

INDONESIAN NATIONAL FORESTRY STATEMENT ¹

Indonesian forest resources, which function as one of the components of the life support system, constitute a trust from God for the people of Indonesia to be wisely managed so that they can provide optimal and sustainable benefits. Up to now, Indonesian forest resources have provided benefits as one of the main financing modes of national economic development, in the form of economic growth, labour absorption and regional development.

The commitment to manage forest resources is already in effect and aims toward forest preservation and sustainable development. In fact at this time, however, there are still weaknesses in management that are causing a decline in quantity and quality of forest resources, which at last are causing the appearance of environmental damages, economic losses, and social impacts at a very worrying level.

It is recognized that there is a diversity of desires, goals, and interests to various parties, including local, national and even global communities, for the benefits of forest resources. The solution for overcoming the issues above will be based on agreement by concerned forest sector stakeholders, based on equity and justice, as well as highlighting proposed management principles and existing values.

Starting now, the Indonesian nation had determined to make every effort to manage forest sustainability, prioritizing in the short run the protection and rehabilitation of forest resources for the greatest possible prosperity and justice for people.

¹ *Based on multi-stakeholder consultations in 6 main regions (Sumatra, Java-Bali, Nusa Tenggara, Borneo, Celebes, Maluku,, and Papua) in 2001-2005 and agreed in a National Workshop in December 2005.*