

Monitoring of forest degradation

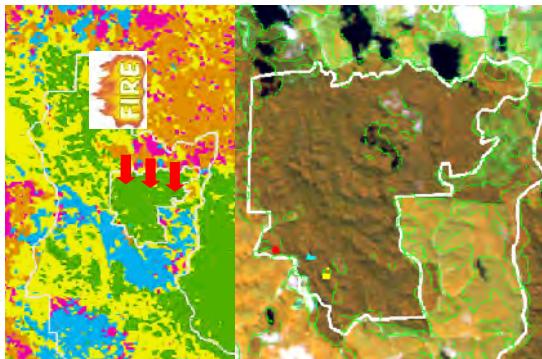
- Various causes of degradation
 - Illegal logging
 - Forest fire
 - Intolerable shifting slash-and-burn cultivation
 - Impact of development
- It is necessary to develop monitoring methods in accordance with each cause



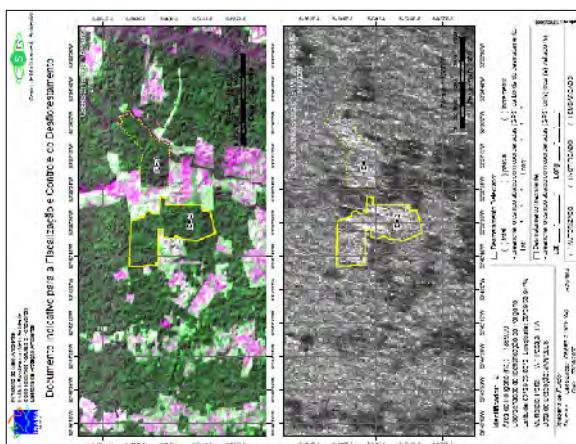
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Forest Fire

- Types of fire
 - Canopy fire
 - Surface fire
- Ex. Tropical seasonal forests in dry season
- Peat fire
- Fire intensity
- Development vs. Restoration



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Surveillance of illegal loggings in the Amazonas using a Japanese satellite



Forest degradation caused by selective loggings



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Peat Fire under the Ground



Degradation of mangrove forest caused by shrimp farm



on 4 September 2002
near Tr09 Indonesia

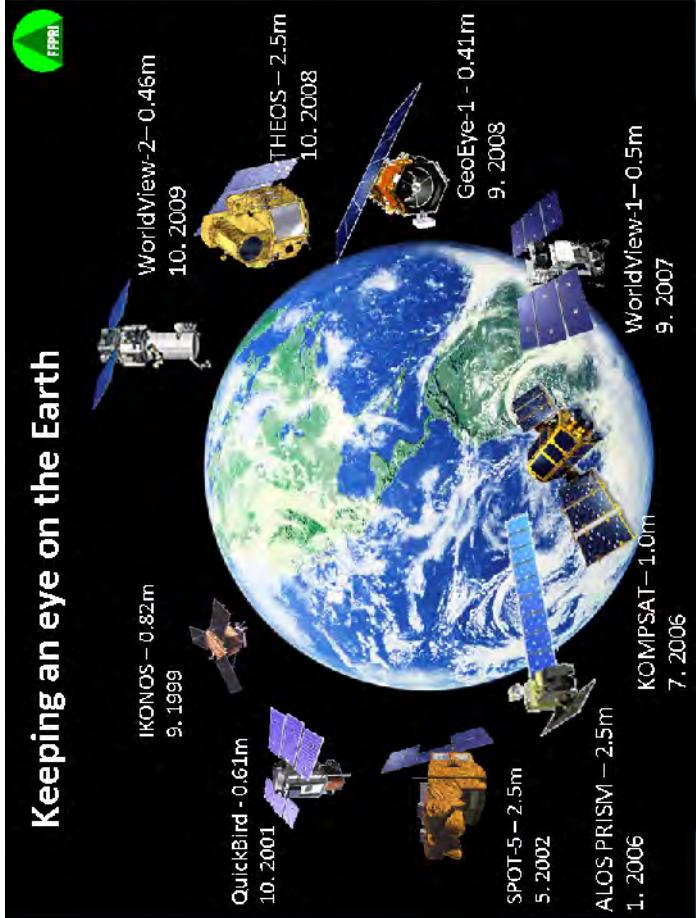
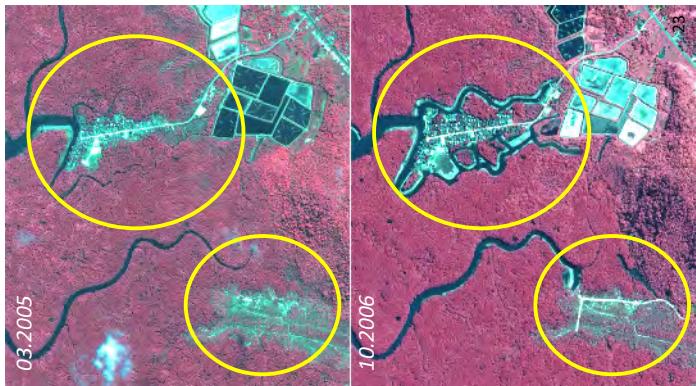


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Development in mangrove forests



- Often found in mangrove forests in developing countries.
- Development by construction of shrimp farms
- It is necessary to monitor degradation of surrounding mangrove forests caused by water pollution, when necessary.



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Which approach do you select?



Development of an REDD MRV System

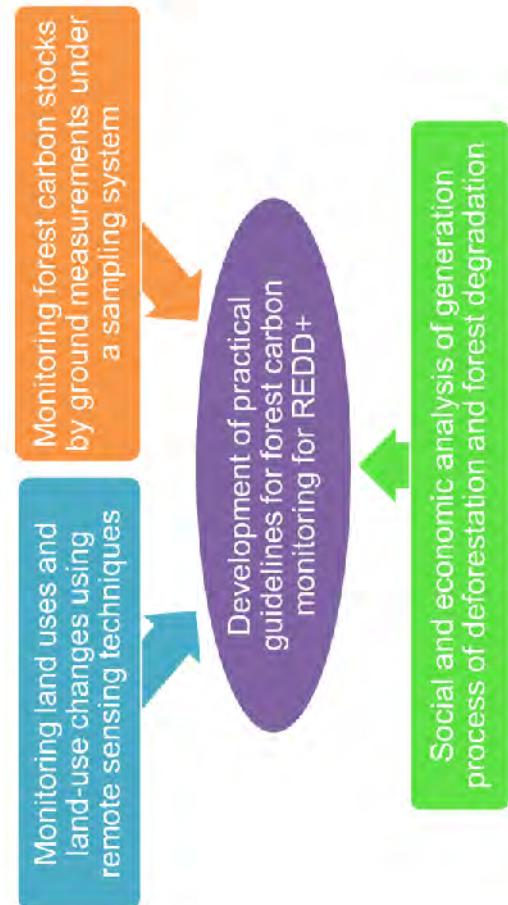


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Research Items



Research Cooperation for Development of Methodology



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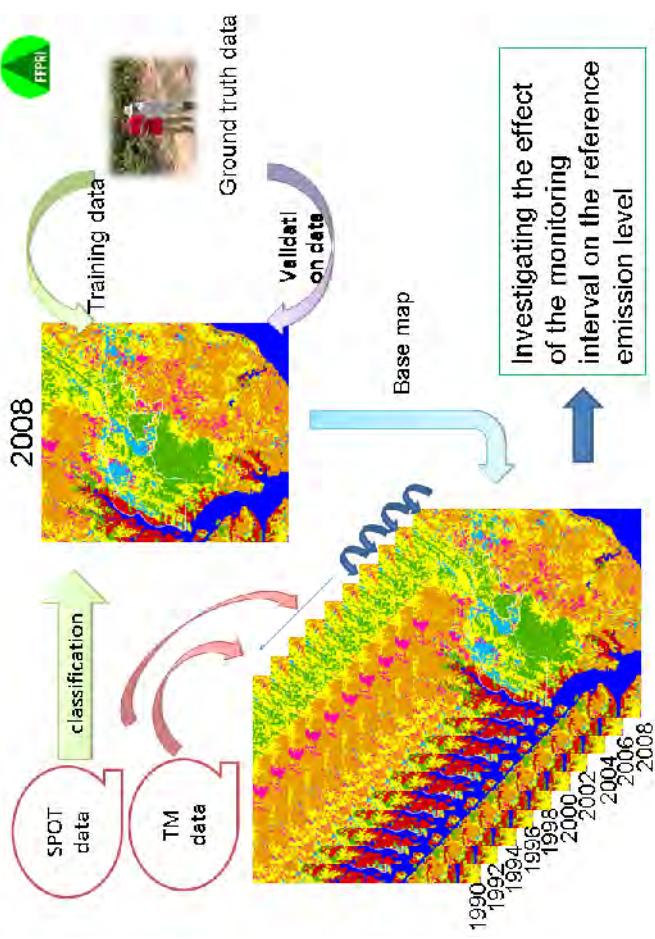


Research Cooperation for Development of Methodology

- REDD+ is identified as one of the most effective means to reduce GHG emission in the post-Kyoto climate change negotiation.
- A reliable and credible system of measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of forest carbon changes is a cornerstone of any national REDD+.
- An MRV system should follow the international requirements and also be adapted to the country's specific conditions, e.g. vegetation, economy, culture, institution and/or the deforestation/degradation drivers.

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Monitoring land uses and land-use changes using remote sensing techniques



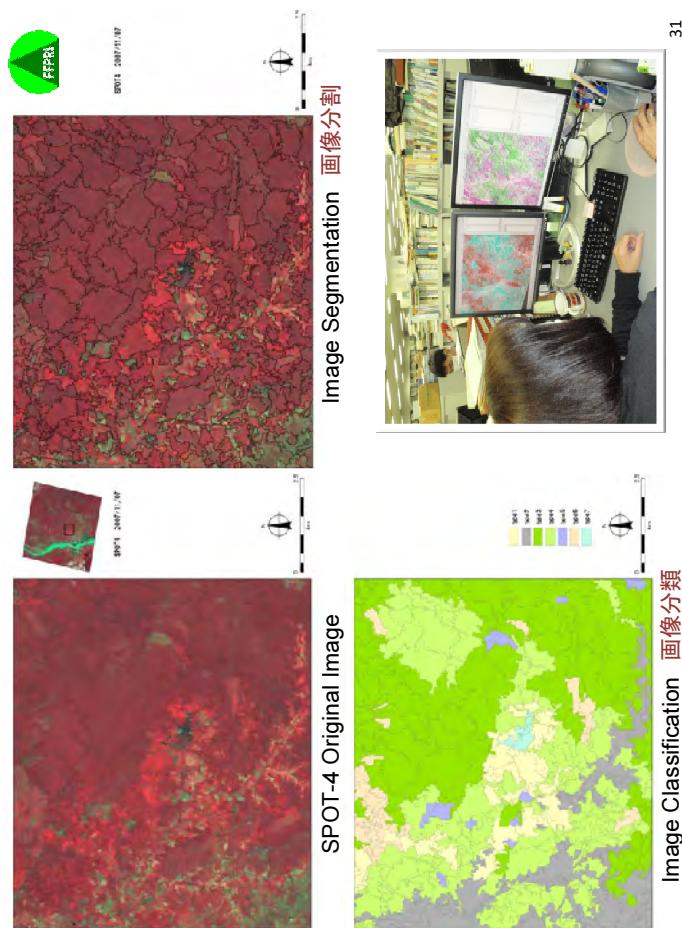
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Setting of Classification class

$$\text{Total carbon stock} = \sum (\text{Forest area}_i \times \text{Averaged carbon stock}_i)$$

| Disturbance | No / light | Medium | Heavy |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------|
| Forest type | Malaysia | | |
| Cambodia | Lowland forest | | |
| Evergreen forest | Hill forest | | |
| Semi-evergreen forest | Mountane forest | | |
| Deciduous forest | | | |
| Other forest | Mangrove / peat swamp | | |

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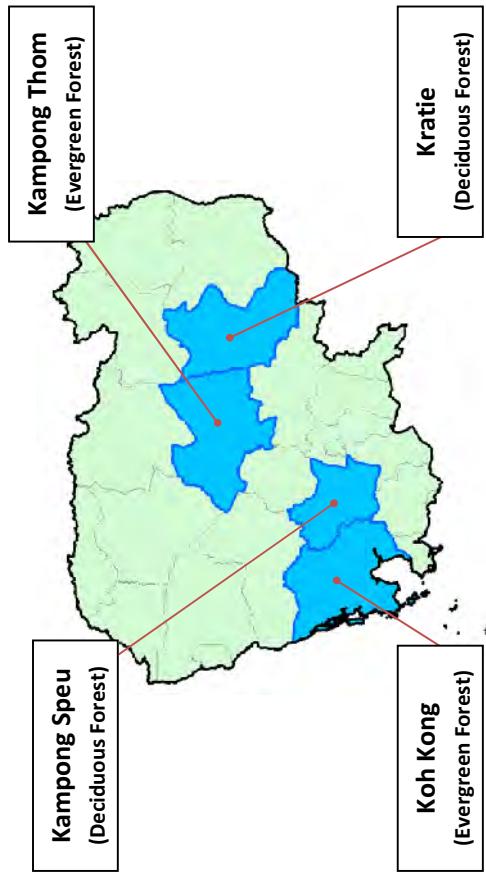


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Target Area of Field Survey in Cambodia



Plot number of field survey in Cambodia

| | Koh Kong | Kampong Speu | Kampong Thom | Kratie | Total |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| Evergreen Forest | 40 | 1 | 33 | 11 | 85 |
| Semi-Evergreen Forest | 7 | 3 | 13 | 0 | 23 |
| Deciduous Forest | 1 | 21 | 3 | 32 | 57 |
| Other Forest | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Total | 48 | 28 | 49 | 43 | 168 |

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Typical Forest in Each Province in Cambodia

Koh Kong



$V = 328.6 \text{ m}^3/\text{ha}$
Evergreen Forest
Plot ID : KK-R-032

Kampong Speu



$V = 152.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{ha}$
Deciduous Forest
Plot ID : KS-B-R-032

Kampong Thom

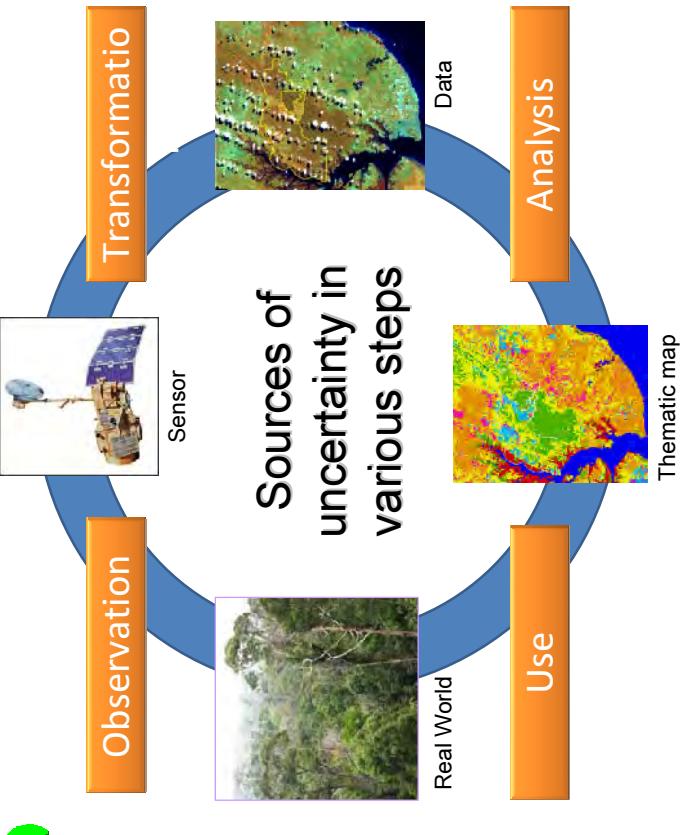


$V = 205.9 \text{ m}^3/\text{ha}$
Evergreen Forest
Plot ID : KT-C-R-002

Kratie



$V = 142.6 \text{ m}^3/\text{ha}$
Deciduous Forest
Plot ID : KR-A-R-007



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Survey Items for remote sensing analysis



| | Survey Item | Survey Equipment |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| 1 | Position at the center of the plot | GPS, Altimeter |
| 2 | Slope direction and inclination | Clinometer |
| 3 | Average tree height of the upper story | Vertex |
| 4 | Forest type / Crown density | - |
| 5 | Dominant tree species of the upper story | - |
| 6 | Count trees by Bitterlich method | Simple Relascope |
| 7 | DBH of counted trees | Diameter measure tape |
| 8 | Photos to check forest condition | Digital camera |
| 9 | Illust / Sketch of forest condition | - |

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Uncertainty in various steps



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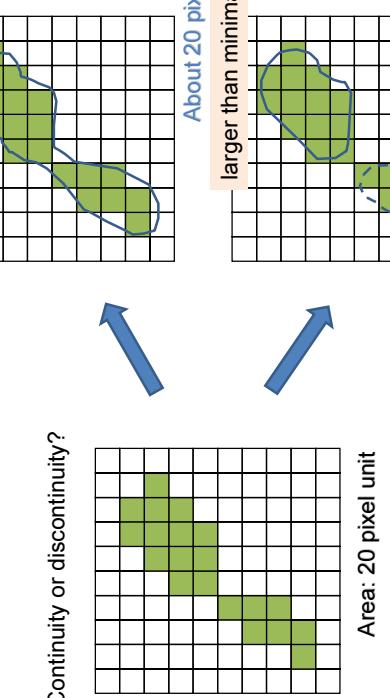
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Uncertainty about definition - minimal size and continuity -



Uncertainty of boundary

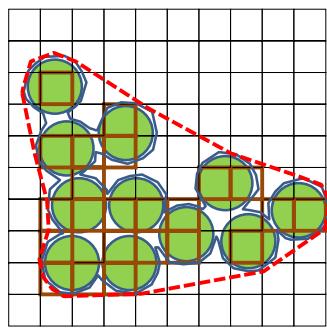


- Boundary cannot be decided certainly
- Rule of recognition is required
- Effect on area estimate of category

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About 13 pixel unit

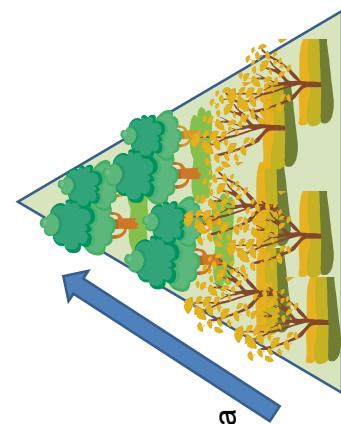
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Smaller than minimal size

Further issues: Spatial resolution and pixel

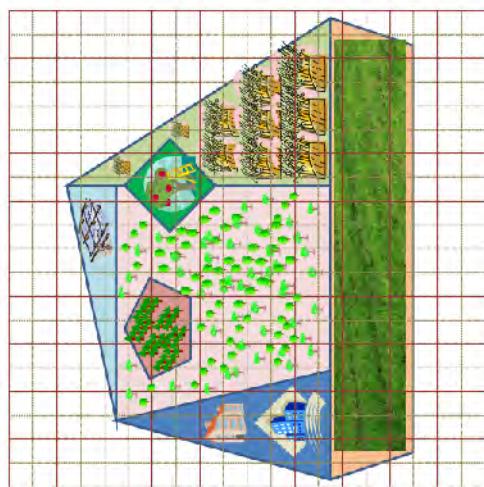


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Further issues: Phenology or seasonality



- Elevation
- Latitude
- Annual change of fallen leaves
- Probability of acquiring data



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Further issues: Agricultural land with trees

- Rubber plantation vs. plantation for timber production
- Shifting cultivation
 - Fallow land vs. abandoned area?
- Orchard vs. forest
- Similar reflectance of canopy surface



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Points to use remote sensing

- To monitor changes in forest carbon stocks instead of those in forest area is required in the REDD monitoring.
- Consistency and credibility of the approach are key points for review by the third sector.
- It is essential to combine remote sensing with ground survey for estimation of carbon stocks and its changes.
- Possibility of detection varies depending on causes and degrees of forest degradation.
- Note that a monitoring approach applicable to each country will be different depending on forest conditions as well as available data and information in respective country.

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Community forest management

1. Keys to Sustainable Rehabilitation of Degraded Tropical Forests:
Derived from the CIFOR's research "Review of forest rehabilitation Initiatives - Lessons from the past"
2. Do environmental policies support community forest management?
a part of the Swamp forest research project

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Review of Forest Rehabilitation Initiatives: Lessons from the Past

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Review of Forest Rehabilitation

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Background

- Degraded forest land – large & growing
- Lots of rehab initiatives across tropics
- Mostly unsustainable
- Wasted money & effort
- What outcomes for people, environment, production?



The Lessons, Toma has learnt from the forest fires in East Kalimantan, Indonesia

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For fire prone area, forest rehabilitation needs to have a measure for controlling fires. Otherwise, fires would occur and burn the planted area repeatedly.

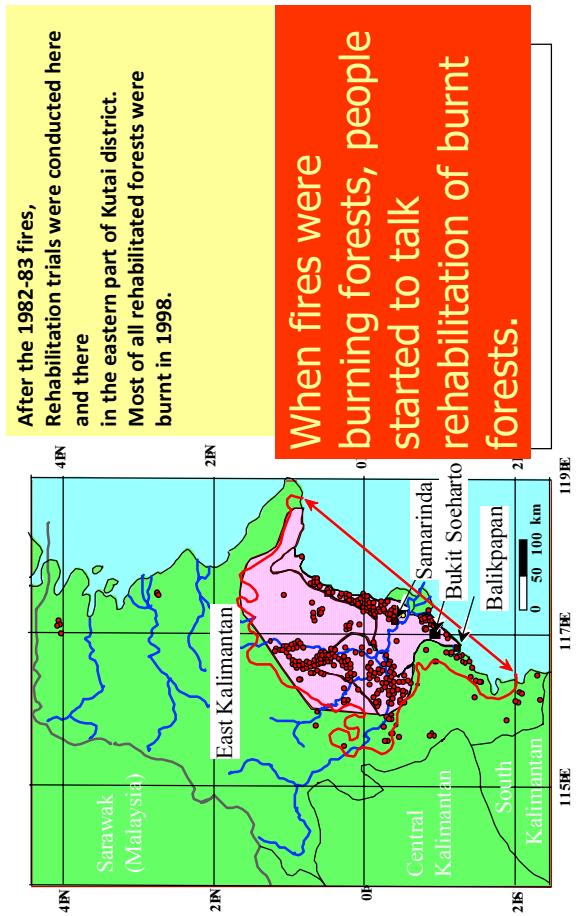
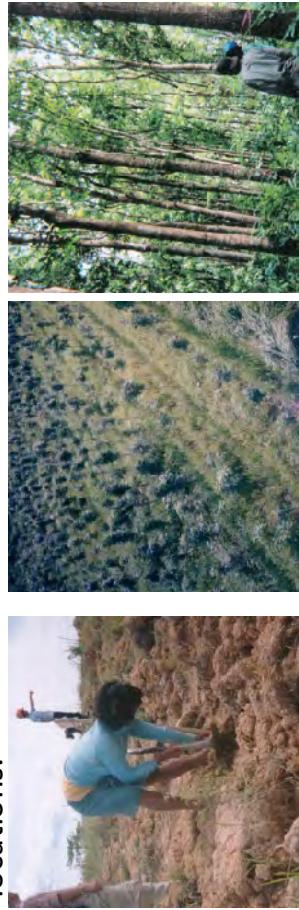


Figure 1. Fire affected areas in East Kalimantan, Indonesia.

Rehabilitation activities in Indonesia have a long-history of more than three decades, implemented in more than 400 locations.



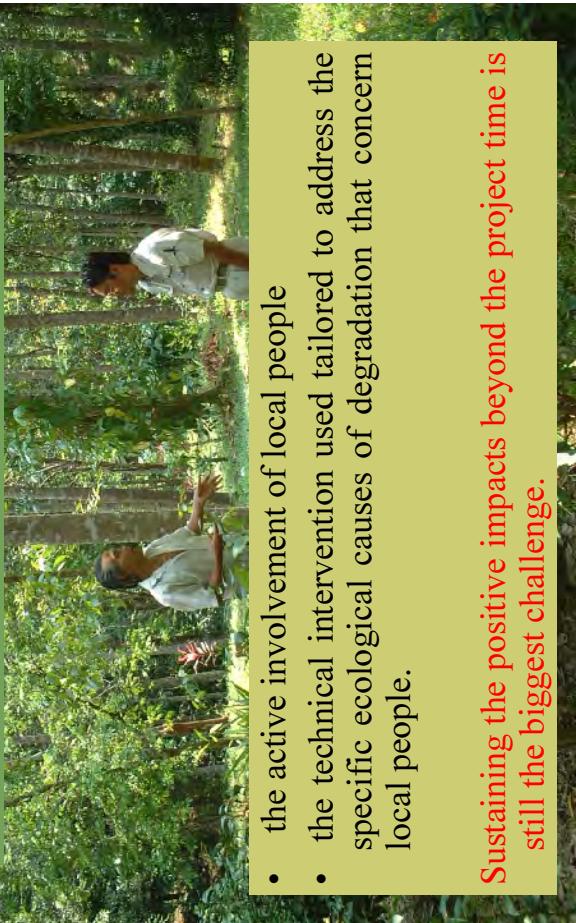
In fact, many cases, the beneficiaries of forest rehabilitation projects subsequently burned the project area so that they could be re-employed in the process of replanting or rehabilitation.

alang-alang grassland.
Photo;Morikawa (1985)

2 to 3-year-old
S. macrophylla
Photo;Morikawa (1985)

20-year-old
S. macrophylla
Photo;Morikawa (2001)

Successful projects are characterised by



- the active involvement of local people
- the technical intervention used tailored to address the specific ecological causes of degradation that concern local people.

Sustaining the positive impacts beyond the project time is still the biggest challenge.

Rehabilitation efforts have been lagging behind the increasing rates of deforestation and land degradation.

- the complexities of the driving factors causing the degradation, which neither projects nor other government programmes have been able to simultaneously address.
- Initially, the rehabilitation initiatives were responding to straightforward issues of natural disasters caused by the expansion of agriculture.
- Currently, there are more complex driving factors of deforestation to be dealt with, such as illegal logging and forest encroachment.



Addressing the causes of deforestation and land degradation should be part of the project's priorities.



The causes usually are also the continuing disturbances threatening sustainable rehabilitation activities.