

Indonesia The Spread and Enlargement of the 'Green Wall'

News from the Field

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A New Phase Begins

The project, begun in 2008, has entered a new phase. The *Green Wall* is not just focusing on the existing 300 ha of reforestation activities but is also an instrument to catalyze other broader partners to reforest 10,000 ha of degraded land of buffer zones of the national park. To reach the overall target, Daikin reforestation should be replicated. In this new phase in 2014, we started new activities to expand the Green Wall while continuing to manage the young 300-hectare forest and support local communities to improve people's lives.



Forest Management

Monthly monitoring of the forest is performed together with the local community and national park rangers. Most of the trees have grown up to have strong resistance to severe weather and disease. During this reporting period, the rainy season had not yet started; therefore, we have not been able to replace dying trees.

The *Green Wall* project also has received a visit from 25 conservation trainees from the Ministry of Forestry, who were interested to learn about it.



Institutional arrangement and capacity building

Under the project, fruit trees were planted to support the local agriculture industry. We believe that it's necessary to organize village cooperatives in order to ensure that these fruit trees bring profit to local farmers. We conducted a socialization meeting with 20 park staff to plan the overall activities, and then explained the plan to local communities. Park staff and the communities were very supportive of our plan.



Meeting with national park staff (left) and with the local community (right)

To raise public awareness about the village cooperative, we involved some of the cooperative institutions to provide outreach and training to the community about the basics of the cooperative, products, and markets. This event was attended by approximately 45 people, who met at the village office.



Cooperative training for the community (left) and participants of the cooperative training (right)

Increasing media campaign and communication

We published a book entitled "A Journey of the Pictures." The book contains narratives and photo documentation of the history of the Green Wall since the beginning in 2008 and until 2014. We distributed the book to partners.



Sign board

A new sign board was installed in September. There are now three sign boards on the site. With the help of local communities, the sign boards are regularly maintained and weeds around are removed to ensure that the names are always visible.



June 2014



August 2014
First information sign



September 2014



July 2014



August 2014
Second information sign



September 2014



The third information sign, erected in September 2014

Harvest Festival

In Indonesia, there are several rice harvests every year. But this season's harvest was a special one. A festival was held at which many people took part to show their gratitude for nature's bounty and to enjoy eating together to celebrate their hard work and success.



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