Increased number of FSC certificates

Congratulations to two new FSC certified forest companies:

• PT Dwima Jaya Utama (127,300 ha, Central Kalimantan) under coaching from TFT
• PT Ratah Timber (97,690 ha, East-Kalimantan) under coaching from GFTN

In sum, we now have facilitated 8 FSC certificates, altogether 904,060 ha. Indonesia now has an area of 1.8 million ha under full FSC certification, an increase of 65% since 2010.

List of TBI participants

This March, six Indonesian companies signed support agreements with The Borneo Initiative. In all a forest area of 358,787 ha. These companies are PT Carus Indonesia, PT Wana Bakti Persada Utama, PT Aditya Kirana Mandiri, and PT Inhutani II units Sei Tubu, Semama, and Malinau. Also the first forest enterprise from Papua New Guinea joined our programme, i.e. Cloudy Bay Ltd. Perum Perhutani KPH Banten (80,163 ha, West-Java) decided to cancel its participation but will continue FSC certification with the aid of TFT. For a list of TBI membership, visit our website.

Signing MoU with APHI

March 20th, the association of Indonesian forest concessionaires (APHI) and The Borneo Initiative signed a memorandum of understanding to formalise their cooperation in the promotion of legal and certified forest management, following both mandatory regulations (SVLK-PHPL) as well as voluntary principles and criteria (FSC).

Next round of applications

The Borneo Initiative is recruiting a seventh group of around 700,000 ha. The application for the group 7 will be closed by the end of August 2013. Please contact our Jakarta office for details about the application procedure: widiyarini@theborneoinitiative.org.

Synchronizing FSC-certification with FLEGT

Forest concessionaires need both a chain of custody certificate (SVLK- Sistem Verifikasi Legal Kayu) and a sustainability certificate (PHPL - Pengelolaan Hutan Produksi Lestari).
These are the foundation for an agreement between Indonesia and the European Union as regards a *Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade Voluntary Partnership Agreement* (FLEGT-VPA) to be ratified in September 2013. In response, The Borneo Initiative now promotes both certification systems, e.g. via combined audits of SVLK/PHPL and FSC by a single audit team. We also now refer to SVLK/PHPL in all our procedures – and in our logo.

**Market linking activities**

Wood markets in Europe and the USA are in an economic recession. Yet, the introduction of new legislation in the EU but also Australia is expected to have a stimulating effect on the demand for certified legal and sustainable timber. We therefore will increase our efforts to establish new market links between Indonesian FSC certified timber producers on the one hand, and European or North American buyers on the other hand. We received very positive feedback on the business encounter that we organised last year June in Jakarta, and we are planning to have a repeat event soon. Check our website or LinkedIn group for updates.

**Programme expansion**

We currently support 37 forest companies with 3.8 million ha of forest under their management. We aim to grow this portfolio to 8 million ha by 2016. We are in advanced stages of agreements with different donors to secure the corresponding additional financial resources.

**Staff changes**

We want to give recognition here to the important contributions made by Rizal Bukhari, our out-going Director Indonesia Office in getting The Borneo Initiative up and running in Indonesia. By mid-April, he has been replaced by Dr. Rizki Pandu Permana. Welcome Rizki to this challenging position!

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