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WFC Responds to Call for Tsunami Relief from Indonesian Alumnus



Rita is currently conducting field studies for her Masters on rattan production.

When the disastrous Tsunami hit her country's shores in December, Rita Mustikasari, WFI's first Indonesian Fellow in 1994, knew she had to help. As a Masters student at the University of Indonesia, Rita joined her classmates in organizing relief for Aceh province, where tens of thousands perished.

Needing financial resources to purchase supplies and transportation, Rita turned to her WFC friends, and sent an urgent email appeal

for donations. Several WFC directors, staff, WFI alumni and businesses contributed.

The funds enabled about 50 students to reach Aceh ahead of most local and foreign relief efforts. They conducted on site search and rescue, body recovery, and distributed food, drinking water, cooking supplies, sleeping mats, tents, candles and medicine. Rita sends her heartfelt thanks to her World Forestry Center family.



Some of the WFC donations were used for reconstruction of public spaces and hygiene facilities in Aceh.

Local SAF Chapters Explore Australian Forestry

In the past few months, Australian Fellow Tony Scherl gave talks to the Society of American Foresters at their monthly chapter meetings in Portland, Oregon, and Longview, Washington.

The talks focused on forestry in Australia, the history of vegetation development and adaptation as well as the different types of wildlife found in forest areas. Although the forest types in Australia are mark-

edly different to those in the Pacific Northwest, the issues confronting forestry and foresters are remarkably similar in both countries, particularly surrounding public land use and conservation.

Investment Risk Publication Now Available

The recent shift of timberlands from traditional timber companies to Timberland Investment Management Organizations (TIMOs) illustrates a change in the way that companies view the risks and rewards of owning their own fiber resources. Written by Danish alumnus Mikkel Nielsen, this WFI special report explores risk in timberland investment. The report focuses on the risk categories timberland investors are exposed to, and in particular focuses on risk drivers of greatest interest in the Pacific Northwest. A benchmark and framework for assessing risk information before investing in timberland is given. Copies of the report are available from WFI for \$75 (digital) and \$95 (hardcopy).

MANAGING RISK IN THE
EVOLVING WORLD OF
TIMBERLAND INVESTMENTS
A VIEW OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



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BLM Provides Seedlings for Reforestation

Fellows met with Terry Garren at the Bureau of Land Management's Horning Seed Orchard. The orchard produces upwards of 1,000,000 seedlings each year for reforestation and restoration. Restoration projects include producing large container riparian plants for local watershed councils as well as seedlings for the 2002 Biscuit Fire in southern Oregon.



Terry Garren (right) explains propagation techniques. Over 25 species are grown at the site, whose facilities include seed orchards, cone processing, and greenhouses. BLM provides seedlings for both public and private lands.

Hubei Delegation Visits World Forest Institute

In January, WFI hosted a 10-member delegation from Hubei Provincial Forestry Bureau. Led by Mr. Bixiang Jiang, the Chinese delegation was on a study tour to learn about how public agencies and NGOs in the United States manage forestland. WFI's China Fellow from the Chinese Academy of Forestry, Mr. Jialu Xie,

happens to come from the same hometown in Hubei province. Mr. Xie was asked to present an hour-long talk on global measures of sustainability to the delegation. The group was also excited to learn about the educational activities of the World Forestry Center, and expressed a desire to sponsor a Fellow to WFI in the

future. They also spent time with the Oregon Department of Forestry and Oregon Forests Resources Institute, to discuss the economic role of forestry in Oregon, various forest management strategies for multiple use, and forest protection. The group's itinerary also included visits to California and Virginia.

Renovation Allows Unique View of Museum

As renovation moves along quickly, there have been opportunities to appreciate the "bones" of the building. *Left:* Sara Wu, Rick Zenn, and Mark Reed on the 2nd floor in front of a steel skeleton that will become a global forest exhibit. *Middle:* without the talking tree, light shines directly through the central pillars permitting an unobstructed view of the architecture. *Right:* Tony Scherl (Australia) with a TimberJack harvester that was disassembled in order to fit through the doors for the Pacific Northwest exhibits.

