



## Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Collaborative Research Support Program

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### Trip Report: Indonesia 1-6 May 2006

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**Purposes of Trip:** (1) To hold the Indonesia program Kick-off Workshop for the SE Asia SANREM CRSP project (TMPEGS). (2) To visit prospective project sites and hold meetings with the farmers and village officials to determine interest in the project. (3) To visit USAID – Jakarta staff to communicate further about project objectives/plans and obtain their input.

**Names of Travelers:** Manuel Reyes, North Carolina A&T State University, and Greg Luther, AVRDC - The World Vegetable Center, were the international travelers. Many others from ICRAF and IPB, including Site Coordinator Anas Susila, traveled to the project sites on 3-4 May. Reyes, Luther and Susila attended the meeting with USAID on 5 May.

**Sites Visited:** Bogor Agricultural University (BAU/IPB) on 2-4 May; future project sites in Parakan Muncang village, Nanggung subdistrict, Bogor regency, West Java, on 3 May; future project sites in Sukaluyo village and Hambaru village, Nanggung, Bogor, West Java on 4 May; USAID office in Jakarta on 5 May.

**Description of activities, technical observations:** The Kick-Off Workshop was well organized and provided a good introduction to the project and its main objectives, themes and emphases. It also provided an opportunity for many team members to meet each other for the first time. The village visits were very useful because they introduced the researchers to the farmers and village officials and determined that a large number of people from all three villages are interested in participating in the project. Many village members expressed interest in trying vegetable – agroforestry (VAF) systems and gaining the potential benefits from them. The villagers showed the researchers a number of indigenous vegetables. The meeting with Mr. Prijanto Santoso and Mr. Agus of USAID was also positive, productive and informative, with TMPEGS members learning more about the hopes and expectations that USAID-Jakarta has for the project.

**Progress in meeting objectives:** All three objectives listed above under “Purposes of Trip” were met.

**Suggestions and Recommendations (as appropriate):** Under the present plan, Luther will return in early August to conduct a participatory appraisal that focuses on the pest situation on target vegetables. The target vegetables are to be decided after the baseline survey is completed.

**List of Contacts Made:** Prijanto Santoso, USAID; Agus \_\_\_\_, USAID; Anas D. Susila, Indonesia Site Coordinator and IPB professor; many other co-PIs on the project, including Bambang S. Purwoko and Tri Koesoemaningtyas (IPB faculty), and Jim Roshetko, Suseno Budiharsono, Gerhard Manurung and Joel Tukan (ICRAF staff). If you need contact information for the above individuals, you can email Manuel Reyes at [mannyreyes@nc.rr.com](mailto:mannyreyes@nc.rr.com)