

Foreword

Sound collaborative forest management can be achieved through participatory processes, and gain of legal support from government policies such as laws and regulations. Capacity to manage the forest resources requires knowledge on the current status of project sites in terms of both bio-physical and socio-economical aspects.

This Technical Report describes general conditions of both bio-physical and socio-economical aspects of ITTO project sites in Jambi, which is prepared to support *Activity 2.4: Development of Adaptive Management Plan of the Study Area* within the framework of ITTO Project PD 210/03 Rev. 3 (F) entitled Participatory Establishment of Collaborative Sustainable Forest Management in Dusun Aro ,Jambi.

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Brief Information of the Project

The project ITTO PD 210/03 Rev. 3 (F) entitled **Participatory Establishment Of Collaborative Sustainable Forest Management In Dusun Aro, Jambi** is continuation of ITTO Project PPD 20/01 Rev.2 (F) "**Participatory Rural Appraisal In The Planning and Establishment of Sustainable Community Base Forest Management Model**" The idea underlying the pre-project document emerged from the fact that sustainability of Indonesia forest is now seriously questioned due to over-exploitation and extensive conversion by some stakeholders or others who feel as having claims on the resources.

The development objective is to achieve sustainable forest management through establishment of collaborative forest management system. Meanwhile, the general objective is closely related to the 8 main objectives stated in the ITTO Guidelines for The Restoration, Management and Rehabilitation of Degraded and Secondary Tropical Forests. However, since the project duration will be effective for 30 months only, the project will focus on some of the objectives, namely a) to attain commitment to the management and restoration of degraded and secondary forest landscape, b) to take an adaptive and holistic approach to forest management, emphasizing environmental and social values, c) to guarantee a participatory monitoring and evaluation as a basis for adaptive management, and lastly d) to utilize an appropriate ecological and silviculture knowledge and efficient management practices. The specific objective of the project is to restore the degraded primary forest, to manage the secondary forests and to rehabilitate the degraded forest lands.

Overall, the project consists of two outputs, which will be achieved completely after 30 months. Basically, to achieve each of the final output, the activities will be breakdown into 2.5 consecutive years. For the first year of the project, activity will focus on to hold training, to perform mutual understanding and agreements, and to strengthen local institution through participative process.

Initially the Project is located at the area of Industrial Timber Plantation (HTI) owned by PT. Wira Karya Sakti at Batang Hari, Jambi. The Project has been relocated to Grand Forest Park Sultan Thaha Syaifuddin, Jambi in accordance to the Second PSC meeting held in Jakarta on 23 March 2006. The relocation was thoroughly discussed by the PSC taking into account the objectives of the project and the work plan, as well as the circumstances facing the initial and the new proposed sites. The PSC considered the relocation of the demonstration site will not jeopardize the achievement of planned outputs and objectives of the project.

Stakeholders involved in the Project consist of the local government (Batang Hari Forest District Office, Agricultural Office), the local university (Jambi University), NGO (AMPHAL) and the villagers, especially those who live around Grand Forest Park Sultan Thaha Syaifuddin, Jambi

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