The inception meeting of ACIAR Program FST/2008/030 was undertaken on 16-17 June 2011. This ACIAR program involved several organizations: (1) Australian National University (ANU), (2) Forestry Research and Development Agency (FORDA), (3) Gadjah Mada University (UGM), (4) Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), (5) World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Indonesia, and (6) Trees 4 Trees (T4T).

**Objective**

The program aims to undertake in-depth analytical research of the three dominant business models used in CBCF in Indonesia.

The key objectives of the programs are: (1) conducting a 'social dimensions' analysis of the community context in which the three CBCF models operate, and designing a framework for assessing the livelihood outcomes for the rural communities involved in CBCF initiatives (‘forestry livelihoods’ framework), (2) critically evaluating the dominant business models of community-based commercial forestry (CBCF) being implemented by government and the private sector, (3) increasing the capacity of the farmer forest groups participating in CBCF initiatives, so farmers are able to make better investment decisions, and (4) engaging and influencing priority stakeholders to create the optimum conditions (eg. governance requirements) for the effective implementation of the selected CBCF initiatives.

The meeting agreed on several items as follows:

1. **Criteria of location (refer to p. 26 Project Proposal):** (a) Expansion of community forestry, (b) Different markets for smallholders, (c) Different species for smallholder, (d) Different CBCF models (eg. Govt, NGO, private sector), (e) Different stages of CBCF development (early to mature), (f) Socio-cultural diversity (appreciation for trees correlates to low deforestation), and (e) Familiarity by project team.

2. **Chosen location and location coordinator:** Bulukumba (Forda Makassar), Konawe (Forda Makassar), Gunung Kidul (UGM), Pati (T4T) and Semamung (WWF).

3. **Progress report will be presented regularly (each 12 months) in the period of the program (2011-2015), also there will be annual project meeting.**

4. **Outputs will be in the form of project reports (regular and final report), training workshops (in the project locations), publications (scientific papers and public communication).**
Main Project Activities

Objective 1:
1.1. Conduct ‘social dimension’ analysis
1.2. Literature review of rural livelihood frameworks
1.3. Prepare discussion paper on ‘forestry livelihoods’ framework
1.4. Conduct training workshops with local partners in 5 locations
1.5. Finalized framework published

Objective 2:
2.1. Conduct ‘value chain’ analysis, assess livelihood impacts using ‘forestry livelihoods framework’
2.2. Conduct training workshop with local partners
2.3. Review of improved CBCF models

Objective 3:
3.1. Conduct ‘skills and knowledge’ appraisal of farmer forest groups
3.2. Design ‘learning approach’ for farmer forest groups
3.3. Conduct training with targeted farmer forest groups
3.4. Evaluate ‘learning approach’

Objective 4:
4.1. Project team/Project Leader to meet with Project Advisor every 12 months
4.2. Prepare project newsletter and distribute
4.3. Prepare policy briefs
4.4. Conduct ‘roundtable’ briefings with senior staff
4.5. Conduct meetings with farmer forest groups
4.6. Video on ‘forest farmers’ completed
4.7. Publication of research articles
4.8. Co-hosting of international symposium amongst relevant researchers (eg. IUFRO forum)

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**Figure 3.** Dr. Digby Race, project leader, explains the project

**Figure 4.** Discussion during the meeting