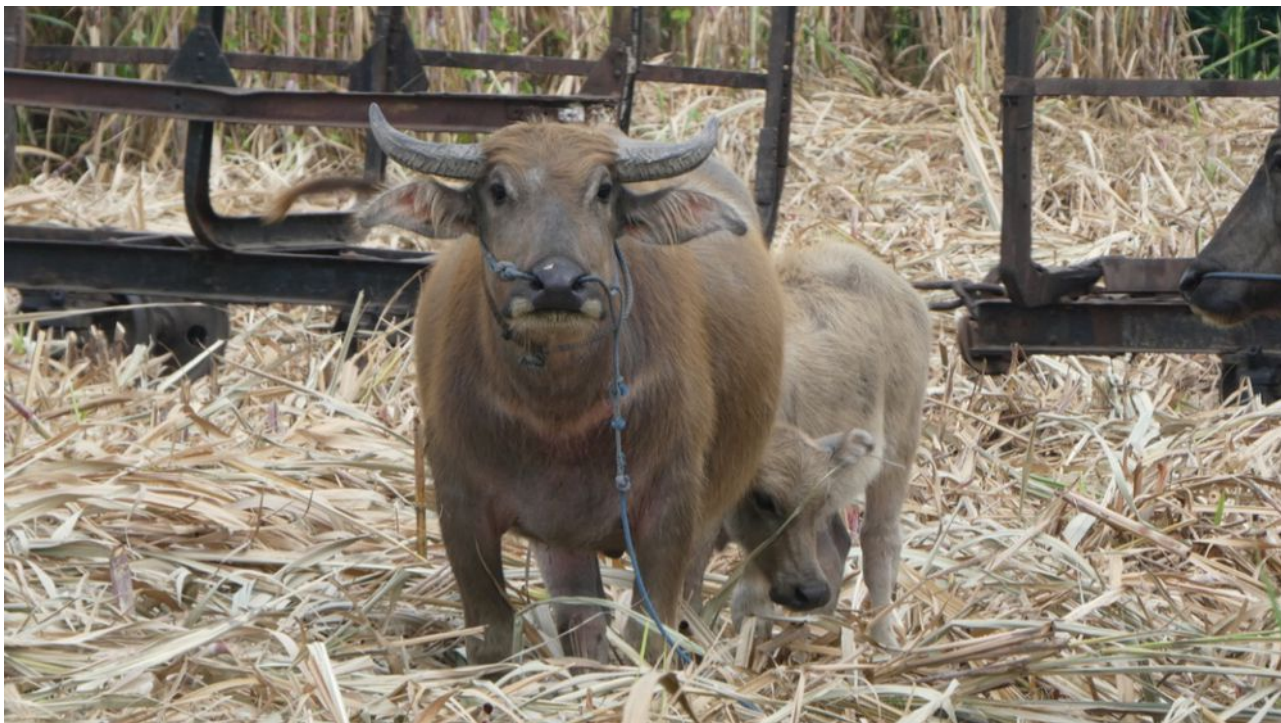


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Olean Mill - Situbondo

Small diesels with a smart new paint job



Mother 'kerbau' and child. These are very skittish animals and it's quite amazing how their handlers manage to get them to haul heavy cane loads out of the fields in pairs.



Smart new paint job on Schoema diesel No. 1. This loco has only been in the fleet for a couple of years.



Having delivered the empties it returns to the mill. The field being cut is on the branch to Kandang close to the road from Wringinanom.



The plate inside the cab shows it was built in 1960.



The hand controls are simple with forward/reverse, gears, brake and accelerator with a foot clutch down below.



Also looking smart is one of the two Kyosan Kyogo diesels which have been part of the fleet for a long time. This one is now numbered 2 but on my last visit the working Schoema and Kyosan Kyogo locos were both numbered 1 and KK No.2 was dismantled awaiting a new engine. Whether this is KK 1 or 2 is not clear. My guess it is KK No. 1 renumbered.



Just beyond the village of Duwet in this photo is the field being cut.



The loco was waiting for the empties to be taken into the field.



The maximum I have seen on a scooter was 5 in Taiwan. However, a family of 4 is quite good for a small motorcycle.



After delivering their empties, the locos parked up for quite a while. Going back to the mill early might mean the management had to find them something else to do which wouldn't be good for either crew or management.



With only a short time for lunch, I took the opportunity to check out an old favourite in the centre of Situbondo - Restoran Malang - it still has an unchanged menu including beer and the owners remembered me!

Diesels in the afternoon rain



It started raining while we were having lunch leading to interesting wet shots at the start of the afternoon. No. 2 was the first loco to leave for the fields.



Followed shortly after by No. 1.



It was Saturday so No. 1 attracted a group of local boys looking for some excitement.



No. 2 brings a first train of loaded cane from Kandang. Mother and child are heading for their lift on a motorcycle.





The boys had chosen to ride on the last cane wagon.



No. 1 hauls its load along the roadside section close to the mill.



These two shots are of No. 2 approaching the mill entrance.



No bad track pictures today as the track at Olean was pretty good compared to Wringinanom with no derailments all day.

We will have a steam charter here during the main tour with the remaining workable steam loco No. 4.

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