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Executive Summary

Budget for 2008 developed in a participatory process involving stakeholders. The process is first step towards formation of multi stakeholder governing council. During the first quarter of the year, the work was concentrated in implementing ongoing monitoring and strengthening of sustainable forest management systems. Community monitoring teams traversed around 871 km within Leuser Ecosystem, in Ulu Masen villagers trained in photographic monitoring. Mobile patrol units reported 327 cases of illegal logging involving 1485 tn wood and encroachment of 2779 ha of land at 216 places. The findings were shared with law enforcement agencies. In the process of Ultra light aircrafts 'non-commercial transportation' certificate has been obtained and it is expected that by next quarter required 'operator' certificate will be obtained and it will be commissioned. Second advanced training for law enforcement staff was conducted jointly by LIF and FFI at Jantho. 52 participants from eight Kabupatens, BKSDA and BTNGL participated. World Bank mission visited the training programme and interacted with participants and got feedback. Preparation of procurement list of Polhut (forest police) initiated with Department of forests. Two day man-animal conflict mitigation strategy workshop organized to socialize the national strategy and modify it to local conditions. Forty delegates from government and non governmental agencies participated. The final report mostly likely approved by Government of Aceh and will be launched in next quarter. One training for mitigating man-crocodile conflict conducted in Ulu Masen in collaboration with Australian Zoo. AFEP has been key partner in forestry redesign team constituted by Governor Aceh. The redesign team is fully supported by AFEP in terms of resources, personnel and techniques. Various maps prepared by AFEP team provided to redesign team for planning. LIF and FFI are fully involved in mapping forests of Aceh, in translating 'Green Aceh' vision declared by Governor Aceh.

LIF and FFI have provided GIS based information systems to government in promoting eco friendly development. Environmental impacts of mining in Aceh Besar provided to district government. Assisted state environmental body BAPEDALDA with environmental impact assessment studies. Village spatial planning completed in three villages, initiated in two villages in Leuser Ecosystem. 3 mukims visited to discuss about spatial planning. Planning for rehabilitation started in 6 sites in Leuser Ecosystem area. 21 news items appeared in various print media. The Leuser Bulletin and Ulu Masen bulletin published and distributed to stakeholders. 24 senior school teachers were trained in revising the buku ajar guru. The book is currently being used as supplementary reader for science. In Ulu Masen Aceh Jaya district environmental awareness activities were conducted, 766 students participated in the event. The environmental education facility being built by LIF is in advanced stage of completion. Procurement of various goods are currently in process.

COMPONENT 1. EFFECTIVE PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LEUSER AND ULU MASEN ECOSYSTEMS

Key objective 1. Leuser and Ulu Masen forest monitoring and protection systems and procedures are strengthened and implemented.

Key performance indicators (numbered):

- 1. Community participation in joint monitoring activities** in target areas implemented at a level (e.g. Leuser Ecosystem (LE): 30 villages, Ulu Masen (UM): 10 mukims), intensity, and frequency agreed with communities.

Relevant Activities

From the Leuser Ecosystem

In the month of January 4 Community monitoring teams with the help of local villagers traversed 252 km. In February six teams covered 269.2 km while in the month of March six teams covered 350 km length within Leuser Ecosystem and critical wildlife areas were patrolled. In all 84 signs of Rhino, 131 signs of Bear, 201 signs of Sumatran Tiger, 58 signs of Orangutans and one sign of Rufflisia were encountered. The situation inside the forest area appeared reasonably quiet. The monitoring teams did not encounter any major illegal activities. Aceh Tenggara, Gayo Lues and Aceh Selatan districts were covered during the quarter.

Mobile patrolling teams mostly patrolled areas bordering Leuser Ecosystem. In the month of January 149 cases of illegal logging approximately 453.5 tonnes of illegal wood, 104 cases of land clearing and encroachment of 1439 ha of area has been reported. In February 144 illegal logging cases with 560.23 tons of wood and 106 cases of land clearance and encroachment 869 ha while in month of March 134 cases of illegal logging with 471.8 tons of wood while 16 cases of land clearance and encroachment of 477.5 ha of land has been reported. During the quarter 5000 mt of road opening was also reported. All 12 districts of Leuser Ecosystem were covered.

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

Training for local communities in photographic monitoring of forest activities conducted in Manee and Geumpang (Pidie). Results from the training are being collated and a workshop is planned in the next quarter with participants to prepare final materials and findings, and plan for future networking between community monitors in the Ulu Masen.

- 2. Provide logistical support and facilities** (such as airstrips, airplanes, field stations, equipment, etc.) in quantities, and by a timeline, specified in

the project's procurement plans.

Relevant Activities

Procurement of microlight aircraft: the Ministry of Communications through the Directorate General of Air Transportation issued a non-commercial transport license on 11 March 2008. The next step is to obtain the "OCI" (operator certificate).

The Procurement plan has been submitted to WB and approval has been obtained.

From the Leuser Ecosystem

The construction of the LCC building in Banda Aceh was 70% complete by the end of March 2008. The construction of the roof for the third floor and the wall for the second floor were in progress.

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

Equipment support for the newly recruited Polhut is being prepared by Dinas Kehutanan. Once the list is finalized the World Bank procurement procedures will be initiated to procure the items. It is expected that the process will be completed by second quarter of 2008.

- 3. Fifteen trainees from conservation agency staff will receive advanced training** in forest crime prevention and detection, in each of 2007, 2008, and 2009, with target that 25% of all female employees will receive training.

Relevant Activities

Second round of Law Enforcement Refreshment Training conducted in Jantho, Aceh Besar 10-17 February 2008. 52 forest guards trained with allocation of participants from Dinas Kehutanan Provinsi NAD, BKSDA Provinsi NAD, BTNGL (the Gunung Leuser National Park) Wilayah VI Besitang, and Dinas Kehutanan from Kabupaten Aceh Besar, Aceh Jaya, Pidie, Pide Jaya, Aceh Timur, Aceh Tamiang and Kota Langsa.

Objectives: Conduct need-based training to strengthen forest law enforcement agencies in Aceh. Improved collaboration and information sharing with law enforcement agencies to increase efficiency. Conduct training for forestry field staff in all districts of Aceh, provide theoretic as well as practical inputs and practice joint monitoring with the departments. Increase the capacity of forest law enforcement agencies to strengthen the protection of forest conservation areas in Aceh.

Syllabus is based on the CTCR-LIF need assessment conducted in 10 districts in Aceh in October 2007 and improved after evaluation of the first training conducted in Tapaktuan in December 2007. Subjects covered including Forest

Redesign Process in Aceh, Forest Department Organizational Structure, Forest Laws and Regulations, Detection and Documentation of Forest Crimes, Conservation of Natural Resources, Investigation Strategies, Communication, Identification of Tree and Wood Species, Navigation, Map reading, Practical use of Navigation tools, Law Enforcement, Making of Work Plans, Report Writing, Man-Animal Conflict, Survey of Illegal Activities (illegal logging, encroachment).

Training conducted jointly by LIF and FFI, trainers from Taman Nasional Bukit Duabelas – Jambi, Departemen Kehutanan Jakarta, Aceh Forest Redesign Team, Dinas Kehutanan Provinsi NAD, Polda Provinsi NAD, BTNGL, Dinas Kehutanan Aceh Timur, Fakultas Biologi UNSYIAH, LIF and FFI staff.

The training has been evaluated by the participants with good results, and the inputs will be used to further improve the training program.

Third and last round of the training is planned to be conducted during the first half of 2008, to cover remaining districts in Aceh, namely Aceh Tengah, Bener Meriah, Gayo Lues, Aceh Tenggara, Bireun and Aceh Utara.

- 4. 95% of forest guards contracted by the provincial forestry service (*Dinas Kehutanan*) receive support** (training and equipment) by March 2008, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between *Dinas Kehutanan*

Relevant Activities

From the Leuser Ecosystem: Polhut equipment and support requirements have been prepared out for preparing the procurement list and getting approvals from WB

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem: Agreement between FFI and DisHut on support for Polhut still to be developed. Pending recruitment of new Technical Advisor for FFI Aceh.

- 5. Two protocols for Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC) management developed** and proposed in consultation with GOI agencies by June 2008.

Relevant Activities

A two day workshop for man-animal conflict reduction strategy for Aceh was organized on 16-17 of Feb 2008. Forty one participants from various conservation agencies participated. BKSDA, LIF and FFI (AFEP) organized the workshop. Representatives from PHKA, BTNGL, BPKEL, ZSL, WCS and LSM participated. The main objectives of the workshop were to socialize the National level wildlife conflict mitigation strategies; identify major areas of conflict in Aceh province; the intensity of damage and loss; mitigation strategies in vogue at the moment and possible solutions best suited for the local context. Wildlife conflict

mitigation was identified as key issue for successful wildlife conservation and wider acceptability by the local communities. Draft protocols for both tiger and elephant HWC mitigation in Sumatra have been prepared by the Department of Forestry with major input from project staff.

From the Leuser Ecosystem :

No wildlife conflict cases reported during the reported period. Aceh Utara there was one family of elephants found disturbing villagers. Fire crackers were used to scare away. The villagers were supported with materials for operation.

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

A joint FFI-BKSDA-Australia zoo team visited Woyla in Aceh Barat district to provide training in local communities on mitigation on human-crocodile conflict, as well a conducting habitat and crocodile surveys. Besides training, the team also developed informational signs in Acehnese to be posted in high risk areas.

Comprehensise surveys for elephants (and other large mammal species including tigers) are being conducted thoroughout the Ulu Masen to obtain a better idea of the distribution and migration routes of these species.

Human-elephant conflict assessments were also conducted in the Meureuboh, Aceh Barat, and Krueng Sabee, Aceh Jaya, and Geumpang/Manee, Pidie.

- 6. Field-level monitoring of target areas** at least once every 2 months.
100% of UM and LE monitored using remote sensing every year.

Relevant Activities

As part of the Aceh Forestry Redesign process (see below), spatial data sets are being collected from all agencies operating in Aceh that have GIS capability, including the BBR SIM-C, the AGDC, government agencies (such as the Forestry Planning and Mapping agency and the National Land Registry office) and donor projects operating in Aceh. This data will be collated and analysed to provide the baseline for the development of the Strategic Plan for forestry in Aceh.

The redesign team met 4 times for series of discussions and had achieved the following progress.

1. Compiled the Strategic Plan for the Management of Aceh Forests, comprising:
 - a. The Triple R Program (Redesign, Reforestation and Reducing Deforestation)
 - b. Model for Community-based Forest Management System (PHBM)
 - c. Community areas and model area utilisation for communities and alternative livelihood for communities
 - d. Lasting forest zone
 - e. Potential for the management of ecotourism and agrotourism
2. Academic manuscript, complex data and the assessment of the needs of Aceh forest condition
3. Forest atlas (as a basis for the synchronization of spatial planning)

The whole output will be submitted in processing the spatial plan and the Aceh forest management plan in order to obtain sanctioning from the Governor.

From the Leuser Ecosystem

Produced maps for ground monitoring and support spatial planning. Produce 52 maps for Government Agencies NAD. Produce 32 maps for North Sumatra University, Syiah Kuala University and Muhammadiyah University North Sumatra. Produce 13 maps for NGO. Produce 4 maps for Private Company/ Individuals. Data sharing for Strategic Planning for Aceh Forest Development Team, PT. Indocafco, SAMPALA AL-AZHAR, CV. Abdi Kreasy Konsultan, Cut Hindon, MAPALA UMSU.

Built data base for forest monitoring:

- Create digital raster graphic (DRG) using 50.000 scale topographic maps for some areas in Leuser Ecosystem.
- Interpretation and calculation of Leuser forest cover in Sumatra Utara 2000
- Finalize Land Use Land Cover (LULC) interpretation of Aceh Tengah District 2005/2006
- Finalize Land Use Land Cover (LULC) interpretation of Aceh Utara District 2005/2006
- Land Use Land Cover (LULC) interpretation of Aceh Timur District
- Forest Cover reinterpretation 1990, 2000 and 2005/2006

Analyze Terms of Reference (TOR) and project activity schedule from SARVISION for Radar Data Processing

Forest cover change analysis completed for the period 1990-2000 and 2005 for the LE and Aceh area. The results were presented to Steering committee and World Bank mission.

Two aerial surveys for zonation were undertaken.

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

Field visits by project staff in conjunction with local stakeholders identified illegal logging and habitat destruction occurring in several areas of the Ulu Masen, including:

Land clearing of logged over forests in Tutut, Tungkop dan Aneuk Manyak villages (Kec Sungai Mas, Aceh Barat) with permission being given out by the local forestry office, who was supplying rubber and oil palm seedlings. In Kecamatan Pante Ceureumen, an illegal saw mill was identified in Pante Ceureumen village.

In the Lamno area of Aceh Jaya, daytime illegal timber processing activities are limited but evidence is being collected of extensive illegal night time activities, with possible involvement of local law enforcement agencies.

Key objective 2. Sustainable forest and ecosystem management institutions developed and operational.

- 7. Six sub-district zonation/conservation plans developed**, completed and delivered to local governments through participatory processes by the end of the project.

Relevant Activities

From the Leuser Ecosystem: Zonation activity in six districts was completed during year 2007. See Activity 2.1 below

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

See Mukim planning activities (Component 2, Indicator 9 below)

- 8. Formation of regional multistakeholder bodies** and consultation structures for forest and conservation management at district or lower level as recommended by the Strategic Forestry Plan for Aceh.¹

Relevant Activities

The Forestry Redesign team was formally established by Governor's decree on October 31st, 2007, and following negotiations with the Provincial Forestry office, an office was allocated for use by the team. Key team members (Coordinator, Secretary, and Administrative assistant) were recruited, key consultants for institutional planning and development, and conservation were identified and recruited. A brochure explaining the function of the team was also prepared. The team began work in earnest in January, and plans to present initial findings to the Governor in April 2008.

- 9. Facilitate legislation of 10 Mukim (UM) and 30 Village (Gampong) (LE) local-level agreements** regarding forest management and conservation (in their respective areas) by the project's end.

Relevant Activities

¹ The Strategic Forestry Plan for Aceh will be the culmination of the Forestry Redesign process which began October 2007. Numbers, role and locations of multi-stakeholder bodies and consultation structures will be informed by this plan.

From the Leuser Ecosystem

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

The mukim planning process which has begun in Krueng Sabee, Aceh Jaya (see Component 2, Indicator 9 below) represents the initial phase of this process.

10. Four proposals/requests for external funding of management completed and delivered by the end of 2008.

Relevant Activities

From the Leuser Ecosystem

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

COMPONENT 2. INTEGRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS INTO ACEH'S RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROCESS

Key objective 1. Environmental/conservation considerations integrated into spatial planning and development planning.

Key performance indicators (numbered):

- 1. Draft Spatial planning reports (one provincial and seven district) delivered to local and provincial governments by end of 2009, with environmental and conservation inputs reflected in maps.**

Relevant Activities

From the Leuser Ecosystem

Provide GIS-support (maps) and advice regarding environmental impacts of mining of iron ore ("Pertambangan Biji Besi") and information regarding environmental conditions in the eco-village in Kwala Bak Ue-Aceh Besar-NAD.

Provide GIS-support regarding environmental field conditions of locations visited by the Bapedalda NAD Team in Kabupaten Pidie, Aceh Besar and Banda Aceh in relation to coordination of environmental management in NAD.

Completed mapping of settlement distribution in the Pisang village, which supports the village spatial planning process. Completed mapping of settlement distribution in the Pengidam village, which supports the village spatial planning process.

Gave technical advice and spatial planning inputs to the deliberations proceeding AMDAL recommendations regarding the Jantho-Keumala-Gempang-Peume-

Takengaon road building project and gold mining activities in Nagan Raya and Bandara Lasikin-Simelue.

Meetings and discussions with Bappeda Aceh Tamiang regarding Aceh Tamiang Spatial Planning program.

Initial survey, identification and coordination regarding the village spatial planning program in Kecamatan Serbadjadi, Kabupaten Aceh Timur. The program will be implemented in April 2008.

Finalizing the village spatial planning document for Pisang village, Labuhan Haji, Aceh Selatan. Preparation of village spatial planning guidelines to be followed during future village spatial planning programs, whereof five programs will be implemented during 2008.

Gave technical advice and spatial planning inputs to the deliberations proceeding AMDAL recommendations regarding the ex-KKA (from Krueng Geukoh to Takengon) road building project and QUARY mining of minerals (category C) in Kwala Ligan, Aceh Barat Daya.

Provided GIS-support and location maps to Bapedalda NAD together with advice regarding environmental impacts of the establishment of oil palm plantations in Nagan Raya district and environmental impacts of mining of minerals (category C) in Sabang, Aceh Besar.

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

Support has been provided to the Forestry Redesign team with the acquisition of existing draft spatial plans for districts within the Ulu Masen area, to allow for analysis of where these conflict with strategic forestry planning for the province.

Key objective 2. Environmental and conservation awareness and education efforts developed.

- 2. 12 articles per year printed/broadcast in local and/or national media** (print and/or electronic) on environmental management and forest protection issues that are attributable to AFEP.

Relevant Activities

From the Leuser Ecosystem

The LIF or AFEP is mentioned in 21 news clippings from January to March 2008 compared to seven in the same period the previous year. Topics included Training of Forestry Police Officers, Human-Wildlife Conflicts and AFEP contribution to Green Aceh as reported by the media including Waspada, Serambi and Analisa daily papers.

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

Project staff prepared 4 articles that were carried in local print media on environmental issues in Ulu Masen.

3. **Subgrants with a total value of \$40,000 provided to NGOs** with appropriate TORs, with technical reports (that document the delivery of subgrant goals) to be provided.

Relevant Activities

From the Leuser Ecosystem

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

The mechanisms for soliciting, evaluating proposals and awarding grants are being finalized by the Small Grants officer.

4. **Monthly project bulletins delivered** to forest conservation agencies, targeted district governments and schools within 2 weeks of publication.

Relevant Activities

From the Leuser Ecosystem

Monthly Leuser Bulletins produced and distributed for January and February 2008. 987 copies are distributed each month to various parties including stakeholders (World Bank, Forestry Department, BRR, relevant local government agencies and Bupatis) as well as NGO's. Articles included reports on the training of Forestry Police officers, overflight monitoring activities, Awareness Raising through Friday sermons in mosques, Tiger Population Survey and number of illegal activities monitored in the Leuser Ecosystem. The format for the bulletin has been further ennobled since March 2008. The number of pages has been increased to 12 with the inclusion of news summaries in English to reach English-speaking readers. This monthly bulletin is also uploaded regularly to the LIF website.

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

Third edition of Ulu Masen bulletin prepared, published, and distributed in January, while the fourth edition has been prepared for printing. The third edition was primarily about marine issues with the main focus of the 4th edition is the Aceh Green Vision being promoted by the Governor of Aceh, with a special article on the Panggong village, and various informational articles about wildlife and environmental issues in northern Aceh.

5. **500 school teachers trained** and provided with environmental and conservation curriculum materials; 500 school eco-clubs active in 12 target districts by the end of 2009.

Relevant Activities

From the Leuser Ecosystem

Identify 24 Senior High School teachers from 12 kabupaten in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam to be involved in the workshop of the Leuser Text Book revision. Five (5) eco clubs from five schools in Aceh Selatan, Aceh Timur, and Aceh Tenggara have registered and been given support for their first environmental activity.

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

10 schools in Teunom sub-district, Aceh Jaya visited to conduct environmental awareness activities including slide shows, songs and puppet show. Total number of students involved: 766 students.

6. **Completion of two conservation education and awareness facilities** (one in Lhoong, and the other in Banda Aceh) by the end 2008.

Relevant Activities

From the Leuser Ecosystem:

Construction of Environmental education facility in Banda Aceh started in the month of January 2008. RCC roof completed. The work is progressing fast and it is expected that by June end the unit will become operational.

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

2 hectares of land given by Aceh Besar government has been assessed and FFI staff has conducted meeting with local people around the area.

Key objective 3. Community-based forest and ecosystems rehabilitation for livelihoods and environmental services implemented.

7. **50 nurseries to be established and operational as small businesses** in target areas by the end of 2009.

Relevant Activities

From the Leuser Ecosystem

Conducted preliminary survey/critical land identification for four villages namely desa Salimpipit, Lawe Malum, Lawe Sumur and Desa Alur Baning. Completed social surveys at four villages, namely desa Salimpipit, Lawe Malum,

Lawe Sumur and desa Alur Baning.

Completed social economic data entry for four villages, namely desa Salimpipit, Lawe Malum, Lawe Sumur and desa Alur Baning.

Prepared proposal compilation and village negotiation at four villages, namely desa Salimpipit, Lawe malum, Lawe Sumur and Alur baning

Nursery will be established in May 2004 at four villages, namely desa Salimpipit, Lawe Malum, Lawe Sumur and desa Alur Baning

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

Conducted LIF-FFI comparative studies on land rehabilitation at desa Meuden Kec. Aceh Jaya, Desa Krakmong, Meunasah Kulam and Desa Alue Gruh Kecamatan Sampoinet, Desa Panggoh Kecamatan Krung Sabee Kabupaten Aceh Jaya.

- 8. 5,000 ha of degraded land replanted/restored**, with a level of community involvement (and choice of plantings) as agreed with target communities by the end of 2009.

Relevant Activities

From the Leuser Ecosystem

There is a plan to do planting at three locations at desa Pengidam to be done in February- March 2009 covering an area of 300 hectares.

According to the plan, planting at desa Salimpipit, Lawe Malum, Lawe Sumur and desa Alur Baning will be done in May - June 2009 covering an area of 100 hectares respectively.

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

See 7 above. Also in Datar Luas (Aceh Jaya), agreement reached with local community on mechanism for agroforestry activity payments.

- 9. Livelihood enhancement activities designed and launched** in five districts and areas identified in advance (e.g. areas with forest threats from local activities).

Relevant Activities

From the Leuser Ecosystem

Identification of NGOs and other institutions in NAD experienced with livelihood programs. 13 organizations identified, whereof 8 was considered as potential partners and one potential donor.

Continuation of previous livelihood survey. Field evaluation of IDEP-GFS programs in Aceh. Livelihood assessment report produced with recommendations for further action and partnership with IDEP-GFS.

Village survey and development of fishpond livelihood program for Pisang village.

Kecamatan Labuhanhaji, Kabupaten Aceh Selatan. The program will be implemented in April 2008.

From the Ulu Masen Ecosystem

Mukim-level planning initiated with field visits to 3 mukims (Krueng Sabee, Panga Pucok and Sarah Raya) in Aceh Jaya district, followed by planning activities with local community in Krueng Sabee mukim, with initial meeting formally opened by the Camat of Krueng Sabee.

Planning was conducted in 3 working groups, with key issues identified as follows:

Group I: Natural resources: limited access to farmland, no irrigation, and unclear mukim regulatory framework;

Group II: General mukim development issues: the role of the mukim and staff (such as pawang uteun, panglima krueng dan kejrun blang) in regulating natural resource use not functional, also not yet acting as effective intermediary between local government and communities.

Group III: general conditions: no electrical supply, roads in poor condition, and no irrigation.

A team has been formed to formulate development and activity plans for the period 2008 – 2013.

COMPONENT 3. EFFECTIVE AND TRANSPARENT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

Component three activities relate to project management and administration, and therefore will not be included in this report. Indicators for this component are, however, included in the results summary, and successful implementation of Component three will ensure that the project can make the interventions shown in the intervention Logic and will therefore contribute indirectly to the project's development objective.

'This report is based upon the project's results framework, intervention logic, and objectively verifiable performance indicators. In order to facilitate a better understanding of the relationship between the project's activities, outcomes, and objectives, all activities reported in this document are categorized logically according to how their outcomes relate to the project's various objectives. This report will employ the following levels of categorization from highest (least number of groupings) to lowest (highest number of groupings)'