

Workshop
**Promoting Biodiversity, Rainforest Protection, and Economic Development in
Indonesia - Presenting key results for research and policy of a 9 year Indonesian-
German Research Program "Stability of Rainforest Margins in Indonesia
(STORMA)"**

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Introduction

Stabilizing the rainforest margin areas has been identified as a critical factor in the protection of tropical forests, with important implications for global climate change and biodiversity protection. At the same time, policies to stabilize the rainforest margins must be compatible with efforts to reduce poverty and enhance rural development. Understanding the ecological and socio-economic determinants of land use change in tropical rainforest margins on different spatial scales is the key to identify more suitable development pathways and programmes that better combine nature conservation, poverty reduction, and economic development of rural areas.

The Indonesian-German collaborative research project STORMA (Stability of Rainforest Margins) has been a long-term large-scale comprehensive interdisciplinary research collaboration between the Georg-August-University of Goettingen, the Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) and the Tadulako University Palu in Indonesia to study the interactions between socioeconomic development, rainforest conversion, and biodiversity in Indonesia. Funded mainly by the German Research Foundation, scientists of the collaborative research project STORMA conducted research in the vicinity of the Lore Lindu National Park and UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in Central Sulawesi between July 2000 and June 2009

The results workshop "**Promoting Biodiversity, Rainforest Protection, and Economic Development in Indonesia**" aims to disseminate and discuss research results of nine years of STORMA research and to identify future areas of joint research and collaboration in this area. A particular emphasis will be on focusing on the policy implications of the scientific research to promote policies that better manage rainforest protection, maintenance of biodiversity, and economic development. Therefore we particularly welcome the interaction with policy-makers of the relevant government institutions to discuss our findings, identify new research and policy analysis needs, and to discuss future areas of collaboration.

Keynote speakers from the STORMA research program will give an overview of policy-relevant research results from the past nine years of research, while in the parallel working groups we will discuss the policy implications of this research, and develop new research topics and ideas for future collaboration.

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