



Collaboration between PT Internusa Jaya Sejahtera and Musamus University on Mangrove Management Program in Urumb Village – Semangga District – Merauke Regency



Merauke, September 2025 - PT Internusa Jaya Sejahtera (PT IJS) and Musamus University (Unmus) Merauke have officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) to initiate a mangrove management program in Urumb Village, Semangga District, Merauke Regency. This collaboration aims to build awareness, understanding, and a shared commitment to preserving the mangrove ecosystem in the area.

The signing of the MoU was carried out by representatives from both parties on July 29, 2025, at the Rectorate Building, precisely in the Soter Nautje meeting room of Musamus University. "Musamus University was represented by the Vice Rector III for Cooperation, Student Affairs, and Alumni, while PT Internusa Jaya Sejahtera (PT IJS) was represented by the Region Head for the Merauke Region. This step marks the beginning of a five-year collaboration (2025–2029). The mangrove management program not only focuses on environmental conservation but also on the empowerment of local communities.



Following the signing, the event continued with a program socialization session for the residents of Urumb Village on Monday, August 25, 2025, held at the Urumb Village Hall. The event was attended by :

1. **Head of Sustainability and Team from PT Internusa Jaya Sejahtera (PT IJS),**
2. **Vice Rector III of Musamus University, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Team from Musamus,**
3. **Head of Urumb Village, Village Secretary, Traditional Leaders of Urumb Village, Women's Representatives, and 40 participants from the Urumb Village community.**

During the socialization session, the objectives of the program, the targets to be achieved, and the active role of the community were explained. As part of the program, a local community group will be formed to be directly involved in each stage of mangrove management. The establishment of this community-based institution is expected to ensure the sustainability of the program and foster a sense of ownership among the residents of Urumb Village.

Prior to the nursery and planting activities, which will begin in 2026, a joint team from PT IJS and Musamus University will conduct **a baseline study**. This study is crucial for inventorying the current condition of the mangrove ecosystem, including species types, vegetation density, soil conditions, and other environmental parameters. This data will serve as a reference for periodically monitoring the program's success and ensuring targeted interventions.



The three-way collaboration between PT IJS, Musamus University, and the Urumb Village community is believed to be a model for sustainable environmental conservation efforts. "We are very enthusiastic about this collaboration. Through the synergy between the business world, academia, and the community, we are confident that the mangrove management program in Urumb Village will have a significant positive impact. For PT IJS, this program is a commitment to sustainable industry," said Mr. Aman, Head of Sustainability from PT IJS.

Meanwhile, Mr. Adrianus (Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture) from Musamus University stated, "This program is a concrete manifestation of the Tri Dharma of Higher Education, especially in community service. We hope that the knowledge and technology we have can be beneficial for environmental sustainability and the welfare of the community in Merauke Regency."



Full support also came from the local government. In his remarks, the Head of Urumb Village, Mr. Godefrikus S. Mahuze, stated: "We are very grateful and fully support this program. The presence of mangroves is very important to us, and with the assistance from PT IJS and Musamus University, we believe the community will become more educated and better able to manage these natural resources"

Through this collaboration, mangrove management in Urumb Village is expected to become a model of synergy between the private sector, academia, and the community in protecting coastal ecosystems, while also supporting the sustainable development agenda in Merauke Regency – South Papua.

