

lies in a hilly area which ranges in altitude from 1600 to 2000 m above sea level. In this region Pawang Hussein and his friends had had some 7 rhino traps which were destroyed before BERT's arrival in 1970.

In the whole area old rhino trails and several wallows could be found.

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Fig. 2 : Rhino wallow near Gunung Pawang Hussein

Most of them had not been used for several years. Only in the direct surroundings of Gunung Pawang Hussein one wallow and a system of trails were found that had been in use about 3 or 4 months ago. It seemed that a rhino had crossed the area about one week before I was there. I could follow the mud tracks for two kilometers but footprint measurements were extremely difficult because of heavy rain during the previous days. Except a urination place no other tracks such as feeding or defecation could be found.

1.1.2 Mara Bengkulu

Starting on the 10th of January, a 10-day trip was made downstreams Lawe Alas to the junction of Alas and Bengkulu rivers. I was accompanied by Pawang Hussein and Binsar Stompul of the Dinas PPA as well as four boatmen. Daily trips were made up the Kompas and Serakut rivers. The area of Mara Bengkulu was surveyed during 3 days (Fig. 3). The rhino area a few km southwest of Mara Bengkulu has been deserted for at least one year, obviously due to human disturbance, as there is intensive rubber extraction (minjak kruing) in this region.