



**Darwin Initiative Main/Post/D+ Project  
Half Year Report  
(due 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018)**

<b>Project reference</b>	23-033
<b>Project title</b>	Marrying community land rights with stakeholder aspirations in Indonesian Borneo
<b>Country(ies)/territory(ies)</b>	Indonesia (Kalimantan)
<b>Lead organisation</b>	DICE, University of Kent
<b>Partner(s)</b>	Fauna & Flora International (FFI), University of Queensland, Borneo Futures, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI)
<b>Project leader</b>	Dr Matthew Struebig
<b>Report date and number (e.g., HYR3)</b>	HY3
<b>Project website/blog/social media etc.</b>	<a href="https://research.kent.ac.uk/meps/">https://research.kent.ac.uk/meps/</a>

**1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – Sept) against the agreed baseline timetable for the project (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up to end September).**

**OUTPUT 1: Evidence base for community forestry planning**

***1A Project team meetings***

We have continued to hold monthly Skype meetings among the team, with the exception of May and June (due to fasting for Idul Fitri), during which updates were provided via email. We plan our year 3 annual meeting in Indonesia in February 2019.

***1B Consultation meeting with national government & other stakeholders***

Completed in Q1 year 1 (2016)

***1C Collate Kalimantan-wide baseline spatial data on environment & poverty***

Completed in year 1 (2016/17). The 2017/18 government poverty census (PODES) is not yet available. We have hosted summary maps of forest cover, deforestation, and community forestry performance (in terms of deforestation and poverty alleviation) on our new dedicated website, with the view to extend this functionality should new data become available before end of project.

***1D Map 'protection forest' areas for Kalimantan; produce Kalimantan database***

Completed in year 1 (2016/17). The findings remain controversial so in May 2018 we requested to remove these activities and indicators from our project log-frame.

***1E Update maps of proposed & allocated CF; produce Kalimantan database***

The maps acquired in Q3 of year 1 (from Ministry of Environment and Forestry's Directorate General of Social Forestry and Partnership) are still current, and .kml versions are hosted on our website.

***1F Produce/update baseline deforestation estimates since 2000***

Completed in years 1 and 2 to 2016, and reported previously.

### **1G Prepare publication: “Socio-economic & ecological performance of CF in Indonesia”**

We have completed an assessment of the effects of community forestry on wellbeing across Kalimantan using government poverty (PODES) data. The assessment uses similar spatial analytical methods to 1F and is being led by Dr Truly Santika via DICE and UQ. We find that overall the *hutan desa* scheme has improved wellbeing, but the benefits have been distributed unevenly across different land-use zones, which reflect the livelihood characteristics of various communities. A manuscript was submitted to the journal *Conservation Letters* in year 2 Q3, but after an extended review process involving two rounds of changes, a new editor rejected the manuscript. The manuscript is now improved and is under review with new journal *People and Nature* (since September 2018, Year 3, Q2).

### **1H Site visits to villages in Kalimantan to develop case studies and produce baseline assessment of poverty**

Completed in year 2.

## **OUTPUT 2: Guidance and dissemination of information on community forestry planning**

### **2A Produce and circulate policy brief**

Completed in year 2. Further circulation anticipated during knowledge exchange workshop planned for February 2019.

### **2B Train 3 facilitators in CFM policy and planning options in Jakarta**

Completed in year 2.

### **2C Produce guidelines of best practice from the case study villages**

Completed in year 2.

### **2D Develop public outreach and measure media coverage to evaluate impact**

Wildlife Impact, the company we contracted to help with M&E, produced a revised media and monitoring plan ahead of our Year 2 annual report. Following feedback from some stakeholders in Indonesia, we reduced our media coverage in year 3 (see year 2 annual report), and focussed resources on disseminating our findings and experiences from the project to other conservation professionals in Southeast Asia. Most of the team attended the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC) international conference in Kuching, Malaysia in Q1 (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2018), and presented five talks informed by the MEPS project:

- Joseph Hutabarat: *Social Forestry Roles in Reducing Deforestation*
- Tito Indrawan: *Linking RSPO Compensation to Village Forest. Case Study: Laman Satong*
- Ahmad Kusworo: *Monitoring Poverty in Social Forestry Areas*
- Matthew Struebig: *Does Oil Palm Alleviate Poverty? Lessons from Indonesia*
- Kerrie Wilson: *Does Community Forestry Improve Rural Welfare?*

In each presentation slot we introduced the MEPS project, linked to the website and promoted the Darwin Initiative brand.

### **2E Stakeholder consultation workshops with local governmental and non-governmental organisations**

Mostly completed in year 2. Team members Meijaard, Ahmad and Hutabarat participated in discussions about community forestry with the World Bank Jakarta Office in Q2 (12<sup>th</sup> October). World Bank are set to support the Indonesian government in the implementation and monitoring of community forestry, and are at the start of a tendering process to fund related projects across Indonesia. The discussions centred around the use of our monitoring protocols on deforestation and poverty, to help prioritise where funds should be invested and/or help monitor the effectiveness of funded projects. We will follow up on these discussions in Q3 and Q4.

### **2F Social network analyses**

To be completed.

**OUTPUT 3: increased understanding & capacity in community forest allocation etc.**

**3A Postgraduate training of a government planning staff on DICE MSc**

Mr Erlangga Muhammad successfully completed his MSc in Conservation and Rural Development in September 2018. His dissertation research project concerned community forestry schemes in Sumatra, and was supported by project partner FFI. The thesis and preceding proposal and presentation, “*Impact of Indonesia’s Community Forestry Scheme on Deforestation and Community Wellbeing in Merangin, Jambi, Indonesia*” was awarded 64%.

**3B Stakeholder workshops, with governmental and targeted non-governmental organisations, to train in planning techniques, and evaluate change in perceptions. Press briefing linked to workshops via LIPI communications team.**

We hosted a GIS computer training workshop on the monitoring and evaluation techniques in Palangaraya, Central Kalimantan in Q2 (27-31 August 2018). Participants comprised 9 GIS officers from the PSKL provincial offices (2 staff each from West, Central, South, and East Kalimantan, and one from North Kalimantan), plus 2 higher ranked staff from regional BPSKL office based in South Kalimantan (Pak Agus Karyono and his GIS staff Abdul Haliq) who are in charge of certifying community forestry projects (including monitoring and evaluation performance). The training was led by Dr Truly Santika, and received good feedback. We are currently planning a second event in Q4, and will evaluate changes in perceptions at that time.

**3C Measure changes in environmental and poverty indices used and disseminated to government via stakeholder workshop and to NGOs via media/website (annual meeting ahead of Darwin report).**

To be completed in Q3/Q4.

**3D Measuring of perceptions and changes to beliefs/mind-sets among government personnel.**

To be completed in Q4.

**2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments/lessons learnt that the project has encountered over the last 6 months. Explain what impact these could have on the project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.**

No further problems or unexpected developments experienced in last 6 months.

**2b. Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?**

Discussed with LTS: Yes/No

Formal change request submitted: Yes/No

Received confirmation of change acceptance Yes/No

**3a. Do you currently expect to have any significant (e.g., more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?**

Yes  No  Estimated underspend: £

**3b. If yes, then you need to consider your project budget needs carefully.** Please remember that any funds agreed for this financial year are only available to the project in this financial year.

If you anticipate a significant underspend because of justifiable changes within the project, please submit a rebudget Change Request as soon as possible. There is no guarantee that Defra will agree a rebudget so please ensure you have enough time to make appropriate changes if necessary.

**4. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?**

Not at present

**If you were asked to provide a response to this year's annual report review with your next half year report, please attach your response to this document. Additionally, if you were funded under R24 and asked to provide further information by your first half year report, please attach your response as a separate document.**

**Please note: Any planned modifications to your project schedule/workplan can be discussed in this report but **should also** be raised with LTS International through a Change Request.**

Please send your **completed report by email** to Eilidh Young at [Darwin-Projects@ltsi.co.uk](mailto:Darwin-Projects@ltsi.co.uk) . The report should be between 2-3 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message e.g. Subject: 22-035 Darwin Half Year Report**