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Case Study Information Sheet

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Country: Indonesia

Title: Cattle, Cockatoos, Chameleons and Ninja Turtles: Seeking Sustainability in Forest Management and Conservation in Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia

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Abstract: This case study draws on the experiences of the Nusa Tenggara Uplands Development Consortium, an inter-agency network which seeks to address key technical, institutional and policy issues related to poverty alleviation and environmental conservation in this region. The paper summarizes the evolution of this network and the lessons learnt in mitigating conflicts and building collaborative approaches to forest management in 8 priority conservation areas selected within this region of Indonesia. Key interventions made to enable a multi-stakeholder forest management approach include: community organizing, coalition building, participatory research, training and capacity building. The forest management disputes in this area have been classified into four main issues - legal, regulatory and procedural; policy and program implementation; economic and livelihood; and social and cultural factors. From this regional experience the authors present some general lessons for mitigating conflicts and building collaborative approaches to forest and conservation management: (i) use a regional, multi-site approach; (ii) adopt a multi-community, inter-agency and ecosystems based unit of analysis and decision making; and (iii) include “communities of interest” or all stakeholders active in decision-making through participatory research efforts, public meetings, etc.

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