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Trip Report: Indonesia and Vietnam

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Purpose of Trip:

- (1) to meet with economists/sociologists in SANREM project sites in Indonesia and Vietnam and get updated with progress of their socio-economics research;
- (2) to discuss indicators of adoption as well as the outline of the regional paper on the adoption of the VAF system in the Philippines, Indonesia and Vietnam; and
- (3) to visit project sites in Indonesia and Vietnam for a better perspective of the socio-economic conditions in the area.

Sites Visited:

Indonesia – World Agroforestry Center – ICRAF, Bogor Regency, West Java; project sites in Nanggung Subdistrict; and Bogor Agricultural University (BAU/IPB).

Vietnam – Meeting in Nong Lam University (NLU), Ho Chi Minh; project sites in Nghia Trung Commune, Binh Phouc Province.

Description of activities:

The meetings with partner sociologists/economists were very informative and productive. They provided the opportunity to discuss progress of the socio-economic research, unify indicators of the adoption studies across project sites and frame outline for the regional paper on the VAF system. Researchers/scientists strengthened their linkages and share experiences as regards vegetable agroforestry and natural resource management. The visits to the project site were very beneficial and useful because they provided relevant information about socio-economic situations of the projects. The cross-cultural perspective of the different typologies of the VAF system in Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines provided a better understanding of the adoption behavior of small scale farmers with respect to the generated technologies.

Progress in meeting objectives:

All three objectives listed under “Purposes of the trip” were attained.

Suggestions and Recommendation (as appropriate):

As per Memorandum of Understanding, Penaso will continue to spearhead the socio-economic studies in TMPEGS Philippines with Intong. Intong will coordinate with partner scientists in Indonesia and Vietnam as regards sociological impact (adoption) of the VAF system in these three countries and provide a cross-comparison of the potential and constraints for adoption of the VAF system technologies among small-scale farmers, both women and men.

Lists of Contacts Made:

- Indonesia. Suseno Budidarsono, Bambang S. Purwoko, Arif Rahmanulloh and James M. Roshetko (ICRAF-Indonesia staff); Anas D. Susila (Indonesia Site Coordinator) and Tisna Prasetyo (IPB/BAU faculty).
- Vietnam. NLU Faculty: Dang Thanh Ha (Vietnam Site Coordinator), Trang Thi Huy Nhat.