

## **The Future of Conservation UIN Sulthan Thaha Saifuddin Jambi**

The growth of development in the environment of UIN Sulthan Thaha Saifuddin Jambi is a substantial change that is reflected from the vision and mission of the Rector of UIN SUTHA for the realization to become a locomotive for national social change towards the international. This change is of course a challenge that must be measured. Development of facilities and infrastructures in order to enhance the improvement of human resources is a quintessential factor. Nevertheless, these developments must also take into account the available natural resources for the future generations. This remarkable change is the embodiment of the first step to establish an environmentally friendly campus by the implementation of green and smart buildings.

This concept undoubtedly has various reasons for scientific studies and manifests itself in conservation. Conservation programs, both *in situ* and *ex situ*, will make UIN SUTHA Jambi as a role model for State Islamic Higher Education (PTKIN) in Indonesia. In 2020, a massive project was carried out as a manifestation of *ex situ* conservation; which was the mapping of herbal plants by the UIN SUTHA expedition team throughout the Jambi Province for the preparation of establishing a Herbal Bio-Techno Park in the forest development area of Campus II. Additionally, the next plan to build an Animal Park is also a manifestation of concerns for the preservation of rare, vulnerable, endangered, and threatened species.

Therefore, as an effort to go through the UI Green Metric World Universities Ranking, UIN Sutha Jambi is well prepared to contribute extensively for the advancement of Transintegration Paradigm of Knowledge in the fields of environmental and wildlife conservation. Some of the activities that has been carried out by the University includes: planting of trees, establishment of fish ponds and reservoir, mapping of herbal plants, waste management, reducing parking spaces, procurement and improvement of shuttle bus services for students and lecturers, planning of open green spaces, and disability inclusive infrastructure developments.

The commitment to establish an environmentally friendly campus has received support from all the *civitas academica* of UIN Sutha. "It starts with us, now or never".