



## To bridge the knowledge gaps & integrate human dimensions into conservation practices for Javan gibbons and the forest ecosystem

### What We Do?



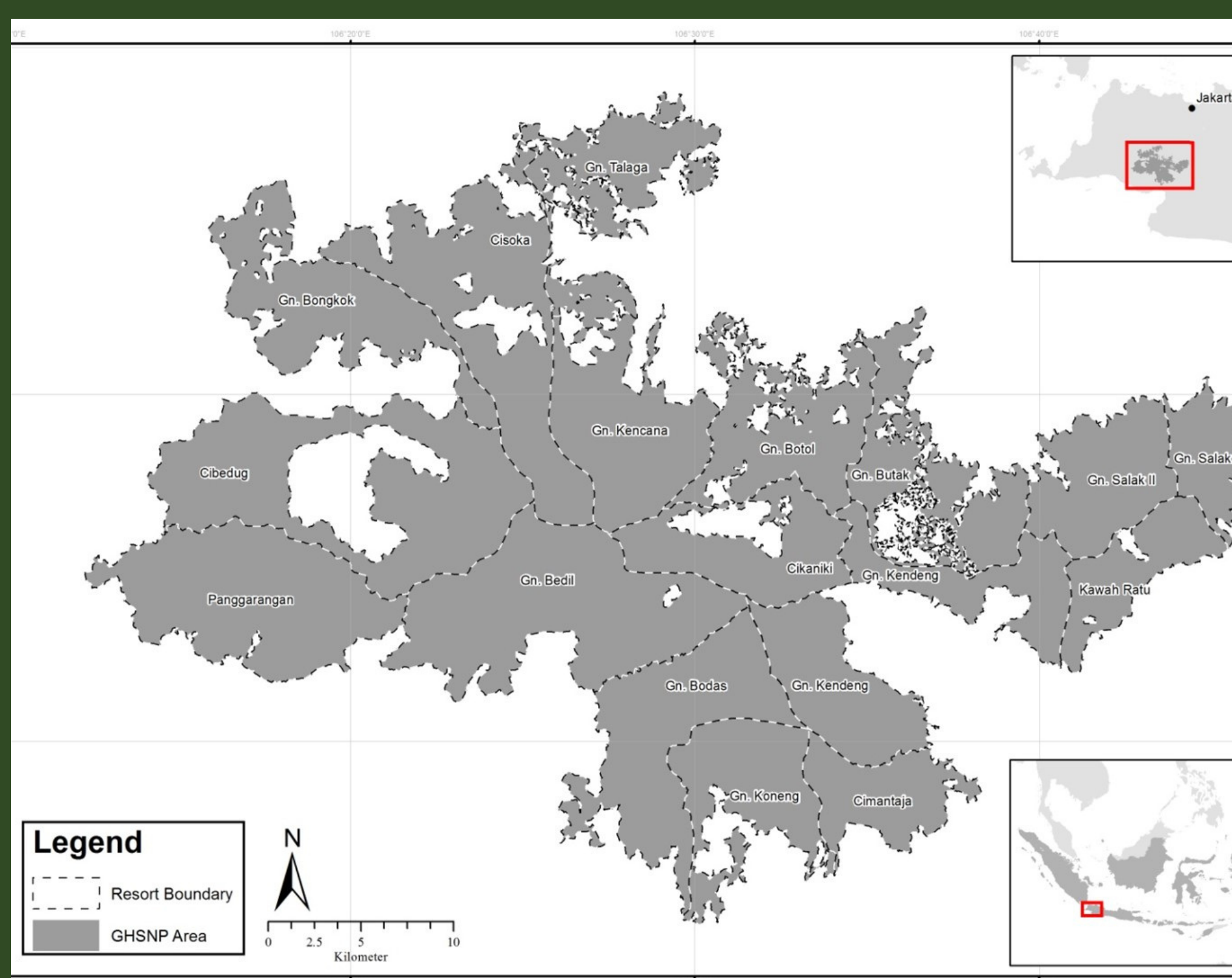
#### Who We Are?

Yayasan Konservasi Ekosistem Alam Nusantara, or KIARA, is an Indonesian lead non-profit organization since 2020 (Registration No: AHU – 0016632.AH.01.04) focusing on the conservation of Javan Gibbons and the forest ecosystem.

The Javan gibbon is the only small ape surviving on Java Island, Indonesia. Their existence is being threatened due to the forest habitat loss and hunting supply in the pet trade. We are committed to participating in the conservation effort for this endangered yet overlooked species by developing a holistic approach through three main programs: research and monitoring, conservation education, and community engagement.

#### Where We Work?

We are working on the remaining stronghold sub-montane forest of Gunung Halimun Salak National Park in West Java, Indonesia. Moreover, since 2021 we have initiated to conduct surveys and map gibbon distribution outside the conservation area network in the South Sukabumi landscape, West Java.



#### Research & Monitoring

We work alongside the primate team from Ewha Womans University, South Korea, to operate the long-term behavior and ecological research of Javan gibbons which was built in 2008. The long-term site has supported government institutions in developing better conservation management practices for the Javan gibbons in the region.

On the ground, we are working closely with the local community and involving them in the research team. Seven rangers monitor gibbons regularly and help to protect the area. We have been committed to bringing inclusivity in science, extending the interest of Indonesian students in primate conservation, and training and mentoring the next generation of Indonesian primatologists through research scholarships and internship programs. Since 2022, four grantees have been selected, and more than 25 Indonesian students from seven universities have joined us.

#### Conservation Education

We bring research results into the classroom, and since 2018, we have collaborated with teachers from two elementary schools near our site to conduct a regular conservation class for 5th to 6th graders. It leads by our local champion and assist by volunteers from surrounding universities.

To mainstream the Javan gibbons to a wider public, we deliver science through storybooks and



interactive materials freely available on our website. We hold an annual event of campaign and exhibition to celebrate International Gibbon Day. In 2022, we initiated a collaboration with International Animal Rescue (IAR) Indonesia and a student organization body (UKF IPB) to perform outreach in 12 schools in Bogor City. In total, 617 kids and 14 teachers were involved.

We hope that engagement will develop a sense of belonging, and encourage and empower them to become conservation agents in their communities.



#### Community Engagement

Women make daily choices that affect the environment and livelihood; Thus, we are working together with 15 women in Citalahab Sentral Village, which has a direct boundary with the gibbons' habitat, to improve their skills and make a better livelihood through two main activities: financial literacy and developing Eco-print products.

This program has supported the village as an eco-tourism destination where the visitors have the experience of staying with the locals at the homestay, learning the local culture, and doing primate watching guide by our local partners.

#### Partners & Sponsors

