



RPU with Forest Rangers of Bukit Barisan Selatan NP and Police Authorities Catch Armed Wildlife Poachers

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A joint team of Rhino Protection Units (RPU), forest rangers of Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park (BBSNP), West Lampung district police, and police of Pugung Lambar has arrested two wildlife poachers who often use the assembled long-barreled firearms (senjata locok) in their hunting activities.

The two suspects, Darwin bin Aliyun (55 years) and Aliyurdi bin Watar (54 years) are local residents of northern coast of Baturaja of West Lampung regency. Both suspects were arrested by the joint team on May 12, 2011 at their residence.

Along with the suspects, the team also confiscated

some of evidence such as eight assembled long-barreled firearms, four pieces of sambar deer head stuff, a piece of forest goat horn, a piece of barking deer head stuff, three pieces of air rifle butts, a box of gunpowder, a bar tin trunk to make a projectile, two pieces of 5.56 mm caliber ammunition active, three pieces of pipe iron, and ten units of wire snares.

The arrestment of the two suspects is a result of activities undertaken by the team of Intelligence and Law Enforcement Unit (ILEU) Yayasan Badak Indonesia a few months earlier. According to the intelligence observation, the two suspects is a specialist of homemade long-barreled firearms and frequent hunting and setting snares within the area BBSNP. Poaching targeted animals are deer, tigers, bears and other wildlife.

Now the two suspects are held at the West Lampung district police for further investigation. If the two suspects are proved to have committed crimes of armed hunting with within the region BBSNP, they will have violated article 1 paragraph (1) Act No. 12/ DRT/1951 about firearm ownership and or article 21 paragraph (2) letter a and d Jo article 40 paragraph (2) Act No. 5 / 1990 about Conservation of Living Resources and Their Ecosystem with the threat of 15 years imprisonment.

