

# How to rebuild a rainforest after fire and logging

## - The IKEA funded "Sow-a-Seed" project in Borneo

### Focali seminar in Gothenburg

**New venue:** Vasa A - Chalmers, at Vera Sandbergs Allé 8  
Circular auditorium in building behind the original venue, GMV

**Tram stop:** Kapellplatsen

**Time:** Tuesday, 10 November, 13.15-15.00



Welcome to attend our open Focali seminar and listen to experiences from one of the largest areas of restored rainforest in the world. Focali members **Ulrik Ilstedt** and **Malin Gustafsson**, from the Department of Forest Ecology and Management at SLU, are working with the "Sow-a-seed project" together with scientist from around the world. The project, funded by IKEA and the "Kamprad Family Foundation", aims at restoring an area of 18 500 ha rainforest on Borneo that was seriously damaged by forest fires and logging. The seminar will focus on the restoration project and opportunities for research collaborations. In addition we will discuss the broader local context of challenges to the rainforest in the region such as the current raging forest fires, drivers behind forest fires and logging as well as local and global remedies to address these challenges.

### Program:

**Ulrik Ilstedt:** "The Sow-a-seed" project: Restoring a productive and diverse rainforest after fire and logging  
Associate Professor at Department of Forest Ecology and Management, SLU Umeå  
and Scientific Coordinator of the "Sow-a-seed-project"

**Malin Gustafsson:** "Improving rainforest restoration - a multiple species and traits approach in Sabah, Borneo"  
PhD candidate at Department of Forest Ecology and Management, SLU Umeå

The **Discussion** moderated by the Focali Project Coordinator **Maria Ölund** involve two discussants: **Olle Forshed**, Rainforest expert WWF and **Martin Persson**, Associate Professor, Energy and Environment Chalmers.

Questions for discussion:

- Collaboration with the "Sow-a-seed" project" and the "Nordic Rainforest Research Network" in Borneo
- The local context in the region as the current raging forest fires and expansion of oil palm plantations
- Drivers behind forest fires and deforestation and remedies to address the challenges
- Lessons learned from forest restoration and halting deforestation in other rainforest regions

**Register to:** [maria.olund@gu.se](mailto:maria.olund@gu.se) , 031-7869222 if you plan to attend!

Read more about the seminar and project at: [www.focali.se](http://www.focali.se)

Photos: Malin Gustafsson (circle and bottom right) Ulrik Ilstedt (all other)

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