

## Project Update: August 2015

After some preparation, we started the forest conservation education programme in May 2015. We agreed to meet every Sunday. Not many young people have entered the forest. They know their local forest from the story being told, for instance, a giant snake with the eyes as big as a truck tire and all the spirits that reside in the forest. For many of them, forest is a place of mystery that is waiting to reveal its secret for them. The young people then asked their family and the older generation about the story of their village, the local forest, and the important plants from the local forest. The young people shared their new knowledge in the form of drawing and storytelling. The participatory method to gain information on local forest is also accompanied with indoor presentation and discussion about ecosystem, forest ecology, forest function, and forest degradation.



Left: Sharing the knowledge of local forest through drawing. Middle: Passing knowledge about the local forest to the younger generation. Right: Indoor presentation and discussion on forest ecology.