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He acquired a Doctor from Bogor Agricultural University in 2012. His latest research are Evaluation of carbon stock dynamic and CO2 emission in burnt peat swamp forest and logged peat swamp forest in Central Kalimantan. He coordinated all ASEAN Member States for 2013–2017 in the Project of Capacity building to increase the Forest Resource Assessment (FRA) capacity and capability. He also joined the activities carried out in the CCROM (Centre for Climate Risk and Opportunity Management) for LAMAI (Local Appropriate Mitigation Actions Indonesia) project since 2015 as MRV expert. He is a Project Country Coordinator of FCPF (Forest Carbon Partnership Facility) and BioCF (Bio Carbon Fund) for 2018–2020.