

Thematic Plenary Session 4:

The Global Food and Financial Crisis: Lessons and the Way Forward

*Grassroots Strategies to address the crisis:
An Indigenous Perspective*

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PACOS' WORK AMONG INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN MALAYSIA

Outline of Presentation

- Location & People
- Issues Faced by Communities
- Aim and Strategies of PACOS
- Programs of PACOS



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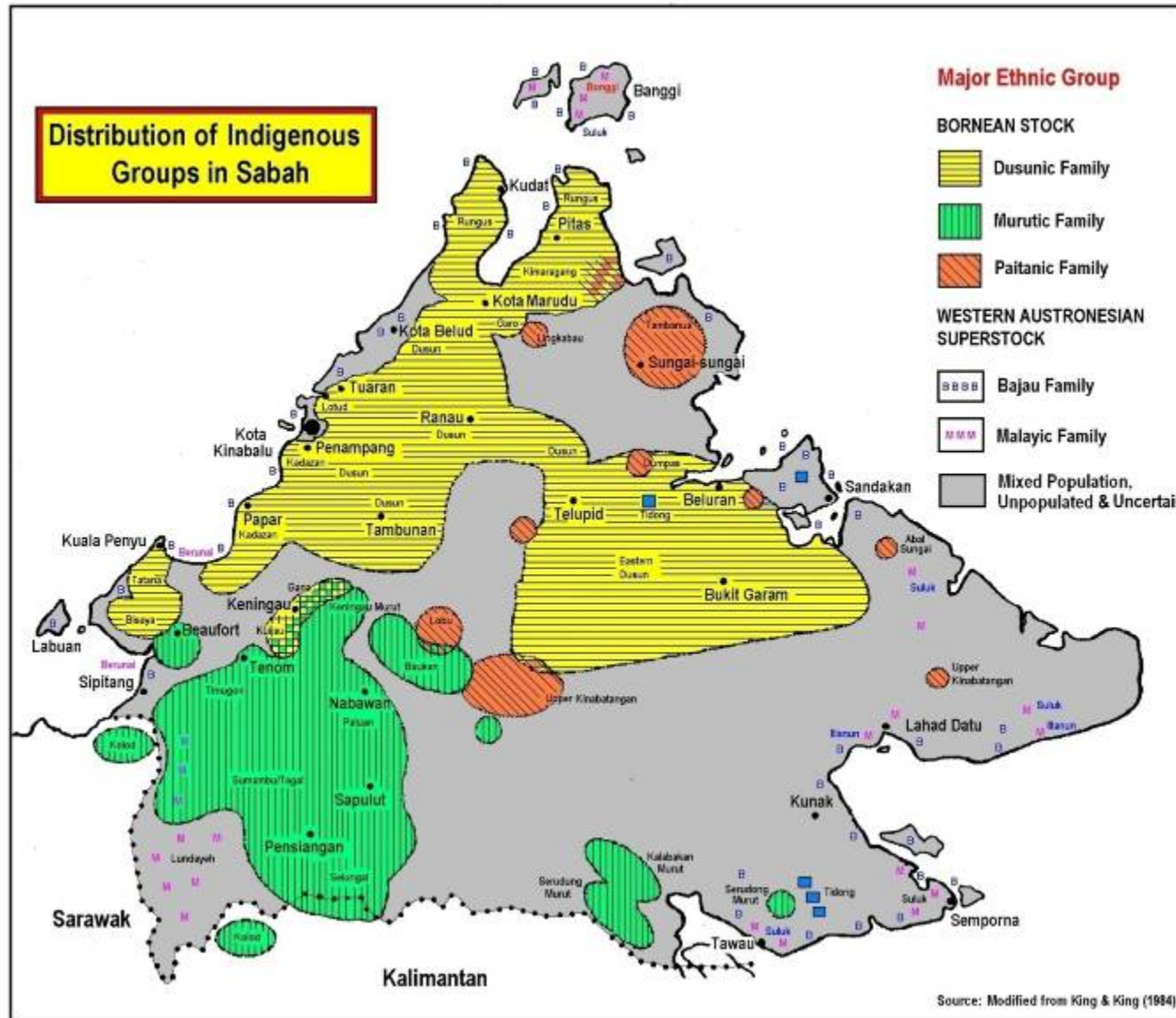


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MAJOR ETHNIC GROUP

- DUSUN
- MURUT
- PAITANIC
- BAJAU
- MALAYIC
- 60% OF POP. OF ABOUT 3 Mil.
- 70% RESIDES IN RURAL AREAS
- SUBSISTENCE FARMERS



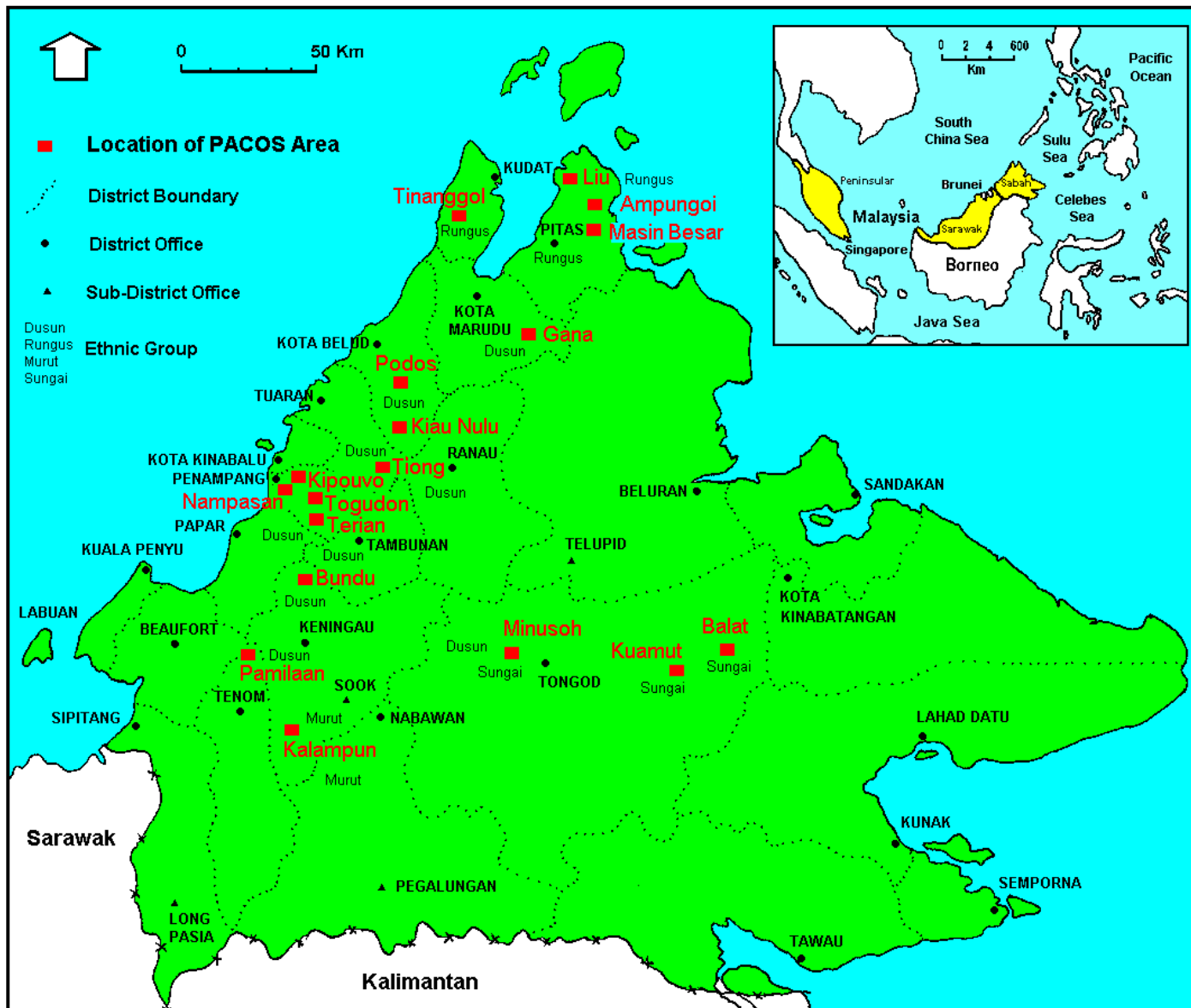
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•25 AREAS

•12 DISTRICTS

•POPULATION:
1500 FAMILIES

•ETHNIC
GROUPS:

•KADAZAN/DUSUN,
MURUT, RUNGUS &
SUNGAI



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ISSUES FACED BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

LOSS OF CUSTOMARY LAND AND USER RIGHTS
TO OTHER LAND

THREATENED SOURCE OF LIVELIHOOD
(FOREST & RIVERS)

INTEGRITY OF *ADAT* OR TRADITIONAL BELIEF
SYSTEMS AT STAKE



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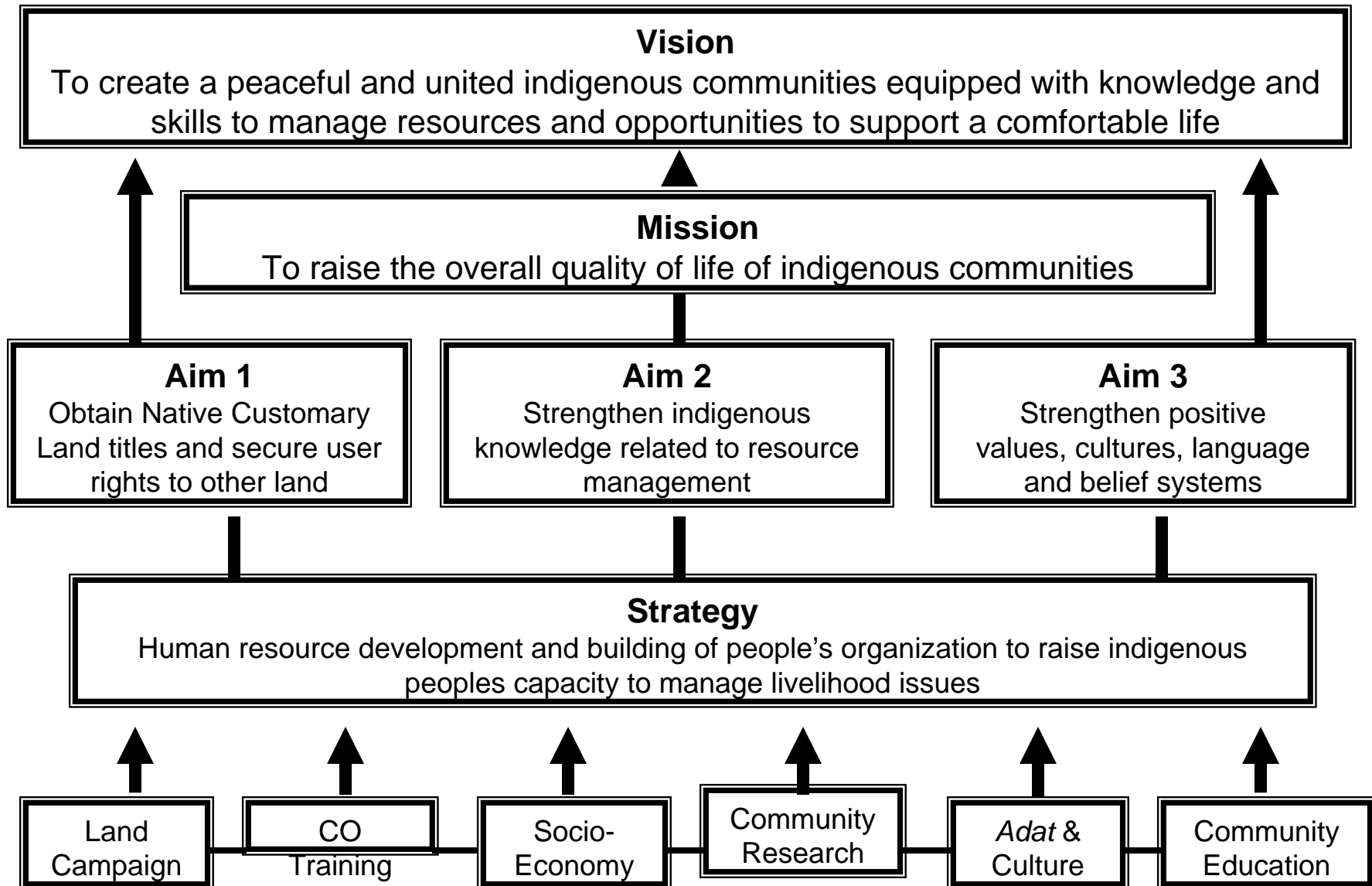


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PACOS' AIM & STRATEGIES



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1. Community Organising Training

- ✓ 2 YEARS TRAINING (THEORY & PRACTICAL)
- ✓ TRAINEE FROM SELECTED MEMBER OF COMMUNITY
- ✓ TO BUILD AND ENHANCE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO HANDLE ISSUES AFFECTING THEM
- ✓ CURRICULUM FOCUS ON COMMUNITY-BASED INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
- ✓ 70 PARTICIPANTS BENEFITED FROM THIS TRAINING SINCE 1989
- ✓ ESTABLISHED MORE THAN 15 PEOPLE'S ORGANISATION



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2. LAND RIGHTS PROGRAMME



**CUSTOMARY
LAND CAMPAIGN**

SOUGHT LAWYERS
HELP

FILED PETITION IN
COURT

SOUGHT PRESS
SUPPORT

PEACEFUL
DEMONSTRATION



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3. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

- PROTECT AND REPLANT WATERSHED AREAS
- PROVIDE GRAVITY-FEED WATER SUPPLY
- MANAGE FISH RESOURCE
- TRAINING FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS (Use and Protect)



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3. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT OF FOREST
RESOURCE AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF
HERBAL GARDENS



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3. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



- COMMUNITY RESOURCE MAPPING TRAINING

- DETERMINE LAND AND RESOURCE BOUNDARIES

- WATERSHED BOUNDARIES



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4. SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- FORMED VILLAGE SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROUPS
- CURRENTLY 20 VSEG
- ESTABLISHED VILLAGE SUNDRY SHOPS
- ESTABLISHED MARKETING NETWORK AMONG THE VSEG
- ORGANISE YEARLY SE MEETING AND WORKSHOPS
- ORGANISE YEARLY VILLAGE PRODUCT FAIR



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4. SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TRAINING FOCUSED ON
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
(Chemical free farming) and GREEN
ECONOMY (e.g. Ecotourism)



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5. ADAT AND CULTURE



- ORGANISE YEARLY CULTURAL MEETING

- ORGANISE YEARLY CELEBRATION OF IP DAY



- SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP ON ADAT



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6. COMMUNITY EARLY CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT

- ESTABLISHED 17 PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES SINCE 1993
- PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES MANAGED BY PRE-SCHOOL VILLAGE COMMITTEE
- CURRICULUM FOCUSED ON USAGE OF LOCAL LANGUAGE AND CULTURE



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6. COMMUNITY EARLY CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT

- ONE WEEK BASIC ECCD TRAINING
- 6-12 MONTHS PRACTICAL TRAINING AT ECCD CENTRE
- ON-SITE TRAINING AND MONITORING



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6. COMMUNITY EARLY CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT

PRODUCE SUITABLE, CHEAP TEACHING MATERIALS



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7. COMMUNITY RESEARCH & INFORMATION

RESEARCH, DOCUMENTATION AND PUBLICATIONS



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OTHER ACTIVITIES



- AD-HOC TRAINING FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- HOST TO CONFERENCES

- BUILD NETWORK AND SUPPORT FOR OTHER IP ORGANISATIONS



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