

Synthesis Report:

# Natural Capital Accounts and Policy in Indonesia

Wealth Accounting and  
the Valuation of Ecosystem  
Services (WAVES) Program  
in Indonesia

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# Forewords

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## Bapennas (Ministry of National Development Planning)

Indonesia is undergoing robust economic growth. More than 27 percent of Indonesia's GDP comes from its abundant natural resources. However, these economic activities carry costs to the environment. There is an urgency to create a more innovative policy planning that puts in place sustainable development principles that balance economic, social and environmental aspects. We need to come to a state where there is no need to make a trade-off between economic growth and environmental protection.

Bapennas, along with the World Bank, Central Statistical Agency (BPS), and the Ministry of Finance established the Indonesia WAVES (I-WAVES) in 2013, to encourage collaboration across ministries in developing a natural resources accounts that meets the System of Environmental Economic (SEEA) standards. Spearheaded by the Coordinating Team for the Development of the System for Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting (Steering Committee) under The Deputy Minister of Maritime and Natural Resource of Bapennas.

I-WAVES has supported the utilization of Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) for policy analysis and development planning, such as the development of low carbon growth Indonesia is currently working on. The dynamic modelling framework uses information on the relationships between stocks (e.g. natural resources, population, technologies) and flows (e.g. demand for water and energy, resulting emissions), as per the NCA framework. These relationships can be used to showcase how natural capital is utilized, maintained and conserved in the economy by modelling interdependencies and links between stocks and flows including rates of change, feedbacks and time lags. This

low carbon development framework offers a tool for development planning and supports implementation of the National Development Priorities, designed in the RPJMN 2015–2019.

The closing of this program is not the conclusion of our efforts, as we will continue to utilize Natural Capital Accounting to realize sustainable development growth for Indonesia. I would like to express my gratitude to our counterpart, the World Bank, BPS and the Ministry of Finance, for their coordination and support throughout the program. On behalf of Bappenas, I am confident that findings from WAVES will impact national development planning in the years to come.

Regards,

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# Forewords

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The Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES) program aims to promote sustainable development by ensuring that natural resources are mainstreamed in development planning and national economic accounts. The initiative's main and specific objectives are to help countries adopt and implement accounts that are relevant for policies and compile a body of experience, develop internationally agreed guidelines and approaches to develop ecosystem accounts and establish a global platform for training and knowledge sharing.

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*Program Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES) bertujuan untuk mempromosikan pembangunan berkelanjutan dengan memastikan bahwa sumber daya alam diutamakan dalam perencanaan pembangunan dan neraca ekonomi nasional. Secara khusus, tujuan utama dari inisiatif ini adalah untuk mendukung upaya berbagai negara dalam mengadopsi dan menerapkan sistem penghitungan neraca yang handal dan akurat untuk penyusunan kebijakan dan mengumpulkan pengalaman,*

The Indonesia WAVES Program (I-WAVES) was established to enable the Government of Indonesia (GOI) to regularly and systematically implement NCA and use it for policy analysis and development planning. In the past several years, the program has successfully supported the Government of Indonesia in implementing its existing NCA, or known as SISNERLING established by the Central Statistics Agency (BPS), for policy analysis and development planning. The support is also in the form of strengthening and expansion of existing system which include aspects related to land, water and ecosystem services.

WAVES partners with the United Nations (UN) agencies, governments, international institutes, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and academics to implement Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) based on the international standard by ensuring that natural resources are mainstreamed in development planning and national economic accounts. Currently, the WAVES initiative is being implemented in Botswana, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Madagascar, Philippines, Rwanda, and Indonesia.

Since I-WAVES' fruition in Indonesia, we have delivered various data on land, water and peat accounts (as seen in this report), each contributing toward the national development and economic planning. As we conclude the first phase of Indonesia WAVES, we would like to express the utmost gratitude to the key ministries and agencies, namely the National Development Planning Ministry (Bappenas), Central Statistical Agency (BPS), and the Ministry of Finance (MoF) for making this

*mengembangkan pedoman dan pendekatan yang disepakati secara internasional untuk mengembangkan akun ekosistem dan menyediakan platform global untuk pelatihan dan sarana untuk berbagi pengetahuan.*

*Program Indonesia WAVES (I-WAVES) didirikan untuk memungkinkan Pemerintah Indonesia untuk secara teratur dan sistematis menerapkan National Capital Accounting (NCA) dan menggunakannya untuk analisis kebijakan dan perencanaan pembangunan. Dalam beberapa tahun terakhir, program ini telah berhasil mendukung Pemerintah Indonesia dalam mengimplementasikan NCA yang ada, atau dikenal sebagai SISNERLING yang diawasi oleh Badan Pusat Statistik (BPS), untuk menganalisa kebijakan dan perencanaan pembangunan. Dukungan yang diberikan antara lain dalam bentuk penguatan dan perluasan sistem yang mencakup akun-akun yang terkait dengan lahan, air dan ekosistem.*

*WAVES bermitra dengan badan-badan Perserikatan Bangsa-Bangsa (PBB), pemerintah, lembaga internasional, Lembaga Swadaya Masyarakat (LSM) dan akademisi untuk menerapkan NCA berdasarkan standar internasional dengan memastikan bahwa sumber daya alam diurusutamakan dalam perencanaan pembangunan dan neraca ekonomi nasional. Saat ini, inisiatif WAVES sedang dilaksanakan di Botswana, Kolombia, Kosta Rika, Guatemala, Madagaskar, Filipina, Rwanda, dan Indonesia.*

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# Abbreviations

**ANS** : Adjusted Net Savings

**BAPPENAS** : Ministry of National Development Planning (*Badan Perencanaan Pembangunan Nasional*)

**BPS** : Central Statistics Agency (*Badan Pusat Statistik*)

**BRG** : Peatland Restoration Agency (*Badan Restorasi Gambut*)

**CWON** : Changing Wealth of Nations

**GHG** : Greenhouse Gases

**GOI** : Government of Indonesia

**I-WAVES** : Indonesia WAVES

**IIED** : International Institute for Environment and Development

**INDC** : Intended Nationally Determined Contribution

**NCA** : National Capital Accounting

**NDC** : Nationally Determined Contribution

**MASP** : Ministry of Agrarian and Spatial Planning

**MOEF** : Ministry of Environment and Forestry

**MOF** : Ministry of Finance

**REDD+** : Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation

**RPJMN** : National Medium-Term Development Plan (*Rencana Pembangunan Jangka Menengah*)

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**SDG** : Sustainable Development Goals

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**SEEA** : System of Environmental-Economic Accounting

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**SEEA-AFF** : System of Environmental-Economic Accounting for Agriculture, Forestry  
and Fisheries

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**SEEA-CF** : System of Environmental-Economic Accounting Central Framework

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**SEEA-EEA** : System of Environmental-Economic Accounting Experimental Ecosystem Accounts

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**SISNERLING** : System for Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounts  
(*Sistem Neraca Terintegrasi Ekonomi dan Lingkungan*)

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**SNA** : System of National Accounts

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**UN** : United Nations

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**WAVES** : Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services

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# Executive Summary



An aerial photograph of a coastal area. On the left, there is a rugged, reddish-brown rocky coastline. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, showing signs of a healthy coral reef. The water's surface is textured with ripples and small waves. The overall scene is a natural, scenic view of a tropical coastline.

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# Executive Summary

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Indonesia is a diverse archipelago nation of more than 300 ethnic groups and has the largest economy in Southeast Asia. Indonesia has the world's fourth largest population, 10th largest economy in terms of purchasing power parity, the 14th largest in area and a member of the G-20. From 2000 to 2010, Indonesia sustained an average economic growth rate of about 6% owing it to a large extent to its rich natural asset base. Continuous growth has allowed the country to become a middle-income country reducing the poverty rate from 70% in 1984 to less than 10% today.<sup>1</sup>

Development in Indonesia has resulted in reduced poverty but has been accompanied by significant pressure on natural capital, which is likely to threaten prospects for sustaining future growth. Indonesia's high economic growth relies largely on natural resources, with agriculture, forestry and fishing contributing 11.4% to GDP. Agriculture has mainly relied on expansion into new lands, particularly for oil palm, causing

many environmental problems, including loss of forests (22 million ha between 1990 and 2014), reduced biodiversity and high carbon emissions (1,454 MtCO<sub>2</sub>-eq. in 2016). The resulting air pollution from these emissions have caused serious health effects in Indonesia's population and recent estimates indicate that the total annual cost of premature deaths from air pollution is equivalent to about 3.5% of Indonesia's GDP (2015).<sup>2</sup>

The Government of Indonesia has become increasingly aware of the overall importance of natural capital and is proactively addressing the challenges of managing it. Indonesia's National Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMN) made a strong commitment to sustainable development.<sup>3</sup> The Government has also pledged to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), deliver on the country's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), and green Indonesia's growth trajectory. Crucial to

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1 Indonesia Systematic Country Diagnostic (World Bank, 2015); World Bank Data (World Bank: PovcalNet, n.d.); WB staff calculations World Bank Data (World Bank, 2018); Indonesia Country Partnership Framework (World Bank, 2015)

2 Closing the Development Gap: Development Policy Review 2019 (World Bank, 2019) These estimates do not include the burden of air pollution on Indonesia's neighbor countries. Measuring them will add accuracy and transparency to the estimations.

3 Indonesia's economic planning follows a 20-year development plan, spanning from 2005 to 2025. It is segmented into 5-year medium-term plans, called the RPJMN (Rencana Pembangunan Jangka Menengah Nasional) each with different development priorities. The current medium-term development plan – the third phase of the long-term plan – runs from 2015 to 2020.

reaching these targets is a credible and reliable natural capital accounting (NCA) system for assessing sustainability and resilience of country's economic growth model.<sup>4</sup>

Amongst the many actions the government is taking towards a sustainable growth pathway, three are of special relevance given their forward looking perspective and the policy impact they are having. These actions include: (a) development and strengthening of an Indonesian System of Environmental-Economic Accounts (SISNERLING) that can inform policy decisions, emphasizing the need to provide a better understanding of the relationship between the economy and the environment, (b) development of a comprehensive analysis on opportunities for low carbon development and green growth in collaboration with a broad alliance of partners, including the World Bank, and, (c) adoption of legislation on natural capital

accounting as part of a broader set of recent policies and legislation.

The World Bank led Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES) made important contributions on the three aspects mentioned above. These contributions, including the main findings of the accounts developed, the focus of the Synthesis Report. Indonesia formalized its association to WAVES in 2015, with the objective to introduce a systematic approach to NCA that could be institutionalized and that could inform policy dialogue, with a special focus on the national medium-term development plan (RPJMN). NCA implementation was developed through a National Steering and Technical Committee guided by a group of agencies led by the Ministry of Planning (BAPPENAS), the Statistical Agency (BPS), and the Ministry of Finance (MOF). Highlights from WAVES contributions include:

## 01

**The process of building the accounts to strengthen SISNERLING and the results obtained were useful to increase the recognition of natural capital as an important element in Indonesia's economic growth narrative.<sup>5</sup>**

Under the WAVES Program new accounts were developed. Land cover accounts were developed at the national level, and ecosystem extent accounts were developed for Sumatra and Kalimantan. Feasibility of implementation and an initial pilot water account was developed for the Citarum Watershed. Ecosystem Accounts for Peatlands were developed for Sumatra and

Kalimantan for three types of ecosystem services: provisioning services (timber, oil palm, biomass, and paddy production), regulating services (CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration) and, cultural services (protected habitat). Some key findings from these accounts are extracted in this summary and detailed in the core part of the document.

4 The standard international agreed methodology to develop NCA is the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) which provides the basis for assessing the contribution of natural capital to the economy, and for evaluating the impacts of the economy to the environment. Further information on this methodology can be found at <https://seea.un.org/>

5 Indonesia has been using the System of Environmental-Economic Accounts (SEEA – or SISNERLING its acronym in Bahasa) for NCA for 30 years. See [www.wavespartnership.org](http://www.wavespartnership.org).

## 02

## Comprehensive analysis of prospects of a low carbon economy allowed Indonesia's Government to understand ways to grow sustainably and reduce pressure to natural capital.

Bappenas, in cooperation with several development partners, including the World Bank, introduced the Low Carbon Development Initiative for Indonesia (LCDI) to explicitly incorporate GHG emissions reduction targets into the country's RPJMN 2020–2025, along with other interventions for preserving and restoring natural resources.<sup>6</sup> The research carried out under the LCDI built on previous work and expanded the analysis to develop forecasts using a systems approach.

Technical assistance under WAVES contributed to this approach and overall modelling exercise through development of natural capital methodologies, protocols, models and SEEA compliant data these aspects were particularly useful to introduce and analyze carrying capacity, which is a concept that helps understand how growth could be constrained by the limits of natural capital stocks to provide ecosystem services (i.e. provisioning, regulating and cultural services). Arguably this represents one of the

main contributions in terms of policy uptake, as this work underpins decisions that will be made in the next five-year policy cycle. One of the key findings of the LCDI report is that a low carbon growth path can deliver an average GDP growth rate of 6% annually until 2045. Through the sustainable utilization of its natural resources, and by reducing its carbon and energy intensity, Indonesia's total GHG emissions can fall by nearly 43% by 2030.

This surpasses Indonesia's target in its national climate action plan, or Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), presently set at 41% below baseline. In these scenarios, forested land is also predicted to expand, while fish stocks should remain stable, and peat degradation largely avoided. Investments totaling between US\$ 14.6 billion to US\$ 22.0 billion per year for the period 2020–2024, are required to realize such improvements. This is equivalent to between 1 and 1.7% of GDP: it compares well to Gross Fixed Capital Formation, which has been in the order of 30% of GDP over the last ten years.

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<sup>6</sup> Indonesia's nationally determined contributions (NDC) includes a unilateral reduction target of 29% (~2,869 MtCO<sub>2</sub>-eq) below Business as Usual (BAU) emissions of Greenhouse gases (GHGs) by 2030, plus a conditional target of up to 41% reductions below BAU with sufficient international support. (Bappenas, 2019) It targets 2030 emissions of 2,037 MtCO<sub>2</sub>-eq. under the unconditional target and emissions as low as 1,693 MtCO<sub>2</sub>-eq under the conditional target. (WRI, 2017)

## 03

## Accounts were institutionalized through innovative legislation as part of the broader legislation on natural capital and economic instruments.

Interagency coordination played a key role to WAVES effective support in Indonesia for setting the basis for institutionalization of the user-producer coordination mechanisms. Recognizing that good data are essential for evidence-based policy, the Government of Indonesia made improved information on natural capital legally mandated since 2009. Building on this previous legislation, WAVES facilitated interagency collaboration on data and policy, largely owing to an institutionalized Steering Committee that led the Deputy Minister of Maritime and Natural Resource of Bappenas to issue a new Decree Number KEP.53/DEP.3/10/2017, replacing the previous Decree Number KEP.41/DEP.V/03/2016, on the establishment

of the Coordinating Group for SISNERLING implementation. Furthermore, the engagement with BPS and other agencies informed the development of the draft strategic Plan for SEEA Implementation (SEEA Roadmap) which is a critical instrument for BPS to institutionalize accounts efforts. In the context of related legislation, WAVES' support to the Ministry of Finance (MOF) fed into policy dialogue towards the regulation on Fiscal Potential of Natural Resources, with the new draft regulation –still under discussion and not public– largely based on the WAVES Program lessons learned from other countries and as part of the capacity building activities developed with the MOF.

Land accounts developed under WAVES provided important insights on how forests and peatlands are threatened by agricultural expansion, particularly in Sumatra and Kalimantan. Indonesia lost about 22 million ha of natural forest between 1990 to 2014 and around 6 million ha of forest became perennial crop, mostly dominated by oil palm plantations but also acacia, mainly for pulp and paper production.<sup>7</sup> With an average annual loss of 0.9 million ha between 1990 to 2014, Sumatra and Kalimantan had the highest forest losses with 8.9 and 8.3

million ha of forests lost in the same period, respectively (Figure 1 and 2). The Island of Bali and Nusa Tenggara however had the highest forest cover loss with respect to their entire land area.

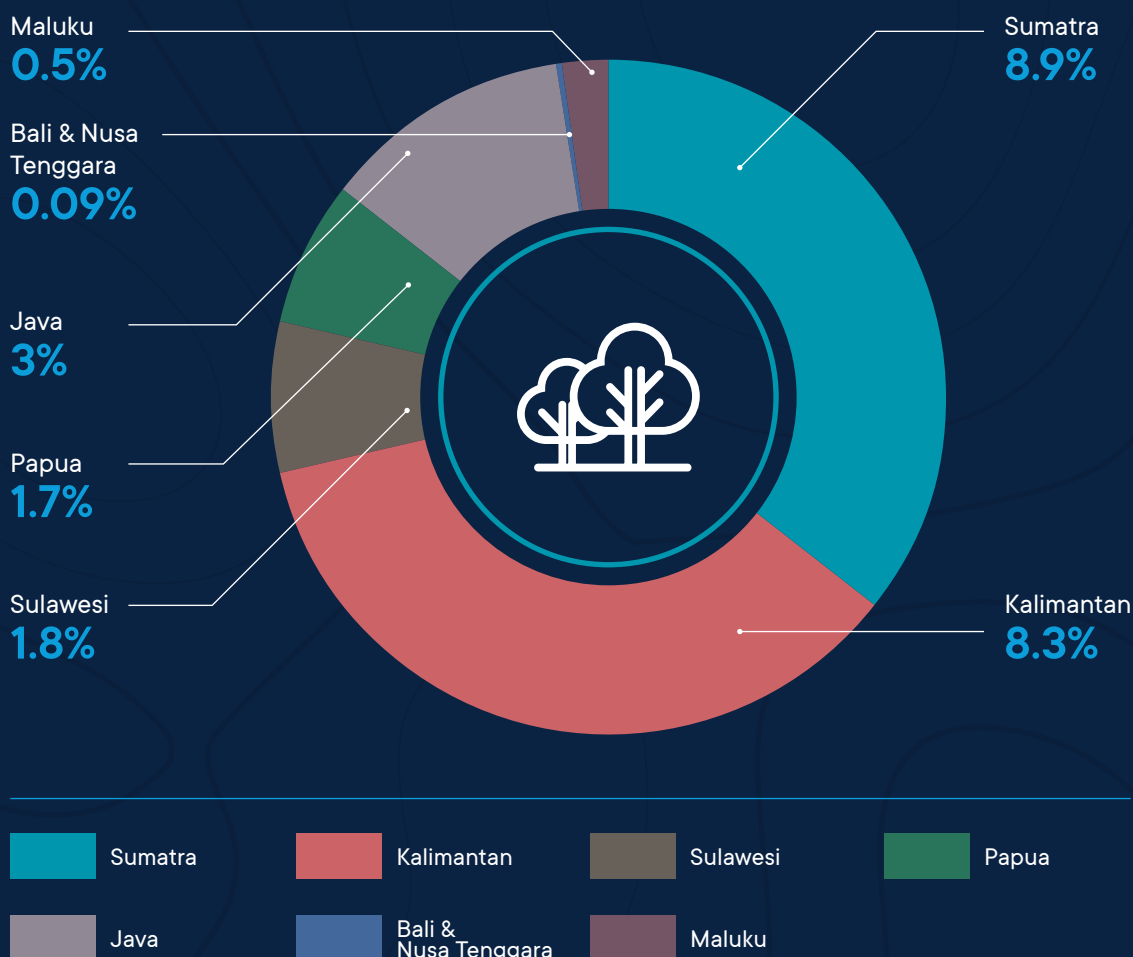
Peatlands cover approximately 8% of Indonesia's land surface and are important for oil palm cultivation, one of the main agricultural commodities currently produced in Indonesia. Other agricultural products (provisioning services)<sup>8</sup> important to Indonesia's economy include timber and

7 World Bank Low Carbon Development: A paradigm Shift Towards a Green Economy in Indonesia (Bappenas, 2019)

8 Ecosystem services are the benefits that people derive from ecosystems. Ecosystem services are organized into four types: (i) provisioning services, which are the products people obtain from ecosystems and which may include food, freshwater, timber, fibers, and medicinal plants; (ii) regulating services, which are the benefits people obtain from the regulation of ecosystem processes and which may include surface water purification, carbon storage and sequestration, climate regulation, protection from natural hazards; (iii) cultural services, which are the non-material benefits people obtain from ecosystems and which may include natural areas that are sacred sites and areas of importance for recreations and aesthetic enjoyment; and (iv) supporting services, which are the natural processes that maintain the other services and which may include soil formation, nutrient cycling and primary production (MEA).

**Figure 1.** Indonesia: Forest cover loss by Island between 1990 and 2014  
Million hectares and percentages

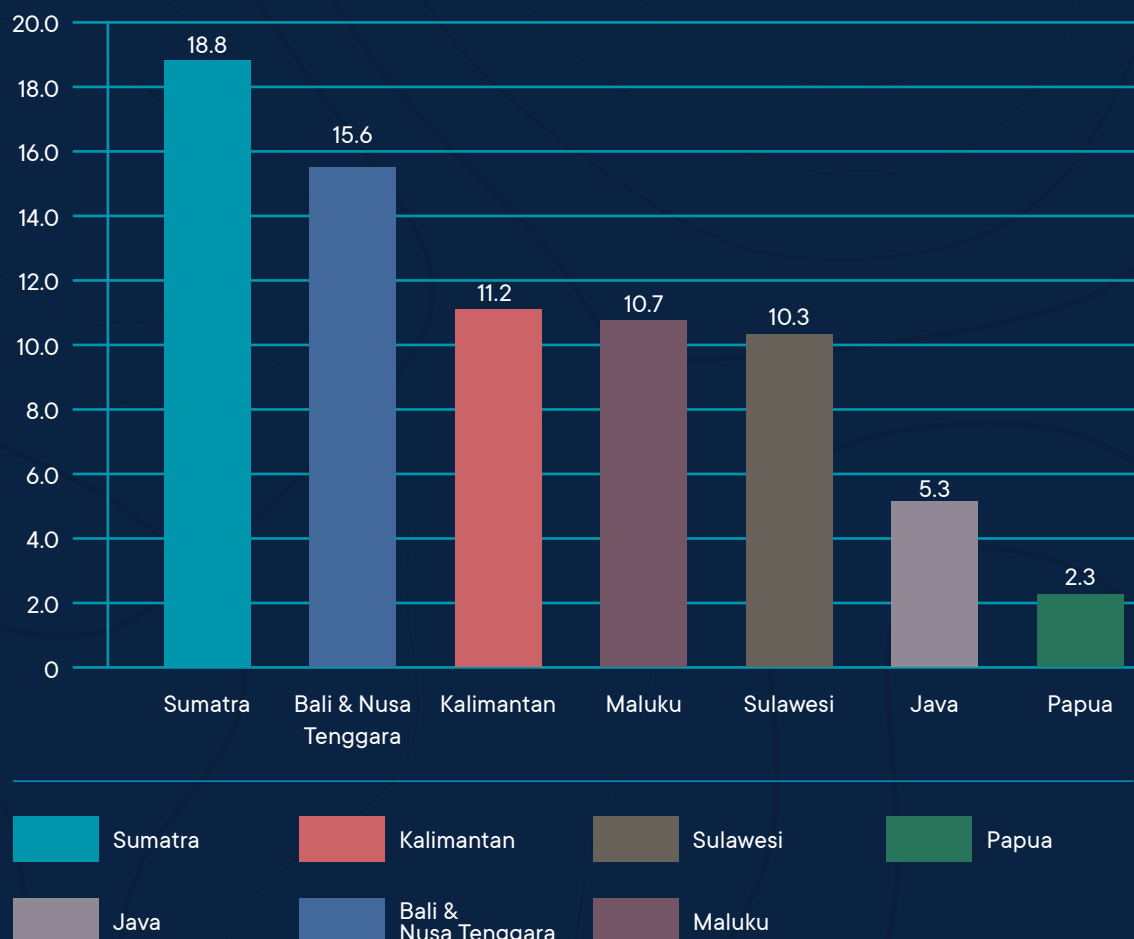
Forest cover loss by Island (million ha)



Source: Pilot Land & Extent Account Sumatera and Kalimantan (The World Bank and BPS, 2019)

paddy production, and biomass production for pulp. Yet given the increasing scarcity of unused land, the pressure to convert peatland to cropland or plantation forestry areas are still expanding. The Ecosystem Account for Peatlands was divided in four main categories to analyze the state and trends of this critical ecosystem: extent accounts, conditions accounts, ecosystem services accounts and carbon accounts. The account compiled was

limited to the best available information at the time and therefore some aspects relevant for these types of ecosystems were left out, for example some ecosystem services such as flood protection, forest fire prevention and hydrological services were not included.

**Figure 2.** Forest cover lost relative to Island area (%)

Source: Pilot Land & Extent Account Sumatera and Kalimantan (The World Bank and BPS, 2019)

The extent account for peatlands revealed that 52% of peat forests in Kalimantan and Sumatra have been converted to other types of land cover between 1900 and 2014. In both Sumatra and Kalimantan plantation areas and agricultural land expanded drastically during the same period. This led to increases in the production of plantation crops such as oil palm fruit, rubber and acacia. However, this changes also lead to various environmental impacts such as high carbon emissions,

degraded peatlands, fire and smog formation with associated health impacts. Over time, agricultural activities will not be maintained because of soil subsidence in drained peatlands and subsequent flood risks.<sup>9</sup>

Three selected indicators in the ecosystem condition account revealed an overall and increasing degradation of peatland ecosystems:

<sup>9</sup> Indonesia Ecosystem Account for Peatlands (BPS, Forthcoming)

## a. Vegetation Biomass:

**In addition to carbon in soils, peatlands also store noteworthy amounts of carbon in vegetation.** The reduction of vegetation density

in peat forests by fires, deforestation and land conversion, decreases the carbon content due to biomass loss and peat decomposition. Total dry biomass in Sumatra and Kalimantan peatlands decreased 35% and 27% respectively between 1990 and 2015. Around 91% (Sumatra) and 95% (Kalimantan) of total biomass in 1990 was stored in forests, but this number decreased to 46% and 76% respectively by 2015.

## b. Water Level:

**Ideally, to prevent subsidence and fire, groundwater levels should be maintained between 40 cm below and 100 cm above the peat surface.**<sup>10</sup>

The indicator used for the account only includes the annual average groundwater depth, but the level varies within a year. The estimations showed that the annual average of water level in 2013 varied from 0–117 cm in Sumatra and from 0–96 cm in Kalimantan. The deepest drainage was in the areas of perennial crop, plantation forest, bare land and degraded peat swamp forest in the distance less than 500 m from those areas. It was deeper in north-eastern parts of Sumatra.

## c. Forest Fire:

**The number of fires is used as indicator to track the temporal and spatial distribution of fire incidents in peatlands.** Between 2006 to 2014,

the total number of fires in peatlands increased by 36 percent in Sumatra and 24 percent in Kalimantan and they occurred in peatlands covered by wet shrubland in all the years that were measured (2006, 2009 and 2014).

The ecosystem services account that tracked six main ecosystem services provided by Indonesian peatland, including the production of oil palm, biomass for pulp, paddy, timber, CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, and protected land as biodiversity habitat. However, in economic analyses of land use options in peatlands also externalities (such as health effects of peat fires and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions) and the long-term forecasts of production need to be considered. The current and future increases in flood occurrence in peatlands due to soil subsidence are not yet included in the accounts, and this is a priority for further work, so the peat accounts can more meaningfully be used to advice policy makers. The pattern of land use and land use change observed in peatland since 2000 has resulted

in large carbon emissions. The combined effect of peat drainage (which releases carbon stored in peat, resulting in CO<sub>2</sub> via oxidation upon contact with the atmosphere), land use change and forest fires caused an increasing amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from peatlands in Sumatra and Kalimantan, in the order of over 40% (or more) of total GHG emissions in Indonesia; the bulk of peatland emissions (some 95% on average) comes from oxidation in drained soils and from fires (Table 1). These figures are telling in terms of the key role that peatland management will have in the near future for Indonesia's contribution to global climate action. The share of peatlands in the country's total emissions will be even larger once Papua's peatlands are included in the tally.

<sup>10</sup> See Wosten et al <http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.504.3121&rep=rep1&type=pdf>

**Table 1.** CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from peatlands in Sumatra and Kalimantan (Million Tons)

| Sources of emissions  | 1995 (a) | 2000  | 2005 (a) | 2010  | 2014  | Average share (2005–2014) (b) |
|---|----------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|
| Land use change (c)   | 73.40    | 108   | 45       | 58.75 | 28.8  | 4%                            |
| Oxidation (d)   | 240      | 273   | 294      | 333   | 387   | 34%                           |
| Fire (e)  |          |       | 704      | 508   | 610   | 61%                           |
| <b>Total</b>  | 313      | 381   | 1,043    | 900   | 1,026 | 100%                          |
| <b>Total Emission Indonesia (f)</b>   | 1,435    | 1,315 | 1,749    | 2,285 | 2,472 |                               |
| <b>Peatland emissions in Sumatra and Kalimantan relative to total emissions (g)</b> |          |       | 60%      | 39%   | 42%   | 46%                           |

Source: Indonesia Ecosystem Account for Peatlands (BPS with WAVES Support)<sup>11</sup>

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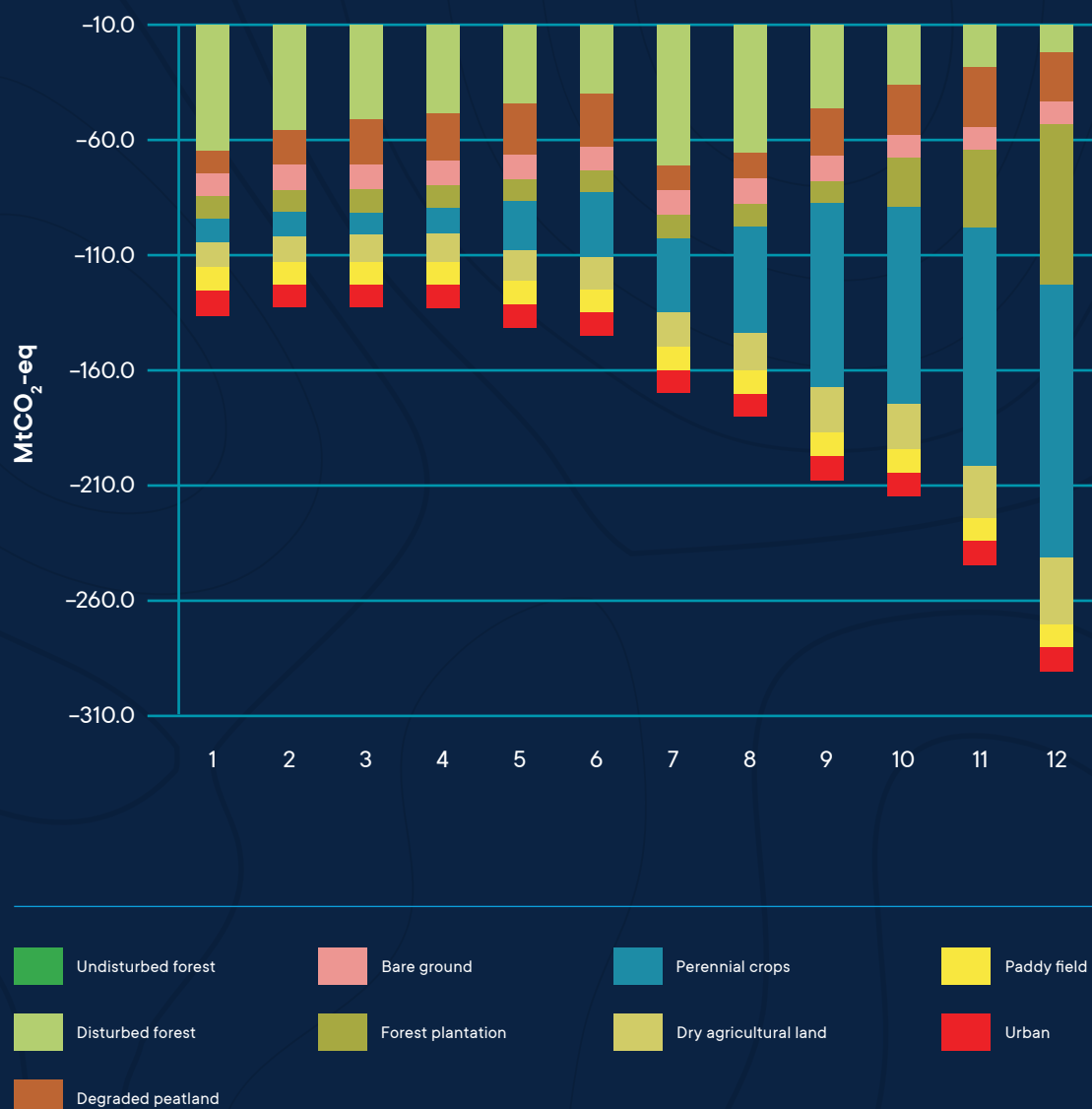
- (a) : Estimates for each year were published the following year (e.g. the emissions for 1995 were published in 1996)
- (b) : Emissions related to the release of carbon stored in above-ground biomass following land clearance
- (c) : The figure is the average just for the three years included in the period (i.e. 2005, 2010 and 2014) and not over the whole period 2005 to 2014
- (d) : The figures oxidation-related emissions are likely to be under-estimated because they are based upon conservative assumptions regarding the area of peatland covered with plantations, the occurrence of peatlands (both are in line with government data) and the drainage level in plantations. The numbers are based on government data on land cover (KLHK map).
- (e) : Estimates for forest fires-related emissions are not available for 1995 and 2000
- (f) : Source: WRI ClimateWatch/ CAIT, which includes FAO estimates for Forestry and Other Land use emissions. FAO indicates that CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O, and additional CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are estimated for fires and drainage of organic soils which mean that their estimates include oxidation-related emissions (<http://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#data/GL>)
- (g) : Peatland emissions refer only to Sumatra and Kalimantan. Once other islands (and in particular Papua) are included, the share in total emissions would probably be higher

<sup>11</sup> These are preliminary figures and the numbers are based on government data on land cover (KLHK map).

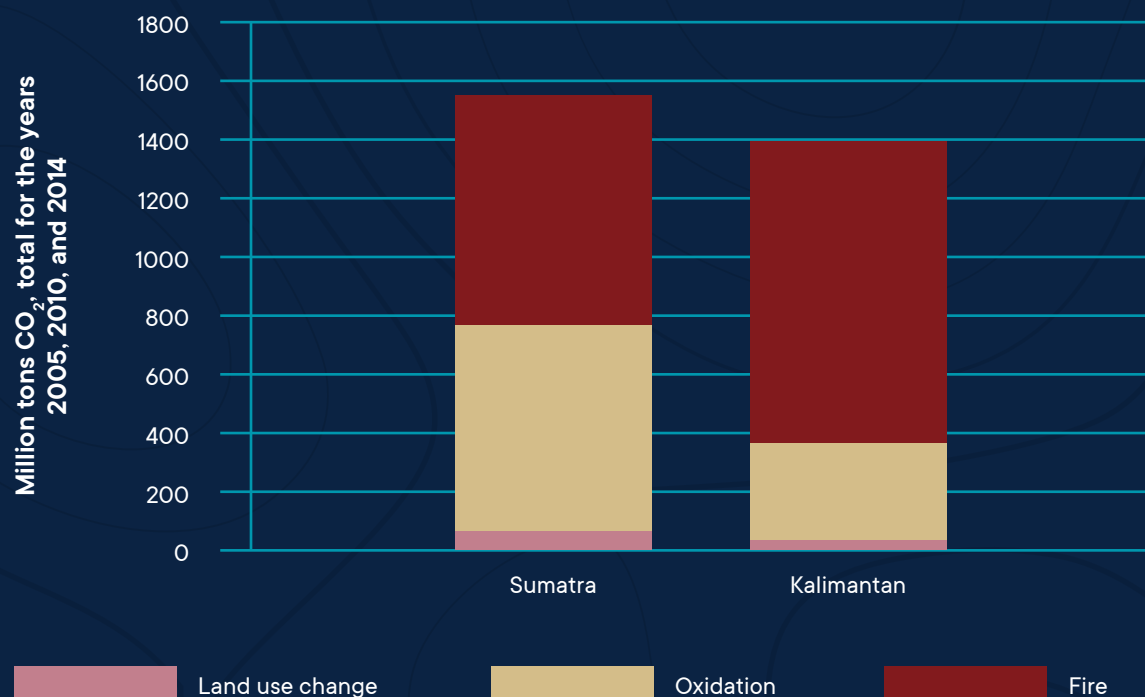
In terms of spatial patterns of peatland emissions, Sumatra's contribution to the total was larger than Kalimantan, and featured a larger share of oxidation in total emissions (Figure 3). Conversion of forests to perennial crops (palm oil in particular) and plantations, as well as disturbance to forest, were the

leading drivers of emissions caused by oxidation in peatlands were most severe in Sumatra than Kalimantan (Figure 4). Peat drainage leading to atmospheric oxidation of organic carbon means that the net carbon ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) emissions increased by 57% to 387  $\text{MtCO}_2/\text{year}$  over a 25-year period.

**Figure 3.**  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions in peatlands from oxidation



Source: Pilot Ecosystem Account for Indonesian Peatlands Sumatra and Kalimantan Islands (The World Bank and BPS, 2019)

**Figure 4.** CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in peatlands by Islands

Source: Pilot Ecosystem Account for Indonesian Peatlands Sumatra and Kalimantan Islands (The World Bank and BPS, 2019)

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While WAVES made important contributions in terms of account development, stakeholder engagement and initial policy impacts, there is still wide scope for fully mainstreaming natural capital in development planning and decision making. A key aspect is to demonstrate the full potential of the accounts to examine trade-offs faced when making development decisions, between the gains achieved by transforming natural capital into productive assets, and the losses associated with a reduction in the ecosystem services that natural capital delivers.

This type of assessment requires additional modeling and monetary valuation of non-market services, not included in the scope of the WAVES Program. Land and ecosystem accounts show that peatlands would be a natural candidate for such a more in depth, forward looking analysis.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Indonesia has 45% of the world's tropical peatlands and it is estimated they are among the world's largest carbon pools, storing around 13.6 to 40 Gt of carbon (50–145 Gt on CO<sub>2</sub>), which is equivalent to 1.3 to 4 years of global emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> from fossil fuel sources. An appraisal of Indonesia's immense peat carbon stock using national peatland maps: uncertainties and potential losses from conversion (Warren, Hergoualc'h, Kauffman, Murdiyarso, & Kolka, 2017)

# 01

# Introduction



An aerial photograph of a coastline. The water is a deep, dark greenish-blue, and the shoreline is composed of dark, jagged rocks. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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Indonesia is a diverse archipelago nation of more than 300 ethnic groups and has the largest economy in Southeast Asia as well as notable economic growth since overcoming the Asian financial crisis of the late 1990s.<sup>13</sup> Today, Indonesia is the world's fourth most populous nation, the world's 10th largest economy in terms of purchasing power parity, and a member of the G-20.<sup>14</sup> From 2000 to 2010, Indonesia has sustained an average economic growth rate of about 6%, driven largely by harnessing a variety of natural resources to propel the country forward as a middle-income economy.<sup>1</sup> This growth has resulted in reducing the poverty rate from 70% in 1984 to less than 10% today.<sup>15</sup> Even though extreme poverty has declined dramatically, only 20% of Indonesians have joined the middle class.<sup>16</sup>

Longterm development is a process of accumulation and sound management of wealth, which is grounded in core stocks of capital – produced capital, natural capital, human capital and other forms of capital such as social capital.<sup>17</sup> This goes beyond measures like Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which is an important indicator of economic performance, but only looks at income and says nothing about wealth and assets that underlie this income. The whole portfolio of assets is relevant, but natural capital is particularly important for middle- and low-income countries. However, in several of these countries, natural capital is being depleted without any compensating investments in other forms of capital, leading to an overall decrease in wealth and a failure to improve standards of living among the poor.

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13 Indonesia Systematic Country Diagnostic (World Bank, 2015)

14 Indonesia Country Partnership Framework (World Bank, 2015)

15 (World Bank: PovcalNet, n.d.), WB staff calculations

16 Closing the Development Gap: Development Policy Review (Word Bank, 2019)

17 Changing Wealth of Nations (Lange, Wodon, & Carey, 2018); Figure 1 in Annex 1 illustrates how these assets and capitals come together to form a measurement of total wealth which supports national income and the potential future prosperity and well-being of a country.

**Indonesia is a country reliant on natural capital and according to a recent World Bank report, more than 20% of Indonesia's share of total wealth is natural capital.**

These data come from global databases and may be an underestimation of the contribution of natural capital to total wealth, because agricultural and forest land degradation, including the loss of ecosystem services, are not captured in the wealth accounts at this time. The potential impacts of climate change are also not factored into valuation of natural capital. Critical natural capital like fisheries and water are not yet included in wealth accounts. Including these assets would increase national wealth, and, more importantly, make it possible to identify opportunities for growth through better management of natural capital.

**Income related to natural capital is more than 27% of Indonesia's GDP, coming from natural resources, such as forests, rubber, oil and natural gas, minerals, palm products, and rich biodiversity that attracts nature-based tourism.<sup>18</sup>** At the same time, Indonesia is the world's sixth-largest emitter of greenhouse gases, mainly due to conversion of its forests and carbon-rich peat lands to agricultural production. These shifts in land use have led to ecological

and social consequences, such as sediment retention, water yield, carbon stock, and habitat quality.<sup>19</sup> Indonesia's rainforests—the world's third largest—are home to more than 3,000 known species of animals, and 29,000 species of plants, and the livelihoods of 50–60 million people depend directly on these ecosystems.<sup>20</sup>

**The Government of Indonesia prioritizes sustainable development in its planning framework and has a range of policy entry points in which natural capital plays an important role.** The National Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMN, 2015–2019) makes a strong commitment to sustainable development. The Government has also pledged to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), deliver on the country's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), and green Indonesia's growth trajectory. Crucial to reaching these targets is a credible and regularly updated information system that integrates information of different aspects of sustainable development (i.e. economic, social and environmental information) to assess sustainability and resilience of the country's economic growth.

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18 WAVES Indonesia (World Bank: WAVES Partnership)

19 Assessing Land Use Change and its Impact on Ecosystem Services in Northern Thailand (Arunyawat & Shrestha, 2016)

20 Forests and Landscapes in Indonesia: Data-driven analysis to support government and civil society actions for effective and equitable land-use in Indonesia, (World Resource Institute: Indonesia)

21 Law No.32/2009 on Environmental Protection and Management

22 SEEA Central Framework (UN et al., 2014); See Annex 2 for complete description of the SEEA methodology.

**Recognizing that good data are essential for evidence-based policy, the Government of Indonesia made improved information on natural capital legally mandated since 2009.**<sup>21</sup> The implicit recognition of the importance of integrated environmental-economic information has a long history in Indonesia, implementation NCA based on the methodology of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA).<sup>22</sup> Since 1995, the Statistical Agency (BPS) has regularly a report on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting - SEEA (SISNERLING for its Bahasa acronym). Although great efforts have been made, for SINSERLING to become a credible source of information, there are still data gaps and deficiencies that need to be addressed. the basic data and regularly updating this system of accounts, while developing more robust indicators sustainability will help to ensure that the government has the reliable information it needs to make evidenced based policy.

**The World Bank led Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services Partnership (WAVES) worked with the Government from 2015 to 2019 to strengthen SISNERLING, focusing on land and ecosystem accounting.**<sup>23</sup> The results and lessons learned of this long-term engagement are reported in this document, and the full body of work produced by WAVES will be made available online and provide input for future analysis. The report has five sections, including this introductory section. Section 2 provides information on the environmental and economic development in Indonesia, in context of wealth and natural capital, and how NCA has been embraced by the Government of Indonesia. Section 3 focuses on results from the developed natural capital accounts, while Section 4 reveals the impact of NCA in policy and planning and Section 5 describes the way forward. The references and annexes follow on from these sections.

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23 See [www.wavespartnership.org/en/indonesia](http://www.wavespartnership.org/en/indonesia)



# 02

## Environmental and Economic context in Indonesia





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**Measuring changes in wealth permits us to monitor the sustainability of development, an urgent concern for all countries today.** GDP indicates whether a country's income is growing, whereas wealth indicates the prospects for maintaining that income and its growth over the long term. Income and wealth are complementary indicators and economic performance is best evaluated by monitoring the growth of both GDP and wealth. For example, when a country exploits its minerals the revenue from this is reflected in GDP, while the wealth accounts would show a decline in the value of natural capital.<sup>24</sup>

Indonesia's wealth per capita expanded 42% during this time, outperforming lower middle-income countries globally, however renewable natural capital declined from 18% to 13%, offsetting the total share on natural capital at a 1% decline in this 20-year period (Figure 5b).<sup>25</sup> Indonesia's main component of wealth is human capital, which almost doubled in this 20-year period (Figure 3a). Additional, Indonesia's share of human capital decrease from 1995 to 2015, as a result of an increase in produced capital shares (Figure 5b)– which doubled in value from 1995 to 2014 (Figure 5a).<sup>26</sup>

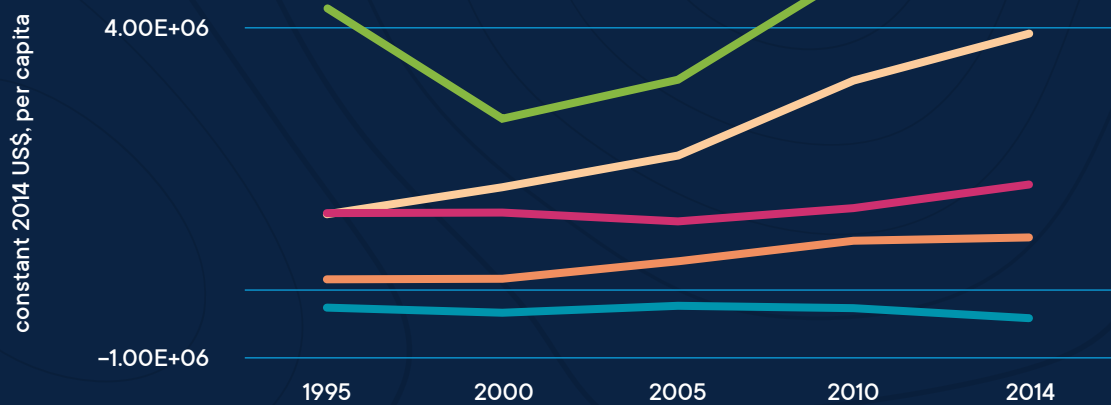
24 It also does not answer questions like: are income and growth sustainable? Will the same level of income be available for our children?

25 Compared to 32 countries that were lower middle-income in 1995 and developed to upper middle-income or higher by 2014.

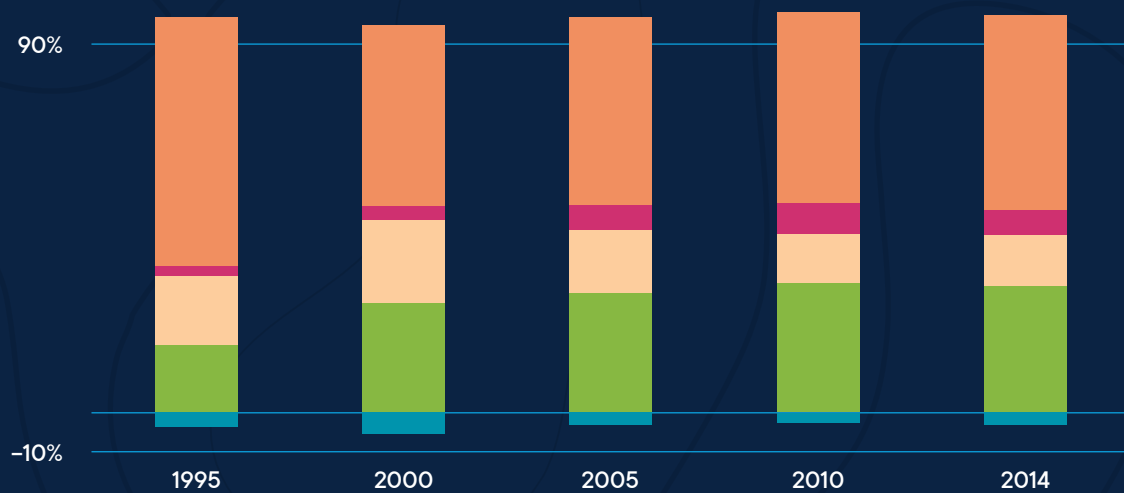
26 Changing Wealth of Nations (Lange, Wodon, & Carey, 2018)

**Figure 5.** a) Total wealth in Indonesia; b) Share of Wealth  
Period: 1995 to 2014; a) constant 2014 US\$, millions; b) percent

### Total Wealth



### Share of Wealth

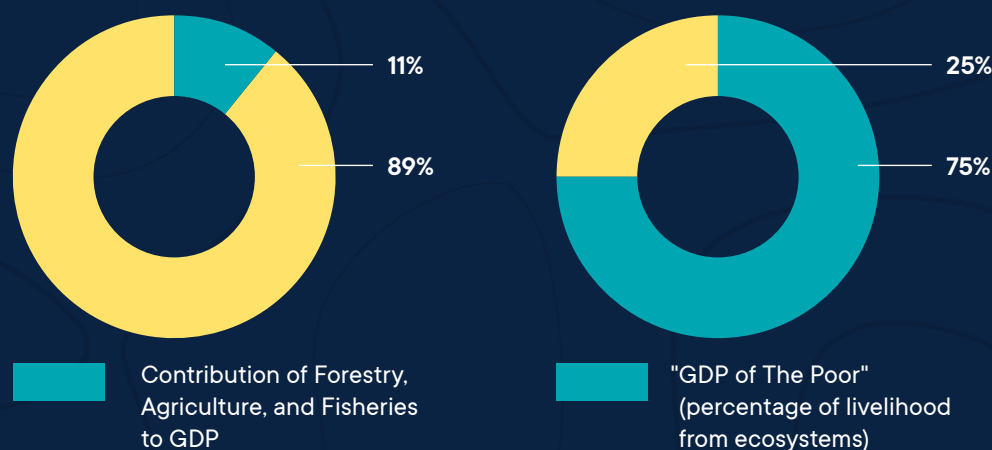


Source: Indonesia Wealth Account: (Lange, Wodon, & Carey, 2018)

**Many local communities, indigenous groups, and poor people in Indonesia are dependent on natural resources for employment and subsistence.**<sup>27</sup> Poverty can lead to degradation of natural capital – for example, reducing the services generated by ecosystems, and with a lack of investment resources, can lead to more poverty and thus creating a vicious circle.<sup>15</sup> ‘GDP of the Poor’

can show the dependence of poor people on natural resources and the links between ecosystems and poverty, which can be examined through the lenses of livelihoods, distribution, vulnerability and causality. The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) initiative estimated that rural communities in Indonesia rely on ecosystem services for 75% their income (Figure 6).

**Figure 6.** “GDP of the Poor”: Dependence of the poor on ecosystems in Indonesia (2005)



Source: TEEB

**The agricultural industry has expanded into forested land, causing large-scale land use changes and leading to high emissions.**<sup>28</sup> Since 2000, the main driver of land use change is oil palm and production tripled by 2014. Other types of plantations have also been planted, such as forests for fiber and pulp production, coffee, and cocoa, offering economic opportunities for settlers

from Indonesia’s remote outer islands. This expansion of plantations, into peatlands as well as logging of natural forest, has led to deforestation, degradation of lowlands and carbon emissions. The increased emissions since 2000 has led to Indonesia become the world’s fourth largest emitter of greenhouse gases (GHG) in 2015<sup>29</sup> and the largest contributor of forest-based emissions.<sup>30</sup>

27 TEEB – The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity for National and International Policy Makers (Brink, et al., 2009)

28 Indonesia Country Environmental Assessment (World Bank, 2009)

29 Carbon Brief Country Profile: Indonesia (Carbon Brief, 2019)

30 Forests and Landscapes in Indonesia: Data-driven analysis to support government and civil society actions for effective and equitable land-use in Indonesia. (World Resource Institute: Indonesia)

According to Indonesia's First Biennial Update Report submitted to the UNFCCC in 2016, its total GHG emissions in 2012 were 1,454 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO<sub>2</sub>-eq) for the three main GHGs: carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), and nitrogen dioxide (N<sub>2</sub>O).<sup>31</sup>

**Pollution is an important environmental concern; the total annual cost of premature deaths from air pollution is 3.5% of Indonesia's GDP in 2015.**<sup>32</sup> Environmental pollution causes significant economic losses in Indonesia and the burden affects the poor the most. Respiratory diseases cost up to USD 98 billion per year, causing 305 premature deaths/million people/year. Treatment costs of non-communicable diseases from coal pollution equal to 40–80% of lower income

group's annual expenditure. In addition, there is a loss of USD 3.2 billion of annual revenue from plastic bag pollution. This includes fisheries, tourism, production cost of plastic, as well as cleanup costs.

**Adjusted net savings (ANS) was developed as an indicator to measure the real difference between production and consumption.** ANS adjusts gross savings by taking into account investments in human capital, depreciation of fixed capital, depletion of natural resources, and damages caused by pollution. Figures for Indonesia show that although the indicator has been positive for the last few years, this driven by high rates of education investments, while natural capital is being depleted (Box 1).

### BOX 1. Macroeconomic Indicators: Adjusted Net Savings (ANS) in Indonesia<sup>33</sup>

**The WAVES program supported the Government of Indonesia in developing estimations for ANS, based on resource depletion, saving and investments.** Truly comprehensive wealth accounting goes beyond the System of National Accounts (SNA), an international standard for measuring national income and savings, to include broader forms of wealth such as human capital and the benefits flowing from ecosystem services. The World Bank measures changes in wealth through adjusted net savings (ANS), which captures the real difference between production and consumption by including depreciation of fixed capital, as well as investment in human capital, depletion of natural resources, and damage from pollution. Positive ANS indicates an investment in the future—that a nation is accumulating the assets needed to build up its wealth and ensure its economic growth over the longer term. Years of negative saving, on the other hand, can be an indication of declining national wealth and unsustainable development.

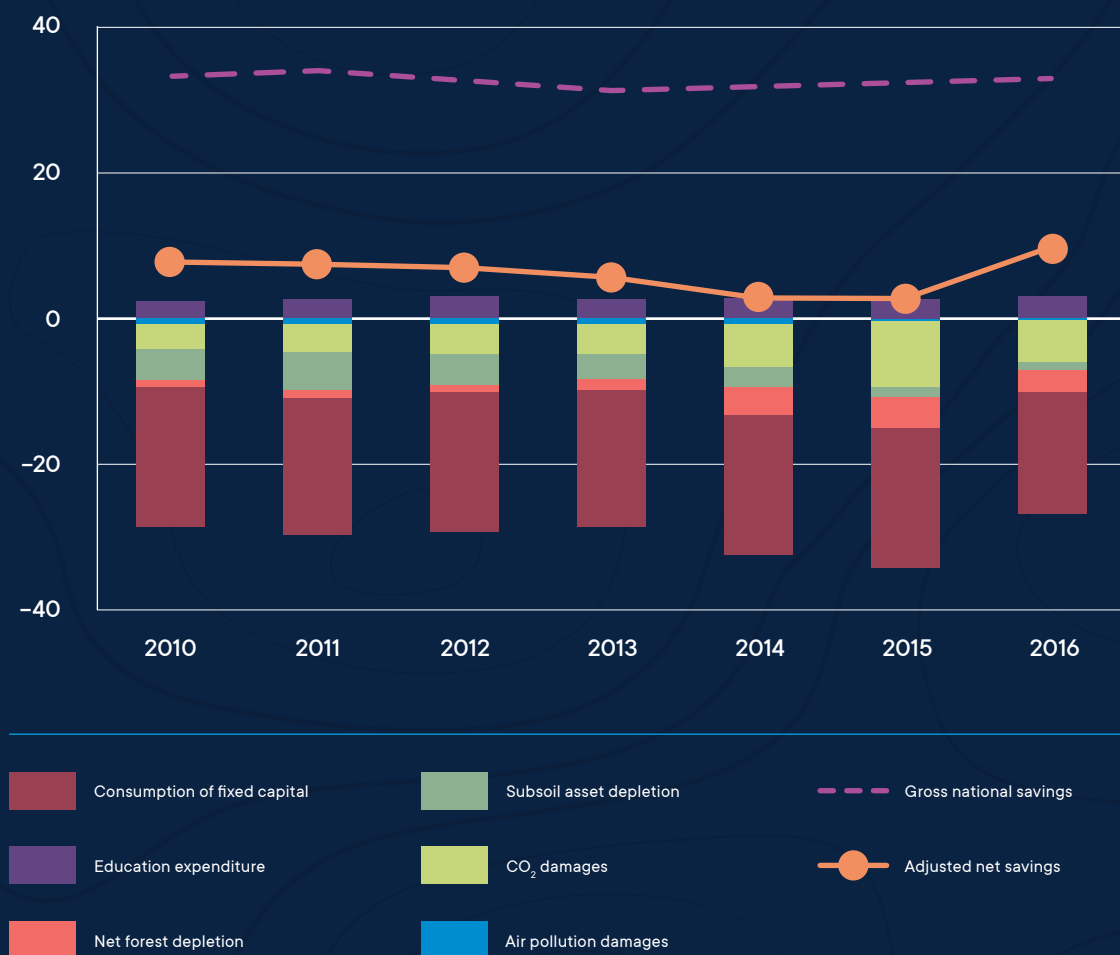
31 Indonesia's First Biennial Update Report (Republic of Indonesia, 2015)

32 Closing the Development Gap: Development Policy Review (World Bank, 2019). These estimates do not include the burden of air pollution on Indonesia's neighbor countries. Measuring them will add accuracy and transparency to the estimations.

33 Indonesia Wealth Account (World Bank, 2018)

While Indonesia's gross savings during this period are quite high, averaging 33% of GNI, the gap between gross savings and ANS is substantial, with an average ANS of 6%. ANS even dipped down to 2% in 2014 and 2015, indicating that Indonesia's national savings just barely covered the depreciation and depletion of its assets in those years. The main driver of Indonesia's low ANS is its significant consumption of fixed capital, averaging 19% of GNI. The second largest driver are damages from CO<sub>2</sub>, especially due to emissions from peat fires and LULUCF (land use, land-use change, and forestry). These land use practices also impact the estimates of net forest depletion, which averaged 2.2% during this period. Figure 7 shows Indonesia's ANS from 2010–2016, with the stacked bar columns illustrating the adjustments from gross national savings (blue dotted line) to arrive at ANS (black marked line).

**Figure 7.** Adjusted Net Savings in Indonesia, 2010–2016, percent of GNI



Source: World Bank staff calculations, based on data from World Bank's World Development Indicators and Indonesia data sources (SISNERLING)

**The Government of Indonesia is aware of the overall importance of natural capital and it has adopted legislation on NCA and economic instruments.** The government regulation on Environmental Economic Instruments (PP IELH) no. 46/2017 was initiated by the MoEF and sets out a framework for environmental economic instruments. This includes instruments of development planning and economic activities, which mandates Central Statistics Agency (BPS) to prepare natural capital accounts and a depletion adjusted GDP (i.e. GDP that accounts for the depletion of natural). The regulation includes funding, incentives and/or disincentives, to provide a reward for any party that preserves and protects the environment; on the other hand, punishment/liability for any party that causes pollution or damage to the environment. It is hoped that the implementation of PP 46/2017 will create a better balance between the utilization of natural resources and environmental protection and management.

**Recently, important progress has been made on the climate front, with the Nationally Determine Contribution (NDCs) and with the Low Carbon Development report.** The Government of Indonesia has committed to reduce GHG emissions by 29% by 2030 relative to business as usual, and up to 41% with international support.<sup>34</sup> This commitment was made through a Presidential Decree No. 61 on the National Action Plan for Reducing Emissions of Greenhouse Gases, under the coordination of Bappenas. This plan aims to provide: a clear overview of GHG emission reduction achievements; an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of national efforts to address

climate change; and producing valuable insights and guidance for developing and implementing future national climate policy. Issues of green development are also included in Indonesia's National Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMN) for 2020–, where government places great emphasis on three: food, water and energy security. This plan is expected to drive Indonesia toward a greener and more inclusive economic growth by promoting sustainable development and resilient growth.

**The Ministry of Planning, Bappenas, in cooperation with several development partners, has formulated a Low Carbon Development Plan for Indonesia that captures social, economic and environmental dynamics.** The novelty of this plan is that it uses a systemic approach.<sup>35</sup> Specifically, the impact of socio-economic development on the environment is quantified first, and then the impact of environmental degradation (including resource scarcity and reduction of ecosystem services) on economic performance is estimated. In practice, this means the plan considers the fact that economic activity requires the use of natural resources and generates pollution. Consumption of natural resources also leads to resource scarcity and may results in higher commodity prices and possibly reduced access to resources. Pollution in turn, can lead to health impacts, resulting in reduced labor productivity and increased health costs. In both cases, both businesses and households experience negative impacts, with the latter, and especially lower income families, being affected the most. It utilizes this information to achieve Indonesia's NDCs.

34 Indonesia's NDC projects its 2030 BAU emissions to be approximately 2,869 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e. It targets 2030 emissions of 2,037 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e under the unconditional target and emissions as low as 1,693 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e under the conditional target. (WRI, 2017)

35 Systemic in this context means that policy interventions are assessed against dimensions of development (social, economic and environmental), across sectors, for all stakeholders, over time and in space (e.g. for different provinces). For example, see: (Li et. al., 2012)

**An important component of the climate agenda being promoted by the Government relates to the restoration and conservation of lowland areas.** A renewed effort began in September 2015 with the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF) establishing an ad hoc Task Force to lead the national emergency response to fire and haze reduction. In November 2015, the President committed to creating a Peatland Restoration Agency (BRG), establishing a moratorium on all new concessions on peatlands and prohibited any clearance and drainage on previously issued concessions for peatlands. Through the BRG, the Government has committed to the restoration of at least 2 million hectares of peatland. A range of activities to support this commitment have been initiated, including mapping peatland and inventory landscapes (hydrological units), in order to: (i) reclassification of land use for protected and cultivated functions (re-zonation), (ii) private sector partnership, direction and promoting cooperation in peatland restoration, (iii) construction and maintenance of peatland rewetting infrastructure, (iv) conflict resolution over peatland tenure and land use, and the promotion of community based/participatory restoration actions.<sup>36</sup> The efforts to restore peatlands along with the zoning restrictions and management of peatlands, are intended to lay the foundations for reducing the risk of future haze from fires in peatlands. Policies administered to achieve Indonesia's NDC are encouraging in their commitment towards REDD+<sup>37</sup> and peatland restoration targets. 87% of emissions targets are expected to be achieved through REDD with 95% of reductions from forest and peatland policies alone. Significant efforts are being made to improve land governance with the One Map Initiative, the REDD+ policy and strategy.

**The Government of Indonesia, including key relevant ministries, are collectively working on strengthening the scope, use and methodology of natural capital accounting.** BPS has been developing annual asset accounts for forest resources, minerals and energy using the SEEA 1993 framework. In addition to the range of environmental and sustainable development indicators produced by BPS, other institutions have produced their own statistics and data. MoEF developed the Environmental Quality Index and the UKP4<sup>38</sup> developed the OneMap and OneData.<sup>39</sup> The OneMap Program aims to develop a generally agreed land cover, use and ownership data system that is aligned with the Spatial Planning Law (Law No.26/2006). OneData aims to enhance data governance by promoting common standards for data and metadata, as well as establishing a single data portal.

**BPS has produced SINSERLING Accounts since 1995 including accounts for forests, energy, emissions and minerals.**

The World Bank led Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services Partnership (WAVES) worked with Indonesian Government from 2015 to 2019 to strengthen SINSERLING, focusing on land and ecosystem accounting. The collaboration with WAVES and the steering committee and technical teams formed as part of this helped to align SINSERLING accounts to the SEEA 2012 through a formalized data protocol and inter-ministerial data infrastructure. This allowed the production land and ecosystems accounts with a special focus on peat ecosystems. Further details on this collaboration are described in Box 2.

36 BRG's Roadmap for Peatland Restoration (BRG, 2016)

37 REDD - Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation

38 Presidential Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight (officially called UKP-PPP)

39 Indonesia Feasibility Assessment Report (World Bank, 2015)

**SISNERLING and NCA methodology as well as a conceptual roadmap support harmonizing of guidelines embedded in current Indonesian legal frameworks for conducting natural capital assessments.**

Indonesian ministries have different guidelines for conducting land valuations with varied levels of emphasis and comprehensiveness. MoEF Regulation No 15/2012 for valuation of forests covers forest ecosystem services and their values more extensively, including

extractive, non-extractive, environmental impacts, biodiversity services and social and cultural value. The Ministry of Finance (MoF) Regulation No. 98/ PMK.06/2010 focuses on providing commercial valuations, upon request. It does not consider the capital value forest flora and fauna for areas beyond timber values (i.e. non-timber products and services). The MoF intends to update guidelines for the valuation of natural resources.

## **BOX 2. Overview of WAVES-supported activities in Indonesia**

**Indonesia formalized its association with the World Bank led WAVES Global Partnership in 2015, with the objective to introduce a systematic approach to NCA that could inform policy dialogue, with a special focus on the national medium-term development plan (RPJMN).** WAVES has been supporting development of data, policy, and process around NCA in Indonesia: consisting in the development of natural capital accounts (land and selected ecosystem services in peatlands), illustrations of accounts use and policy applications (policy block), and stakeholder engagement and capacity building (process block).

**The WAVES program in Indonesia focused on four areas of work:**

- a)** Improving the Indonesian SEEA (SISNERLING) coverage and data quality. WAVES supported better monitoring of how Indonesia's natural assets are used at an aggregate level. Central to this effort was raising awareness of measures such as Comprehensive Wealth Accounts and Adjusted Net Savings (ANS).
- b)** Establishing SEEA-based national accounts for land and ecosystems. This included development of land cover accounts at national level, ecosystem extent accounts for Sumatra and Kalimantan, as well as ecosystem accounts for peatlands also for the same two islands.
- c)** Developing feasibility and guidelines for SEEA-based water accounts at the watershed level, piloting initial accounts for the Citarum River Basin.
- d)** Integrating data into natural capital accounts, WAVES helped to inform different development processes, particularly the RPJMN, NDC strategic planning, and the country's long-term development vision.
- e)** Capacity building, WAVES supported trainings and technical assistance across agencies to empower the next generation of economists, statisticians, Geospatial analysts to visualize Indonesia's sustainable development goals through evidence-based policy making.

**NCA implementation was developed through a National Steering and Technical Committee (NCS) guided by a group of agencies led by the Planning Agency (Bappenas), the Statistical Agency (BPS), and the Ministry of Finance (MOF).** The NSC played a key role as a coordination entity to facilitate and strengthen existing mechanisms of interaction among key stakeholders.

**To ensure the utilization of the Natural Capital Accounting in policy decision making, capacity building through WAVES program has empowered the potential natural capital leaders.** Various capacity building activities and policy dialogue exchanges were conducted to empower the

next generation of economists, statisticians and GIS analysts will help guide Indonesia to visualize the path for sustainable development through evidence-based policy making. Those activities are described in detail in Box 3.

### BOX 3. Capacity building through WAVES program

**Leading the way to science-based policy making, empowering the next generation of Natural Capital Leaders.**

**WAVES provided capacity building to support the process of adoption of SEEA at national level for institutionalization of sustainability measures and indicators through technical capacity building for statisticians and economists.** The capacity building provided relevant government officials training and technical assistance delivered by international and local experts targeting two group of audiences: (i) policy makers through series of policy roundtables; and (ii) technical staff through a series of technical trainings.

**As a result, BPS staff are now fully equipped to use and produce of natural capital accounts on land, peatland and water accounts.** They have also been trained to use GIS application for the same as depicted in Figure 8. WAVES also supported BPS led Focus Group Discussion on the development of Roadmap for Natural Capital Accounting (Jakarta, 3 September 2018) including participation of over 100 policy- makers from relevant ministries and agencies. This is a critical a step towards initiating implementation for regulation on environmental economics (PP46/2017).

**Ministry of Finance shared their valuable experiences through a South-South Knowledge Exchange (SSKE) on Mineral Valuation and Uses of NCA in National Reporting.** (Jakarta, 8–9 Dec 2016) and were supported to further take global knowledge sharing to subnational experts in the closing regional workshop on Closing regional Workshop on SEEA (Jakarta, December 2017). WAVES also trained Ministry of Finance to comprehensively account for wealth in their macroeconomic indicators starting with one-one sessions as well as from targeted advanced sessions from 6–9 March 2018. As a result, Ministry of Finance initiated a dialogue on Adjusted Macroeconomic Indicator and Wealth Accounts for Ministry of Finance (Figure 9); and

**Figure 8.** Training for BPS officers (Jakarta, 30–31 Aug 2018)



**Figure 9.** Dialogue on Macroeconomic Indicator and Wealth Account (Jakarta, 31 Oct 2018)



Bappenas was also supported to lead a dialogue on the linkage between carrying capacity (biophysical values) and macroeconomic indicators (monetary values) as well as how to integrate that into the core macroeconomic outlooks for the next mid-term development plan 2020–24. (28Oct - 2Nov 2018). As a result, a delegation led by Bappenas presented their vision 2045 and GDP estimations considering carrying capacity of environment to meet their climate change emission reduction targets at the Global Natural Capital Policy Forum, Paris (Figure 10). This was very well received with other country participants keen to emulate Indonesia's success story

**Figure 10.** Natural Capital Policy Forum (Paris, 26–27 Nov 2018)



Well-equipped knowledge and skills, the next generation of economists, statisticians and GIS analysts will help guide Indonesia to visualize the path for sustainable development through evidence based policy making



# 03

## Land and ecosystem accounting





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**Shifts in land use have ecological and social consequences that are a critical to Indonesia's pledge to a low carbon economy.** Indonesia's forests are home to thousands of plant and animal species, and 50–60 million Indonesians depend directly on the forests for their livelihoods. Land use changes are the highest contributor to emissions in Indonesia, making up 88% of emissions. By 2030, the land use sector (REDD and agriculture) is expected to represent more than half of the country's aggregate emission reduction target (17% of the 29% targeted reductions).<sup>40</sup>

**An accounting approach was used to identify trends in land use changes and examine possible impacts of future land use changes in Indonesia.**<sup>41</sup> Land accounts contribute to the implementation of Law No. 26/2006 on Spatial Planning, by helping institutionalize classification standards for land cover and land use, and support community empowerment and rural development. Land accounts developed under WAVES provided important insights on how forests and peatlands are threatened by agricultural expansion, particularly in Sumatra and Kalimantan. Indonesia lost about

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<sup>40</sup> GHG emission cost curves DNPI. (McKinsey & Company, 2015)

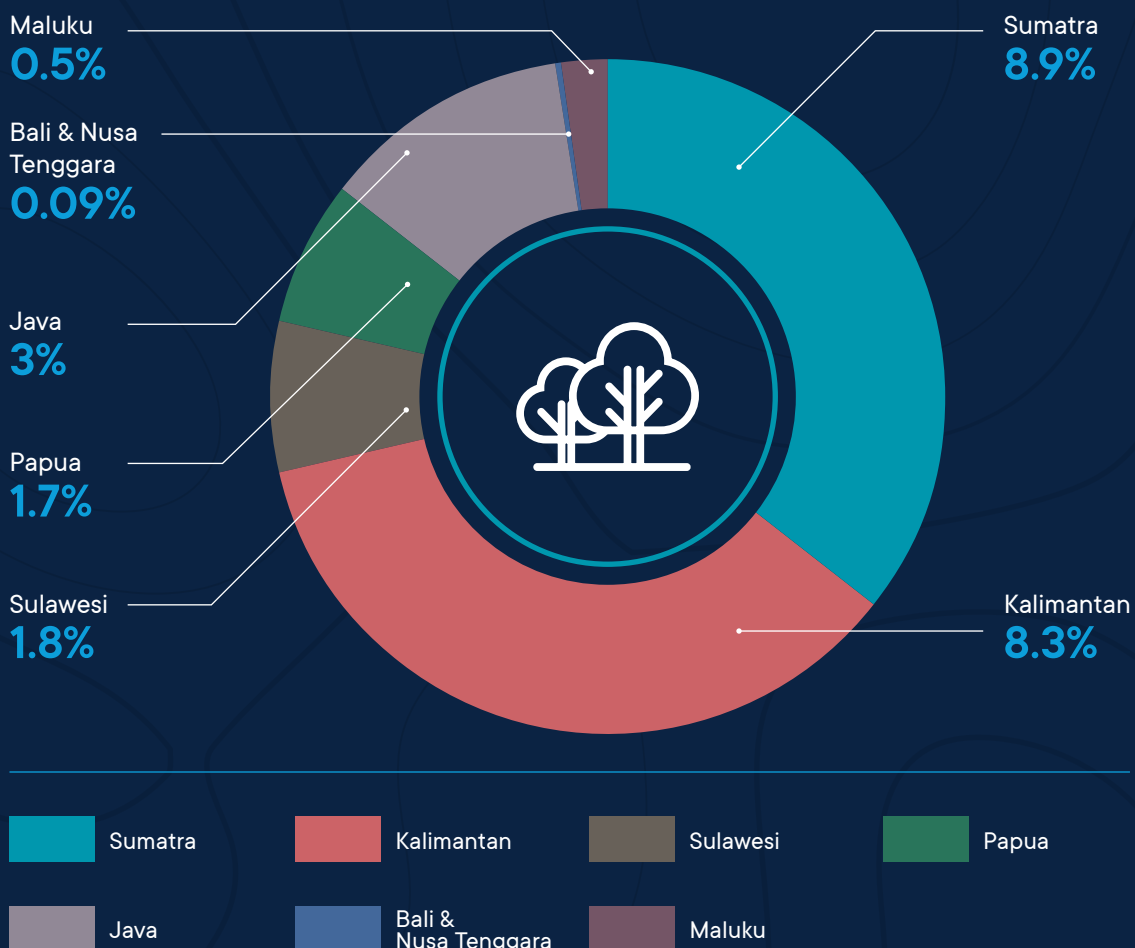
<sup>41</sup> The land account presents a clear overview of land cover change (between 22 land cover classes) that has taken place in Indonesia from 1990 up to 2015. It is based on government data only (Ministry of Environment and Forestry - MOEF).

22 million ha of natural forest between 1990 to 2014 and around 6 million ha of forest became perennial crop, mostly dominated by oil palm plantations but also acacia, mainly for pulp and paper production.<sup>42</sup> With an average annual loss of 0.9 million ha between 1990 to 2014, Sumatra and Kalimantan had

the highest forest losses with 8.9 and 8.3 million ha of forests lost in the same period, respectively (Figure 11 and 12). The Island of Bali and Nusa Tenggara however had the highest forest cover loss with respect to their entire land area.

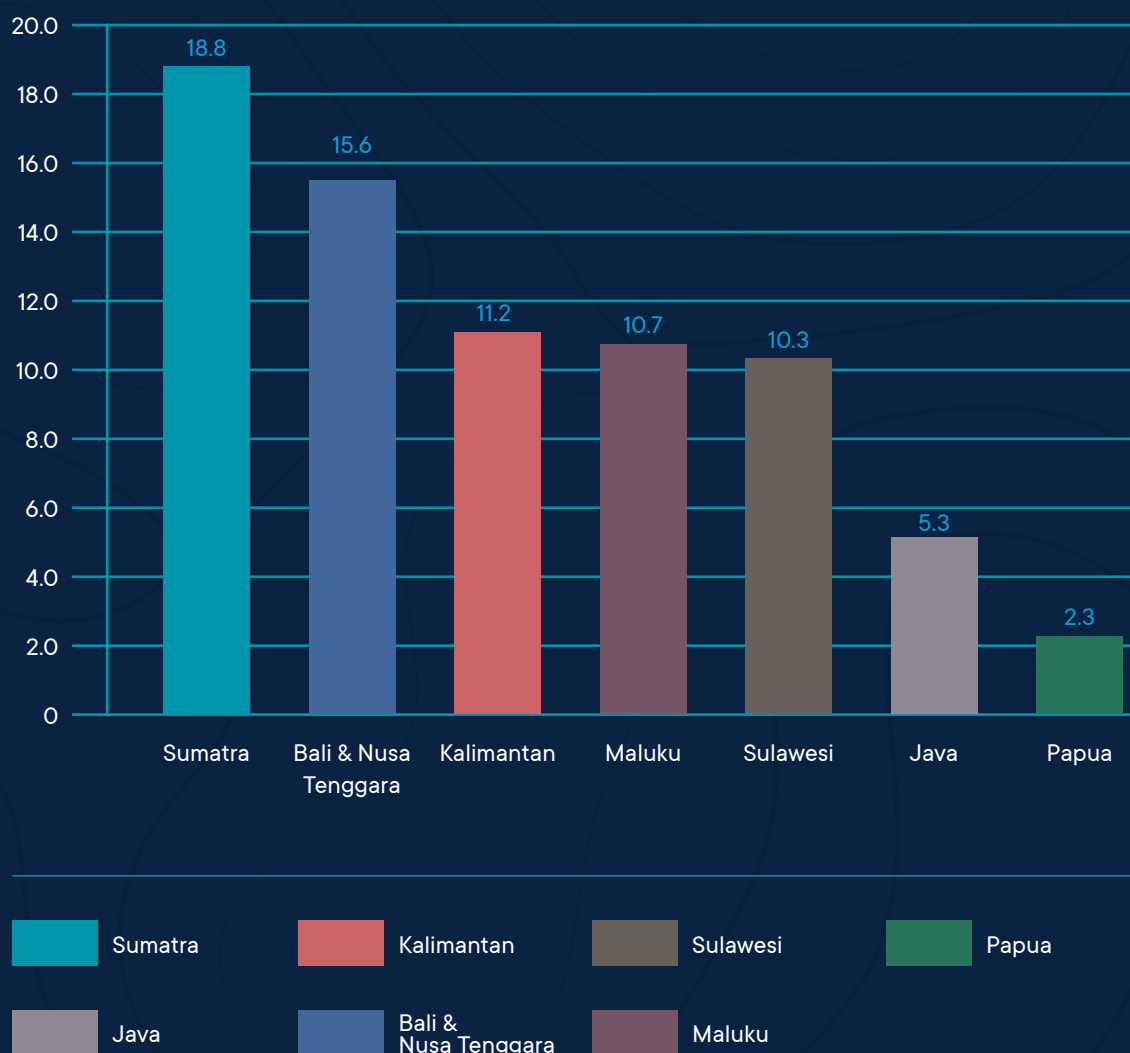
**Figure 11.** Indonesia: Forest cover loss by Island between 1990 and 2014  
Million hectares and percentages

Forest cover loss by Island (million ha)



Source: Pilot Land & Extent Account Sumatera and Kalimantan (The World Bank and BPS, 2019)

42 Indonesia Land Account (BPS, Forthcoming)

**Figure 12.** Forest cover lost relative to Island area (%)

Source: Pilot Land & Extent Account Sumatera and Kalimantan (The World Bank and BPS, 2019)

**The expansion of perennial crops occurred at the expense of forest land.** Perennial crops, dominated by oil palm plantations, rapidly expanded from 1990 to 2014, with additional area of 6 million ha. About 60% of the additional perennial crop areas were forested in 1990. Land cover change varied in different island groups. In Sumatra, there were major transformations from forest land

to plantation forestry (such as acacia) and perennial crops (such as oil palm), starting in the early 1990s. The largest conversion of Indonesian forest during 1990 to 2014 took place in Sumatra (about 8.9 million ha).

**A specific element of the land extent account<sup>43</sup> differentiated and successfully mapped the land cover classes of Perennial crops and Plantation forests into the different crop and forestry tree species.<sup>44</sup>** For the perennial crop class, the differentiation between oil palm, hevea, coffee, banana, coconut and cacao plantations were investigated, while for the plantation forest class the acacia and eucalyptus plantations were analyzed. These crops were identified by the Government due to their importance to economic and revenue for the country. It is important to know where these crops are grown for land use planning and management, inclusive growth and dealing with sustainability concerns (Figure 13).

**In Sumatra and Kalimantan, oil palm is the dominant perennial crop, followed by hevea.** The dominant plantation forest crop in both islands is acacia (mainly for pulp and paper production), followed by eucalyptus. The young/unidentified plantations class represents some 8.3% of the total perennial crops and plantation forests area in Sumatra. This is related to the rotation period of oil palm (typically around 25 years) and acacia (typically around 4 years). In Kalimantan, around 0.1% of land is identified as young/unidentified plantation. This is related to the more recent land conversion to plantations in Kalimantan: few plantations have reached the end of their productive life span. As illustrated by Figure 13, significant areas were classified with algorithms as plantations outside the perennial crops and forest plantations land cover layers.<sup>45</sup>

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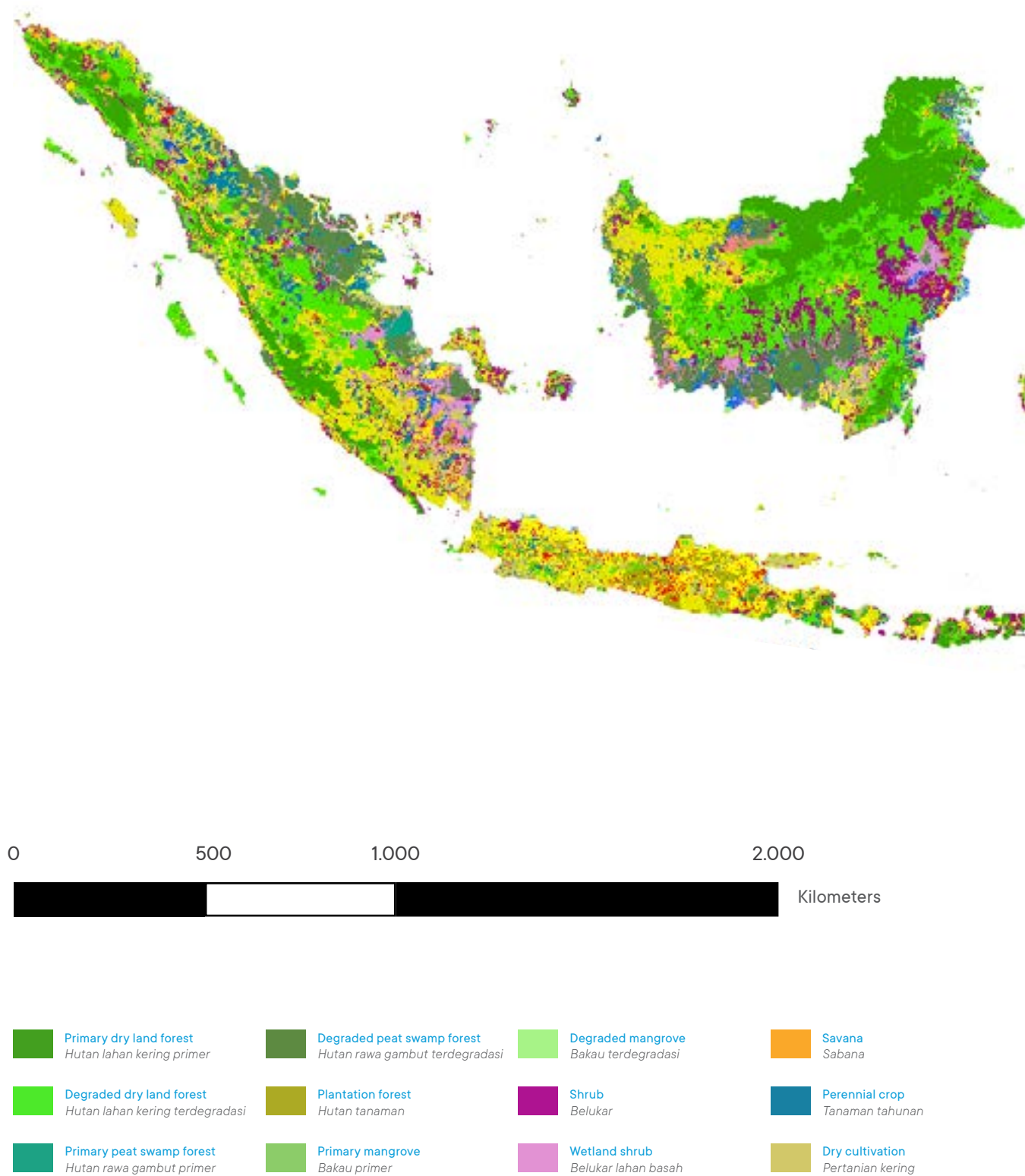
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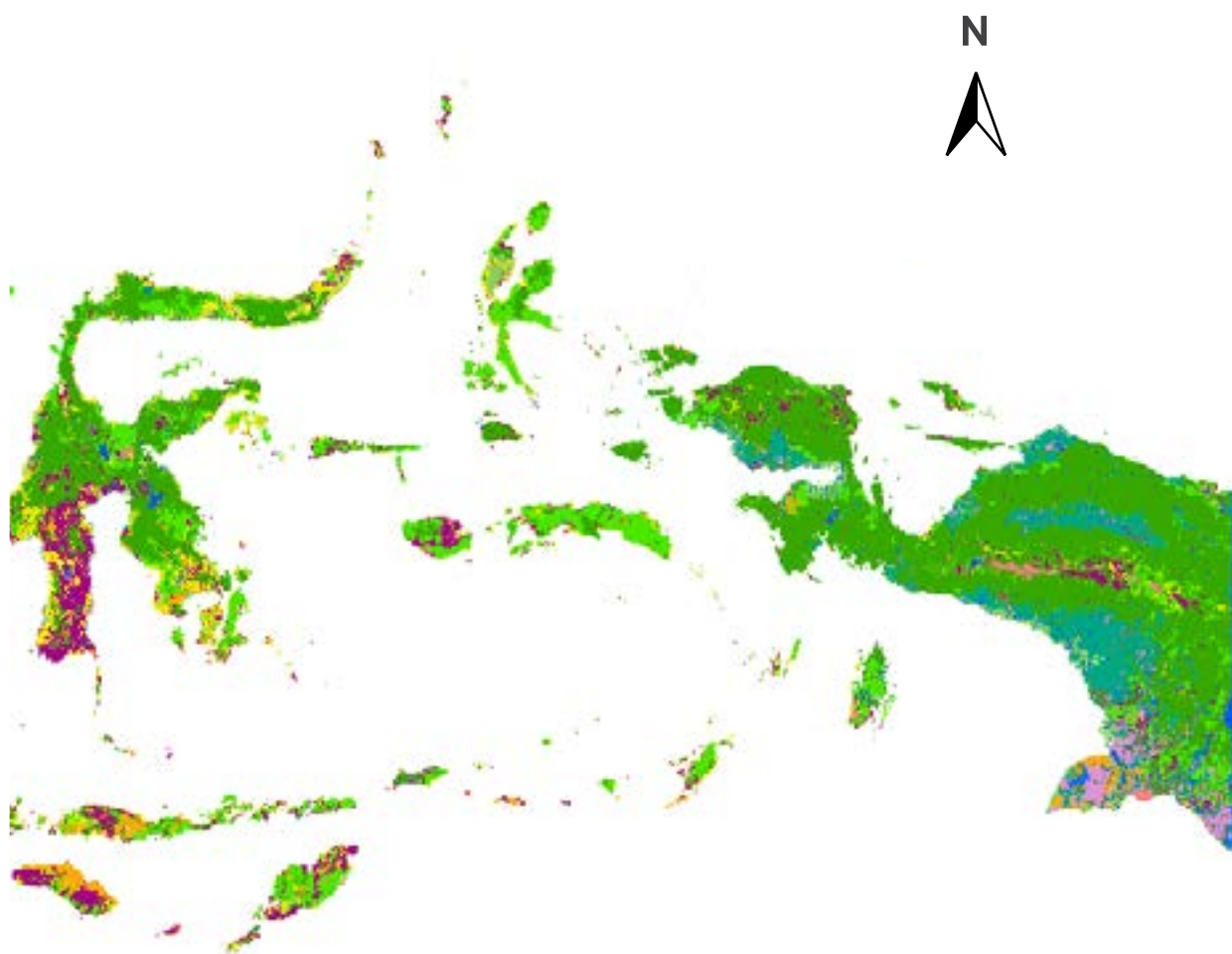
43 Based on the extent account, which provides further insights in the types of crops grown in Indonesia, particularly in perennial cropping and plantation forestry systems.

44 This exercise has been conducted with a land cover map of 2014/15 and satellite imagery from 2016. Such exercises were not previously possible, but now are with the support of advanced remote sensing methods.

45 However, as no accuracy assessment was carried out outside the perennial crops and forest plantations land cover layers, these figures should be taken with caution.

Figure 13a. Land cover map of Indonesia 1990





Source: Pilot Land & Extent Account Sumatera and Kalimantan (The World Bank and BPS, 2019)

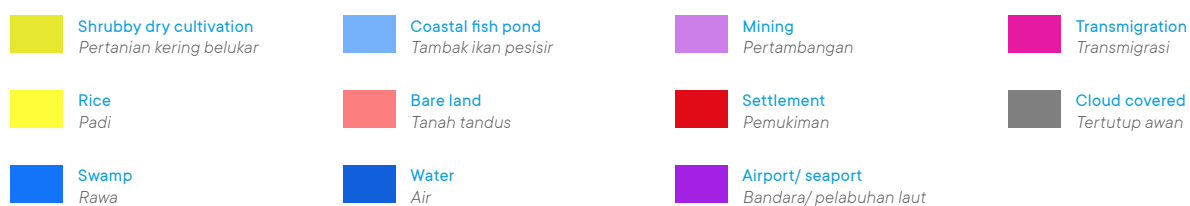
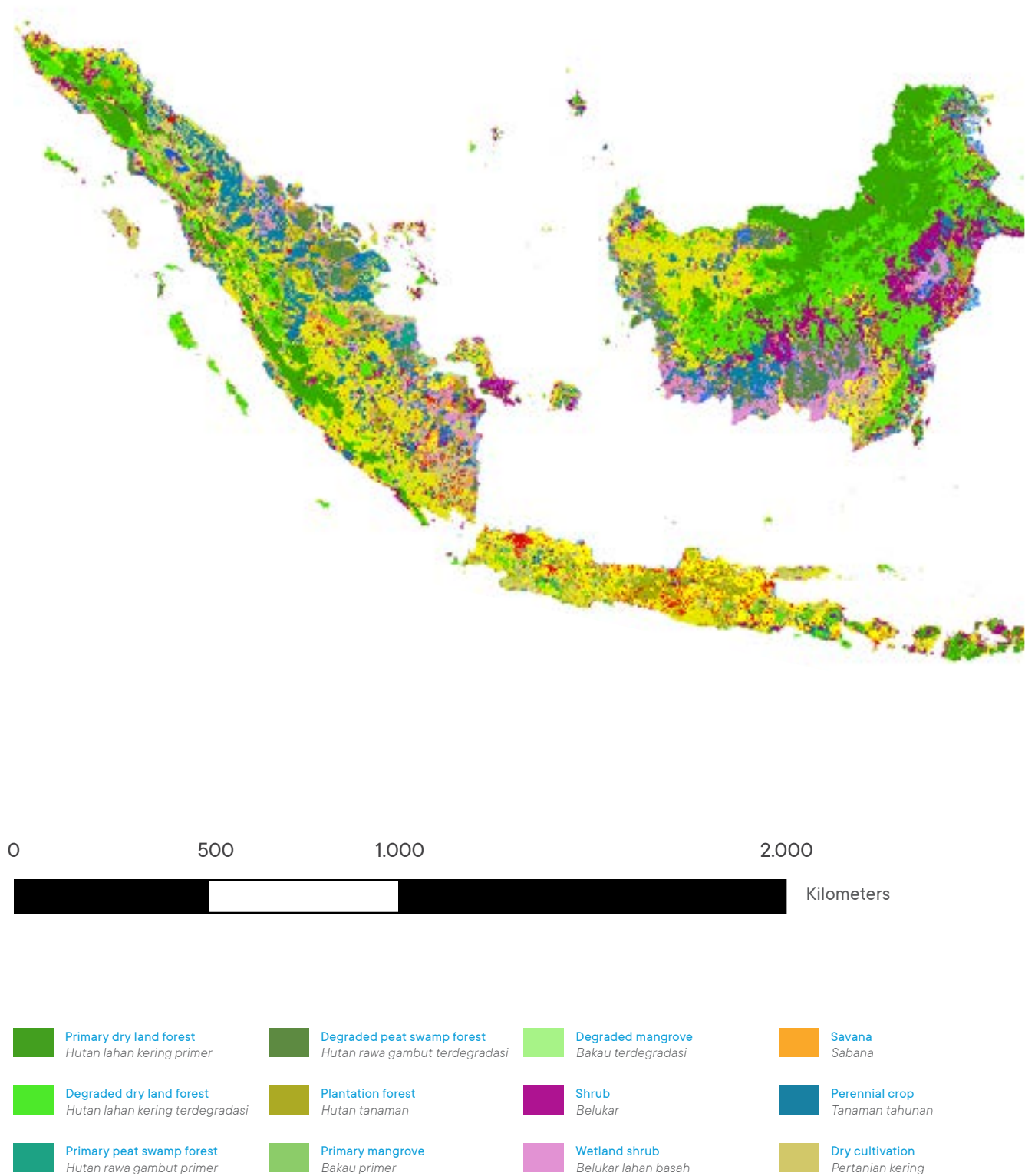
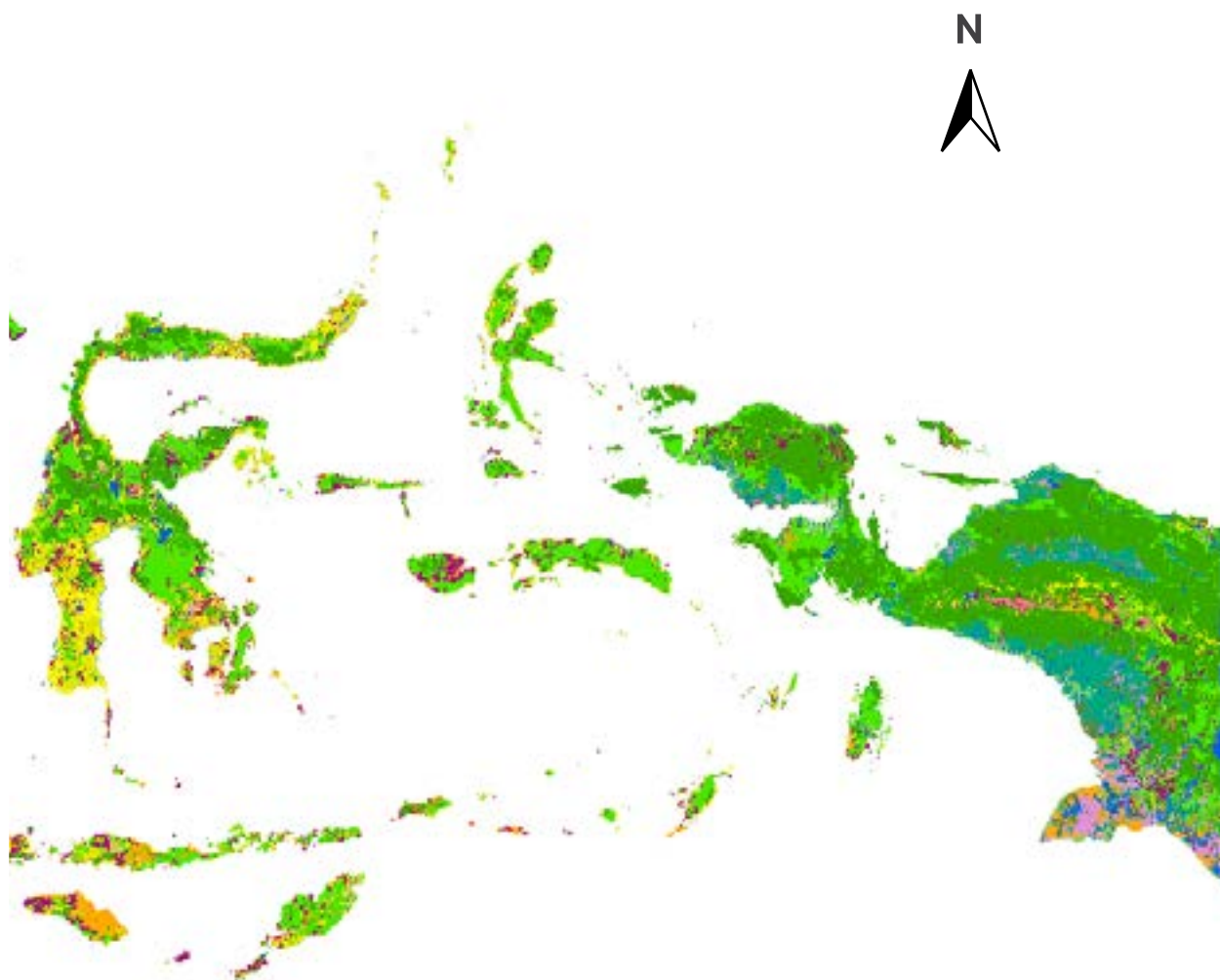
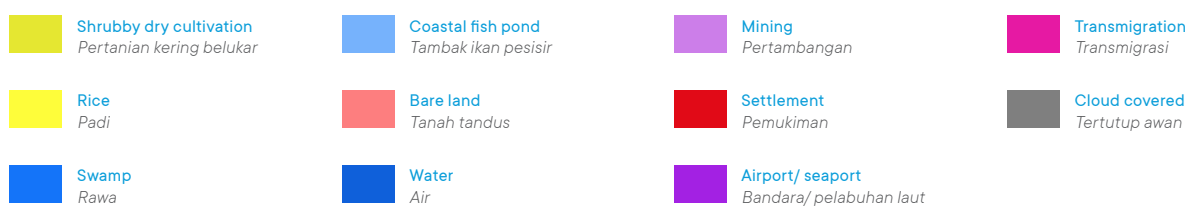


Figure 13b. Land cover map of Indonesia 2014

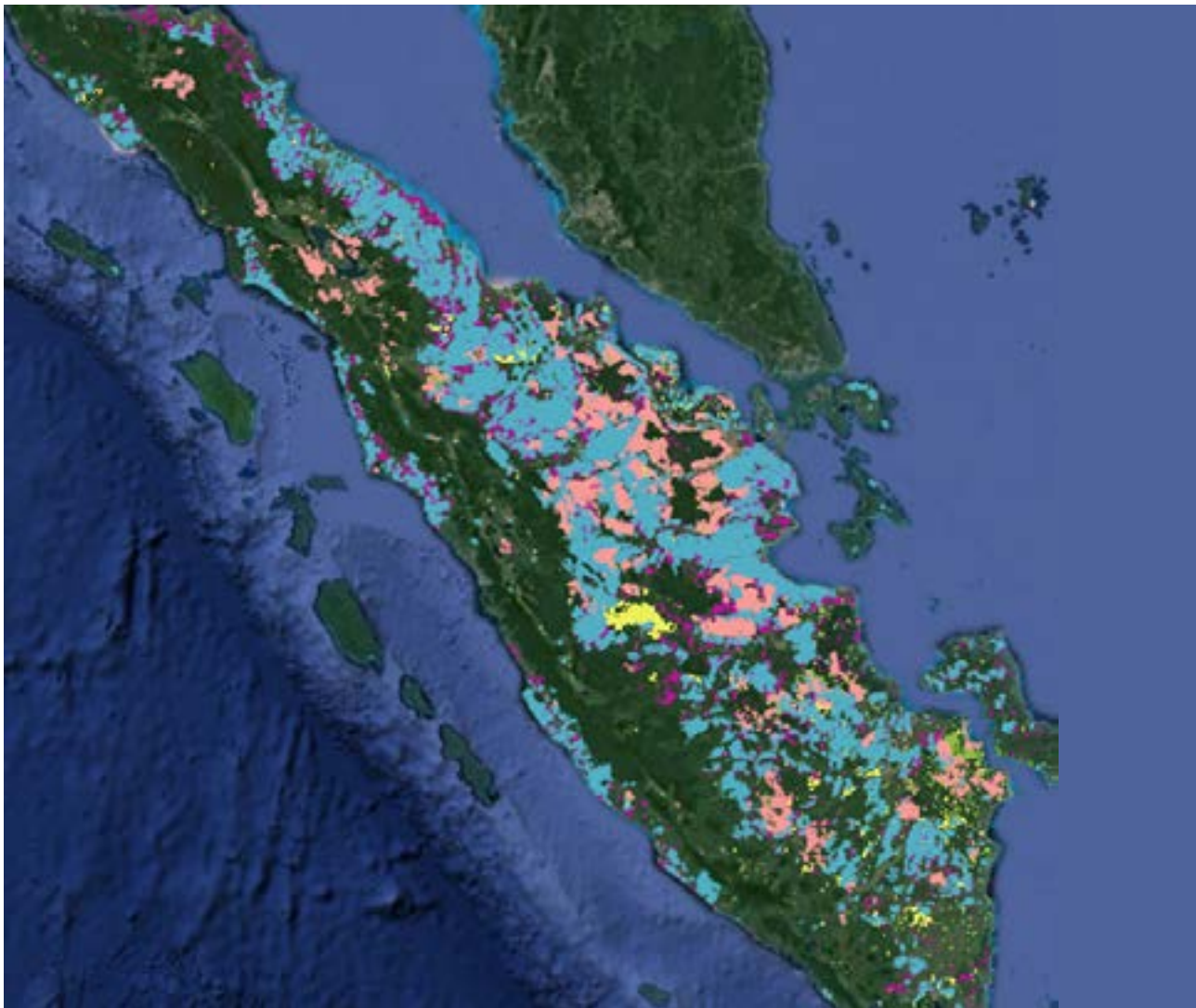




Source: Pilot Land & Extent Account Sumatera and Kalimantan (The World Bank and BPS, 2019)



**Figure 14.** Sumatra: Overlay of plantation forests and perennial crops layers on land use classification (2015)<sup>46</sup>



Source: Land Account for Indonesia: (BPS, Forthcoming)

**The expansion of the agriculture occurred mainly in peatlands.** Indonesia has 45 percent of the world's tropical peatlands, the largest share worldwide.<sup>47</sup> Peat is comprised of accumulated organic material, which forms domes and acts as natural reservoir of water and carbon, providing a variety of ecosystem goods and services important for the economy

and well-being. This includes farming of agriculture products (food), medicinal and ornamental plants, and timber and non-timber forest products, among other.<sup>48</sup> It is estimated that the tropical peatlands of Indonesia are one of the world's largest carbon pools, storing around 13.6 to 40.5 Gt of carbon (50–145 Gt on CO<sub>2</sub>), which is equivalent to 1.3 to 4

46 Areas appearing in green (acacia), pink (hevea) and purple (oil palm) correspond to plantations not included in the plantation forests and perennial crops layers.

47 Implementing Peatland Restoration in Indonesia: Technical Policies, Interventions and Recent Progress (Dohong, 2018)

48 The economic value of peatlands resources within the Central Kalimantan Peatland Project in Indonesia (Beukering, Schaafsma, Davies, & Oskolokaite, 2008)

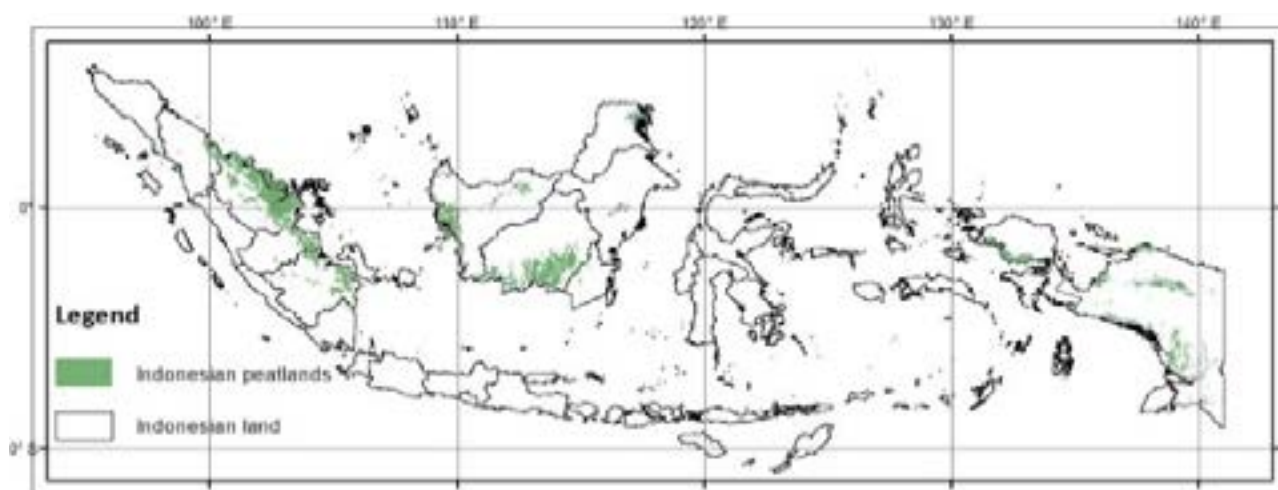
years of global emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> from fossil fuel sources.<sup>49</sup> Peatlands also have spiritual, historical and cultural value. It's important to note that the ecosystem accounts are partial, and largely include resource rents for ecosystem goods and crops, rather than some of the harder-to-quantify regulating and cultural ecosystem services. Peatlands cover approximately 8% of Indonesia's land surface (15 Mha) and are mainly found in the three biggest islands of Sumatra (43%), Kalimantan (32%), and Papua (25%),<sup>50</sup> see Figure 15. An ecosystem account was developed to monitor the changes of peat ecosystems and economic activities concerning their physical and monetary values.<sup>51</sup>

**Peatlands cover approximately 8% of Indonesia's land surface and are important for oil palm cultivation, one of the main**

**agricultural commodities currently**

**produced in Indonesia.** Other agricultural products (provisioning services)<sup>52</sup> important to Indonesia's economy include timber and paddy production, and biomass production for pulp. Yet given the increasing scarcity of unused land, the pressure to convert peatland to cropland or plantation forestry areas are still expanding. The Ecosystem Account for Peatlands was divided in four main categories to analyze the state and trends of this critical ecosystem: extent accounts, conditions accounts, ecosystem services accounts and carbon accounts. The account compiled was limited to the best available information at the time and therefore some aspects relevant for these types of ecosystems were left out, for example some ecosystem services such as flood protection, forest fire prevention and hydrological services were not included.

**Figure 15.** Distribution map of Indonesian peatlands



Source: Pilot Land & Extent Account Sumatera and Kalimantan (The World Bank and BPS, 2019)

49 An appraisal of Indonesia's immense peat carbon stock using national peatland maps: uncertainties and potential losses from conversion (Warren, Hergoualc'h, Kauffman, Murdiyarso, & Kolka, 2017)

50 Ecosystem account for peatlands Indonesia: Forthcoming publication by BPS, supported by WAVES. (BPS, Forthcoming)

51 Ecosystem account is based on the Indonesian governments (MOEF) land cover map.

52 Ecosystem services are the benefits that people derive from ecosystems. Ecosystem services are organized into four types: (i) provisioning services, which are the products people obtain from ecosystems and which may include food, freshwater, timber, fibers, and medicinal plants; (ii) regulating services, which are the benefits people obtain from the regulation of ecosystem processes and which may include surface water purification, carbon storage and sequestration, climate regulation, protection from natural hazards; (iii) cultural services, which are the non-material benefits people obtain from ecosystems and which may include natural areas that are sacred sites and areas of importance for recreations and aesthetic enjoyment; and (iv) supporting services, which are the natural processes that maintain the other services and which may include soil formation, nutrient cycling and primary production (MEA).

**The BRG has been tasked to restore 2.5 million ha of peatlands by 2020 with the primary aim to reduce the risk of fires.**

To date 260,000 ha of peatlands have been restored. To restore the hydrology of degraded peatland ecosystems, and hence avoid fires in peatlands, the BRG also designates peatland zones for protection and cultivation, reviews permit and licenses for management or concessions over peatlands which fail to control degradation and/or fire and strengthens coordination, policy formulation and implementation across the government.<sup>53</sup> More effective peatland mapping could help resolve conflict over land use and tenure of land reform.

**The extent account for peatlands revealed that 52% of peat forests in Kalimantan and Sumatra have been converted to other types of land cover between 1900 and 2014.** In both Sumatra and Kalimantan plantation areas and agricultural land expanded drastically during the same period. This led to increases in the production of plantation crops such as oil palm fruit, rubber and acacia. However, this changes also lead to various environmental impacts such as high carbon emissions, degraded peatlands, fire and smog formation with associated health impacts. Over time, agricultural activities will not be maintained because of soil subsidence in drained peatlands and subsequent flood risks.<sup>54</sup>

**54% of peat forests have been converted to other land use in Sumatra and Kalimantan between 1990 and 2015 (Figure 16).** This includes rich ecosystems of lowland forest, mangroves, which were converted to support agriculture activities, more recently – industrial plantations. As of 2015, about 40% of peatlands are under concession (5.4 Mha), where 57% has already been developed and oil palm has the greatest coverage of developed land with 1.6 Mha.<sup>55</sup> The remaining 43% of peatlands under peatlands are not developed and 1.4 Mha of peat forest is still standing under concession, which is at risk for conversion and current fires. Of the remaining peatland forest under concession, Kalimantan and pulpwood plantations contribute the largest share. Only 5% of oil palm concessions in Sumatra is still forest, while in Kalimantan the share is 30%. As of 2015, 17% (0.3 million ha) of pulpwood plantations in Sumatra still has forest (estimated before the fires that occurred later that year), and 49% in Kalimantan. Overall, concessions have been utilized in a higher degree in Sumatra and the next wave of development can be expected in Kalimantan. About 60% (7.9 Mha) of peatlands are not under concession, hereof 43% (3.4 Mha) ha is already developed, where smallholders make up the largest share with 70% of this land, and oil palm contributes 28%.<sup>56</sup>



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53 BRG's Roadmap for Peatland Restoration (BRG, 2016)

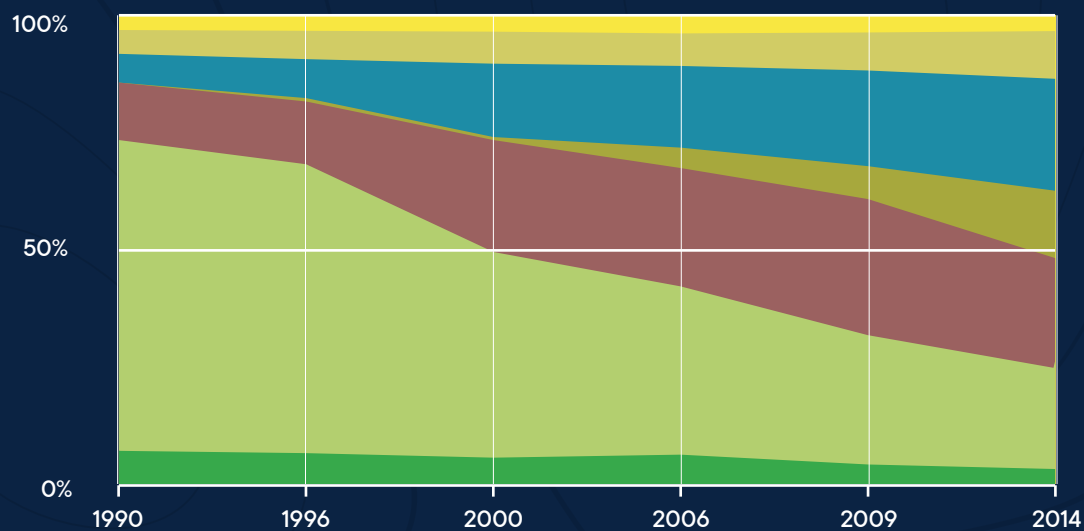
54 Indonesia Ecosystem Account for Peatlands (BPS, Forthcoming)

55 Effective Peatland Management – a preliminary fact base (McKinsey & Company, 2015)

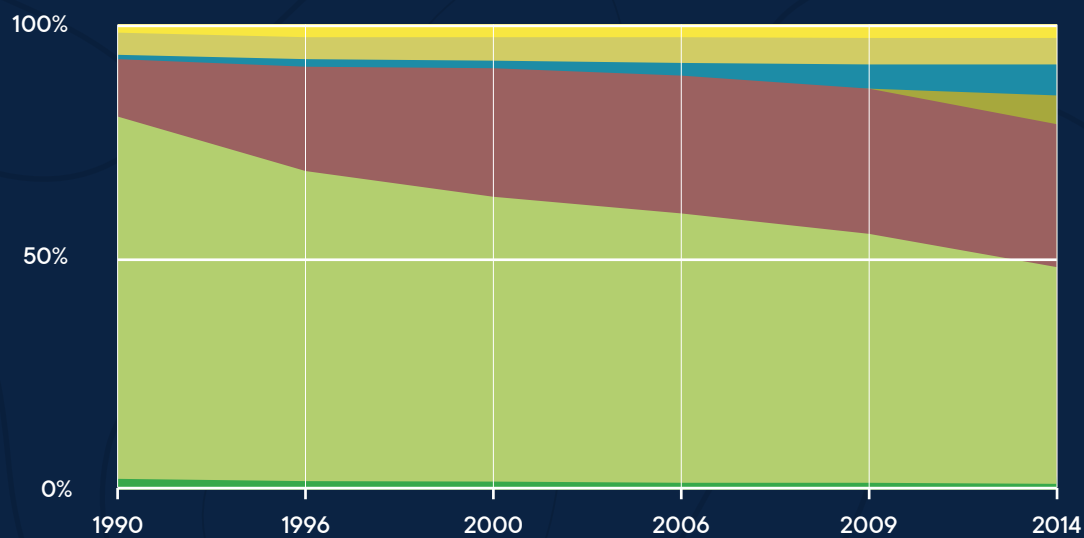
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**Figure 16.** Ecosystem extent account of peatlands in Sumatra and Kalimantan

## Sumatra Extent Account



## Kalimantan Extent Account



Source: Pilot Land &amp; Extent Account Sumatera and Kalimantan (The World Bank and BPS, 2019)

**Three selected indicators in the ecosystem condition account revealed an overall and increasing degradation of peatland ecosystems:**

### VEGETATION BIOMASS:

**In addition to carbon in soils, peatlands also store noteworthy amounts of carbon in vegetation.** The reduction of vegetation density in peat forests by fires, deforestation and land conversion, decreases the carbon content due to biomass loss and peat decomposition. Total dry biomass in Sumatra and Kalimantan peatlands decreased 35% and 27% respectively between 1990 and 2015. Around 91% (Sumatra) and 95% (Kalimantan) of total biomass in 1990 was stored in forests, but this number decreased to 46% and 76% respectively by 2015.

### WATER LEVEL:

**Ideally, to prevent subsidence and fire, groundwater levels should be maintained between 40 cm below and 100 cm above the peat surface.**<sup>57</sup> The indicator used for the account only includes the annual average groundwater depth, but the level varies within a year. The estimations showed that the annual average of water level in 2013 varied from 0–117 cm in Sumatra and from 0–96 cm in Kalimantan. The deepest drainage was in the areas of perennial crop, plantation forest, bare land and degraded peat swamp forest in the distance less than 500 m from those areas. It was deeper in north-eastern parts of Sumatra. Subsidence in peatlands is estimated to be 1.5m for the first 5 years of drainage, with half of this subsidence occurring in the first year and continuing at the rate of 5 cm per year after 5 years.<sup>58</sup> Peatland forests act as a buffer, storing

and gradually releasing water, providing an effective defense against storms and coastal flooding. In their place, plantation areas and agricultural lands have expanded, requiring drainage to enhance agricultural productivity and improve accessibility of the terrain. Over time, an increase of subsidence will occur, leading to flowing, which severely hampers agricultural productivity in peatlands. Flooding is worse in Sumatra, which is the most advanced in terms of land use conversion to agriculture from peatland. This is evident by the fact that drainage depth in 2013 was up to 117 cm in Sumatra and up to 96 cm in Kalimantan (Figure 14). The deepest drainage was in the areas of perennial crop, plantation forest, bare land and degraded peat swamp forest in the distance less than 500 m from those areas. The deepest drainage was in north-eastern parts of Sumatra.<sup>59</sup>

### FOREST FIRES:

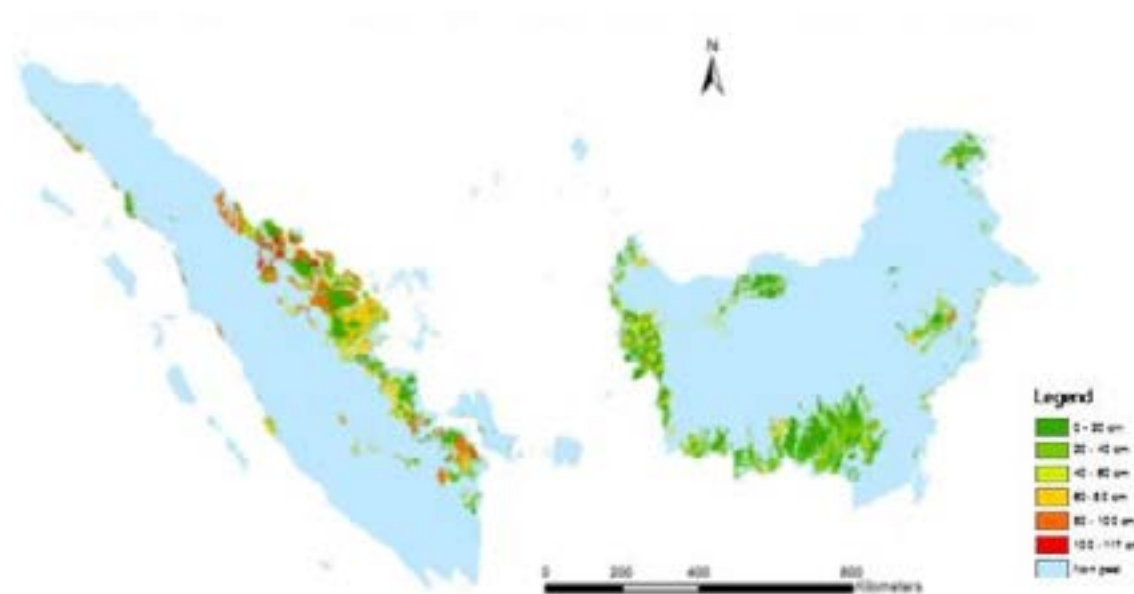
**The number of fires is used as indicator to track the temporal and spatial distribution of fire incidents in peatlands.** Between 2006 to 2014, the total number of fires in peatlands increased by 36 percent in Sumatra and 24 percent in Kalimantan and they occurred in peatlands covered by wet shrubland in all the years that were measured (2006, 2009 and 2014).

57 See Wosten et al <http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.504.3121&rep=rep1&type=pdf>

58 Subsidence and carbon loss in drained tropical peatlands (Hooijer, et al., 2012)

59 Water table depth was obtained using Kriging interpolation and lookup tables. It's important to note that this location does not correspond to the deepest peatland area. (Warren, Hergoualc'h, Kauffman, Murdiyarso, & Kolka, 2017)

**Figure 17.** Estimated water level map of Sumatra and Kalimantan peatlands in 2013.



Source: Pilot Land & Extent Account Sumatera and Kalimantan (The World Bank and BPS, 2019)

**Oil palm plantation areas have expanded significantly and generated the highest monetary value in 2015, meanwhile timber production, CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, and protected land decreased over time.**

This was established through an ecosystem services account that tracked six main ecosystem services provided by Indonesian peatland, including the production of oil palm, biomass for pulp, paddy, timber, CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, and protected land as biodiversity habitat. However, in economic analyses of land use options in peatlands also externalities (such as health effects of peat fires and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions) and the long-term forecasts of production need to

be considered. The current and future increases in flood occurrence in peatlands due to soil subsidence are not yet included in the accounts, and this is a priority for further work, so the peat accounts can more meaningfully be used to advice policy makers.

**The pattern of land use and land use change observed in peatland since 2000 has resulted in large carbon emissions.**

The combined effect of peat drainage (which releases carbon stored in peat, resulting in CO<sub>2</sub> via oxidation upon contact with the atmosphere), land use change and forest fires caused an increasing amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from peatlands in Sumatra and Kalimantan, in

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the order of over 40% (or more) of total GHG emissions in Indonesia; the bulk of peatland emissions (some 95% on average) comes from oxidation in drained soils and from fires (Table 1). These figures are telling in terms of the key role that peatland management will have in

the near future for Indonesia's contribution to global climate action. The share of peatlands in the country's total emissions will be even larger once Papua's peatlands are included in the tally.

**Table 1.** CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from peatlands in Sumatra and Kalimantan (Million Tons)

| Sources of emissions   | 1995 (a) | 2000  | 2005 (a) | 2010  | 2014  | Average share (2005–2014) (b) |
|--|----------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|
| Land use change (c)  | 73.40    | 108   | 45       | 58.75 | 28.8  | 4%                            |
| Oxidation (d)  | 240      | 273   | 294      | 333   | 387   | 34%                           |
| Fire (e)   |          |       | 704      | 508   | 610   | 61%                           |
| Total  | 313      | 381   | 1,043    | 900   | 1,026 | 100%                          |
| Total Emission Indonesia (f)   | 1,435    | 1,315 | 1,749    | 2,285 | 2,472 |                               |
| Peatland emissions in Sumatra and Kalimantan relative to total emissions (g) |          |       | 60%      | 39%   | 42%   | 46%                           |

Source: Indonesia Ecosystem Account for Peatlands (BPS with WAVES Support)<sup>60</sup>

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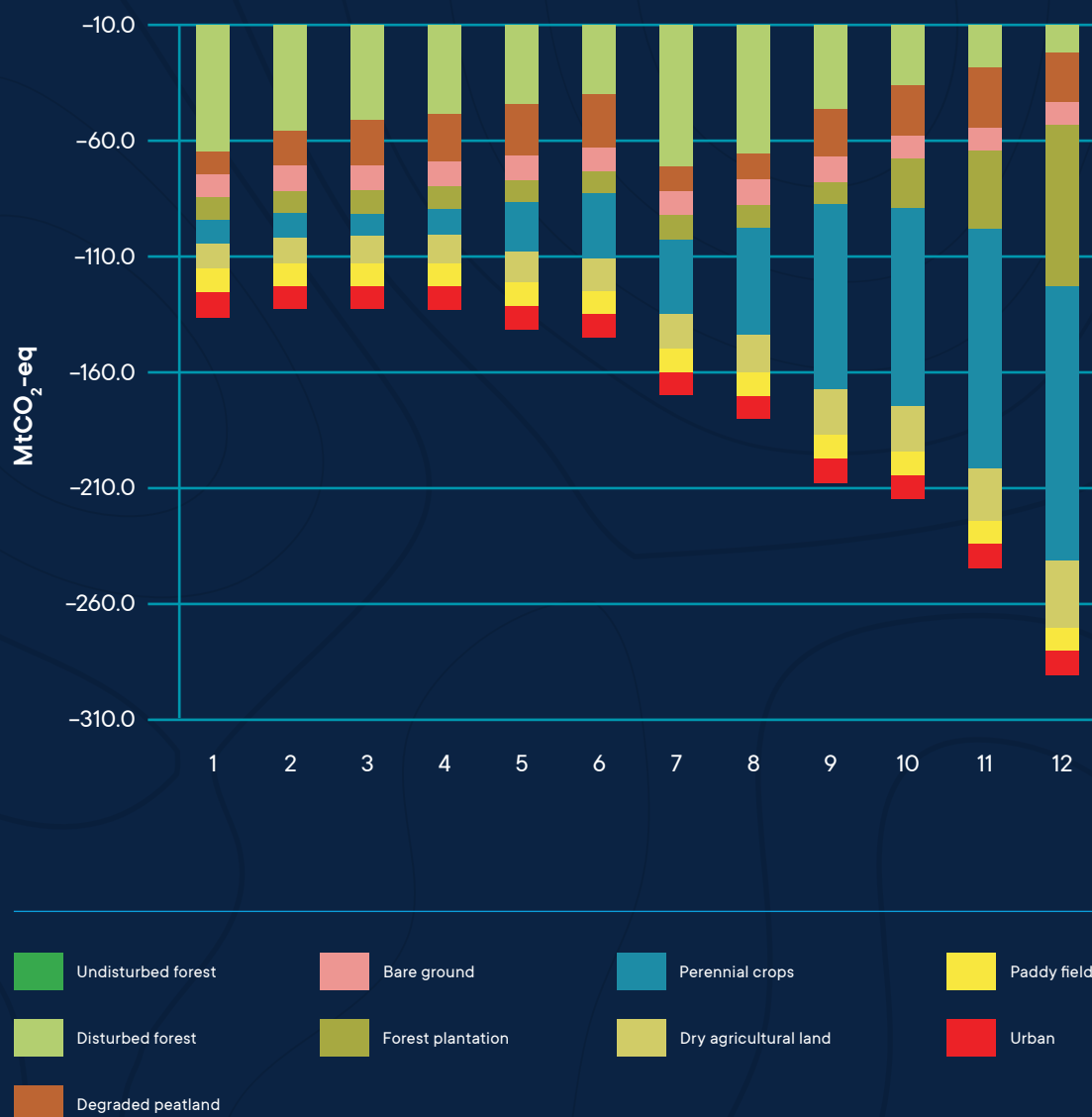
- (a) : estimates for each year were published the following year (e.g. the emissions for 1995 were published in 1996)
- (b) : emissions related to the release of carbon stored in above-ground biomass following land clearance
- (c) : the figure is the average just for the three years included in the period (i.e. 2005, 2010 and 2014) and not over the whole period 2005 to 2014
- (d) : the figures oxidation-related emissions are likely to be under-estimated because they are based upon conservative assumptions regarding the area of peatland covered with plantations, the occurrence of peatlands (both are in line with government data) and the drainage level in plantations. The numbers are based on government data on land cover (KLHK map).
- (e) : estimates for forest fires-related emissions are not available for 1995 and 2000
- (f) : Source: WRI ClimateWatch/ CAIT, which includes FAO estimates for Forestry and Other Land use emissions. FAO indicates that CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O, and additional CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are estimated for fires and drainage of organic soils which mean that their estimates include oxidation-related emissions (<http://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#data/GL>)
- (g) : Peatland emissions refer only to Sumatra and Kalimantan. Once other islands (and in particular Papua) are included, the share in total emissions would probably be higher

<sup>60</sup> These are preliminary figures and the numbers are based on government data on land cover (KLHK map).

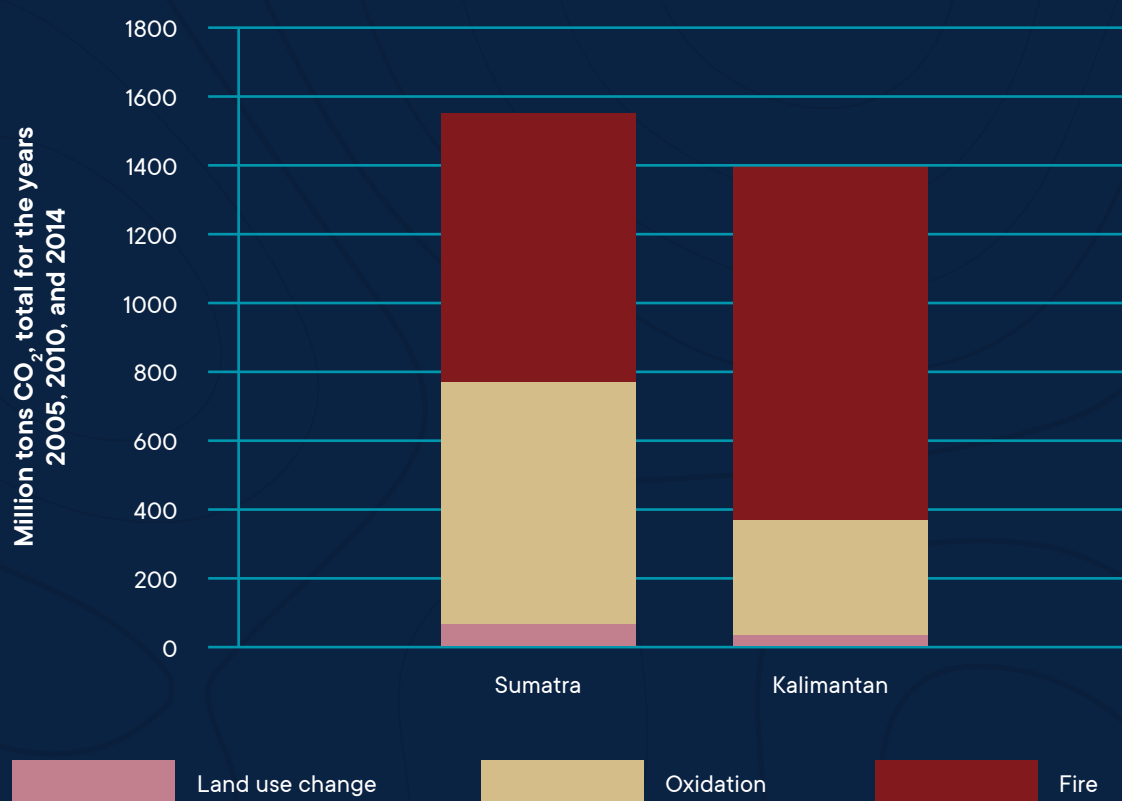
**In terms of spatial patterns of peatland emissions, Sumatra's contribution to the total was larger than Kalimantan, and featured a larger share of oxidation in total emissions (Figure 2a).** Conversion of forests to perennial crops (palm oil in particular) and plantations, as well as disturbance to forest,

were the leading drivers of emissions caused by oxidation in peatlands were most severe in Sumatra than Kalimantan (Figure 2b). Peat drainage leading to atmospheric oxidation of organic carbon means that the net carbon ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) emissions increased by 57% to 387  $\text{MtCO}_2/\text{year}$  over a 25-year period.

**Figure 18.**  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions in peatlands from oxidation



Source: Pilot Land & Extent Account Sumatera and Kalimantan (The World Bank and BPS, 2019)

**Figure 19.** CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in peatlands by Islands

Source: Pilot Land & Extent Account Sumatera and Kalimantan (The World Bank and BPS, 2019)

**While WAVES made important contributions in terms of account development, stakeholder engagement and initial policy impacts, there is still wide scope for fully mainstreaming natural capital in development planning and decision making.** A key aspect is to demonstrate the full potential of the accounts to examine trade-offs faced when making development decisions, between the gains achieved by transforming natural

capital into productive assets, and the losses associated with a reduction in the ecosystem services that natural capital delivers. This type of assessment requires additional modeling and monetary valuation of non-market services, not included in the scope of the WAVES Program. Land and ecosystem accounts show that peatlands would be a natural candidate for such a more in depth, forward looking analysis.<sup>61</sup>


61 Indonesia has 45% of the world's tropical peatlands and it is estimated they are among the world's largest carbon pools, storing around 13.6 to 40 Gt of carbon (50–145 Gt on CO<sub>2</sub>), which is equivalent to 1.3 to 4 years of global emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> from fossil fuel sources. An appraisal of Indonesia's immense peat carbon stock using national peatland maps: uncertainties and potential losses from conversion (Warren, Hergoualc'h, Kauffman, Murdiyarso, & Kolka, 2017)



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**A key result of the Indonesia WAVES program is that it generated information which supports the on-going preparation of the RPJMN 2020–2024 and Indonesia 2045 long-term plan.** The accounts and other data generated provide information to support the potential fiscal report for Ministry of Finance. It is noted that fiscal policy in the context of NCA plays two roles: (i) identifying opportunities for raising additional revenues for the state, and (ii) using taxation to correct for market failures, such as externalities that are not priced in the market, leading to inefficient outcomes. An example of this is the use of carbon taxation to raise the cost of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

**The accounts provide critical information that can be used to support development of forest policy.** The land and timber accounts were used for assessing the forestry sector and understanding deforestation patterns to better target and prioritize forest management. These accounts could

support defining spatial areas for biodiversity conservation, agricultural production, and payment for ecosystem services. All of this information will be used for improving community livelihoods as well as for looking at risks to economy due to fire or price changes and hence lost or stranded assets in oil palm, rubber, acacia etc.

**While current linkages between NCA and policy remain challenging,<sup>62</sup> there are several opportunities for using the valuations in accounting for both forest and non-forest lands.** Valuation is not currently used in the designation and function of forest areas, as stated in Government Regulation No. 104 of 2015. However, with better linkage of NCA to the mid-term development plan towards RPJMN 2020–24, Government of Indonesia 2045 vision, SDG vision, strategic environmental assessments provide opportunities to assist in several areas, including:

62 (Berghöfer, et al., 2016)

| <b>Law/Regulation No. and Name</b>  | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Key agency/body of government responsible</b>   |
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| <b>Law No. 32/2009 on Environmental Protection and Management (UUPPLH 32/2009)<sup>63</sup></b>               | Requires an inventory of all-natural resources and calls on all departments to develop economic instruments, including appropriate environmental economic accounting.   | Ministry of Environment and Forestry   |
| <b>Law No. 26/2006 on Spatial Planning (UUPR 26/2007)</b>   | Help institutionalize classification standards for land cover and utilization.  | BAPPENAS   |
| <b>Regulation No. 46/2017 (PP 46/2017) on Environmental Economic Instruments for Environmental Management</b> | Requires the government to link macroeconomic policy with natural assets through adjusted net savings and Green GDP estimates and establish a payment for ecosystem services  | Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs, Deputy for Coordination of Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Management |
| <b>Regulation No. 46/2016</b>   | Integrate climate change targets into the country's development agenda.   | BAPPENAS   |
| <b>Bandung's regulation PERDA 6/2011*</b>   | Environmental management and protection, land utilization/management (including permits), Monitoring, Reporting, Verification tool (including environmental licenses), environmental economic instruments (incentives/disincentives), payment for ecosystem services; Requires the set of database, spatial information, and economic instruments/tools to do implement the mandate | Bandung City Government  |
| <b>Gorontalo's regulation 4/2016*</b>   |   | Gorontalo City Government  |
| <b>Padang's regional regulation 8/2015*</b>   |   | Padang City Government   |
| <b>West Kalimantan's provincial regulation 3/2014*</b>  | Environmental Impact Analysis, law enforcement/compensation, land utilization/management (including permits), Monitoring, Reporting, Verification tool (including environmental licenses); Requires: spatial information and planning.  | West Kalimantan Regional Government  |
| <b>West Java Provincial Regulation 5/2015</b>   | Management of natural capital, including inventorisations, building the database/account, spatial planning, and economic valuation on natural capital, payment for ecosystem services; Requires the set of database, spatial information, and economic instruments/tools to do implement the mandate.   | West Java Regional Government  |
| <b>West Java Provincial Regulation 1/2012</b>   | Environmental Impact Analysis, law enforcement/compensation, land utilization/management (including permits), Monitoring, Reporting, Verification tool (including environmental licenses); Requires: spatial information and planning.  | West Java Regional Government  |

\* Regional government regulations that require data to feed into natural accounting exercises for assessing carrying capacity, cost benefit analysis, spatial planning and environmental management.

63 See <http://extwprlegs1.fao.org/docs/pdf/ins97643.pdf>

**WAVES made important contributions in terms of account development, stakeholder engagement and initial policy impacts, there is however wide scope for fully mainstreaming natural capital in development planning and decision making.** A key aspect is to demonstrate the full potential of the accounts to examine trade-offs faced when making development decisions, between the gains achieved by transforming natural capital into productive assets, and the losses associated with a reduction in the ecosystem services that natural capital delivers. This type of assessment requires additional modeling and monetary valuation of non-market services, not included in the scope of the WAVES Program. Land and ecosystem accounts show

that peatlands would be a natural candidate for such a more in depth, forward looking analysis. The work on peatlands provides a data and methodological framework to further assess costs and benefits, including general economic equilibrium effects, of alternative options of managing peatlands in Kalimantan, Sumatra and Papua. This could be done through the analysis of different policy interventions to incentivize sustainable peatland management options, i.e. options that can ensure the sustained delivery of provisioning services without affecting the ability of peatland to deliver regulating ecosystem services (including forest fire prevention, flood protection, carbon storage and biodiversity conservation).



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# Annex

The outputs of the program across the areas of engagement are summarized in the picture below

## 01

### Development of accounts for natural capital and ecosystem services

- Pilot Land and Extent Account Sumatera & Kalimantan
- Pilot Ecosystem Account for Indonesian Peatlands Sumatera and Kalimantan Islands



## 02

### Use of accounts for policy analysis

- Low Carbon Development: A Paradigm Shift Towards a Green Economy in Indonesia
- Policy Brief: A Green and Prosperous Future for Indonesia



## 03

### Institutionalization of natural capital accounting

- Natural Capital Accounts and Policy in Indonesia
- Policy Brief: Natural Capital Accounts and Policy in Indonesia



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