



## ACEH WEST COAST HIGHWAY PROJECT

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Station 85 + 950 Looking South  
Clearing and Box Culvert

*The reconstructed West Coast Highway will span approximately 155 km, and is expected to be completed by February 2010*



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Saddle  
Capping Layer – Looking to Indian Ocean



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Paving  
Lhoong – Python Swamp Area

### INTRODUCTION

The reconstruction of Aceh's West Coast Highway is underway. The road, which connects the province with the rest of North Sumatra and Indonesia is vital for ensuring mobility, improving communications, facilitating trade and creating local jobs in the region.

### Construction and Land Acquisition

- Project design management company, Parsons completed the alignment design for the Aceh West Coast Highway in June 2006 after a thorough investigation which included environmental assessments, community consultations and technical surveying.
- A local contractor, PT. Wijaya Karya is conducting maintenance on the first 80 km of road linking the province's capital – Banda Aceh – to Lamno, a key subdistrict to the south. PT. Wijaya Karya is also constructing a 28 kilometer stretch of road from the Raba River to the start of the Gereute Mountains
- All major bridges included in this 28 kilometer section are under construction.
- The land acquisition process for property along the project right-of-way is 95% complete. Provincial Public Works and the Aceh Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Agency (BRR), Badan Pertanahan National (BPN) and the Provincial Government, have all participated in this process with the support of the road project's community outreach team. Additional land-owners, boundaries and other issues affected by the right-of-way continue to be identified.
- Employment opportunities are developing for local villagers as construction activities expand along the route. USAID contractors are building local capacity through training in construction, project management and supervision.
- USAID has awarded the contract for the construction of 110 km of road to a joint venture of SsangYong Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd and PT. Hutama Karya. Work is under way in many locations along the route.

### Environmental Management and Community Outreach

- The road construction will follow guidelines established in formal environmental assessments based on Indonesian and U.S. regulations.



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Slope Erosion Protection  
Lhoong

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- Environmental specialists are determining best practices to deal with the endangered Sumatran Tiger, which inhabits some areas along the project route.
- Environmental monitors have inspected road segments that run close to the coastline and surveyed areas where protective measures, such as sand dune channels, are proposed to prevent flooding.
- The environmental team has developed a siltation screen process to help prevent stream and river contamination in compliance with Indonesian and U.S. environmental standards for all work in, or adjacent to, flowing bodies of water.
- The community outreach team has reviewed dust and environmental safety issues along the entire project and developed an action plan to improve air quality in this area.

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