature campaign soon (mid April 2006).