

Interactive Dialog

South Sumatra Green Growth and Partnership for Landscape Management

Bioclime was invited to a LIVE Interactive Dialog at Sriwijaya TV on Wednesday, 29 March 2017 from 19:00–20:00 Western Indonesian Time. The program, named NGOPI 45, is a primetime session for discussing important issues in South Sumatra relating to education, environment, politics and culture. The dialog, led by moderator Adlia Nazila, invited three key speakers: the Deputy Governor of South Sumatra, Ishak Mekki; the Governor's member of staff for climate change, Dr. Najib Asmani; and GIZ Bioclime Team Leader, Berthold Haasler.

South Sumatra will host the international Bonn Challenge Asia-Pacific Region High-Level Roundtable Meeting event on 9-10 May 2017. The Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF) with the South Sumatra Provincial Government are preparing to make the event a success by engaging stakeholders involved in the South Sumatra Green Growth and Partnership for Landscape Management project.



Bioclime Tim Leader Berthold Haasler (right) giving an explanation

The 'Bonn Challenge' is a global initiative to restore degraded forest areas. Launched by a kick off meeting in Bonn, Germany in September 2011 and chaired by IUCN, the defined target was to restore 150 million

hectares of forest throughout the world by 2020, and 350 million hectares by 2030 (New York Declaration on Forests at the 2014 UN Climate Summit).

GIZ BIOCLIME is contributing to the 'Bonn Challenge' in South Sumatra by supporting the development of the Indonesian Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (IBSAP) for South Sumatra, which will be launched by the government of South Sumatra together with its One Map policy and Green Growth Strategy.

The South Sumatra Green Growth and Partnership for Landscape Management project emphasizes proper spatial planning by integrating biodiversity based on ecosystem type in South Sumatra in order to support spatial planning decision making so it is based not only on economy considerations, but also takes account of landscape-scale ecological and social aspects.

Dr. Najib Asmani pointed out that local community involvement in forest management is paramount as communities are the main actors, living closely to forests and depending on farming, and natural forest for their livelihoods. He added that if forests are managed in a sustainable way by retaining intact ecosystems, then people living around those forests will contribute to environmental services and will benefit. Consequently, forest should be protected from illegal activities that destroy and degrade ecosystems, and attention should be paid to the prevention of forest fires. Furthermore, Ishak Mekki explained, the government was forced to spend vast sums of money due to the forest fires in 2015, which burned more than 700,000 hectares of land and forest in South Sumatra. The South Sumatra Provincial Government is now focusing intently on fire prevention, and taking precautions to ensure

fires of the magnitude of those in 2015 do not occur again in the future. Fire concern community groups (*Masyarakat Peduli Api* (MPA) have been trained and equipped in 120 villages in South Sumatra and firefighters are on standby. In addition, the latest technologies for monitoring forest fires in peatland areas have been installed in order to detect land and forest fires in a timely manner.

Meanwhile, Berthold Haasler underlined the importance of the 'Bonn Challenge' event as a momentum for Indonesia, particularly South Sumatra, to show its commitment to a multistakeholder approach, and to ensure commitment from other countries in the

ASEAN region to 'Forest Landscape Restoration' (FLR). The event should also be used to identify financial mechanisms for FLR, and to invite other countries/donors to develop restoration programs, starting with peat swamp restoration in Indonesia/South Sumatra.

Further links:

Interactive Dialog, Sriwijaya TV:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmcvj5MuAto>

Bonn Challenge:

<http://www.bonnchallenge.org/>



Group photo of the speakers, facilitators and Sriwijaya TV crew following the interactive dialog

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