

“PARTICIPATORY FOREST MANAGEMENT FOR UTILIZATION OF NON-IMBER FOREST PRODUCTS (NTFPS) IN INDONESIA”

NTFPs (non-timber forest products) play a vital role in sustaining rural communities both in Rinjani and Mutis Timau, Indonesia particularly those living close to forest areas. Despite the high dependence on NTFPs among forest users, there are still many barriers inhibiting the generation of greater benefits from these resources. In Nusa Tenggara, such barriers include (1) low capacities by local communities for processing and marketing of NTFP's; and (2) weak policy for its sustainable utilization.

In order to address these issues, WWF Indonesia in collaboration with Forestry Services Unit both in West Nusa Tenggara and East Nusa Tenggara, Ministry of Forestry (BPDASPS), are working to advocate the development of local laws and policies that would be supportive to community-based forest management and NTFP livelihood development, and develop skills in processing NTFPs and accessing markets.

The project is collecting data/information from stakeholders in order to prepare a Management Plan for Non-Timber Forest Products for Central and North Lombok districts (NTFP-MP), which is a document of a medium-term, five-year plan (2013-2017).

The project also focuses on the development assistance to community based enterprises and partners in the area. Until now, the project has facilitated the establishment of three NTFPs business groups, focused in wild honey and in bamboo, by providing training in topics such as quality control, costing, pricing and accounting, and by enhancing the capabilities of the business groups to access local and regional markets.



FGD with community groups in Rinjani – Lombok (photo by: Adi Bimarta/WWF ID-2012)



Bamboo Furniture Making Training in Mutis Timau (Photo by: Yeni Nomeni/WWF ID-2013)

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