

# INDONESIA

## Strengthening non-state actor involvement in forest governance



### CAPACITY BUILDING



Two demonstration plots of 5,145 m<sup>2</sup> with 428 trees and 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> and 500 trees respectively have been established in the Poco Golo Kempo and the Kempo villages to help build teak farmers' know-how.

### INCREASED TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESS TO INFO



Local Conservation Groups (LCGs) in 16 villages conducted the community-based forest and ecosystem service monitoring with a total of 103 people (36% women).

### SUSTAINABLE AND INFORMED NETWORKS



An Academic paper on 10 years of Ecosystem Restoration and the lessons learned has been published.

### INFORMED AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION



A draft of West Manggarai Regency Regulation concerning the Legality Requirements of Timber in government's construction services was drafted to restrict the distribution, trade and use of illegal timber.

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

- Following a social mapping exercise, Puncak Eltari Ecotourism Group was identified as a partner with the West Manggarai FMU to manage the Forest Partnership Puar Lolo Ecotourism scheme. The partnership will empower the community, reduce conflict and ensure sustainable forest management.
- Assistance to Teak Farmer Groups continued including assisting with the development of nursery centres and community gardens of the Poco Golo Kempo and Kempo villages and the establishment of demonstration plots to help improve teak productivity.
  - Farmer groups were also assisted with the certification process and teak business activities before being able to join the Multipurpose Cooperative of Mbeliling Landscape (called *Koperasi Serba Usaha Bentang Alam Mbeliling* (KSU-BAM)).
  - KSU-BAM was also assisted with the paperwork requirements for the land certificate it needs to run the timber storage and processing business it is planning on launching.

## *An exciting new collaboration between the West Manggarai FMU and local group Puncak Eltari Ecotourism will manage the Puar Lolo Ecotourism scheme.*

### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Burung Indonesia completed its final report on carbon stocks of the Mbeliling landscape in collaboration with two experts from the Ministry of Environment and Forestry. Preliminary data was disseminated to other project partners during a virtual webinar organised by BirdLife International in June 2020. A manual on Burung's Standard Operating Procedure on Measuring C-Stock has been translated into English and shared with the partners (available [here](#)).
- Satellite images have been purchased and are currently being analysed for the area covering 5 Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) with 58,000 hectares of forest cover.
- The team has finalised the Academic paper on the ecosystem restoration that summarizes the learning on the ecosystem restoration policy and its implementation for over a decade. The paper was prepared by the experts and the working group with support from the ecosystem restoration management unit.
- The project team has participated in several discussions with the Ecosystem Restoration Working Group (ERWG) – the key results have been:
  - A revision has been drafted and submitted to change the application of the silvicultural system to the Permit for Timber Forest Product Processing – Ecosystem Restoration (IUPHHK-RE).
  - A discussion on the multi-forestry business took place between the Ecosystem Services and Non-Timber Forest Product Business (UJLHHBK), Forest Digest and experts for IUPHHK-RE.
  - Input has been provided into Law no.41/1999 on Forestry resulting from the discussion between Ecosystem Restoration (ER) experts and the ERWG.



Figure 1- Puar Lolo Ecotourism Partnership cleaning out the area

Burung disseminated the results of the 2019 community-based forest and ecosystem services monitoring with 12 villages. Five of those villages decided to prioritise their village funds towards future monitoring efforts.

- The project team participated in a virtual discussion called “Questioning the Ministry of Trade Regulation No. 15/2020” concerning the recent changes to the Provisions for Exporting Forestry Products, which stipulated that V-Legal checks (which verify the legality of all timber products) were no longer required. Following heavy criticism, the regulation was cancelled by the Ministry of Trade in May 2020 and the Timber Legality Assurance system was re-established.

### VISIBILITY

- One article about a local conservation group Mbeliling (available [here](#)) and an update on the virtual Project Regional Meeting held on 5-6 May 2020 through Zoom (available [here](#)).
- Five banner designs on the Mbeliling Landscape have been printed and will be installed in a number of locations in West Manggarai. These designs contain messages about nature and culture preservation. This banner has stakeholder and EU logos (available [here](#)).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- A timber processing workshop will be carried out for teak farmers to create high-quality timber products.
- Forest-lost data, combined with forest and ecosystem service monitoring data collected by the LCG and the carbon-stock data, will be presented to the Mbeliling Committee as a multi-stakeholder forum at the end of 2020.
- The project team has planned to have a series of discussions on SVLK, FLEGT-VPA certification and its implementation with the Directorate of Forest Product Processing and Marketing
- Burung Indonesia and the West Manggarai FMU will work to put together a timetable to develop an android-based application model and monitoring tool to collect data and information on pressures and threats to the forest.

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