

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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As Dr Plodprasop Suraswadi, Director General of RFD, indicates in his preface, these proceedings are meant to serve as a starting point for future action to conserve and manage Southeast Asia's forest genetic resources. The country reports give a detailed overview of national status and efforts, whereas the invited papers highlight more specific experiences from within the region and further afield. A number of the invited papers also describe the work of various regional and international organizations active in the field of forest genetic resources. Discussions during the workshop highlighted the problems, needs and expectations of future efforts to conserve and manage forest genetic resources in Southeast Asia. We believe that these discussions, and the contacts made at the workshop between the delegates and their institutions, will help to promote the sustainable use of forests and foster regional cooperation in forest genetic resources.

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