

Batang Asai Forest Restoration (B-FOREST) Project
Stakeholder Engagement Plan
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Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)

This template has been developed to support project proponents in meeting the requirements for stakeholder engagement laid out by the Innovation Facility and relevant carbon standard, particularly those related to advancing **social inclusion, equitable benefit-sharing, and gender equality**. It aligns with Section C, Part 3: Focus of the Innovation Facility in the [Concept Note](#), and is informed by the principles outlined in Chapter 1.2.3 of the [Innovation Facility's Guidelines for Applicants](#) and Chapter 6 of the [IUCN Stakeholder Engagement – Guidance Note](#).

The template is intended to guide proponents through the process of identifying and engaging relevant stakeholders, especially those located within or near the project site, who may be directly or indirectly affected by, or who may influence, the project. These stakeholders may include Indigenous Peoples, local communities, traditional leaders, women, youth, and other marginalised or vulnerable groups, as well as relevant government institutions at the national, regional, and local levels and non-governmental institutions.

Template Structure

The first section of the template focuses on **stakeholder analysis**, helping proponents assess each stakeholder group's interests, potential influence, proximity to the project area, and the likely impact of the project on them. A matrix format is provided to support systematic identification and prioritisation.

The second section provides a structure for the **Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)**, which summarises planned engagement activities throughout the project cycle. This includes proposed methods for information sharing, consultation, and participation; roles and responsibilities for implementation; resource requirements; and timing and frequency of engagement activities. The plan should be proportionate to the project's environmental and social risks and tailored to the local context and needs of each stakeholder group.

The final section supports documentation of **stakeholder consultations** carried out throughout the project lifecycle, from the concept note, to the full project proposal and finally implementation stages. This includes space to capture information on when and where consultations occurred, who participated (with gender disaggregation where possible), the methods used, key issues discussed, and how input received has shaped project design.

Proponents are encouraged to use this template not only as a compliance tool, but as a means of strengthening relationships, improving project outcomes, and ensuring accountability and transparency throughout the life of the project. More information on Stakeholder Engagement Requirements can be found in the Innovation Facility ESMS Manual and the IUCN Guidance Note on Stakeholder Engagement.

Alignment with Carbon Standard Requirements

In addition to complying with the Innovation Facility requirements, this template also supports alignment with the stakeholder engagement provisions of the specific carbon standard under which the project intends to certify its carbon credits.

Different carbon standards, such as the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) by Verra, Gold Standard, Plan Vivo, among others may include specific requirements on the timing, duration, methods and documentation of stakeholder engagement. These often include minimum disclosure periods or formal consultation steps for Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC), particularly for Indigenous Peoples and other rights-holding communities.

This section allows you to specify those requirements, ensuring that your stakeholder engagement process is tailored to the selected standard and helps maintain the project's eligibility for certification.

Stakeholder Engagement Requirements of the Selected Carbon Standard

Please specify the carbon standard under which the project will be certified:

<B-Forest project is intended to be certified under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) by Verra, and aligned with Climate, Community and Biodiversity (CCB) standards for social and environmental safeguards>

Does the selected carbon standard include specific stakeholder engagement requirements (e.g., minimum consultation, comments and disclosure periods, documentation procedures)?

If yes, please summarise them below:

Requirement Category	Standard-Specific Requirement
Minimum consultation period	Not specified as a fixed number of days, but must be adequate and allow time for internal community deliberation, should occur prior to implementation
Minimum comments period	60 days
Minimum public disclosure period	60 days
Timing of engagement within the project cycle	Engagement should be ongoing and iterative, including pre-implementation, regular follow-up during implementation, and as community needs evolve.
Frequency of engagement activities	Must be ongoing and iterative, not one-off. At minimum: pre-implementation, mid-term, and prior to verification audits.
Documentation and reporting obligations	All consultation events, FPIC processes, meeting notes, feedback received, and responses must be included in the PDD and updated over time.
Others: FPIC	FPIC is mandatory for projects affecting Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities with customary rights to lands/resources.

1. Analysis of Stakeholders

Stakeholder (SH)	SH's role, main activities and capacity/expertise in areas <u>related</u> to the project	Potential influence of the SH on the project (a) 1=very low to 5=very high	Potential impact of the project on the SH (b) 1=very low to 5=very high	Significance (a x b)
Government agencies (at different levels i.e., national, regional, local)				
Kerinci Seblat National Park	The project area is in the Kerinci Seblat National Park landscape area. In its management, the Kerinci Seblat National Park management is also involved in efforts to prevent hunting and trade in protected species through monitoring and patrol activities.	2	2	4
Jambi Provincial Forestry Service	support in the provincial policy and administration section	4	4	16
Production Forest Management Unit VII Hulu Sarolangun	plays a role in the administration, policy and technical implementation processes as well as community assistance in the Sarolangun area	5	5	25
Village Government in Sarolangun	Village Government is a government institution at the village level that manages the village area and its community. During the project implementation, this institution plays a role in supporting activities related to community livelihood	5	5	25
Local stakeholders (break down to Indigenous Peoples, local communities, village committees, etc)				
Batin Pengambang Village Forest Institution	is a Village Forest management institution that is given permission (Decree) in the sustainable management of Village Forests. In addition, this institution is also given the obligation to protect the area in the form of monitoring and patrols.	1	1	1
Batu Empang Village Forest Institution		3	3	9
Bukit Berantai Village Forest Institution		2	2	4
Muara Air Duo Village Forest Institution		1	1	1
Simpang Narso Village Forest Institution		1	1	1
Sungai Keradak Village Forest Institution		1	1	1
Tambak Ratu Village Forest Institution		1	1	1
Raden Anom Customary Forest Institution	is a Customary Forest management institution that is given permission (Decree) in the sustainable management of Customary Forests. In addition, this	1	1	1

	institution is also given the obligation to protect the area in the form of monitoring and patrols.			
Local Community Members from 16 Villages (Batin Pangambang, Batu Empang, Bukit Berantai, Datuk Nan Duo, Simpang Narso, Sungai Keradak, Tambak Ratu, Raden Anom, Lubuk Bedorong, Muara Cuban, Muaro Pemuat, Napal Melintang, Rantau Panjang, Sekamis, Maribung, Paniban Baru)	Are communities in 16 Village that plays role for supporting in restoration activities related collecting seed for nurseries, monitoring trees that have been plant and part of Patrol and Monitoring team	5	5	25
Suku Anak Dalam (SAD) communities	The SAD, or Orang Rimba is a nomadic Indigenous group in Jambi and South Sumatra, traditionally reliant on hunting, gathering, and shifting cultivation. In the project area, Orang Rimba lives around the Sekamis area and around Lubuk Bedorong village. The SAD communities are often excluded from land tenure systems thus their territories are not recognised although they have informal access rights for foraging within the state forest.	3	3	9
Facilitator for the Suku Anak Dalam (SAD) in Sekamis Village, from the Department of Social Affairs, Sarolangun Regency	An SAD facilitator appointed by the Department of Social Affairs is responsible for supporting the empowerment and improving the welfare of the Suku Anak Dalam (SAD) community. Their main duties include assisting, guiding, and facilitating the SAD in various aspects of life, as well as ensuring that their rights are respected and fulfilled.	3	3	9
Head of Rukun Tetangga (RT) 08 Sekamis Village	As the head of the neighborhood unit (RT) within the Suku Anak Dalam (SAD) community, he serves as a bridge between the formal village administrative structure and the traditional social structure of the adat community. In addition to carrying out administrative duties under the village governance system, the RT leader also plays socio-cultural roles, which at times include involvement in resolving internal conflicts within the SAD community as well as conflicts between the SAD and external parties.	3	3	9
Youth	Young people, male and female between the ages 15 and 24 according to UN definition.	4	4	16

Women (through PKK, Arisan and Pengajian)	All adult females living and around the project sites. Most women also collect forest resources for food.	4	4	16
Female headed households	Households headed by female. This group is usually marginalised as they often lack formal land titles, may struggle to access loans, and carry double burden of reproductive and productive roles.	3	3	9
Civil Society Organisations (include grassroots level)				
Sarolangun Social Forestry Forum	Is a forum (hub) for associations of village forest management institutions and social forestry business groups in the Hulu Sarolangun area. This forum is a hub for sharing information and learning and is a unit that connects marketing and support opportunities for other parties related to social forestry and economic business products of community groups.	3	3	9
Community Forest Ecosystem Services (CFES)	CFES is a network of civil society organisations that aims to enable Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) to sustainably manage their natural forest resources. CFES has proven mechanisms that meet the needs of indigenous peoples and local communities and the public-private sector in meeting their social, biodiversity and climate commitments. CFES' proven mechanisms are built on experience, and designed for excellence in village/customary forests. CFES promotes FPIC and multi-stakeholder collaboration with tailored solutions, including performance-based Payments for Environmental Services (PES), community mentoring and project governance.	3	3	9
Indonesian Conservation Community Warsi (KKI WARSI)	KKI WARSI is a local NGO that encourages, develops and strengthens the principles of local community conservation and develops fair, equal, participatory, open and sustainable natural resource management that also accompanies communities in several regions of Indonesia including Sarolangun Jambi. In implementing the project later, it will play a role in sharing information and learning related to local communities and natural resource management.	1	1	1
Private Sector				
ReNew Energy	ReNew is India's leading decarbonisation solutions provider on a mission to build a	2	2	2

	fossil-free future through innovative and sustainable solutions (www.renew.com)			
Carbon Tide	Carbon Tide is a carbon project development and consultancy firm focused on high-integrity Reforestation, Conservation, and Nature-Based Solutions. Carbon Tide originate and manage projects including REDD+, ARR, Blue Carbon, and Biochar initiatives—each designed to generate measurable climate, biodiversity, and community benefits. Carbon Tide also offer specialised GIS, environmental analysis, and sustainability advisory services to support the planning, execution, and certification of impactful carbon programs. Their goal is to build scalable, science-backed projects that deliver environmental and commercial returns while helping stakeholders meet their ESG and net-zero commitments. (www.carbontide.co)	2	2	2
Tokio Marine	Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc. is a leading global insurance group headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, with a history dating back to 1879 as the country's first non-life insurance company. It operates through a broad network of subsidiaries and affiliates in over 40 countries, providing a wide range of insurance services including property and casualty, life, health, and specialty insurance. The company is known for its strong financial performance, high credit ratings, and commitment to sustainability and innovation. With a balanced presence in both domestic and international markets, Tokio Marine continues to expand its global footprint while supporting initiatives in risk management and green energy solutions (www.tokiomarine.com)	2	2	4
International organisations				

Research institutions & universities				
Jambi State University	Jambi State University is active in research, discussions and seminars related to climate change and also communities around forest areas. The results can contribute to the scientific strategy of project implementation considerations.	1	1	1
Others (Specify):				

Please explain any interactions between/among the stakeholders listed above that are relevant to the project.

2. Documentation of Stakeholder Engagements

Consultations (place and date)	Organisations represented and respective functions	Number of participants (disaggregated by gender)	Form/ methodology of consultation	Issues discussed and outcomes of discussion	Response to issues raised including how they influenced project design
Sarolangun, 18 Dec 2024	Sarolangun, Social Forestry Forum	32 participants (26 man and 6 Woman)	Focus Group Discussion	Activities carried out in the community and community support related to activities carried out by FMU related to productive economics and community assistance in the surrounding area	Input on the need for stronger community empowerment and capacity building led to the integration of targeted support.
Sarolangun, 30 Jan 2025	Sarolangun, Forest Management Unit	12 participants (3 women and 9 man)	Focus Group Discussion	Discussion on current ongoing activities with a list of activities such as community assistance, area protection patrols, restoration in 10 hectares of area and carrying out productive economic activities.	Recommendations to strengthen protection patrols and improve restoration efforts influenced the design of patrol and formal involvement of community groups in monitoring.
Jambi, 02 Feb 2025	Sarolangun, Forest Management Unit	4 participants (all men)	Discussion	Activities to be carried out by FMU related to area management and community assistance 2025 - 2027.	Stakeholder input on proposed projects is aligned with long-term plans for area management.
Sarolangun, 19 March 2025	Sarolangun, Forest Management Unit	12 participants (2 women and 10 man)	Discussion	FMU's restoration activities and monthly activities in assisting communities in the FMU area	Discussions on continuity and effectiveness of monthly community activities prompted the design of a monitoring system for community engagement impact
Sarolangun, 21 April 2025	Social Forestry Forum and FMU Sarolangun	22 Participants (7woman, 15 man)	Discussion	Productive economic business group activities of the community	opportunities to involve business groups at the community level in developing project activities.
Sarolangun, 6 May 2025	Sarolangun, Forest Management Unit	7 Participants (all man)	Discussion	Identification of community business groups in the MU Sarolangun area	Identify local business groups that can be involved in the activities developed in the proposal.
Sarolangun, 7 May 2025	Sarolangun, Forest Management Unit	5 participants (all man)	Discussion	Nursery and planting achievements in the FMU Sarolangun area	Findings on nursery and planting achievements guided the refinement of restoration success indicators and introduced a seedling quality control protocol to improve survival rates.
Jakarta, 3 June 2025	GAIA	12 participants (1 woman, 11 man)	Discussion	Project carbon development and National Issue	National-level concerns on carbon policy and standards led to alignment of the project's carbon development framework with national guidelines, ensuring consistency with the

					Indonesian NDC and carbon economic value regulation.
Jakarta, 3 June 2025	ReNew Energy	8 people (2 ReNew, 2 FFI, 6 Gaia)	Online meeting	Issues discussed: Number of potential VCUs, project co-benefits. Outcomes of discussion: Interest in the project as it aligns with their commitments. Further discussion will be done after project signed with WALD IF	To stay in the highest standard in generating high integrity carbon
Sarolangun, 9 June 2025	Sarolangun, Forest Management Unit	20 Participants (19 man, 1 woman)	Discussion	Vegetation Monitoring	Forest management unit staff insights during vegetation monitoring highlighted the need for better documentation and verification methods, leading to the implementation of participatory monitoring tools and scheduled community training.
Sarolangun, 16 June 2025	Sarolangun, Forest Management Unit	22 Participants (18 man, 6 woman)	Public Consultation	Implementation of the Long-Term Forest Management Plan 2024 – 2033 Production Forest Management Unit (KPHP) Limau Unit VII – Hulu Sarolangun	Public input during consultation contributed to the refinement of the RPHJP (2024–2033), particularly in stronger role for community-based monitoring and governance.
Jakarta, 19 June 2025	Carbon Tide	6 people (2 carbon tide, 1 FFI, 3 Gaia)	Offline meeting	Issues discussed: Timeline on PD registration, method and standard used, number of potential VCUs, project co-benefits. Outcomes of discussion: Interest in the project as it aligns with their commitments. Further discussion will be done after project signed with WALD IF	To stay in the highest standard in generating high integrity carbon
Jakarta, 23 June 2025	Tokio Marine	6 people (1 Tokio Marine, 5 FFI)	Offline meeting	Issues discussed: 1. Tokio Marine knows that Fauna & Flora has a very good portfolio in developing carbon projects in Indonesia	To stay in the highest standard in generating high integrity carbon

				2. Seeking the form of cooperation with Fauna & Flora in developing carbon projects and supporting ongoing carbon projects 3. Discussing regulations related to carbon project development, especially in the scope of cooperation with the Japanese government Outcomes of discussion: Interest in the project as it aligns with their commitments. Further discussion will be done after project signed with WALD IF	
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Attach evidence including photographs, registration lists and reports

3. Stakeholder Engagement Plan

Stakeholder	Type/Category of Stakeholder	Purpose of Engagement	Mechanism / process of Engagement	Responsible Entity/Person	Frequency of Engagement	Timing of Engagement	Financial costs
Kerinci Seblat National Park	Provincial and City/district governments	Project consultation at the sub national level, information dissemination and socialization to obtain feedback from sub national stakeholders (particularly provincial, district government, village governments and potentially affected local communities) on the general project design, project components and respective activities	Coordination Meetings, Public Consultation, technical workshops (virtual, face-to-face, and hybrid), Correspondence by phone/email	Head of National Park	Periodically (during project implementation i.e., quarterly or Mid)	Early stage of project implementation	Meeting package: 941.79 Euro / year
Jambi Provincial Forestry Service	Provincial and City/district governments	Provide an impact on achievements related to the	Coordination Meetings, Public Consultation,	Head of Forestry Service	Periodically (during project	Early stage of project	Meeting package: 941.79 Euro / year

		licensing process of the administration and also provincial policies	technical workshops (virtual, face-to-face, and hybrid), Correspondence by phone/email		implementation i.e., quarterly or Mid)	implementation and maintained throughout the project cycle	
Production Forest Management Unit/ KPHP VII Hulu Sarolangun	Provincial and City/district governments	The Production Forest Management Unit VII Hulu Sarolangun is a technical implementing unit for managing the area in the proposed area. In its work, this unit has long-term and short-term management plans. If there is a change in the management plan, it will affect the condition of the area it manages.	Coordination Meetings, Public Consulation, technical workshops (virtual, face-to-face, and hybrid), Correspondence by phone/email	Head of KPHP VII Hulu Sarolangun	Periodically (during project implementation i.e., quarterly or Mid)	Early stage of project implementation and maintained throughout the project cycle	Meeting package: 941.79 Euro / year
Village Government in Sarolangun	Local-level Government	Can strengthen community assistance and productive economic efforts that are linked to government regulations and village funds as well as village government targets.	Community consultation/ village forum, FGDs and door to-door visits if needed	Head of Village	Each project is implemented	Early stage of project implementation and maintained throughout the project cycle	Meeting package: 376.72 Euro/ year
Batin Pengambang Village Forest Institution	Local-level Government	Can help village communities in the project area, in improving their livelihoods from project activities	Coordination Meetings, Public Consulation, Community consultation/ village forum, FGDs and door to-	LPHD	Each project is implemented	Early stage of project implementation as part of site-selection processes.	Meeting package: 376.72 Euro / year
Batu Empang Village Forest Institution	Local-level Government						Meeting package: 376.72 Euro / year

Bukit Berantai Village Forest Institution	Local-level Government		door visits if Correspondence by phone/email				Meeting package: 376.72 Euro / year
Muara Air Duo Village Forest Institution	Local-level Government						Meeting package: 376.72 Euro / year
Simpang Narso Village Forest Institution	Local-level Government						Meeting package: 376.72 Euro / year
Sungai Keradak Village Forest Institution	Local-level Government						Meeting package: 376.72 Euro / year
Tambak Ratu Village Forest Institution	Local-level Government						Meeting package: 376.72 Euro / year
Raden Anom Customary Forest Institution	Local-level Government	Main component at the village level in this project because it is an institution trusted by the government and the community in managing the Village Forest. In addition, the existence of this institution also facilitates the participatory role of the village community.	Coordination Meetings, Public Consultation, Community consultation/ village forum, FGDs and door to-door visits if Correspondence by phone/email	LPHA	Each project is implemented	Early stage of project implementation as part of site-selection processes.	Meeting package: 376.72 Euro / year
Local Community Members from 16 Villages (Batin Pangambang, Batu Empang, Bukit Berantai, Datuk Nan Duo, Simpang Narso, Sungai Keradak, Tambak Ratu, Raden Anom, Lubuk Bedorong, Muara Cuban,	Communities	delivering positive impacts of the project such as job creation, enhanced commercial and economics activities, community health and wellbeing	Community meetings, focus group discussions, participatory research approaches, FPIC process	Community Representative	Each project is implemented	Early stage of project implementation and prior to any activity in the field	Meeting package: 6,027.48 Euro / year for 16 villages

Muaro Penuh, Napal Melintang, Rantau Panjang, Sekamis, Maribung, Paniban Baru)		during operation and infrastructure development in the villages					
Suku Anak Dalam (SAD) communities	Indigenous community	As a forest-dependent Indigenous community, SAD livelihoods are closely tied to access to forest resources for food, medicine, and cultural practices. Restoration activities may unintentionally limit their traditional use of forest areas or disrupt their mobility. This project will enable us to initiate and build engagement with this IP group to understand and accommodate their rights, needs, and access.	Community consultation, FGD, Participatory mapping and Research, facilitation plan, FPIC Process,	<i>Tumenggung Nimang</i>	Each project is implemented	Early stage of project implementation and prior to any activity in the field	Meeting package: 376.72 Euro / year
Facilitator for the Suku Anak Dalam (SAD) in Sekamis Village, from the Department of Social Affairs, Sarolangun Regency	Indigenous community companion	The SAD facilitator serves as a communication bridge between the SAD community and external parties, such as the government, NGOs, or forestry companies. In forest planting and protection projects,	Interview, meeting coordination, community meeting	Maswadi	Each project is implemented	Early stage of project implementation and prior to any activity in the field	In-person meeting: 94.18 Euro/ year

		this role is crucial for: Translating the needs, concerns, and local knowledge of the SAD community to project designers.					
Head of Rukun Tetangga (RT) 08 Sekamis Village	Indigenous community companion	The RT leader plays an influential role as a trusted bridge between the SAD community and the village government. He helps facilitate communication, encourages participation, and mediates conflicts when project areas overlap with SAD resource territories.	Interview, meeting coordination, community meeting, collaboration meeting	Buzar	Each project is implemented	Early stage of project implementation and prior to any activity in the field	In-person meeting: 94.18 Euro / year
Youth in 16 Villages	Communities	Youths are more open to new ideas, technologies or new practices. They are also the future leaders in the village which makes the sustainability of the project depends on them. In the short term they can support enterprises on social media and communication, become early adopters and disseminate information within the communities.	Community meetings and consultations, including separate consultations with youth group, Capacity building and facilitation	Head of Youth Organization	Each project is implemented	Early stage of project implementation and prior to any activity in the field	Meeting package: 6,027.48 Euro / year

Women (through Arisan, PKK, Pengajian) in 16 Villages	Communities	the project intend to enable greater access and participation of women, and to contribute to conservation outcomes and women's empowerment and gender equality more broadly.	Community meetings and consultations, including separate consultations with women group, Capacity building and facilitation	Women representative from the forum	Each project is implemented	Early stage of project implementation and prior to any activity in the field	Meeting package: 6,027.48 Euro / year
Female headed households in 16 villages	Vulnerable groups	This group is part of the rightsholders in the village. they may have the opportunities in getting benefits of the nursery and restoration activities as it may provide additional income.	Community meetings and consultations, including separate consultations with women vulnerable groups, Capacity building and facilitation	Female headed households	Each project is implemented	Early stage of project implementation and prior to any activity in the field	Meeting package: 6,027.48 Euro / year
Sarolangun Social Forestry Forum	Civil Society Organisations	This forum is a hub for sharing information and learning and is a unit that connects marketing and support opportunities for other parties related to social forestry and economic business products of community groups.	Multistakeholder forum/workshops, coordination meetings, public consultations, sharing session, FGD	Head of Forum	Periodically (during project implementation i.e., quarterly or Mid)	Early stage of project implementation and maintained throughout the project cycle	Meeting package: 376.72 Euro/ year
Community Forest Ecosystem Services (CFES)	NGO	Realizing sustainable and continuous management of natural resources and forests by communities in and around forests that	Public consultation at preparation stage, Information sharing sessions such as socialization, workshop, or forum, Progress	CFES Stakeholders	Periodically (during project implementation i.e., quarterly or Mid)	Early stage of project implementation and maintained throughout the project cycle	Meeting package: 376.72 Euro / year

		provide the greatest possible ecosystem benefits.	report that will be disclosed annually in the government of Indonesia websites, Media engagement				
Indonesian Conservation Community Warsi (KKI WARSI)	NGO	Sharing information and learning related to local communities and natural resource management. Expanding the positive impact on climate change and also the community carried out in the upstream Sarolangun area.	Public consultation at preparation stage, Information sharing sessions such as socialization, workshop, or forum, Progress report that will be disclosed annually in the government of Indonesia websites, Media engagement	KKI Warsi Stakeholders	Periodically (during project implementation i.e., quarterly or Mid)	Early stage of project implementation and maintained throughout the project cycle	Meeting package: 376.72 Euro / year
Jambi State University	Independent experts/Research institutions	The results research, discussions and seminars can contribute to the scientific strategy of project implementation considerations.	Involvement in steering committee or advisory forums, Joint research, Mentoring local students, Invitations to field lectures, Information-sharing session	Researcher, University management	Periodically (during project implementation i.e., quarterly or Mid)	Early stage of project implementation and maintained throughout the project cycle	Meeting package: 376.72 Euro / year