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

distance

Rotan Lestari

CONSUMERS

Sustainable?
Who guarantee?
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
- Inspection Report
- Certification Decision:
  - rattan garden/forest

Annual visit

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