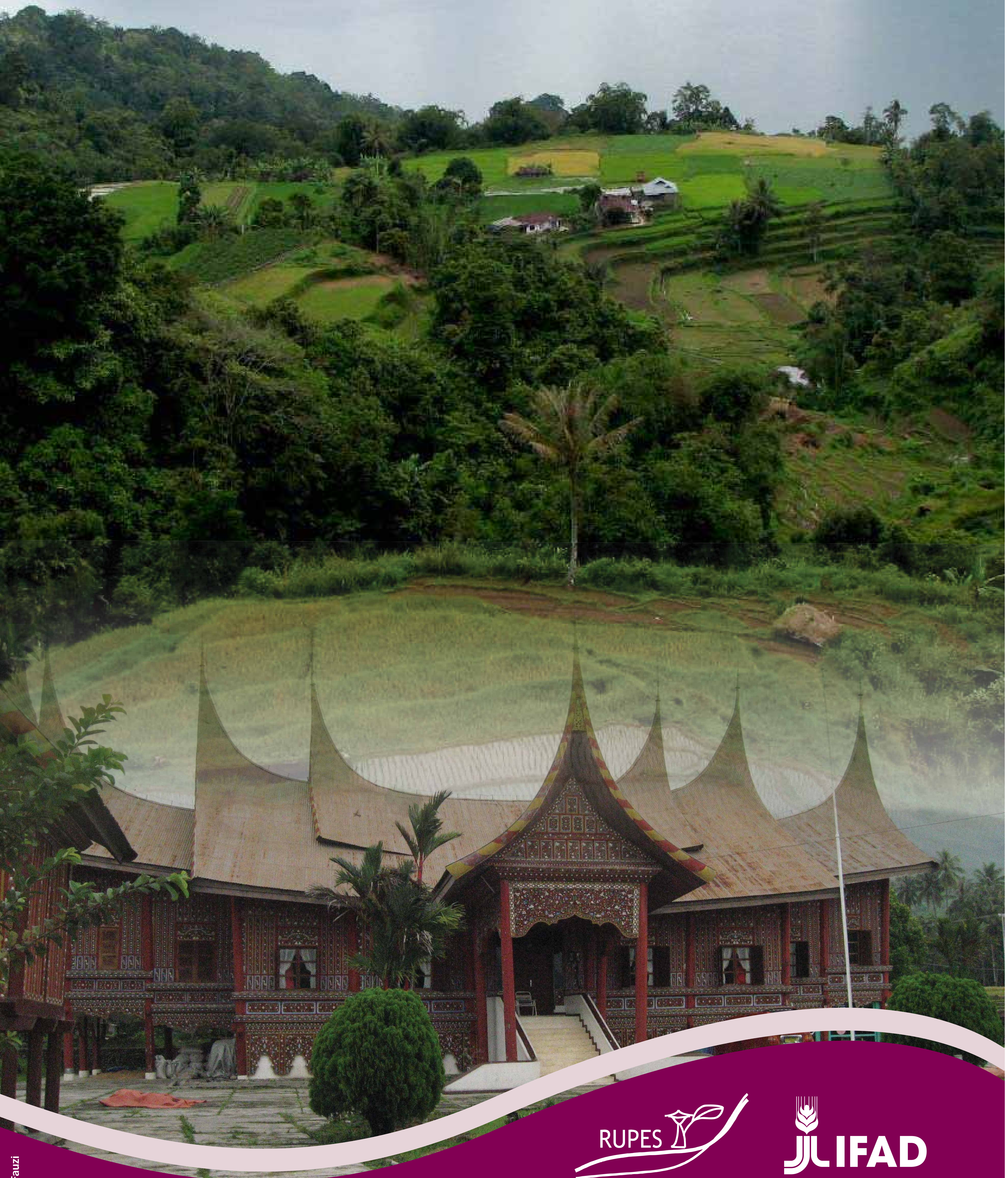


Voluntary Carbon Trade, Now Come True!



More than 40 smallholder farmers around Singkarak Lake of West Sumatra, Indonesia, have entered into a voluntary carbon trade agreement with a Netherlands based company, CO₂ Operate B.V. During the 10 year contract period (2009-2018), each farmer gets Rp. 10,000,000 (or USD 1,000) per hectare land they plant with various tree species with optimum ability to store carbon. No less than 28,000 trees have been planted covering more than 28 hectares of mainly *imperata* grassland area. RUPES facilitates the deal and will provide technical assistance during the contract period. The stakeholders of Singkarak integrated watershed management have now enjoyed the fruit of long process of trust building and scientific-based decision making facilitated by RUPES since 2005. Singkarak watershed is RUPES II action research site.

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