

# Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)

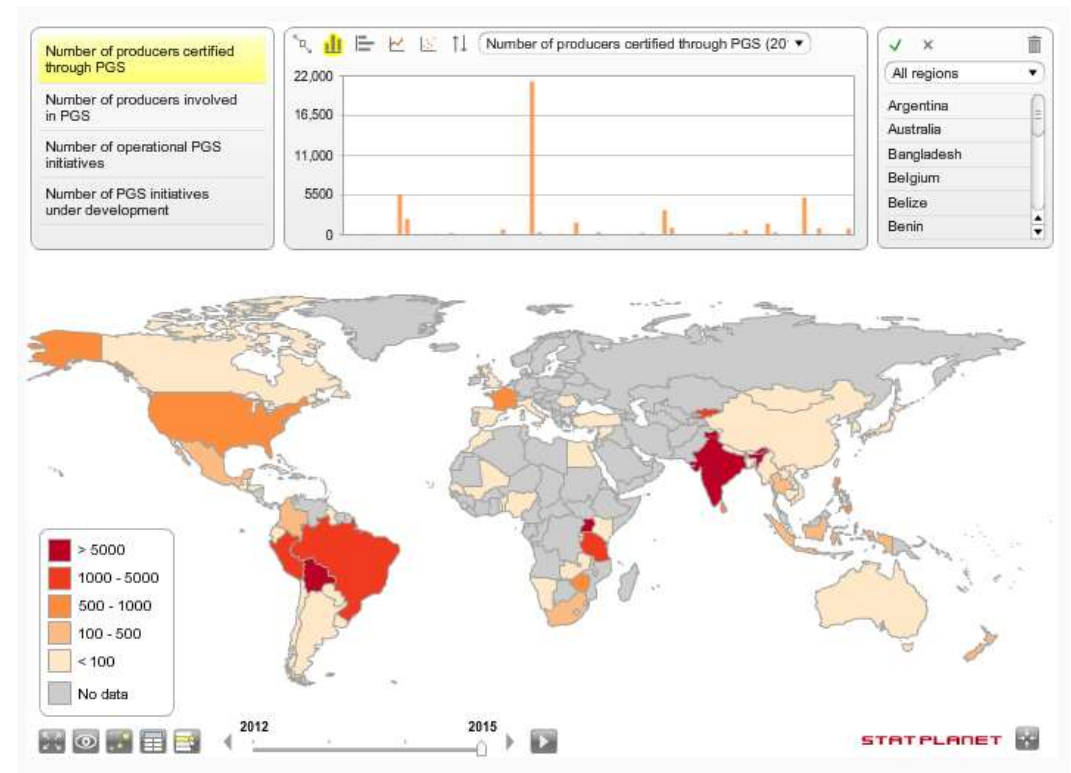


# PGS at Glance

## What is PGS?

- “**Participatory Guarantee Systems** are locally focused quality assurance systems. They certify producers based on active **participation of stakeholders** and are built on a foundation of trust, social networks and knowledge exchange”. (IFOAM, 2008)
- PGS is an **alternative** to third-party certification
- PGS **offer a complementary**: low-cost, locally-based system of quality assurance, less complicated paper work
- PGS is essential especially if we want to include **smallholder** farmers

## Where is it being implemented?



Source: <http://www.ifoam.bio/node/951>

# What is PGS ROLES (PGS Rattan)?

Participatory Guarantee System FOR RATTAN



PGS ROLES: *Rotan* *Lestari* (Sustainable Rattan)

to provide added value to rattan farmers/gatherers and at the same time promote the processing and the sustainable management of rattan

# Why is it important?



RATTAN  
PRODUCERS

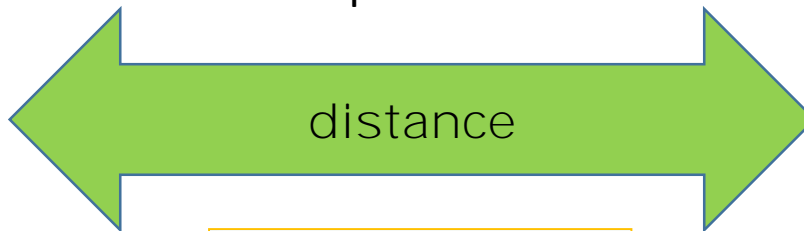
Sustainable  
Rattan!



harvest



process

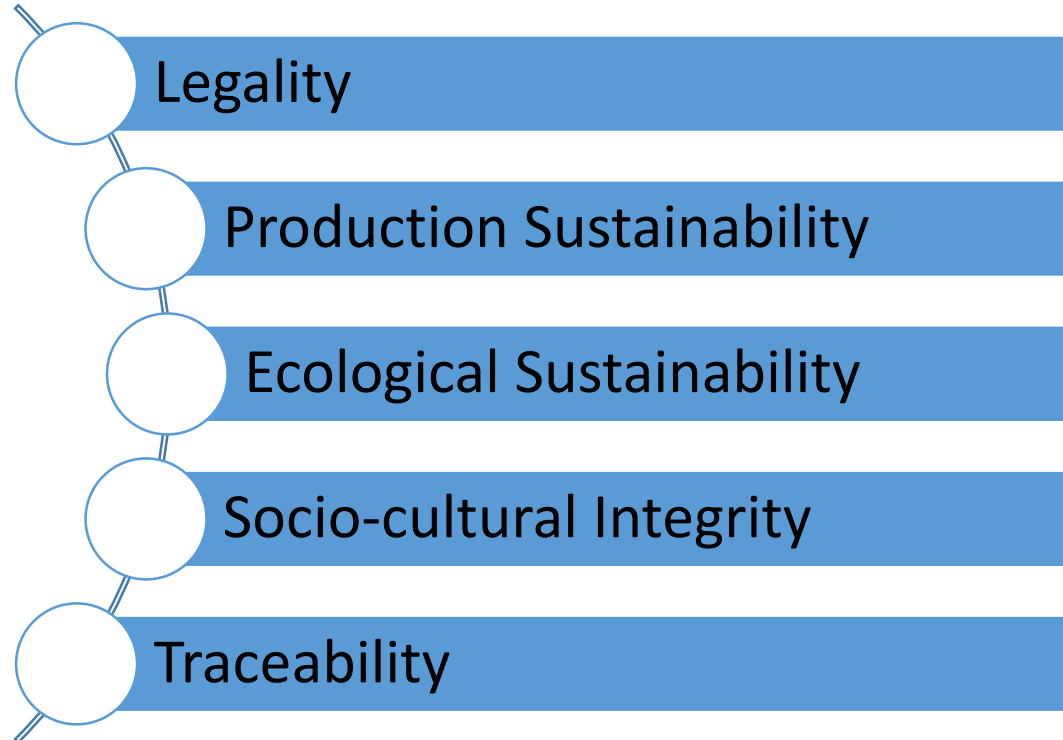


Sustainable?  
Who guarantee?



CONSUMERS

## PGS ROLES STANDARD



## INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED

- The PGS rattan system and standard was developed through **research, interviews and discussions with stakeholders** at district and national level.
- Several group discussions and workshops were held to gather inputs and feedback from **farmers, weavers, government officials, scientist, private sector and NGO representatives**
- After being finalized, the PGS ROLES standard has been tested in pilot site: **Eheng village (Kalimantan)** and **Namo village (Sulawesi)**

# The Process



government personnel



NGO representatives



business



PGS unit

*annual visit*



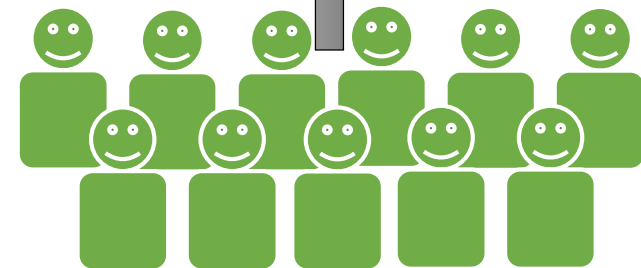
- Inspection Report
- Certification Decision:



rattan garden/ forest



*year-round social control*



rattan farmers or gatherers

## Results

- Incentives encourage more rattan farmers/gatherers to maintain their rattan gardens/forest
- In Kalimantan: weavers have become more aware of their source of rattan materials
- In Sulawesi: PGS ROLES has become a start for community to finally benefit from forest village since it was established in 2012

PGS rattan products were successfully sold during and around International Folk Art Market (IFAM) in USA, 2014 and 2015

Buyer from UK has already ordered PGS certified rattan furniture



# Eheng Village, East Kalimantan





# Namo Village, Sulawesi

