

# Agroforestry farmers' field schools

## Informed farmers for sustainable landscapes

Farmers make good agroforestry advisors, particularly, in places where

- language is a barrier
  - limited visits from government extension agents
  - information infrastructure (roads, electricity, phone signal) is weak
- and because farmers have a vested interest in improving their knowledge, crops, market access and links with government agricultural service

### The approach



### Agroforestry Farmers' Field Schools

- Field schools combine the scientist-to-farmer and farmer-to-farmer approaches
- Topics: germplasm improvement, garden management and product marketing.
- Training enhances farmers' analytical skills and access to information
- Demonstration plots and nurseries are places to learn new technology
- Expert farmers play roles as advisors to other farmers by building knowledge, skills, relationships and self-confidence

### Informed farmers for sustainable landscapes in Sulawesi, Indonesia

139 group nurseries and 124 individual nurseries operated by partners have produced more than **1 million** tree seedlings

11,744 individuals (33% women) trained in agroforestry management at **461** events

11,050 individuals (34% women) trained in nursery management and tree propagation at **735** events

178 demonstration plots established with **1218** farmers (36% women)

555,298 hectares under improved management

**46,243** (67% men; 33% women) benefiting from adoption of species and technology

**366,137** (48% men; 52% women) with improved access to quality germplasm and information

25 expert farmers (18 males, 7 females) as agroforestry advisors

Agroforestry Farmers' Field Schools have been successfully applied in the Agroforestry and Forestry in Sulawesi: Linking Knowledge to Action project of the World Agroforestry Centre and the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, Canada



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