

Consolidating Sustainable Forest Management Certification System in Indonesia

Final Report

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The principal aim of the project was to promote the implementation of sustainable forest management (SFM) certification systems in Indonesia by improving public awareness of these systems and building national capacity to implement and monitor the systems with a view to enhancing their credibility. Its focus was on the establishment, promotion and implementation of the Plantation Forest Certification (PFC) System; the expansion and improvement of the Management Information System (MIS) for certified forest products; the revitalization and consolidation of the Provincial Communication Forums (PCF) as a certification network; the development and implementation of the Forest Certification Monitoring (FCM) system, the development of a training system for PFC, the training of trainers, assessors and expert panel members for certification in Indonesia; the improvement of national human resources for certification and monitoring, the consolidation of the Certification Review Council (CRC) to settle disputes related to certification issues, and the intensification of public campaigns for SFM certification and FCM System.

Due to some delays in its implementation in 2004, the duration of the project was extended to the end of 2005 without additional ITTO funds and in accordance with the workplan approved by the Executive Director. The following are the main outputs of the project that were achieved:

- Plantation Forest Certification System established and socialised.
- LEI's Management Information System improved and expanded.
- Provincial Communication Forums as network for certification consolidated.
- Forest Certification Monitoring System developed and implemented.
- Training system for PCF System developed.
- Trained assessors and expert panels for certification.
- Trained national human resources for certification and training.
- Certification Review Council (CRC) consolidated.
- Increased campaigns for SFM certification and FCM System.

Following the establishment of the PCF System, one plantation forest management unit (PFMU) had successfully obtained LEI certification while another three PFMUs had applied for certification under the system. LEI's MIS had also been maintained and refined with the establishment of a communication portal to facilitate interactions among relevant stakeholders. Four PCFs had been established and reactivated in the provinces of Jambi, South Sumatera, Riau and West Java to serve as a growing national network in support of certification. The development of a training system for PCF System was complemented with the conduct of a series of training including for trainers (39 participants), expert panel members (37 participants), assessors (67 participants) as well as for staff of LEI. The consolidation of the CRC was helpful in handling appeals made by Forest Watch Indonesia against the certification by LEI of PT. Diamond Raya Timber.

With the realization of the project outputs and the achievement of the project's objectives, SFM certification has been consolidated in Indonesia as intended. From only one certificate issued before the implementation of the project, LEI has now awarded certification to seven FMUs comprising four natural FMUs, one plantation FMU and two community-based FMUs covering 1.1 million hectares. The project has contributed concretely to increased national capacity that will serve as a foundation for LEI to further promote and expand forest certification throughout Indonesia as one of the principal measures for strengthening forest management and addressing the serious problems of illegal logging and trade in Indonesia.

The Implementing Agency has submitted the tangible outputs of the projects, project progress reports, two annual audit reports and the completion report to the ITTO Secretariat. The final and overall audit report on the project is in the progress of being submitted. The project had been implemented in accordance with the project agreement and document.