

Project Update: August 2014

Habitat assessment has been conducted in the study site. Potential habitat was assessed by identifying food trees and resting place. Local communities have been approached by conducting formal meeting with villagers, tribe leaders and community leaders. So far, communication was done to allow us working on the forests. Cuscus habitat was distributed in both secondary forests and plantation sites. Secondary forests were previously logging concession that have been left about 10 years. Plantation areas are vegetables and other agriculture products that commonly planted by local communities. In collaboration with local radio Indonesia Radio Nabire office, cuscus protection campaign was launched. In special session of interactive talk, Jimmy Wanma, a scientist leader from Universitas Negeri Papua has discussed an issue with local communities. We are currently plan to have further move for discussing the plan for the conservation site in the village.



Left: Community gathering to give the information about our study plan. Middle: Jimmy Wanma, a scientist leader during the interactive talk in local radio. Right: *Ficus* fruit as cuscus food