On 19-20 June 2012, a kick off workshop and a back to back event: International Seminar on New Collaborative Research Project CRC990-EFFoRTS: "Ecological and Socioeconomic Functions of Tropical Lowland Rainforest Transformation Systems (Sumatra, Indonesia)" were successfully held at IPB Campus Dramaga and International Convention Center (IICC) Campus Baranangsiang Bogor, respectively.

The Collaborative Research Center (CRC990-EFFoRTS) aims at providing knowledge-based guidelines on how to protect and enhance the ecological functions and services of tropical forests, forest remnants and agricultural transformation systems at a landscape scale, while improving human welfare at the same time. The results are expected to contribute to the development of strategies for sustainable management of forest reserves and major rainforest transformation systems of the lowland tropics of Southeast Asia, such as rubber and oil palm plantations, in a landscape context. The CRC990-EFFoRTS shall contribute to producing such knowledge through establishing an international, interdisciplinary research program aiming at understanding the patterns of and forces responsible for deforestation, and evaluating the economic, social and ecological consequences. Further details on the event, please visit this link. (@izs)