



ASEAN Peatland Forests Project (APFP) & Sustainable Management of Peatland Forests in Southeast Asia (SEApeat)

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Workshop on the Enhancing sustainability of Forestry Practices on Peatlands

Dates: 27-28 June 2012

Venue: IPB International Convention Center (IICC), Bogor, Indonesia

Overview

Peat Swamp forests are a unique ecosystem where the forest grows on a thick peat or organic soil layer, formed in waterlogged conditions over thousands of years. Wet and nutrient poor, this environment is nonetheless an important resource which plays an important role the socio-economy of the region as well as climate change mitigation by storing carbon as well as providing many valuable timber and non-timber forest products; and maintaining, water resources and biodiversity. SE Asia has more than 25 million ha of peatlands comprising 60% of the global tropical peatland resource.

Peat swamp forests (PSF) can be harvested on a sustainable basis, generating significant local and national benefits – however in much of the region, heavy levels of extraction have led to degradation of many peatlands. This has in turn generated interest to replace the natural forests with timber or fibre plantations. At present there are more than 10 million ha of peatland forests have been logged and a million hectares of forest plantations have been developed on peatlands in Southeast Asia – especially in Indonesia. Most of the plantations are *Acacia crassicaarpa* plantations developed for the pulp and paper industry. However there are also plantations of other species especially Jelutong, *Melaleuca* and also *Anthocephalus cadamba*. Many plantations and logged over peat swamp forests have faced challenges due to fires, subsidence and water management as well as difficulties to rehabilitate degraded areas with indigenous species. Unless peatland forests can be rehabilitated or used sustainably there will be more pressure to convert remaining areas for agriculture or other uses.

Degradation and conversion of peatlands is a major cause of GHG emission and also fires and associated transboundary haze which has been identified as a major environmental problem in the ASEAN region. Carbon conservation and reducing climate change have become major environmental issues in the global arena.

To facilitate information sharing and encourage sustainable practices in forest management and plantations, the ASEAN Secretariat and the Global Environment Centre (as Regional Project Executing Agency) in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment of Indonesia, is organizing this workshop as part of the ASEAN Peatland Forests Project (APFP) and SEApeat Project which promote sustainable management of peatlands in the Southeast Asia region.

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Objectives

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- i) Review the current management of peat swamp forests in the region.
- ii) Identify impacts and document Best Management Practices of peat swamp forests and forest plantations on peat.
- iii) Discuss the need and possible contents of guidelines for existing peat swamp forestry

Proposed Topics to be discussed:-

- **Status and trends of peatland forests in Southeast Asia**
- **Experiences and lessons learned from peatland forest management**
- **Impacts and benefits of Plantation development on peatlands**
- **Key principles of BMP for Forest Harvesting and Plantations on Peatlands**
- **Sharing of experiences and research findings, on Forest management, rehabilitation and development of plantations with *Acacia sp.*, Jelutong (*Dyera polyphylla*) *Melaleuca sp.* or Jabon (*Anthocephalus cadamba*) etc.**
- **Options for community involvement in peatland forest rehabilitation and involvement**
- **Inputs for proposed Guidelines for forestry practices on peatland**

Expected Outputs

- Enhanced understanding on options for sustainable forest management in peatlands.
- A compilation of BMP practices, related to Peatland Forest Management and rehabilitation and Peatland Plantations.
- Enhanced regional cooperation and exchange in relation to sustainable forest plantations on peatlands.

Benefits

- 1) Opportunity to share experiences on impacts and best practices for forest plantations on peatlands
- 2) Contribute your ideas to the development of Regional Guidelines for Forestry Practices on Peatlands.
- 3) Access to recent research findings which can contribute to better management and protection of land resources.

Who should attend?

Generally, all are welcome to this workshop, but it would be especially useful for the following:-

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| i) Peatland forest managers | v) Foresters |
| ii) Plantation owners/developers | vi) Researchers |
| /planners | vii) Consultants |
| iii) Policymakers | viii) NGOs |
| iv) Environmental managers | |



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Tentative Programme for Workshop on Enhancing Sustainability of Forestry Practices on Peatlands (WESFPP), 27-28 June 2012, Bogor, Indonesia

Day 1, 27 th June 2012	
8.15 – 8.45 a.m.	Registration of participants
8.50 a.m	Arrival of guests of honor and invited guests
9.00 – 9.10 a.m	Welcoming remarks by ASEC
9.10 – 9.20 a.m	Opening address by KLH, Indonesia
9.20 – 9.40 a.m	Introduction to the regional efforts of the development of Guidelines on Management of Peat Swamp Forests and Forest Plantations on peatlands <i>By ASEC/RPEA</i>
9.40 – 10.00 a.m	Status and trend of peatland forests in Southeast Asia - <i>tbc</i>
10.00-10.20 a.m	Tea Break
Session 1 : Forest Management	
10.20-10.40 a.m	Paper 1: Country Paper on the current policy and status for forestry and plantations on peatlands <i>- MoF Indonesia - tbc</i>
10.40 -11.00 a.m	Paper 2: Country Paper on the current policy and status on sustainable forest management on peatlands in Malaysia <i>- NRE Malaysia- tbc</i>
11.20 – 11.40.a.m	Paper 3: Sustainable harvesting of Peat Swamp Forests in Riau, Indonesia <i>PT Diamond Raya, Indonesia - tbc</i>
11.40– 12.00 noon	Paper 4: Sustainable Forestry and logging of Peat Swamp Forests in Malaysia <i>FRIM - tbc</i>
12.00 – 12.20 p.m	Paper 5: Subsidence and Impacts of drainage on Peat Swamp Forests and Peatlands <i>Dr. Al Hooijer - tbc</i>
12.20 – 12.40 p.m.	Paper 6: Giam Siak Kecil – Bukit Batu Biosphere Reserve: A public-private sector initiative for merging biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of tropical peat swamp forest <i>Mr. Canecio P. Munoz & Mr. Haris Surona , Sinar Mas Forestry</i>
12.40 – 1.00 p.m	Q & A

1.00 - 2.00 p.m	Lunch
Session 2a : Best Management Practices and Case Studies – Forest Plantation	
2.00 – 2.20 p.m	Paper 7: Conservation and sustainable use of Melaleuca forests on peatlands and marshes area in Camau, Viet Nam <i>Mr Pham Trung Thanh, Viet Nam</i>
2.20 -2.40 p.m	Paper 8: Management of Jelutung plantation <i>Dr Cahyo Wibowo, IPB Darmaga Bogor</i>
2.40 – 3.00 p.m	Paper 9: Responsibly managed plantations on peatland – a positive story <i>Mr. Tony Wenas, APRIL Indonesia</i>
3.00 – 3.20 p.m	<i>Tea break</i>
3.20 - 3.40 p.m	Paper 10: Peatland Development Challenges – A Case Study from Kampar Peninsula, Riau, Indonesia <i>Dr. John Bathgate, APRIL Group</i>
3.40 – 4.00p.m	Paper 11: Carbon budget in <i>A. crassicarpa</i> pulpwood plantations in peatland <i>Dr. Basuki Sumawinata (IPB Soil Science)</i>
4.00- 4.20 p.m	Paper 12: Forest Fire Management and Community Participative Approaches <i>Mr. Slamet Irianto, et al</i>
4.20 – 4.40 p.m	Paper 13: Lessons learned for forest plantations from the cultivation of oil palm on peat <i>Mr. Mukesh Sharma - tbc</i>
4.40- 5.30 p.m	Q & A/ Discussion
7.30 -8.30 p.m	Welcome dinner
Day 2, 28th June 2012	
Session 2b: Best Management Practices and Case Studies – Rehabilitation	
9.00 – 9.20 a.m	Paper 14: Peat Swamp Forest rehabilitation in Indonesia <i>Mr Iwan Tri Cahyo Wibisono, Wetlands International Indonesia</i>
9.20 – 9.40 a.m	Paper 15: Proposed Restoration of Ramin (<i>Gonystylus bancanus</i>) in peatlands in Sarawak, Malaysia <i>Mr Ernest Chai Oi Khun</i>
9.40 – 10.00 a.m	Paper 16: Peatland Management – Experience and research findings in APFP pilot site at Bestari Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia <i>Azian et al, FRIM, JPSM and SFD</i>

10.00 – 10.20 a.m	Paper 17: From carbon source to carbon sink: Large-scale rehabilitation of severely degraded peat forest in South Sumatra <i>Mr. Sambusir Yusuf, et. al.</i>
10.20 - 10.40 a.m	Tea Break
Session 3: Certification and Monitoring	
10.40 - 11.00 a.m	Paper 18: Certification of forest and plantation management in peatlands, Indonesia - <i>tbc</i>
11.00 – 11.20 a.m	Paper 19: Certification of forest management with special reference to peat swamp forests in Malaysia <i>MTCC - tbc</i>
11.20– 11.40 a.m	Paper 20: Issues and observations of Forestry Practices on peatlands – Case study of Independent Monitoring of Indonesia’s Mandatory Certification <i>Mr Mohd Zainuri Hasyim, Independent Forest Monitoring Network</i>
11.40 – 12.00 noon	Paper 21: Development and updates on eco labeling for products from peatlands <i>Lembaga Eko Label Indonesia- tbc</i>
12.00-12.30 p.m	Q&A session
12.30 – 2.00 p.m	Lunch
Break out group discussion	
2.00 – 3.45 p.m	Discussion on measures to strengthen management of PSF and existing plantations on Peat Break-out Group Room 1 : Peat Swamp Forest Management/Rehabilitation Room 2 : Existing Forest Plantations on Peat
3.45-4.00 p.m	Tea break
4.00-5.00 p.m	Plenary Session Presentation Group 1 Presentation Group 2 Discussion
5.00-5.30p.m	Closing Remarks
Day 3, 29th June 2012	
9.00 – 11.00a.m	Visit to Bogor Botanical Garden & Palace (optional)

Call for Papers:

Prospective presenters are invited to submit an abstract for oral presentation before 21 May 2012.

Participants who would like to present a paper relevant to one of the proposed topics may send **an abstract of 250-300 words** to the secretariat, Ms. Azura Ahmad <azura@gec.org.my> and c.c. Ms. Chin Sing Yun <chinsy@gec.org.my>. The abstract should include the full name and e-mail address of the prospective speaker, title of the paper and keywords. Accepted speakers will be required to submit their presentation before the workshop and manuscript by 15 August 2012.

Registration:

Good News! – The registration fee is now waived, thanks to the support of the Ministry of Environment, Indonesia. However, Participants should bear their own costs for travel and accommodation. Complete the attached form and return to us by **11th June 2012** to book your seats. **Registration is based on first come first serve basis.** Late submission of the participation form will not be accepted.

Important Dates:

Early Bird registration closes 21 May 2012

Deadline for submission of abstract 21 May 2012

Notification of acceptance/rejection of presentation 28 May 2012

Deadline for registration as Speaker 01 June 2012

Deadline for registration as Participant 11 June 2012

Final programme June 2012

Deadline for submission of presentation 20 June 2012

Deadline for proceeding manuscript 15 August 2012

Workshop Language:

English will be the official language of the workshop and translation services will not be available.

Venue of the Workshop:

IPB International Convention Center (IICC), Bogor, Indonesia

The IICC is located close to Santika Hotel Bogor and the DAMRI bus station in Bogor Botani Square.

Travelling information:

Accommodations

Participants are required to make their own hotel arrangements and pay directly to the hotel.

Hotels within walking distance to the Conference Centre are:

1. Hotel Santika Jalan Raya Pajajaran Botani Square, Bogor Selatan. Tel: +62 817 665 2011 www.santika .com	2. Hotel Amaris Jl. Raya Padjajaran No 25, Bogor Selatan. Tel: +62 817 665 2011 www.amarishotel.com	3. Hotel Permata Jl. Pajajaran Raya, No. 35, Bogor Selatan. Tel: (62-251) 8318 007 www.permatahotel.com
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Transportation:

For those flying in via Jakarta, the available options for transfer to Bogor are:

1. DAMRI airport bus

A bus leaves for Bogor city every 30 minutes, the bus stop in Bogor is next to Botani Square Mall. Fare is Rp35.000 per person.

2. Taxi

Any taxi can transport you to Bogor, but due to distance, the metered fare might come to quite a bit. The cost is approximately USD15-30 for one-way travel, inclusive of toll charges. Blue Bird taxis are recommended.

3. Car rental

You can also arrange for transfer with a car rental company.

For further information and assistance, please contact:

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Please (x) where applicable.

() I wish to make an oral presentation on a paper entitled:

() I will attend as a participant

Full Name (as in passport/IC)	
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Any restrictions on food and activities due to health or religious reasons? (E.g. vegetarian, asthmatic, allergy etc.)	() Yes () No If yes, please specify _____
Do you need a visa to come to Indonesia and require a support letter?	() Yes () No
I would like to participate in the site visit to Bogor Botanical Garden	() Yes () No

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