



UN-REDD Programme in Central Sulawesi



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BACKGROUND

Deforestation and forest degradation are the biggest emissions contributors which cause green house gases effect. To avoid an even bigger effect that worsens the climate change, Indonesia takes an initiative to solve the problems related to deforestation and forest degradation. Starting from the 13th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP 13) in Bali in 2007, Indonesia is committed to realize the idea.

UN-REDD Programme is a response to the COP 13's decision, which is a partnership among Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) to support developing countries to develop fair and transparent REDD+ scheme. For the first phase, Indonesia is one of the nine UN-REDD pilot countries.

There are three phases to implement REDD+ in Indonesia; preparation, readiness and implementation. Indonesia accomplished the preparation phase between 2008 and 2009, and enters the readiness phase in 2010 - 2012 among others by conducting REDD+ pilot activities (demonstration activities) in a number of locations.



PILOT PROVINCE IN CENTRAL SULAWESI

In Indonesia, UN-REDD's pilot province is Central Sulawesi. Appointment of Central Sulawesi was based on a set of selection criteria: carbon density is relatively high; local political support is strong; local capacity is reasonably strong in order to generate rapid results; deforestation drivers can be addressed relatively easily; REDD+ can result in significant co-benefits within the project site; Gol preference and lastly; no other REDD+ initiatives in the location. After Central Sulawesi is selected as its pilot province, UN-REDD Programme Indonesia conducts various activities to build the province's capacity and to test REDD+ methodologies for Indonesia REDD+ readiness. To mark the official selection of Central Sulawesi as UN-REDD's pilot province in Indonesia, UN-REDD Programme Indonesia held a launching event and workshop in conjunction with the Regional Consultation on National REDD+ Strategy in Palu, Central Sulawesi 13-15 October 2010.



The launching event in Palu was attended by Central Sulawesi's Governor, Head of Provincial Forestry Service, Head of Provincial Development & Planning Agency, Head of Forestry Research & Development Agency of Ministry of Forestry, UN Resident Coordinator, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and participants from districts and cities in Sulawesi. The event was concluded by a press conference, attended by Central Sulawesi's Governor, Head of Forestry Research & Development Agency of Ministry of Forestry, UN Resident Coordinator and UNODC.

REGIONAL CONSULTATION OF NATIONAL REDD+ STRATEGY IN PALU

National REDD+ strategy is one of the prerequisites of REDD+ readiness. The strategy has to be in accordance with the country's development plan, in the national as well as sub-national levels. The development of National REDD+ Strategy uses a multi-stakeholders approach. For this reason, UN-REDD Programme Indonesia supported the National Development & Planning Agency (Badan Perencanaan dan Pembangunan Nasional or Bappenas) to conduct regional consultations with multi-stakeholders.

A regional consultation of National REDD+ Strategy in Central Sulawesi was held on October 13 - 15, 2010 and was attended by multi-stakeholders with diverse community groups, representing all provinces in Sulawesi (North Sulawesi, Gorontalo, Central Sulawesi, West Sulawesi, South-West Sulawesi and South Sulawesi). The Regional Consultation covered presentation of National REDD+ Strategy background, identification of deforestation and primary drivers of forest degradation, a presentation about climate change as well as Reference Emission Level. With that information, the consultation is very useful for public in general, and it helps improve the National REDD+ Strategy.



REDD+ WORKING GROUP WITH REPRESENTATIONS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND GENDER MAINSTREAMING NGO

The REDD+ readiness phase in Central Sulawesi progresses quite rapidly, with the active participation and high enthusiasm of the people and with the support of UN-REDD Programme Indonesia. Capacity building activities include those conducted for the community and by involving themselves. One of the capacity building activities was conducted through a series of workshops, among others were focused on establishment of Central Sulawesi's REDD+ Working Group.

In the indigenous peoples and local community workshops, participating indigenous peoples and local communities selected four representatives who would sit in the Central Sulawesi REDD+ Working Group. In another workshop, participants from gender mainstreaming NGOs sat together to select their representatives for the same Working Group.

Working Groups:

1. Policy and strategy development on REDD+ (provincial)
2. Institution and Methodology
3. Demonstration Activity (DA)
4. Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC), Empowerment and Capacity Building.

The REDD+ Working Group represents all stakeholders in Central Sulawesi, namely Provincial Government, Universities, Local Communities/Indigenous People, NGOs and Private Sector. It is officially affirmed through the Governor of Central Sulawesi's Decision Letter no. 522/B4/Dishutda - G.ST/2011, dated February 18, 2011, with a Working Group secretariat residing in the office of Provincial Forestry Service, Palu.

