

An aerial photograph of a village with traditional houses and a church spire. The text is overlaid on the image.

**BUNDU TUHAN  
NATIVE  
RESIDENTIAL  
RESERVE**

**OUR STRUGGLE  
&  
CHALLENGES**



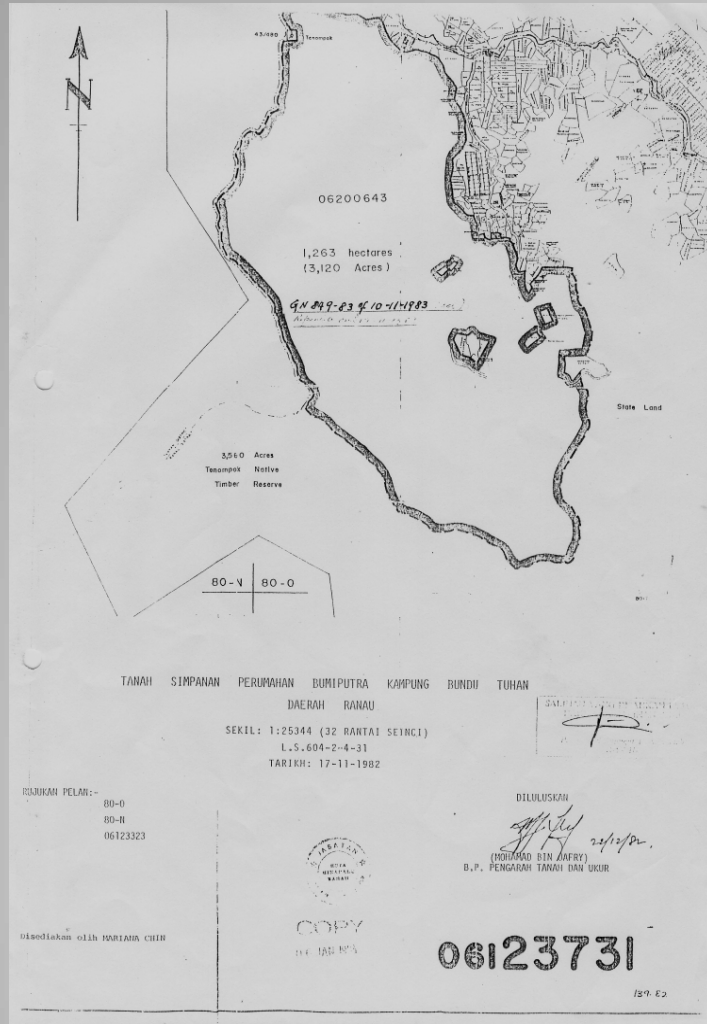
BUNDU TUHAN VILLAGE  
IS LOCATED AT THE  
FOOT OF MOUNT  
KINABALU

BUNDU TUHAN  
MEANS BELUNU TREE  
THAT HAS FALLEN  
DOWN  
*(in the Malay language)*

*POPULATION OF ABOUT  
3200 PEOPLE*

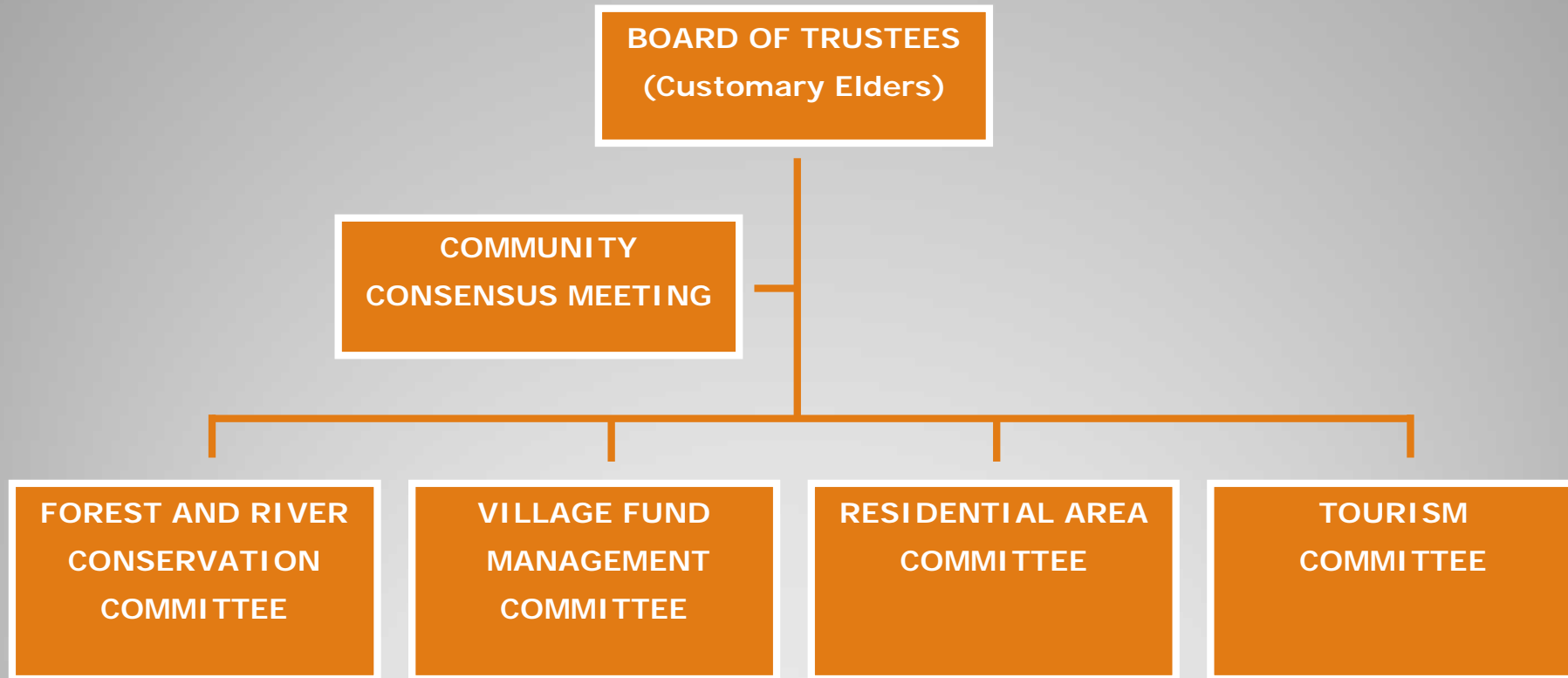
# *INTRODUCTION*





**AREA : 3,210 acres**





# GOVERNANCE



A person wearing a purple long-sleeved shirt and a white wide-brimmed hat is seen from the side, walking through a dense forest. The person is carrying a large, light-colored woven basket or container on their back. The forest is filled with various green plants and trees, creating a lush, natural background.

## STRUGGLE TO PROTECT OUR ANCESTRAL LANDS HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE THE 1950s

“ These forests are important for our community’s livelihoods: it is where we hunt, collect forest products for our daily needs, such as for food, medicines, household goods and so on” **(Statement by a Community Elder from Bundu Tuhan at that time)**

## THE EARLY STRUGGLE



- 1957 – Rejected the proposal of the Director of Agriculture to construct an agricultural station
- 1958 – Protested against the proposal of the Lands and Survey Department to survey the forests around the village because these forest areas are important for rattans and “kobuh” (leaves used to make house roofing)
- 1961 – Based on the astute efforts of the Native Chief and Community Elder at that time, the District Officer of Ranau recommended that the forests around Bundu Tuhan be declared as a “Native Reserve”

## CHRONOLOGY OF OUR STRUGGLE

- 1966- Official proposal was developed to gazette the lands around the village.
- 1968- Community members helped (voluntarily) the Lands and Survey Department to plant the boundary stones for the "Native Reserve"
- 1983- "Bundu Tuhan Native Residential Reserve" was officially gazetted.

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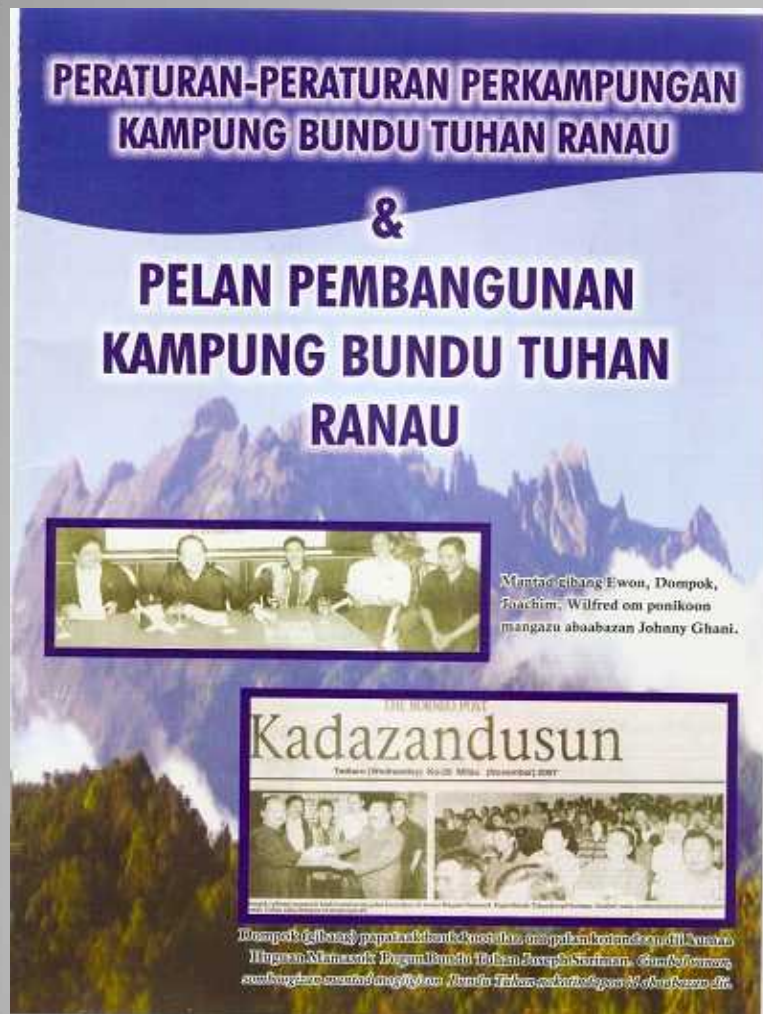
- Overlapping boundaries with the state-run Forest Reserve under the Forestry Department
- Debris and waste that destroys and pollutes river tributaries
- Inclination of some community members to exploit natural resources without the permission of the Board of Trustees
- Need for sustainable forest management that withstands individual desires to derive a profit using development as an excuse.
- Uphold culture and adat (customary laws and practices) that defines the uniqueness of the Bundu Tuhan community.
- Open up equitable economic opportunities to the community based on forest and natural resource management.

## ISSUES AND CHALLENGES



- 2002-2004- COMMUNITY CONSENSUS TO FORMULATE A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH VILLAGE RULES AND A VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.
- 2005 – VILLAGE RULES AND VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN WERE AGREED UPON BY THE COMMUNITY.
- 2007- OFFICIALLY DECLARED
- 2009- LAUNCHING OF THE RULE BOOK
  - DECLARATION OF COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS AND RIVERS BASED ON TRADITIONAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BOMBON SUNGAI DAN HUTAN SIMPANAN)

## **OVERCOMING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES**

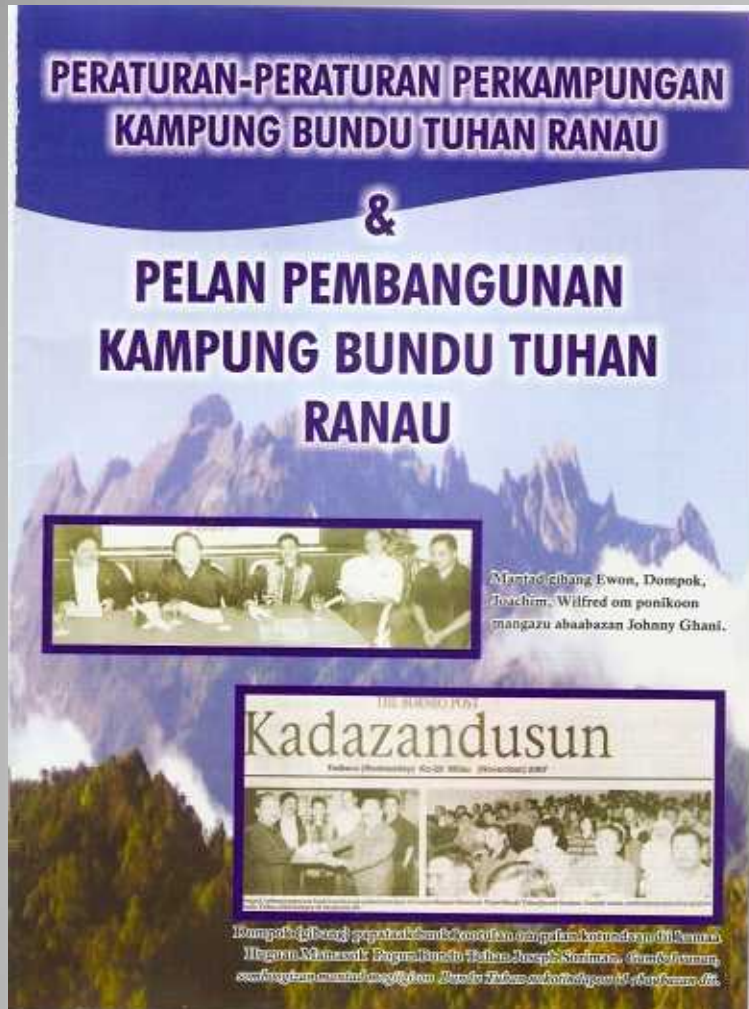


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1. Rules and prohibitions on catchment areas, rivers and tributaries.
2. Rules and prohibitions on the Community Forest Reserve.
3. Rules and policy on agriculture.
4. Rules and policy on animal husbandry.
5. Rules and prohibitions on house construction.
6. Rules on public infrastructure.
7. Rules and prohibitions on sites of customary, ancestral and cultural significance and historical artifacts.
8. Rules and prohibitions on traditions, customs and cultural heritage.
9. General rules on population status and other matters.

# VILLAGE RULES BOOK





## CONTENTS

1. Vision and mission to 2015
2. Protected and conservation of natural resources.
3. Economic development and tourism.
4. Planning on residential areas.
5. Planning on public infrastructure.
6. Planning on animal husbandry.
7. Planning on agriculture.
8. Planning on education and social.
9. Planning on health and environmental conservation.
10. Information network.
11. Village development fund.
12. Leadership policy

# VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN



**THE BUNDU TUHAN COMMUNITY WILL  
LIVE IN PEACE, HARMONY, COMFORT AND PROGRESS  
WITHIN A SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT  
THAT IS PLEASANT, NATURAL AND UNPOLLUTED**

**OUR HOPES AND DREAMS**



# THANK YOU

