



Belantara
FOUNDATION

Fact Sheet:

SOCIAL FORESTRY FOR COMMUNITIES



Sustainability cannot be achieved without local community involvement and empowerment. The Belantara Foundation assists farmers in learning to use new technology, diversify their skills and develop techniques to generate more productivity from their land without compromising nearby forests.

This is done by concentrating on the broader landscape and by making a positive impact on all economic sectors tied to forestry, including palm oil, cacao, rubber, coffee, sugar and other Indonesian crops.

Belantara supports 125,000 hectares of social forestry for communities as part of its million hectare plan.

OUR EFFORTS

EMPOWERMENT:

- Belantara impacts community empowerment and sustainable livelihoods in 500 villages across ten grant areas.

INVOLVEMENT:

- We know that forests are important to local communities, so we involve them in reforestation and habitat efforts

EDUCATION

- Belantara funds educational programs for farmers, women, teachers and ecotourism workers.

TRAINING:

- Agricultural training and other supports help local farmers to grow coconuts, coffee, nypa and other crops, making more efficient use of their land and eliminating the need to expand into forests.

ECONOMY-BUILDING:

- The Belantara Foundation supports fisheries that provide sustainable livelihoods for local villagers.
- Ecotourism projects, like a bird watching on the Sambilang River, create local jobs.

SUSTAINABILITY

- Biogas digesters, funded by Belantara, are used to convert waste into organic fertilizers for sustainable agriculture. They also convert waste into methane cooking fuel to replace the use of wood from local forests.

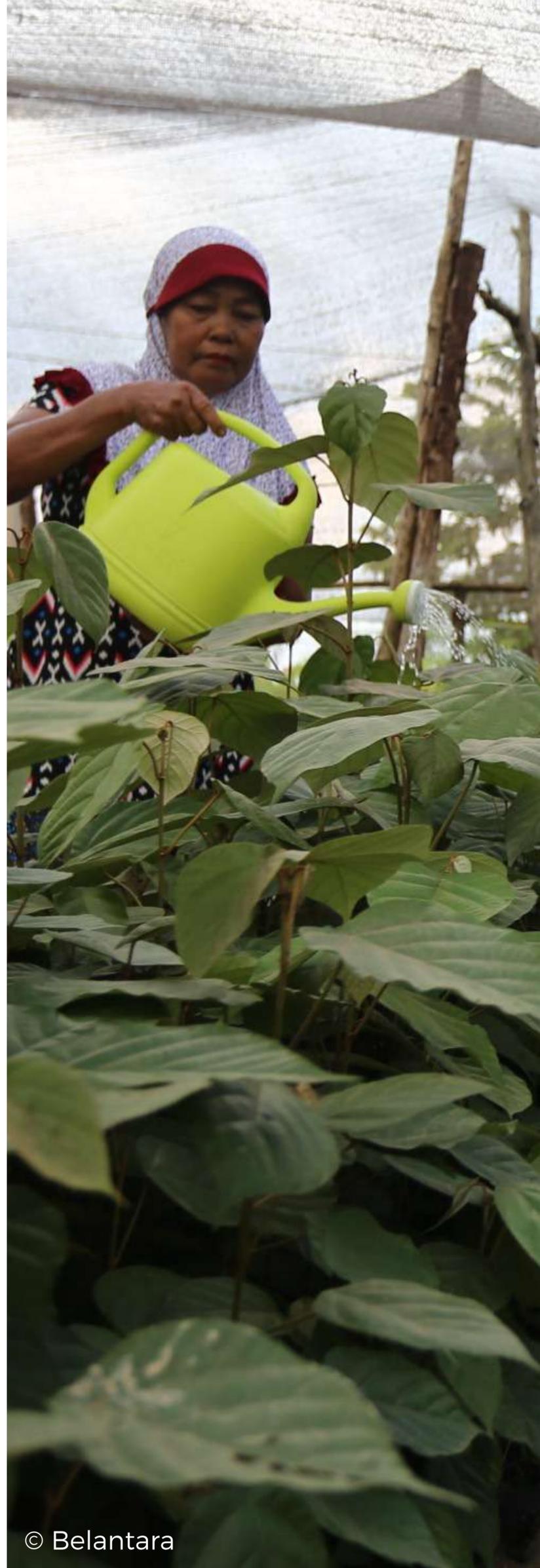
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