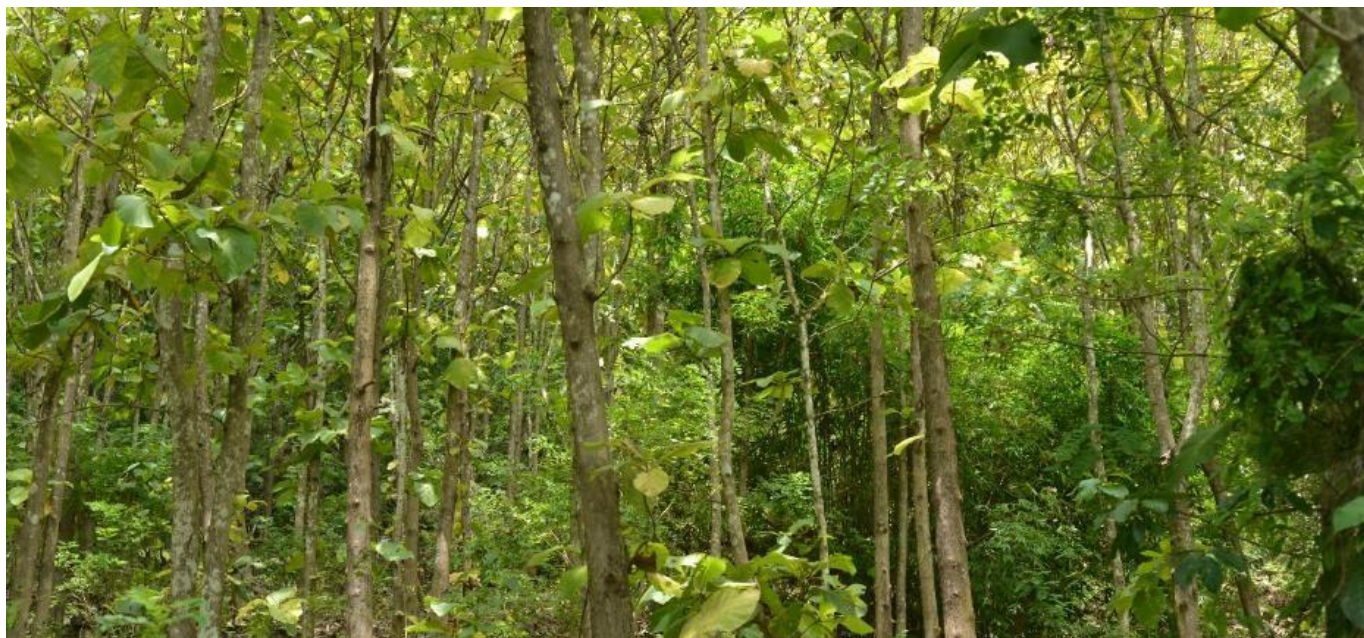


## Strengthening non-state actor involvement in forest governance



### CAPACITY BUILDING



Twenty (20) Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) socialization and focus group discussions were held in two villages and included 405 people, 17% women.

### INCREASED TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESS TO INFO



The community-based monitoring programme was expanded to include livelihood and environmental services, encompassing 58,000 ha.

### SUSTAINABLE AND INFORMED NETWORKS



The West Manggarai TLAS Coordination Team was institutionalized through Governor Decree and identified 188 farmers in targeted villages willing to work through the initiative.

### INFORMED AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION



Four (4) policy process interventions were produced in coordination with the Ministry of Environment and Forestry and the Ecosystem Restoration Working Group.

During the reporting period, **Burung Indonesia** worked with the Provincial Forestry Agency, Regional Planning and Development Agency, and Forest Management Unit to develop and strengthen FLEGT and community-based monitoring implementation in West Manggarai, Flores.

- 12 targeted villages carried out monitoring
- It was determined monitoring will occur twice per year

Efforts focused on identifying ecotourism sites in Mbeliling landscape with the Forest Management Unit (FMU). Results were that

- Mbeliling landscapes have a variety of natural and cultural charms
- Feasibility studies for each site are needed to determine management recommendations
- Synergy among stakeholders is absolute, specifically between stakeholders with financial authority, agencies with good human resources, and policy makers
- Puar Lolo will be a pilot site for ecotourism development in Mbeliling Landscape
  - Already are community groups willing to partner with the FMU to manage the site
  - The site is strategically located near inter-city roads and infrastructure is suitable
  - FMU created the Puar Lolo Working Group to accommodate stakeholder input

# ERC HOLDERS ARE NOW FOCUSING ON THE POTENTIAL OF NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTS, SPECIFICALLY ECOTOURISM

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Facilitated the village governments of Poco Golo Kempo, Kempo, and Golo Tantong villages to build a land certification proposal that was submitted to National Land Agency
  - Collecting juridical and physical data to expedite the process
- Focused on enabling the condition of the timber market in West Manggarai and neighboring islands
- Established the Mbeliling Cooperative and in process of registering it as a legal entity and forming a long-term work plan
  - Built 5 Farmer Groups, totaling 75 people
- Analysed timber market potential in Bali and Java regarding supply chain, engaging potential buyers, and identifying learning site opportunities on Java for Mbeliling farmers
  - Farmers' skills in silviculture techniques and sustainable forest management need to be improved
  - Selling timber furniture will add significant value for farmers
- Community-based monitoring programmes comprised 94,000 ha in 12 villages
  - 112 people, 26.8% women
- Analysed forest cover change for 5 Key Biodiversity Areas, 58,000 ha in Mbeliling
- Participated in UNFCCC and presented project contributions

*Community-based Monitoring in Golo Damu village*



The preparation of TLAS implementation in West Manggarai has evolved and is now in the stages of business plan development, capacity building, and strengthening of teak farmer groups and local governments institutionalized through the formation of the TLAS Coordination Team.

- A series of discussions were held with Ministry of Environment and Forestry to improve policy processes related to ecosystem restoration, REDD+ implementation, and FLEGT
- Engaged with Indonesia's FLEGT-VPA implementation focal point and built a network with key FLEGT-VPA stakeholders
- Signed partnership agreement with East Nusa Tenggara Provincial Forestry Agency to support FLEGT in West Manggarai
  - The first TLAS initiative in eastern Indonesia
  - Formed the West Manggarai FLEGT Coordination Team, responsible for day-to-day activities enabling implementation

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February: EU-led Results Oriented Monitoring Review will occur and the reviewer to visit project sites in Indonesia and Philippines
- 21 March: International Day of Forests
- 25-29 March Project Management Meeting in Malaysia
- Strengthening position and contribution of ecosystem restoration in REDD+ scheme in Indonesia

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