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Green Border Initiative to protect forest reserves



An Orang Asli community in Tasik Chini receiving aid a few years ago.



Endau Rompin is a strategic area for wildlife along Pahang's border.

A GREEN Border Initiative will be enacted to preserve forested areas along Pahang's borders with its neighbours Terengganu, Kelantan, Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Johor.

Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail said the decision was made to uphold the decree of Pahang Regent Tengku Mahkota Tengku Hassanal Ibrahim Alam Shah Ibni Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah.

He said the state would gazette the government land that had been identified along the borders with an area of 557.59ha as permanent forest reserves.

"This gazetting is pursuant to Section 7 of the National Forestry Act 1984," Wan Rosdy said.

Through the gazetting, the state will reject all applications for government land to be developed in the Green Border Initiative area, in accordance with 6 (e) or 31 (e) of the Pahang Land Rules 1992.

"The gazetting of these permanent forest reserves is in addition to the existing areas bordering six states which are Terengganu, Kelantan, Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Johor.

"As for owned land, any development in the 500m range of the state borders must be implemented sustainably," he said.

Wan Rosdy added that the Local Government Division in the Office of the State Secretary had been designated to coordinate special conditions with the relevant local authorities on these matters.

"With this environmentally friendly decision by the state government, it is hoped that sustainability will continue to be guaranteed in the Pahang border areas with the states involved."

In July, Tengku Hassanal called on the state government to review a Green Border Initiative to protect wildlife as he was concerned about environmental issues.

The Regent also decreed that strategic areas for wildlife must continue to be preserved.

These areas include Taman Negara, Taman Negeri Endau Rompin, tropical forests, Tasik Chini, Tasik Bera, Bukit Fraser, caves, rivers, beaches and islands as well as Orang Asli settlements.

The state has also agreed to gazette an additional 780.94ha of forest as water catchment areas, bringing the total area in the state to 343,503.35ha.

This involved 443.73ha in the Berkelah permanent forest reserve in Maran and 337.21ha in the Lepar permanent forest reserve in Kuantan.

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