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ASEAN Peatland Forests Project: Fifth Project Management Meeting

Indonesia-Singapore Collaboration on Jambi Province:

SDWA-NEA Jambi Peatland Project

National Environment Agency (NEA)
Singapore



Action Programmes Project Description Completion Date Develop the capacity of Jambi Officers in reading and interpreting Mar 08 satellite pictures for hotspot information 2 Socialisation workshop on sustainable farming and zero-burning Apr 08 3 Development of land use map for Muaro Jambi Regency Jun 08 Installation of a Geographical Information System (GIS) to support Jul 08 regional fire and haze monitoring and assessment Review of fire prevention and suppression capability and capacity of Dec 08 plantation companies, local communities and relevant stakeholders 6 Training on Fire-Fighting and Suppression Capabilities Aug 09 Develop Fire-Danger Rating System (FDRS) for Muaro Jambi Regency Dec 08 Freshwater Aquaculture Training Feb 10 Peatland Management Project Jun 11

Background

- Singapore collaborated with Indonesia to develop a Mater Plan to deal with land and forest fires in Jambi Province
- Muaro Jambi Regency was locale selected for development of Master Plan
- Master Plan jointly developed by Singapore, Indonesia's State Ministry of Environment and Jambi Provincial Government in April 2007
- Master Plan involves 9 Action Programmes
- Singapore and Muaro Jambi Regency commenced implementation of APs upon signing of LOI on 7 Nov 2007.
- 9 Action Programmes have since been completed.

Singapore Delft Water Alliance (SDWA)-National Environment Agency (NEA) Jambi Peatland Project:

Peatland Management Knowledge Base and Training Programme

Peatland Management Programme

- To investigate methods of sustainable peatland and water management.
- 3 types of activities:
 - Conducting field monitoring activities
 - Awareness-raising activities including 2 technical workshops
 - Collaboration with international experts on peatland management to develop training programmes

Peatland Management Programme

- Field monitoring activities
 - Monitoring of peat subsidence at the demonstration sites in Muaro Jambi Regency
- Technical workshops for government officials and relevant stakeholders held in Jambi Province in August 2009 and July 2010
 - Sharing expertise and knowledge on sustainable peatland management and awareness raising.
 - Examination of issues surrounding spatial planning of peatland use.

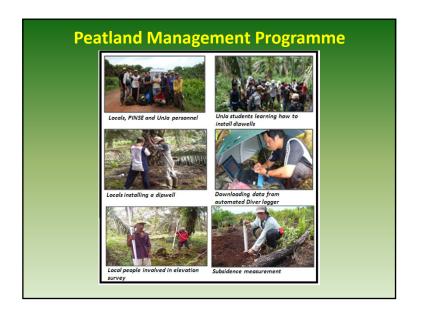
Peatland Management Programme: Deliverables

- Engagement of locals in:
 - ► Installing dipwells and rain gauges
 - Recording bi-weekly measurements of water tables levels, canal water levels, peat subsidence and daily rainfall levels
- Field monitoring activities helped educate
 Jambi planners on the impacts of poor water
 management in peatlands

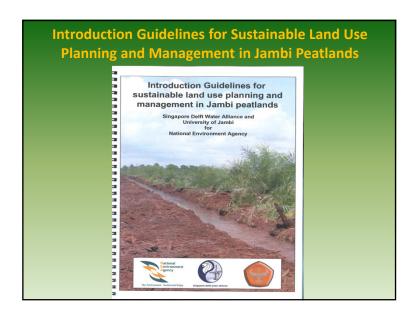
Peatland Management Programme: Deliverables

- Research and data obtained from demonstration sites developed into guidance material for best practice peatland management:
 - Introduction Guidelines for Sustainable Land Use Planning and Management in Jambi Peatlands

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Introduction Guidelines for Sustainable Land Use Planning and Management in Jambi Peatlands

- Introductory overview into how tropical peatlands function and how they could be managed.
- Presentation of findings from field research in Jambi.
- Recommendation of peatland management approach based on developed principles.
- Guidelines are developed with intention that they are applicable beyond the Jambi context

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ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre (ASMC)



ASMC: Supporting the APFP

- Recognise that sustainable management of peatlands is important to tackle threat of peatland fires and transboundary haze pollution.
- Offered to provide technical expertise in the area of interpreting satellite imageries & monitoring hotspots over peatlands.



Development of the ASEAN Peatland Fire Prediction and Warning System (FPWS) under APFP

- ASMC's daily hotspot monitoring identified as key component for the monitoring capability of the system.
- In 2008, ASMC will look into overlaying hotspot data onto peatland data but required GEC to provide ASMC with geo-referenced peatland data to proceed.



ASMC Update ASMC has been working with GEC to obtain peatland distribution maps for the ASEAN region. 2007 • ASMC requested GEC to provide peatland GIS data GEC provided ASMC with peatland data but the files were not 2008 in the requested format 2010 · i.e. Data not in appropriate GIS format GEC provided ASMC with another set of data 2011 • Missing geo-reference information (i.e. no latitude/longitude information for the peat overlay) In August 2011, GEC informed they will be contacting their Indonesian counterparts to provide the geo-referencing data if it is available, otherwise to revert to Consultant that did

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