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## REDD Plus Training: Enhancing Capacity of Forestry Engineers for the Promotion of REDD+ Activities was held with participants from Japan and Indonesia



**Gunung Walat, Sukabumi** – REDD Plus Training: Enhancing Capacity of Forestry Engineers for the Promotion of REDD+ Activities was held with participants from Japan and Indonesia on 8-11 January 2014 in Gunung Walat University Forest, Sukabumi.

IPB Faculty of Forestry in collaboration with Japan International Forestry Promotion and Cooperation Center and Forestry and Forest Product Research Institute conducted training on REDD+ in Gunung Walat University Forest, Sukabumi, West Java.

Training with the theme "Enhancing Capacity of Forestry Engineers for the Promotion of REDD+ Activities" was attended by 19 participants from postgraduate students and staff



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representatives from universities in Japan, researchers from several institutions, and consultants who work in the environmental field.

During their training in Gunung Walat, the participants were presented with material related to managing forest products, managing forest conservation and special forest functions especially for residents around Gunung Walat. The training was guided directly by representatives of IPB Faculty of Forestry lecturers, representatives of REDD+ management, and representatives of environmental consultants.

"The material is related to REDD+ concept and measuring carbon stock through groundsurvey method, JIS method, and destructive sampling method, In addition, there is also training on participatory rural appraisal as one of the materials in the framework of this REDD+, including the practice of interviewing the community, which is in this case, the practice is carried out in the village of Hegarmanah which is very close to Gunung Walat University Forest" said the Chairwoman of the REDD+ Training Committee, Dr. Leti Sundawati.

She, who is also a lecturer at the Faculty of Forestry of IPB, added that the reason for the training at Gunung Walat was that besides the completeness of supporting facilities, such as overnight facilities and consumption, there was also more value possessed by Gunung Walat so it is suitable for REDD+ training.

"Gunung Walat has complete facilities as a training place. Gunung Walat itself has already carried out some kind of activities related to REDD+, such as voluntary carbon trading. Besides, it is also located close to the community, so the training place is ideal" she explained.

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