

ACEH'S LANDSCAPE TRANSFORMATION: FROM POSSIBILITY TO PROVEN IMPACT



Through multistakeholder collaboration in Aceh, IDH brings government, business, and communities to deliver better production, stronger protection, and fairer inclusion, making it possible to build resilient, competitive supply chains for the future.

Aceh has become a leading example of how multistakeholder collaboration can turn policy frameworks into measurable impact.

Since 2019, IDH has supported Aceh Province and its three compact districts- Aceh Tamiang, Aceh Timur, and Aceh Singkil-to operationalize the Production, Protection, Inclusion (PPI) model. Through this approach, Aceh's sustainability journey advances Indonesia's Enhanced NDC and FOLU Net Sink 2030 commitments, while facilitating the Province's own Green Growth Plan (Pergub No.14/2025) and Sustainable Palm Oil Roadmap (Pergub No.9/2024) into practice.

IDH has acted as a trusted convenor and catalyst by supporting landscape governance through HCV/HCS, PPI Compacts, monitoring & grievance mechanisms, and a multistakeholder platform in Aceh; enabling public-private delivery and catalyzing commercial capital investments and funding; as well as supporting business & finance shifts by transforming smallholder production through improved sustainability practices and promoting alternative supply chains.



DISTRICTS HIGHLIGHTS

Aceh Tamiang

- PPI Compact piloting (2019) — resulted in model for replication.
- 2,200 dual-certified smallholders (RSPO+ISPO). The first district in Indonesia to have such an achievement.
- Deforestation slowdown ↓ 36.7%.
- Productivity ↑ +69%, household income ↑ +40%.
- HCV/HCS assessment completed (2022)

Aceh Timur

- PPI Compact launched (2023); Secretariat operational.
- Largest deforestation slowdown (-1,074 ha/year) among all districts.
- Rapid 46% reduction in annual forest loss.
- Productivity ↑ +18.9%, strong early field adoption of Good Agricultural Practices.
- Forest-agriculture interface stabilization under VSA model

Aceh Singkil

- Most complex geography — fragmented islands and coastal forest.
- Slowdown: 3,003 → 2,056 ha/year (-947 ha/year).
- 32% reduction in forest loss.
- Pokja PSDA (2023) and Jangka Benah policy brief underway.
- Mangrove and island forest connectivity preserved

SIGNALS OF PROGRESS: PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS BY OVERARCHING THEMES

Governance Integration & Institutionalization

- PPI Compacts were formalized in Aceh Tamiang (2019) and Aceh Timur (2023), with respective PPI Secretariats platforms endorsed through Regent Decrees and integrated into District Planning and Spatial plans.
- Provincial scaling up is being facilitated through the establishment of the Program Management Unit (2024) of the Aceh Sustainable Palm Oil to embed sustainability governance within provincial structures, ensuring long-term policy coherence and accountability
- Establishment of the Pokja PSDA (Working Group for Sustainable Resource Management) and piloting of Jangka Benah land-use restoration model in Aceh Singkil (2023)

Sustainable Production & Market Readiness

- 2,200 smallholders in Aceh Tamiang now dual-certified (RSPO+ISPO) — a first for Indonesia's smallholder landscape
- Introduction of traceability and closed-loop system pilots to prepare for traceability compliance by 2025
- Significant productivity and income gains: +69% in Aceh Tamiang, +104% in Aceh Singkil, and +18.9% in Aceh Timur, with overall household incomes up by 15-40%

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS BY NUMBER

- 2,200 Smallholders Certified
- 2,720 Smallholders hold STDB
- 4,480 Smallholders GAP-trained
- Income Growth +15-40% across districts
- 929 ha Forest Restored
- Annual deforestation rate in the intervention districts decrease between 32-46% from the baseline

MILESTONES

- 2019** PPI Compact & Secretariat established in Aceh Tamiang.
- 2020** Provincial Green Growth Plan aligned with IDH framework.
- 2021** Forest Monitoring & Field Verification teams formed.
- 2022** Acceleration Team formed; 391 ha restored; HCV/HCS formalized.
- 2023** 2,200 dual certifications; Aceh Timur Compact signed; Aceh Singkil pilots start. Launching of the Aceh Sustainable Palm-Oil Roadmap
- 2024** Aceh Provincial PMU established to support the Roadmap; PT Mora Niaga obtained RSPO certification; Aceh Singkil Landscape Vision signed.
- 2025** Launch of Private Sector Working Group Supporting Aceh's Sustainable Palm Oil Roadmap — marking full transition from pilot to institutionalized sustainability

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