

KKEF Young Environmentalist Internship Award 2014 Recipient

MS. SUZANE M. SAMY

Internship to: Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia.

Title of Paper: Report on the Abroad KKEF Internship Program at CIFOR.



Ms. Suzane M. Samy (34 yrs old) was chosen because she has demonstrated the ability to focus on a problem area and was able to articulate it well hence the Internship would benefit her.

Ms. Suzane, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Resource Biotechnology and Masters in Environmental Management, specialising in coastal zones. Being a Nature Educator, she has been in this field for over 10 years specialising in handling environmental based programmes for kids as young as 2 years old, including special children, youth and to older generation. Ms. Suzane thrives in trying to educate people and changing their point of view about Mother Nature and help in preserving it from destruction. Having the honour to previously work with the Malaysian Nature Society, much of her work was and still based on conservation of habitat and community, and environmental education.

Ms. Suzane is also the founder of Tatana Roots, a group that was established in 2009 with the objective to create awareness on the importance of the preservation & conservation of our cultural and natural heritage through education. Through Tatana Roots, this organization acts as the caretaker of the cultural and natural heritage of the Dusun Tatana indigenous tribe in Kuala Penyu, Sabah. The organization aims to produce a documentation of the Dusun Tatana culture (language, myths, beliefs & rituals, traditional knowledge, architecture, music, art & dance) and the natural heritage (flora & fauna).