



## Power relations and REDD

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<b>Partners:</b>	Forest Planology Agency, Department of Forestry, Government of Indonesia; Perkumpulan untuk Pembaharuan Hukum Berbasis Masyarakat dan Ekologis (Association for Legal Reform and Community-Based Ecology or HuMa)

### Background

In Indonesia, the question of legality has been at the centre of the debate on sustainable forest management and forest law enforcement over the past 10 years. The World Agroforestry Center continues to provide research that has substantially informed this debate. With the advent of REDD and the potential for increased financial flows into carbon-rich landscapes, the question of legality, or who has proprietary legal rights over the landscapes in question, is more important than ever.

### Activities

This project will continue the development of dialogue and subsequent tenure instruments with the Forest Planology Agency in the Department of Forestry in an effort to define and implement rights already included in both the Agrarian and Forestry laws. National legal and policy research will be complemented by provincial- and district-level analyses that will inform the legislative process at the local level and provide the framework for the delineation of collective rights both within and outside of the state-defined forest area.

To help determine proprietary rights and address conflict in forest areas, two existing tools will be refined: Rapid Tenure Assessment tool (RATA), developed by the Centre and partners (already implemented in several REDD pilot areas) and; HuMaWin, a computer database developed by Perkumpulan untuk Pembaharuan Hukum Berbasis Masyarakat dan Ekologis (Association for Legal





Reform and Community-Based Ecology or HuMa) that is used by the Dewan Kehutanan Nasional (National Forestry Council or DKN).

These tools will contribute directly to improving the quality of negotiations in the multi-stakeholder settings that define these political and biophysical landscapes. With our partners, we will work closely with the leadership in the Department of Forestry as well as the Bureau of Lands.

## Outcomes

The focus of this work will be site specific, emphasizing both governance and fairness issues.

1. Using the two tools mentioned above, we will undertake a learning process with local stakeholders, focusing on three geographical and communities at different levels of engagement with land tenure legality sites (Lake Singkarak, West Sumatra; Lubuk Beringin, Jambi, Sumatra and; the Nantu community of Paguyaman watershed in Gorontalo, Sulawesi).
2. We will assist local participation in policy formulation processes at indigenous institution, district and provincial levels, emphasizing safeguarding community tenure to better manage natural resources.
3. We will help increase local communities' understanding of rewards for environmental services schemes.

Specifically, we expect

1. a better understanding through research and training of the land tenure system in relation to communal and individual tenure, which addresses mitigation and adaptation of climate change and the REDD agenda; and
2. policy engagement towards a communal land tenure system and its processes from the local to national level.

