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Andalas Merapi Timber (AMT); Natural Forest Concession, West Sumatera

In West Sumatera, South Solok District, TFT and KKI WARSI are partnering to improve social aspects of forest management in the natural forest concession managed by PT *Andalas Merapi Timber* (AMT). AMT is the only production forest concession that is still functioning in West Sumatera, and is primarily owned by the Bank Nagari, a community-owned provincial bank. KKI-WARSI was founded in 1992 as an alliance of 12 NGOs working in 4 provinces of Sumatera. They bring expertise in watershed management, environmental policy, Minang culture and non-timber forest products for the region.

Current program activities are focused on establishing agreements between communities and AMT regarding appropriate use of rivers and timber resources in the concession, environmentally safe means of hunting & fishing, and how to improve local economies so that illegal logging is minimized. The beginning of the program focused on analyzing social risks and opportunities for AMT. One of the problems identified was ongoing illegal logging driven by poverty and lack of alternative income sources. As a result of consultation with local communities, AMT and WARSI are now partnering to train surrounding communities in rubber cultivation, and help distribute rubber seedlings to provide alternative incomes to households, while protecting the Batang Hari River's watershed.

Koperasi Hutan Jaya Lestari (KHJL); Community Forest Cooperative, SE Sulawesi

TFT and JAUH (*Jaringan untuk Hutan*), a network of 7 community organisations concerned about the environment and community development, are working with the KHJL, a community forest cooperative, to improve forest management of community agroforests in the region and strengthen the KHJL's application for management of the 38,959 ha state teak plantation in Konawe Selatan District.

The program has focused on analysis of new and evolving Indonesian community forestry laws, supporting the KHJL to lobby government representatives for the right to manage the forest, organizing and training community groups on state forest management, and working with them to identify priorities among communities for forest management. To date, all the necessary documents for the HTR license has been submitted to the Indonesian forest department, and KHJL is waiting for the government to confirm the area eligible for community management. In the mean time the KHJL staff are maintaining their FSC license for wood from privately owned community land, and participating in trainings for creating handicrafts from teak waste wood.

Cepu Forest District, Perum Perhutani Teak plantation, Central Java

TFT is partnering with SUPHEL, a forestry NGO working in Java on community rights in *Perhutani* teak plantations, to improve the social forest management of *Perhutani's* Cepu District teak plantations. Like many of *Perhutani's* teak plantations, Cepu is located in an area of high population density, with communities living within and surrounding the teak plantation area. Poverty is a large problem, and many people are dependent on land and resources within the plantation.

SUPHEL began the program by working with Cepu staff to create a simple, easily understandable and implementable Social Impact Assessment and monitoring system which would help the staff to understand the multitude of ways in which forest management decisions impact nearby communities. SUPHEL has also trained *Perhutani* staff in facilitation and conflict resolution skills, so that they will be better equipped to communicate with the communities in productive ways. Currently, SUPHEL and TFT are working with Cepu staff to resolve land use conflicts in Cepu's Sekaran district, and strengthen community representative organisations to participate in forest management decisions for the plantations near their village.