

Forest Management Unit and Community Partnership Management

South Sumatra FMU Forum Study Trip to Aceh Region I and II FMUs



In a framework of discouraging FMUs in South Sumatra from being dependent on funds from APBN state and APBD regional budgets, they are being directed towards being able to develop and run business plans through partnerships with communities living in and around forests in Community-based Forest Management (CBFM) schemes. FMUs in South Sumatra will be encouraged to produce goods and services from the potential in their work regions.

To this end, the South Sumatra Provincial Forestry Office in cooperation with GIZ Bioclimate held a study trip to the Nangroe Aceh Darussalam Region I and II Protection Forest Management Units from 19 – 23 September 2016. The trip involved 17 participants from production forest and protection forest FMUs in South Sumatra, forest farmer groups (*KTH*), the Watershed Management Agency (*BP DAS*), the Forestry Office, the Forest Estate Utilization Research Center (*BPKH*) and GIZ Bioclimate. The desired objectives were to: (1) gain insight and

knowledge on FMU partnership business development mechanisms along with their supporting instruments so they can be implemented in FMUs in South Sumatra; (2) get an illustration of how the Aceh Provincial Forestry Office FMU Regional Technical Implementation Unit (*UPTD KPH*) prepares its regional apparatus (*Organisasi Perangkat Daerah* (OPD).

Aceh province was chosen as the activity location because its FMUs are successfully running partnerships with communities in developing NTFPs and environmental services, and contribute revenue to the province. KPHL Aceh's protection forest FMUs have made significant progress in relation to partnership schemes and cooperation agreements that they apply to local communities and/or cooperatives.

Activities involved discussions and brainstorming sessions with the Aceh Provincial Forestry Office and Region I and II Protection Forest Management Units (*KPHL*), and field trips with forest farmer group

partners to the center of rattan production in Pidie district - a partnership involving *KPHL I*, the Al-Afghani cooperative and the Industry Office; and Export Quality Gayo Coffee Production – a partnership involving *KPHL II* and the Baburrayan Cooperative.

At the end of the trip, participants held discussions to formulate strategic steps for establishing a legal basis for FMU partnerships in South Sumatra by focusing on: (1) rules/laws that will allow the birth of partnership schemes in South Sumatra; (2) stakeholders in preparing a legal basis for partnerships; (3) priority commodities in FMU regions with potential for development into business units under partnership schemes; and (4) stakeholders with the potential for collaborating in developing businesses.

Figure 2. Gayo Organic Coffee developed in partnership between an Aceh Region II FMU and the Baburrayan Cooperative

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Figure 1. Group photo of study visit participants with the Head of the Aceh Provincial Forestry Office

All data and information secured during the visit will become material for follow up in setting up the apparatus for a South Sumatra Provincial Forestry Office FMU Technical and designing the accelerated and environmental partnership schemes in



