

Asian Development Bank (ADB), Accountability Mechanism, Complaint Form
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A. Choice of function - problem solving or compliance review *(Choose one below)*

- Special Project Facilitator** for problem solving *(Assists people who are directly and materially harmed by specific problems caused, or is likely to be caused, by ADB-assisted projects through informal, flexible, and consensus-based methods with the consent and participation of all parties concerned)*
- Compliance Review Panel** for compliance review *(Investigates alleged noncompliance by ADB with its operational policies and procedures in any ADB-assisted project in the course of the formulation, processing, or implementation of the project that directly, materially, and adversely affects, or is likely to affect, local people, as well as monitors the implementation of remedial action relates to the harm or likely harm caused by noncompliance)*

B. Confidentiality

Do you want your identities to be kept confidential? **Yes** **No**

C. Complainants *(Anonymous complaints will not be accepted. There must be at least two project-affected complainants.)*

Name and designation (Mr., Ms., Mrs.)	Signature	Position/ Organization <i>(If any)</i>	Mailing Address	Telephone number (landline/mobile)	E-mail address

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Authorized Representative or Assistant (if any). (Information regarding the representatives, or persons assisting complainants in filing the complaint, will be disclosed, except when they are also complainants and they request confidentiality.)

Complainant represented	Name and designation (Mr., Ms., Mrs.)	Signature	Position/ Organization (If any)	Mailing Address	Telephone number (landline/mobile)	E-mail address

D. Project

Name	“Accelerating Infrastructure Delivery through Better Engineering Services Project.” – Impact of potential road development plan (alternative road development in Aek Latong-Batu Jomba) on Tapanuli orangutan habitat in North Sumatra, Indonesia
Location	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] with the district governments of South and North Tapanuli, [REDACTED] has been conducting a series of in-depth socio-economic, anthropological, and ecological studies in the sub-districts of Arse and Saipar Dolok Hole, South Tapanuli District, as well as in the sub-district of Simangumban, North Tapanuli District (please see Map Annex 1). This with as aim to develop a comprehensive strategy to protect the biological diversity of the area while improving the livelihoods of local communities.</p> <p>While conducting our surveys on the ground, we have identified a biodiverse-rich forested area of nearly 2,500 hectares located in an Area for Other Uses (Areal Penggunaan Lain - APL), inhabited by globally threatened and endemic wildlife species such as the Tapanuli orangutan (<i>Pongo tapanuliensis</i>), Sumatran tiger (<i>Panthera tigris sumatrae</i>), Sunda pangolin (<i>Manis javanica</i>), siamang (<i>Symphalangus syndactylus</i>), Black Sumatran langur (<i>Presbytis sumatranus</i>), Agile gibbon (<i>Hylobates agilis</i>), and Pig-tailed macaque (<i>Macaca nemestrina</i>) (please see Annex 2 for a list of globally endangered species encountered in the area). This forested area constitutes a critically important ecological corridor in the East Block of the Batang Toru Landscape that still provides north-south lateral connectivity for the movement and migration of Tapanuli orangutans and other large mammals. Due to its location, the area has been tentatively named by us as the Dolok Saut-Sapirokor Corridor. All areas in the protection forest (Hutan Lindung - HL) in the East Block of the Batang Toru Landscape have already been deforested due to agricultural encroachment, underlining the importance of the Dolok Saut-Sapirokor Corridor (please see Map Annex 3).</p>

	<p>The Tapanuli orangutan is globally the most threatened great ape, with a population estimated to be around 800 individuals divided amongst several sub-populations (Orangutan Population and Habitat Viability Analysis, KLHK 2016). The East Block population is the second largest population, with an estimated 250 individuals (Orangutan Population and Habitat Viability Analysis, KLHK 2016) – which has also been scientifically defined as the minimum viable population for orangutans. It is estimated that there are currently between 16 to 20 individuals living inside the Dolok Saut-Sapirok Corridor (please see Map Annex 4).</p> <p>We have recently been informed about a planned road construction through the Dolok Saut-Sapirok Corridor (please see Map Annex 5). The proposed road appears to be part of the Asian Development Bank-funded program called the “Accelerating Infrastructure Delivery through Better Engineering Services Project.” This road is set to dissect the Dolok Saut-Sapirok Corridor and further fragment the already highly threatened Tapanuli orangutan population in the East Block of Batang Toru. The planned road construction might reverse the efforts of the Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry (KLHK) and its partners in halting the future extinction of this globally threatened species.</p> <p>We appeal to the Asian Development Bank to reconsider and halt its support for the planned road construction through the Dolok Saut-Sapirok Corridor and the wider Tapanuli orangutan distribution range due to the negative impact on the Tapanuli orangutan and other wildlife populations. While we understand the necessity for improved access and communication in the region, we propose that this could be achieved through revitalizing and upgrading existing roads and/or developing alternative routes that do not adversely affect the Tapanuli orangutan population and their habitat. This approach aligns with ADB’s Safeguard Policy, which states that “Projects should not significantly convert or degrade natural habitats unless: (i) there are no technically and financially feasible alternatives; (ii) a comprehensive analysis demonstrates that the overall benefits from the project will substantially outweigh the project costs, including environmental costs; and (iii) any conversion or degradation is appropriately reduced or mitigated.”</p>
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E. Complaint:

<p>What direct and material harm has the ADB-assisted project caused, or will likely cause, to the complainants?</p>
<p>Have the complainants made prior efforts to solve the problem(s) and issue(s) with the ADB operations department including Resident Mission concerned?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If YES, please provide the following: when, how, by whom, and with whom the efforts were made. Please describe any response the complainants may have received from or any actions taken by ADB.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

F. Optional Information

<p>1. What is the complainants’ desired outcome or remedy for the complaint?</p>
<p>2. Anything else you would like to add?</p>

Name of the person who completed this form: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Date: May 27, 2024

Please send the complaint, by mail, fax, e-mail, or hand delivery, or through any ADB Resident Mission, to the following:

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