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Goplasamy Reuben Clements is a conservation scientist by training. Reuben is currently an Associate Professor at Sunway University in Malaysia and a Research Fellow at the Jeffrey Sachs Center on Sustainability (JSC). He received his PhD in conservation science from James Cook University and obtained his MSc and BSc in biology from the National University of Singapore. Reuben's research focuses on forest and biodiversity conservation and has published over 60 articles in international journals that include *Nature*, and his work has been featured in the *BBC*, *New York Times* and *National Geographic*. He also co-founded a local non-profit research organization known as Rimba, which conducts applied research on the conservation of threatened species and ecosystems in Peninsular Malaysia. Reuben is actively collaborating with the Malaysian federal and state governments on tiger and large carnivore monitoring, wildlife law enforcement and policy improvement, and land use monitoring and planning. His team recently helped the Terengganu State government create a 30,000-hectare protected area. Reuben is now focusing on developing green financing mechanisms to help expand and manage this protected area.