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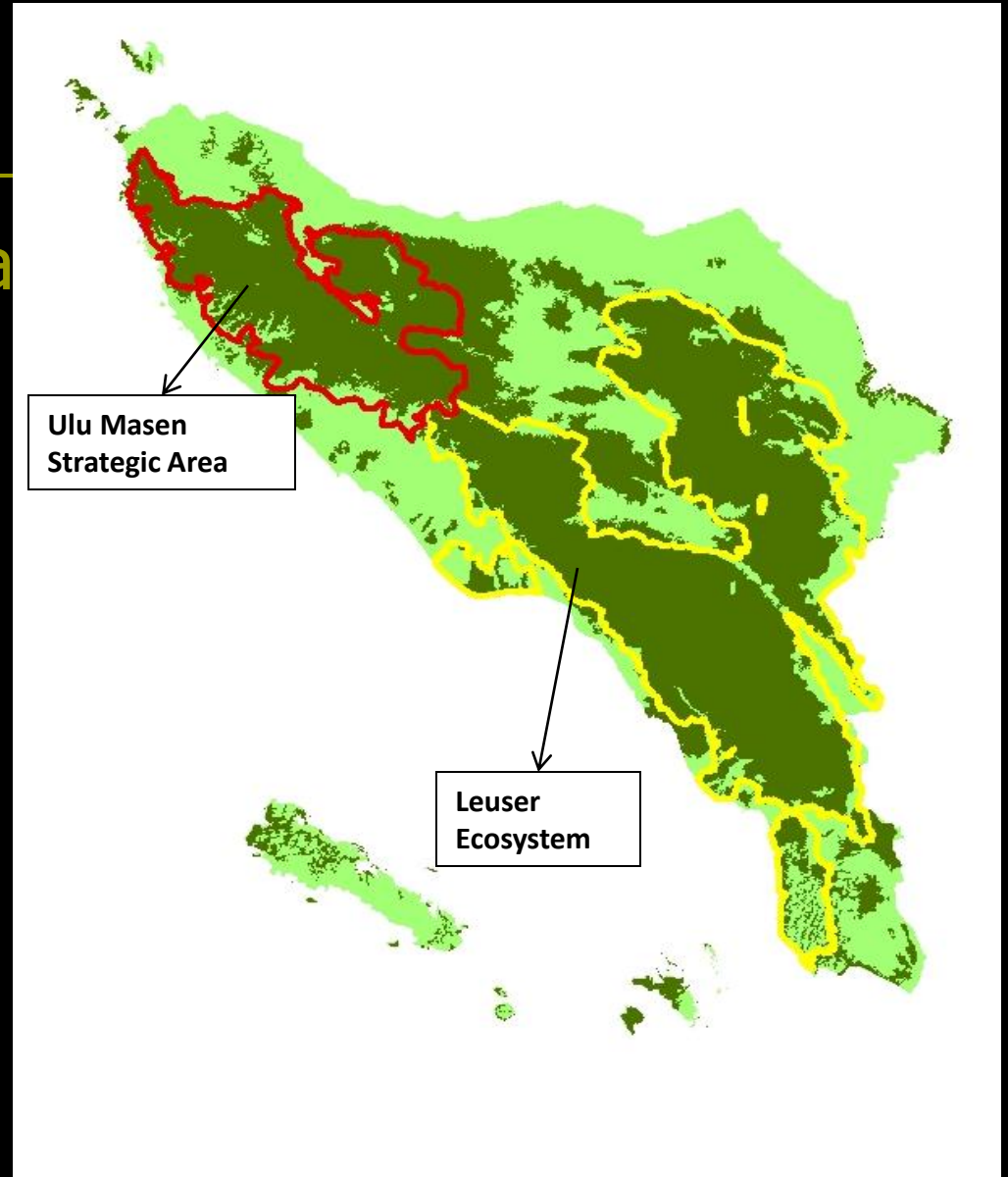
Aceh Province REDD Progress Update

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Introduction

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Overview

- Aceh's forests are highly diverse and provide important habitats for a range of globally threatened flagship species such as the Sumatran tiger, rhino, elephant and orangutan.
- The post-tsunami reconstruction effort and the end of the conflict in Aceh have rapidly increased threats to forest resources.
- Aceh's forests are an important carbon sink. Their protection will assist in global climate change mitigation efforts

Government of Aceh Commitment

- December 2008: Governor of Aceh released an environmentally-friendly development strategy for the province, known as 'Aceh Green'.
- Aceh Green aims to rebuild Aceh's economy following the conflict and tsunami through innovative and sustainable management of Aceh's natural resources, especially forests.

Policy and Institutional Framework

- REDD Taskforce (Technical, Community and Legal working groups established)
- Support for REDD from Aceh Parliament
- Legal framework (incl. national/provincial harmonisation and carbon title)
- Review of existing concessions
- Aceh provincial spatial plan review supports REDD activities
- Capacity building

Forest Carbon Accounting – Ulu Masen and Leuser Ecosystems

- IPCC carbon stock estimates
- Spatial analysis & forest type stratification
- Indicative historical deforestation rates
- Training of GoA REDD Taskforce field teams
- Implementation of carbon stock surveys (March 2010)

Community Engagement

- GoA REDD Taskforce Community Working Group established March 2010
- Initiated free, prior and informed consent process with local communities
- Feedback and complaints hotline established
- Information and education materials/visuals developed
- Community social baseline assessment

Closing Remarks

- Aceh is taking concrete steps to develop a Provincial level baseline
- Aceh supports the development of a GCF protocol built on existing best-practice REDD standards

Thank you



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