

Lubuk Beringin Village Forest: The First in Indonesia



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On March 30, 2009, more than 2,000 people witnessed the inauguration of the first village forest (*Hutan Desa*) by the Forestry Minister at Lubuk Beringin village of Jambi Province. The 2,356 ha of the Bukit Panjang - Rantau Bayur forest is designated under the management of Lubuk Beringin village administration. Under the Forestry Minister Regulation No. P.49/Menhut-II/2008, village communities can be granted legal right to manage state forests for their own prosperity. This designation is considered crucial in the country where contested rules between the state and local communities over use and protection of forest have been recognized as a threat to forests, their biodiversity, C stocks and watershed functions, as well as to local livelihoods. Previous investment in bonding and bridging forms of social capital in the village allowed the *Hutan Desa* proposal to be made and approved, assisted by the ambition of Jambi province to be an early adopter of REDD schemes to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. RUPES Program is proud to be part of the process.

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