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Optimising the policy and institutional settings for community-based forest management in Indonesia

Summary
Community-based forest management (CBFM) is a popular undertaking in many countries, covering over 400 million hectares worldwide. In Indonesia, CBFM is viewed as an important component of the forestry sector. However, there are several challenges, such as the complex nature of poverty, and high administration costs. Also, government policies are not always consistent and supportive. This research is exploring the extent that existing models of CBFM reflect the government’s policy intent, and how the policy and institutional settings can be strengthened so it becomes a vibrant component of the commercial forestry sector.