



GUNUNG WALAT UNIVERSITY FOREST

HUTAN PENDIDIKAN GUNUNG WALAT



Gunung Walat University Forest (GWUF) is a Forest Territory with Specific Purpose (KHDTK) with the purpose of education and training, comprising area as large as 359 Ha, whose management is conducted by Faculty of Forestry, IPB.

Natural atmosphere in the form of forested hill landscape, with cool climate and the surrounding rural atmosphere, constitute a dominant environmental service products and recreation object in GWUF. Other object which is also attractive is Cipeureu cave which possesses various ornaments and clear water flow, accompanied with local legend concerning this area.

Gunung Walat University Forest is positioned as non profit management unit which is financially independent. Therefore, effort to create forest economic value, does not only utilize the natural resources, but also empowering cooperation network with various parties, namely: academicians, private company business people, government / local government or people community, either at local, national, and international sphere. Collaborative synergy within and between stakeholders is expected to converge in supporting efforts to achieve the aim of Gunung Walat University Development.

VISION

Creation of Gunung Walat University Forest (GWUF) as media for implementation of University Three Services of Faculty of Forestry (IPB) with international level and for sustainable forest management.

MISSION

1. Creation of sustainable forest management in GWUF.
2. Creation of effective operation of education, training and reseach on science and technology in the field of management of forest resources and environment.
3. Developing partnership between GWUF and stakeholders as concrete manifestation of services for the community .



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MEDIA FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Gunung Walat University Forest is composed of plantation forest which in the beginning was in the form of land grown over with alang-alang grasses and bush. This forest territory as large as 359 ha started to be planted with forest trees since the year 1950s, and at present has established forest ecosystem with vegetation structure approaching that of natural forest. At present, the forest condition has been able to create forest function as life supporting system, namely the function of climate regulation, hydrology, soil fertility maintenance and habitat of flora and fauna.

In line with the mandate of GWUF management, which is facilitating university three services, there has been management of forest benefit for developing knowledge, technology and social benefits. Implementation of programs for education, research and community services can be conducted by various parties comprising school students, university / college students and researchers, both from inside and outside the country.



FOREST FOR HEALTH, EDUCATION TOURISM AND INCREASING HUMAN RESOURCES CAPACITY

Sustainable forest management through development of forest multi functions is able to establish forest ecosystem which provides many benefits for the environment. It has also been much realized that within forest ecosystem there is abundant supply of oxygen, microorganisms, and natural aromatic substances, as well as natural scenery and sounds which can create healthy environment and enjoyable atmosphere. Therefore, forest provides benefits for health and refreshing from boredom due to daily routines.

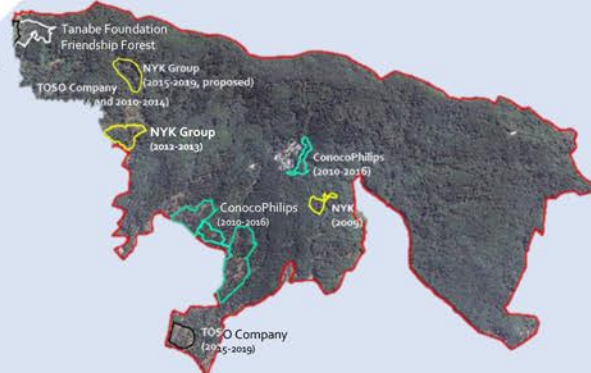
Tracking through the forest and villages, enjoying dark atmosphere of karst cave which possess ornament richness, observing diversity of wild animals and plants, photo hunting, outbond, paint ball games, group games, mountain biking, meeting and conferences, etc are activities which can be conducted in GWUF.

Facilities for staying overnight in the form of guest house, dormitory, hall, meeting room, camping ground are available for visitors within groups from schools/ colleges/ universities, companies, government institutions or families.



EFFECTIVE MEDIA FOR COMPANY PROMOTION

Global environmental issue has also become the attention in GWUF management. Implementation of forest rehabilitation program for increasing carbon sequestration has been conducted through cooperation with several multinational companies. Cooperation framework of voluntary carbon trading has been running since the year 2009 with long term commitment of the partners. This program becomes effective media for the company to allocate their funding of corporate social responsibility because it can improve their reputation and image, and their performance rating in environment management. Other forms of cooperation are also possible in accordance with purposes to be developed.



Location of planting activities with cooperation partners