

# PROJECT BRIEF

## Introduction

**T**he South Sumatra Forest Fire Management Project (SSFFMP) is a technical cooperation project between the Government of Indonesia and the European Union, and is part of the larger EC-Indonesia Forestry Programme.

The project is implemented in the Province of South Sumatra through various governmental and non-governmental organizations at provincial, district and village levels. The Ministry of Forestry is the Executing Agency at national level and the Office of the Governor of South Sumatra Province, as the Implementing Agency, is responsible for providing support for steering and coordinating the project at provincial level.

## History of Project

**I**n 1993, the European Union prepared a grant-funded project (resulting from an international workshop held by BAPPENAS in 1992) to develop a fire management system in Indonesia. This project (Forest Fire Prevention and Control Project - FFPCP) was implemented from 1995 to 1998 and was later extended until 2001. In January 2003, SSFFMP started to operate for an intended period of 5 years and can be considered as the second phase of the EU-funded fire management project in South Sumatra. SSFFMP builds forth on the achievements of the previous FFPCP.

## Overall Objective and Project Purpose

**T**he overall objective of the project is to establish a model for the rational and sustainable management of the country's land and forest resources.

**The specific objective (project purpose)** is to aid and facilitate the establishment of a coordinated system for fire management at provincial, district, sub-district and village levels throughout South Sumatra, in which all involved stakeholders, including the private sector, work together to reduce the negative impact of fires on the natural and socio-economic environment.

## Results to be Achieved

- **Capable rural fire management** institutions are established within the local administrations, private companies, and local communities
- **Sustainable resource management** principles are introduced to local administrations and private sector companies active in forest management
- **Participatory land-use planning methods** are integrated into the land-use planning exercise by relevant institutions

## Major Project Activities

- Create institutional conditions to allow effective fire management
- Enable stakeholders to organize and to apply fire management mechanisms
- Create capacities and support initiatives for sustainable natural resource management
- Establish systems to monitor the impact of improved fire management on environment and people
- Provide support to governmental agencies and civil society to shape policies and organizational structures to promote sustainable natural resources management
- Prepare long-term and short-term international trainings

## Working Principals of Project

- Drawing from the existing experience
- Involvement and empowering of partners
- Networking

## Training Programmes

- Training of the staff partner organizations, NGOs and communities on various aspect of forest fire management and land use planning
- Awareness and educational programs
- Long-term and short-term international trainings

