

## Project Update: January 2009

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Within the commitment of Rafflesia Monitoring Team members on early January 2009, the Team prepared the fieldwork to assess Rafflesia population in Padang city areas of West Sumatra province; and registration of participants for Conservation Training started by members of KCA-LH Rafflesia FMIPA UNAND. About 13 members of KCA-LH Rafflesia FMIPA UNAND and 6 of other members from the Team registered to follow the class of Conservation Training. The fieldwork in Padang city areas accessed three new populations of *Rafflesia gadutensis* Meijer. Just a bud found in the first population and some buds also found in the second and third population. But no blooming individuals found in those areas, except two individuals spread for two months ago. The two individuals are male flowers. A fruit also found in the second population. The Team also made the population map for each site. To get the information of new population, the Team also distribute the questioners to local communities and students. The information will record to RMT database and would be giving the attention to make the next field trip. Review and evaluating all of the Team activities is did in the end of this month, it is included the briefing for February 2009 to make the planning for the field trip and activities. For the February 2009, the Team will assess to Agam and Bukittinggi district about 90 km to northern of Padang city and the first class for the Training will show in KCA-LH Rafflesia FMIPA UNAND.



