#### THE FORESTS DIALOGUE

The ILCF Process Model

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#### Overview

- How can LCF happen in Indonesia?
- Benefits of investing in locally controlled forestry
- Changing the paradigm
- Investor types
- What investors look for
- Ingredients for success
- Business models
- Partnerships & Stakeholder roles
- LCF role in REDD+
- Theory of Change

#### How?

- Some local leaders may see the <u>economic and social</u> value of LCF and lobby central government for change (e.g. through RTRW)
- Engage with <u>private sector</u> that may have some influence with policymakers
- Use existing tenure instruments (e.g. HTR) to <u>encapsulate</u> <u>rights</u> to use forest land, while longer term tenure reform efforts continue
- Devise financial structures that can release the cash Indonesia already has available for reforestation
- Forest communities need to get organized

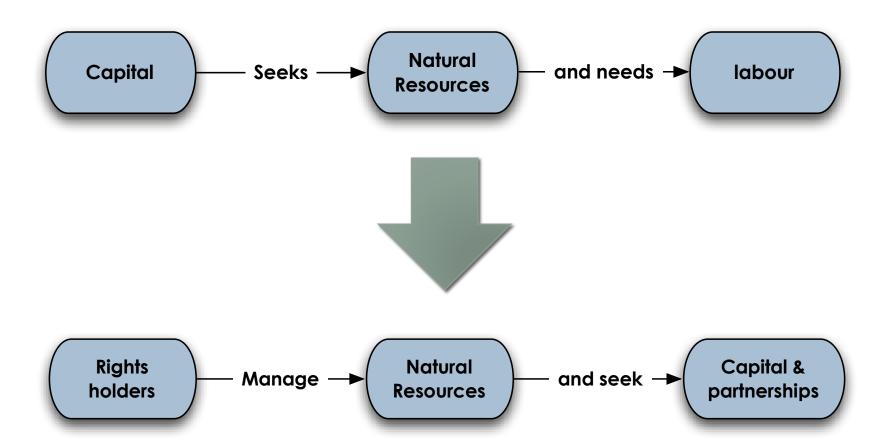
## The ILCF approach

- Work in progress
- Will be produced as a guide today is part of the learning process
- However we got here, it is time to look ahead and work together on solutions
- Every case is different, but there are some common features

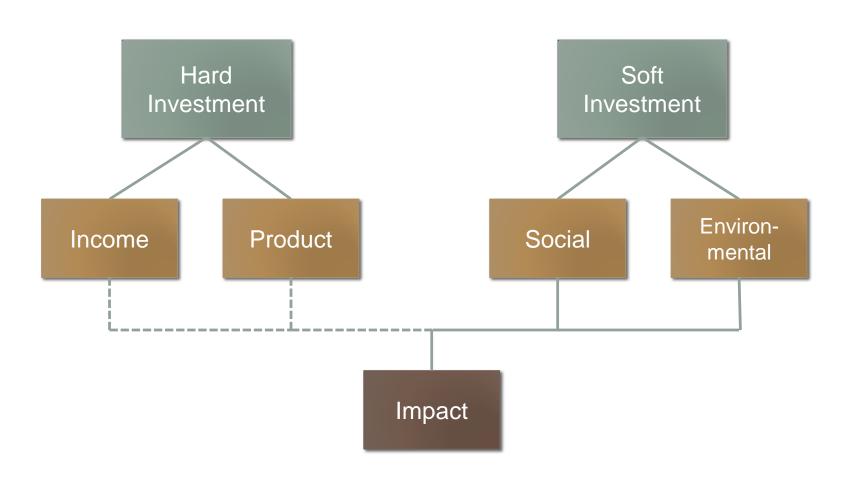
# Benefits of Investing in Locally Controlled Forestry

- For Governments
  - Poverty reduction
  - More efficient land use and economic competitiveness
  - Growing SME sector for a balanced economy
  - Tenure reform correlated with stable development
- For Investors
  - Secure raw material supply
  - Reduce risks in supply chain, lower cost of capital
- For Donors, NGOs and civil society
  - Build citizenship and achieve institutional change
  - Mitigate climate change

## Changing the Paradigm



# **Investor Types**



#### What investors look for

- Compatible goals
- Sensible and complete business plan
- Enterprise is formal and has legal permits
- Liquidity of assets
- Scale
- Track record
- Capacity
- Tenure
- Risks and returns
- Market constraints

## Ingredients for success

- Favorable Conditions
- Business models
- Partnerships
- Organisation

#### **Favorable Conditions**

- Viable business and value proposition
- Transparency and accountability
- Clarity of tenure, rights and obligations
- Organizational structure with clear roles and mandate
- Mutual learning and flexibility in order to improve performance
- Agreed goals, expectations, benefit sharing and exit strategy
- Checks and balances on decision making to overcome disagreements
- Good enough governance
- Respect different values and embrace change

#### Conditions are inter-related

Flexibility

Transparency

Accountability

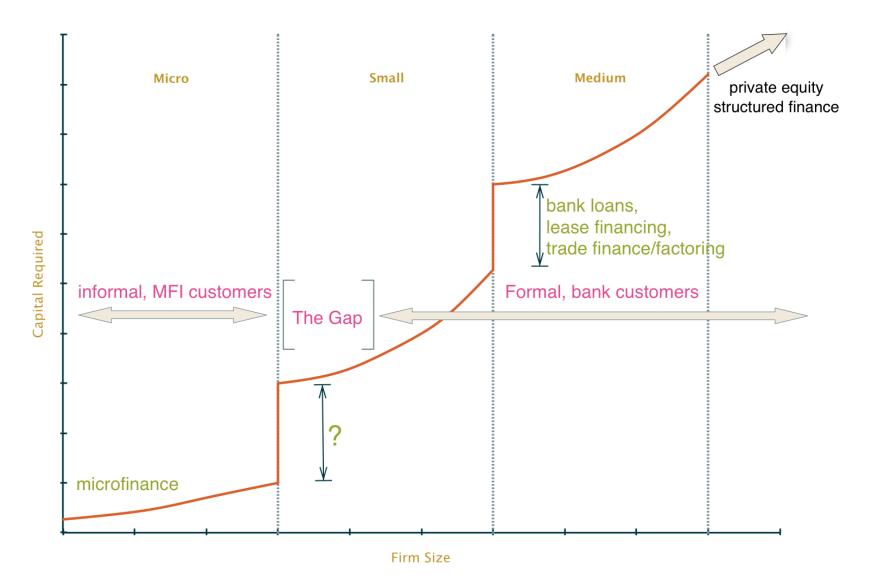
Values

Checks & balances

Mutual learning



#### **Business Models**



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- Dealing with delayed cashflow
- Risk mitigation
- Targeted marketing: What does the customer value?
  - Standards (e.g. FSC)
  - Special features (e.g. 'community product')
  - Quality, price or service

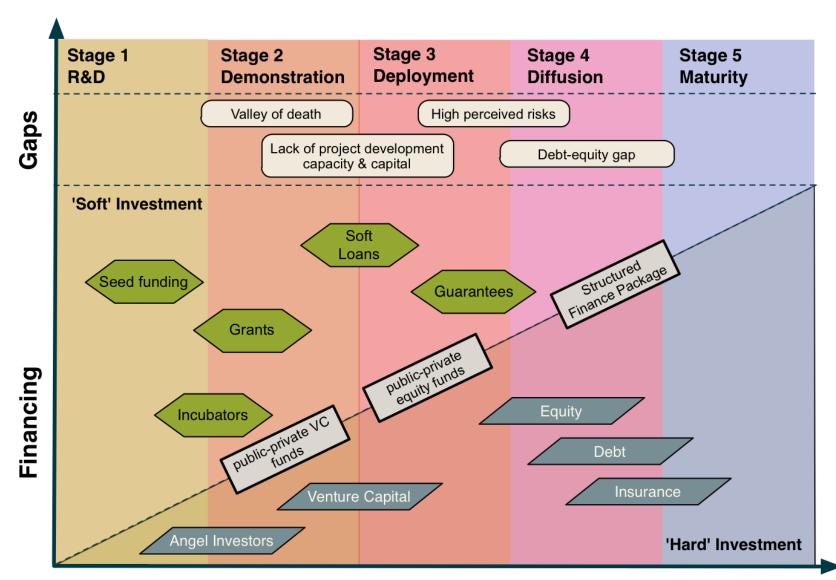
## Partnerships

- Need for credible partners to attract investment
- Overcome power imbalances and information asymmetry in the relationship
- Become less isolated
- Building trust
- Service Providers: Technical, marketing, management systems (e.g. finance)
- Mentoring (especially for leaders)
- Joint ventures with downstream buyers to learn skills

### Roadmap

- Preparation
  - Concept development & feasibility study
  - Organizational development
  - Medium term planning
  - Define milestones and timescale
- Negotiation
  - Deal development, due diligence
- Agreement of the deal
- Operation
- Dealing with disputes
- Benefit sharing and exit

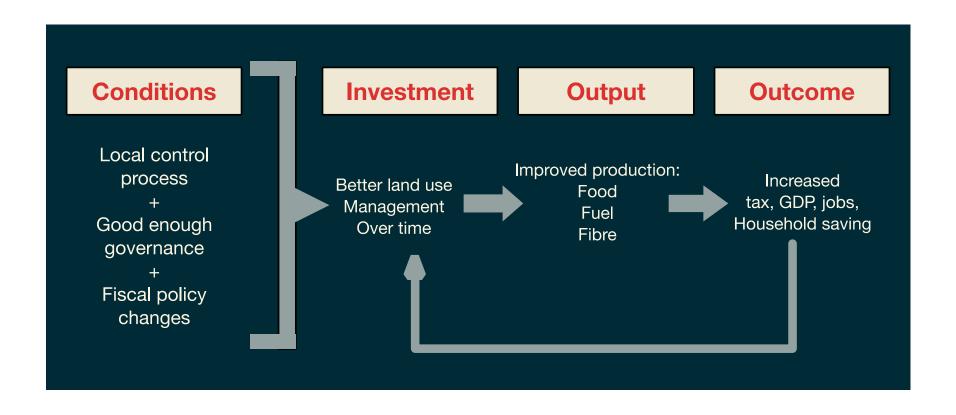
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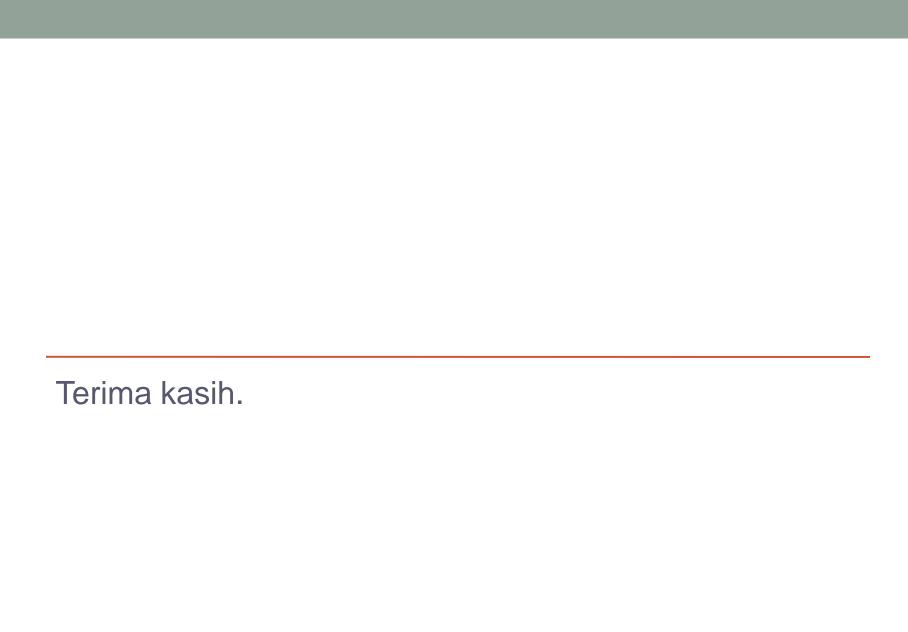


#### LCF and REDD+

- There is a danger that REDD+ leads to a re-centralization of control of the forest
- Put people before carbon
- Real jobs and real enterprises, not just welfare (e.g. BLT)
- Allow market to allocate capital efficiently
- Reduce theoretical reliance on carbon markets
- Create sustainable finance for better land use management

## Theory of Change





## To discuss in groups

- 1. Options for appropriate business and investment models (pilihan model investasi serta bentuk usaha yang paling sesuai)
- 2. How can Partnerships help bring about investment in LCF (Bagaimana bentuk kemitraan yang dapat membantu mewujudkan investasi di usaha hutan yang dikelola oleh masyarakat)
- 3. Persuading policymakers of the benefits of LCF, to bring about policy change and improved enabling environment (Bagaimana meyakinkan pemerintah (termasuk Pemda) untuk membuat kebijakan yang memungkinkan adanya investasi di usaha hutan yang dikelola oleh masyarakat)
- 4. The role of LCF in mitigating climate change and ensuring REDD+ projects are successful (Peran hutan yang dikelola oleh masyrakat dalam mengurangi emisi karbon dan memastikan proyek REDD+ berjalan dengan sukses)