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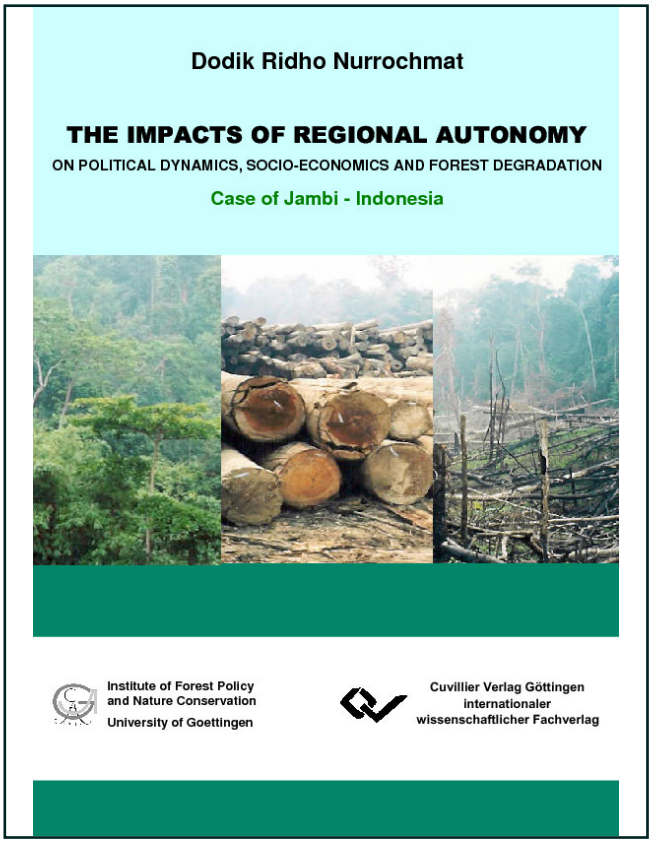
The impacts of regional autonomy

On political dynamics, socio-economics and forest degradation



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Foreword

There are numerous political strategies against forest degradation. But despite many different efforts on regional, national and international levels, there has been little success and sustainable use of the natural resource forest is a vision rather than a reality.

Strengthening regional autonomy is one of the most important means for improving the regions' management of their own natural resources. The idea and hope is that a region which is responsible for its own forest will use it wisely.

Whether these expectations are met in practice is evaluated by the analysis of Dr. Dodik Nurrochmat in a case study of Jambi in Indonesia. The evaluation applies a comprehensive approach integrating ecological, socio-economic and political aspects. Therefore the results allow a complex judgment of the multiple impacts of decentralization on the sustainable use of forests.

The integrated approach of this book gives highly relevant information to stake holders who always have to act in practice on multiple dimensions of problems. Scientifically it is a good and rare example of a successful interdisciplinary analysis. Consequently the thesis was evaluated *"summa cum laude"* by the Faculty of Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology, University of Goettingen.

I wish the book well and believe it deserves the attention of readers in the scientific community and of all stakeholders who want to take effective and efficient political measures for the forest and the people.

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