

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTRY
APPRECIATE THE ROLE OF PETROKIMIA GRESIK FOR
CONSERVATION OF GRESIK MANGROVES ESSENTIAL ECOSYSTEM AREA**

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Petrokimia Gresik is an Agroindustry Solutions company and member of [Pupuk Indonesia](#) holding, got appreciation from Ministry of Environment and Forestry Indonesia Republic for Petrokimia Gresik's contribution help to build Mangrove Essential Ecosystem Area (EEA) in Ujungpangkah, Gresik, East Java through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program.

The appreciation at the category of "Private Sector/Company" was symbolically handed over by Director of Essential Ecosystem Management Development, Directorate General of Natural Resources Conservation Ecosystem, Ir. Asep Sugiharta to the General Affair Senior Vice President (SVP) of Petrokimia Gresik, Agung Setiya Budhi representing President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo, amidst the celebration of World Wetlands Day 2021 in Gresik, Thursday (3/6).

Gresik Regent, Fandi Akhmad Yani who also witnessed the awarding said that, Ujungpangkah mangrove area has been officially recognized as EEA through a Governor decree. This a form of mutual commitment for environmental conservation," said Regent of Gresik.

President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo explained that Petrokimia Gresik conservation at Ujungpangkah Mangrove EEA was started by mangrove planting on area 2,3 hectare on 2015 and 2016 to be exact Bengawan Solo estuary.

The land which was originally an emergent land was a stretch of mud resulting from sedimentation, the river was then planted with 50,000 mangrove seedlings of the *Rhizophora Mucronata* species which its management involves the *Sari Laut* Supervisory Community Group (Pokmaswas).

"Every year, the company do monitoring routinely. Based on current report, Those area now become mangrove forest which ecologically good with the growth level and various types, and the distribution is random," said Dwi Satriyo.

Moreover, He said that the same commitment is also realized by Petrokimia Gresik at other areas. This CSR program, mangrove conservation is replicated in Sukorejo Village, Kebomas Sub-district and Tanjung Widoro Village (Mengare) Bungah Sub-district.

"The form of conservation activities in Sukorejo and Mengare is adapted to the needs of community for the existing environmental problems," he added.

Since 2018, Petrokimia Gresik along with Sukorejo community are trying to change the Kali Lamong river border. Originally it is used as garbage dump become mangrove eco-tourism

which is good to be visited. Apart from being planted mangroves, this eco-tourism area is also supported by boardwalks, gazebos and boards information that makes it easier for visitors to learn about the ecotourism environment.

Meanwhile, in Mengare, the main problem is abrasion. Mangrove ecological efforts for restoration was also carried out on an area of 4.5 hectares with a Community Based Mangrove Rehabilitation concept involving Pokmaswas and local fishing groups. By doing this mangrove restoration and provide supporting facilities since 2018, this area is expected can be restoration and Mangrove learning center in Gresik.

"Until now, the Kali Lamong ecotourism area and Mengare restoration and Mangrove learning center have received a lot of money visitors to travel or learn about mangroves," said Dwi Satriyo.

He also conveyed that conservation program which is done by Petrokimia Gresik become commitment proof of Company in the sector of environment by involving community. This thing is in line with the implementation of ISO:26000 about core subject environment and community involvement and development.

"This activity also supports the implementation of SDGs points 14 life below water and 15 life on land in maintaining marine and land ecosystems through mangrove planting," he concluded.

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