

Rudi Putra



Rudi Putra, is the leader of Leuser Conservation Forum (FKL), who manage more than 200 field staff to protect and restore the Leuser Ecosystem, which encompasses 2.6 million hectares of remaining forest in Northern Sumatra, Aceh, Indonesia. Putra and his team have worked to dismantle illegal palm oil plantations that are causing massive deforestation in the Leuser. Putra's work includes protecting the habitat of the critically endangered Sumatran rhino, a species with less than 80 individuals left in the world. Rudi completed a masters program at Bogor Agricultural Institute with specializing in tropical biodiversity conservation focus in studying the ecology and population distribution of Sumatran rhinos in Kappi Plateau. Putra received the Future for Award in 2013 for his effort to protect the Sumatran rhino. In 2014, Putra received the Goldman Environmental Prize for his efforts to combat illegal logging, forest encroachment for palm oil production, and policies that open endangered ecosystems to mining and plantation industries.