

## **Training on Techniques of Reclamation and Revegetation of Ex-mining Land by Dept. of Silviculture, Faculty of Forestry IPB**



**Gunung Walat, Sukabumi** – Training on Techniques of Reclamation and Revegetation of Ex-mining Land, has been conducted on 29 November 2012 in Gunung Walat University Forest (GWUF).

This training in GWUF is a part of training conducted on 26 – 29 November 2012 whose part of the sessions were located in Faculty of Forestry (IPB campus of Darmaga, Bogor) and Holcim Educational Forest (Sukabumi). The training was organized by Department of Silviculture, Faculty of Forestry (IPB). The participants numbered to 13 persons, coming from various companies, such as PT. Bukit Asam, PT. Holcim Indonesia, PT Antam (Persero) Tbk. UBP Emas Pongkor, PT Agincourt Resources, and PT. Semen Gresik.



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The topics of the training combine the policies of Ministry of Forestry and Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources concerning the reclamation of ex-mining land.

The trainers comprise silviculture experts, and ex-mining land handling experts, such as among others, Prof. Bambang Hero Sahardjo, Prof. Rudi Sayoga, Dr. Yadi Setiadi, Dr. Irdika Mansur, Dr. Omo Rusdiana, Dr. Erianto Indra Putra, and Dr. Oemijati Rahmatsyah.

Training in GWUF was initiated with presentation by Dr. Cahyo Wibowo (Director of Forest Resources Development of GWUF) on history and management of GWUF. History of GWUF was started in 1951 where the land was still barren and consisted partly of karst landscape. Since the year 1951, planting efforts was conducted by Forestry Service and IPB forestry students, until the land become dense forest as in the present condition. The initial condition of the GWUF land in 1951 was somewhat similar with ex-mining land, and the success of GWUF to change the barren land into dense forest, inspires many parties, particularly mining companies. Dr. Cahyo Wibowo who is also a soil science lecturer in IPB, described the geological aspect of Gunung Walat area and its relation with soil formation in the area.

Training in GWUF also practiced the techniques of utilizing natural seedlings (wildlings ) from the forest by using the techniques of making earthballed plants and of using uprooted plants, under the guidance of Dr. Sri Wilarso Budi R.

“Visit to GWUF is intended to show the model of successful revegetation of land by Faculty of Forestry. Before this visit, the participants were brought to Holcim Educational Forest which constitutes area which will be made as location of reclamation and revegetation of land, while GWUF serve as successful land revegetation”, said Dr. Erianto Indra Putra who acted as training leader and trainer.

“The impression of the participants concerning GWUF is very good, They are very enthusiastic with the success of GWUF”, added Dr. Erianto Indra Putra.

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