# **Country Report 2003**

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# Indonesia

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# I. Country Report

## A. Country Context

#### **Geographical Context**

Indonesia is the largest archipelagic country in the world, consists of 17,508 small and big islands, with a total area of 1,919,440 sq km, consists of water area = 93,000 sq km (not included exclusive economic zone: 200 nautical miles, and land area = 1,826,440 sq km with its coast line = 54,716 km. Straddles equator, strategic location astride or along major sea lanes from Indian Ocean to Pacific Ocean. Population = 231,328,092 (July 2002 est.). Arable land = 9.9%, permanent crops = 7.2%, others = 82.9%. Land use: cultivable regions = 123,432,164 ha (consists of forests = 57.74% and non-forest = 42.26%); sheltered regions = 67,491,646 ha (consists of forest = 81.56% and non-forest = 18.44%).

#### Historical Context

Indonesia was colonized by the Dutch in early seventeen century to mid nineteen century and achieved its independence in 17 August 1945 (proclamation of independence). Authoritarian regimes: from 1945 – 1965 was under the President's Soekarno administration, from 1966 – 1998 was under the President's Soeharto's administration. Democratic regimes: 1998 – 1999 was under the President's Habibie administration, 1999 – 2001 was under the President's Abdulrachman Wachid's (Gus Dur) administration, and now since 23 July 2001 is under the President Megawati Soekarnoputri's administration.

#### **Current Political and Administrative Structures**

The president is both the chief of state and head of government (cabinet appointed by the president). Formerly, president and vice president elected separately by the People's Consultative Assembly (MPR) for five-year terms, but in the next 2004 national election (in accordance with UUD 1945 constitutional changes), the election of the president and vice president will be direct vote of the citizenry. The People's Consultative Assembly (MPR) includes the House of Representative (DPR) plus indirectly selected members meets every five year to (formerly) elect the president and vice president, to approve broad outlines of national policy (GBHN), and also has yearly meetings to consider constitutional and legislative changes.

Indonesia has 27 provinces, 2 special regions (Yogyakarta and Aceh), and 1 special capital city district (Jakarta) with 370 regencies and municipalities.

#### Historical Outline of Cadastre

Indonesia was colonized by the Dutch in early seventeen century to mid nineteen century. The date of August 18, 1620 was noted as the first basis implementation of the cadastre in Indonesia, indicated by the pronouncement of the VOC (Vercenigde Oost-Indisch Campagnie: an early Dutch company led to the Dutch colony) on regulation to control the lands distributed to its employees and resettled inhabitants from the Netherlands. But it has been only having adequate implementation since 1961 by the Government Regulation No. 10 Year 1961 as the completion of Art. 19 Basic Agrarian Law (BAL): Act No. 5 Year 1960 (UUPA);

Cadastre in Indonesia is legal cadastre (conducted by the National Land Agency: BPN) with negative system within the registration of titles system, and fiscal cadastre (conducted by the Directorate of Land and Building Taxation: PBB, Department of Finance) for only the taxation purposes.

Partners for the BPN are the Land Deeds Officials (PPAT) who issued the land deeds (transfer and mortgage) for land registration and the Licensed Surveyors for surveying and mapping the land parcels in accordance with the government surveyors.

Certificate of land titles are issued by the Land Offices and they are valid as the strong evidence.

#### **B. Institutional Framework**

#### Government Organizations

As a unity state, Indonesia maintains centralized parcel-based land administration offices in each City/Regency, which are mostly still manual today. Indeed, there are 38 regency and municipality land offices and 15 provincial land administration offices running a Land Office Computerization (LOC) projects, but they are still partly manual. The National Land Agency (BPN) is responsible for land administration. According to Presidential Decree No. 26 Year 1988, BPN is a Non-Departmental Government Agency that has tasks as follows:

"BPN is to assist the President in developing and managing land administration, based on the Basic Agrarian Law and other related laws and regulations that include regulating land use, land holding, and land ownership, land titling services, land surveying and land registration, and other activities related to land issues based on the President's policy".

#### **Private Sector Involvement**

Most of cadastral surveys are undertaken by the government surveyors within the BPN. Since the introduction of Government Regulation NO. 24 Year 1997, the role of private surveyors have been taken part, both the Surveying and Mapping Companies and the Licensed Surveyors. The Land Deeds Officials (PPAT) has also taken parts on the land registration processes.

#### **Professional Organization or Association**

There are some Professional Organizations or Associations that are involved directly or indirectly in the land administration:

- a. Association of Indonesia Surveyors (ISI);
- b. Association of Land Deeds Officials (IPPAT, ASPATI, and ASPATI Indonesia);
- c. Association of Indonesia Cadastral Surveyors (ISKI)

#### Licensing

Land registration in Indonesia is conducted based on the Article 19 Law No. 5 Year 1960 (UUPA) and Government Regulation No. 24 Year 1997. The specific regulation identifies guidelines for licensing and registration of private cadastral surveyors and the undertaking of cadastral survey by the private sectors is the State Ministry of Agrarian Affairs/Head of BPN Regulation No. 2 Year 1998.

#### Education

Surveying programs are offered at two state universities and one private university, but for the spatial information programs are more widespread offered at many state and private universities especially in Java Island.

### C. Cadastral System

#### Purpose of Cadastral System

As stated in Article 19 BAL (UUPA), to guarantee the juridical assurance of land ownerships, the government conducts the land registration that covers all the regions of the Republic on Indonesia that consists of (a) surveying, mapping, and booking the lands; (b) registration of titles and transfers of those titles; (c) issuing the letter of evidence of land title that acknowledge as the strong evidence. Afterwards, based on the Government Regulation No. 24 Year 1997, the of land registration is defined as "the sequence activities conducted by the government continuously and regularly, consist of physical and legal data acquisition, processing, registration, representation, and maintenance, in forms of maps and registers of land parcels and strata title units, and issues the certificate of titles and encumbrances.

#### Types of Cadastral System

The cadastral system adopted in Indonesia is a registration of titles with the negative system. As it is stated in Article 19 BAL, the certificate of land title is valid as the strong (not positive or absolute) evidence. As long as it is otherwise inversely proven by the court, then the certificate of land title is the strongest evidence.

#### Cadastral Concept

The number of land parcels registered and titled is 24.5 million land parcels out of the number of 84.5 million land parcels all over the Indonesian territory (including forest areas). Among the 24.5 million land parcels, they are still paper based maps and databases (non digitized) and also still broadly loosely-connected each other.

#### Content of Cadastral System

Indonesia's cadastral system typically comprise of the following components:

- Physical data:
  - Textual components: the land register identifies land parcel data and information which includes owners' name, address, and other identities and attributes, neighborhoods, and other related information;
  - Spatial components: the cadastral maps show all land parcels graphically corresponding to the registered title (textual and juridical components) with unique parcel identifiers (NIB) and number of map sheets.
- Juridical data: the land register identifies land parcel data and information which includes owners' rights, restrictions, durations, responsibilities, kinds of legal documents and legal proofs, and other legal related data.

#### **D. Cadastral Mapping**

#### Cadastral Map

Cadastral maps in Indonesia is basically drawn on to three scale, 1:1,000 (the most common scale), 1:500 (for the dense urban areas), and 1:2,500 (for rural areas). Especially for plantation estate, the cadastral map uses the 1:5,000 or 1:10,000 scales.

#### Example of a Cadastral Map

Below are two examples of the different digital cadastral databases from City of Tangerang and Regency of Tangerang:

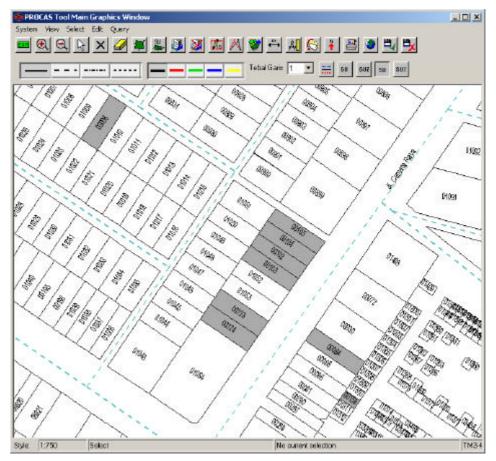


Fig. 1: City of Tangerang (survey accurate).

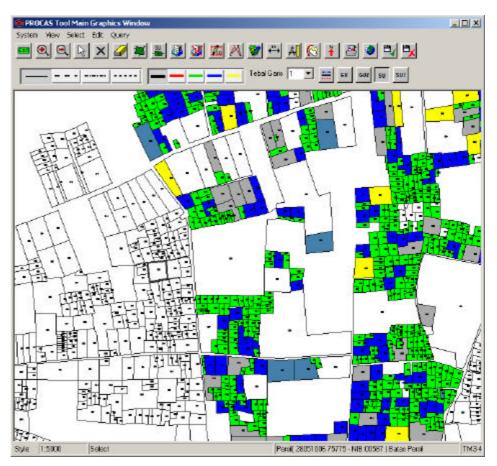


Fig. 2: Regency of Tangerang – rural areas (survey accurate).

#### Role of Cadastral Layer in SDI

Today, cadastral maps are still mainly used for the BPN purposes, although they may also be used by other government institutions and local government, it is not very frequent, one of some reasons, because they have not been digitized yet.

#### E. Reform Issues

#### Cadastral Issues

They're some important problems that the cadastre currently is confronted with:

- The land registration processes requires too long procedures and times:
  - o without using high-tech in surveying and mapping activities;
  - o manual and complicated land registration procedures;
  - lack of and difficulty in gaining legal proof of land ownership in accordance with poor land administration in the village offices;
- Lack of cadastral (tangible and intangible) infrastructures i.e.: maps, aerial photos/satellite images, cadastral networks, surveying instruments, computer assisted mapping, and inadequate land and cadastral laws and regulations.

#### **Current Initiatives**

The current initiatives that are being undertaken:

- Adopting high-tech in surveying and mapping;
- Simplifying land registration procedures;
- Developing nation wide land information system;
- Simplifying land registration requirements;
- Working together with other government institutions in the acquisition of existing land data and information;
- Reforming land and cadastral laws and regulations.

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# **II.** Questionnaire

#### 1. Cadastral Principles

#### Deed or title registration

- 1.1 Is your cadastral system based on deeds registration or on title registration ?
  - $\Box$  deeds registration
  - × title registration
  - □ other: .....

#### Registration of land ownership

- 1.2 By law, is registration of land ownership compulsory or optional ?
  - $\Box$  compulsory
  - × optional
  - □ other: .....

1.3 If felt necessary, please, comment on the actual practice and the legal consequences.

#### Approach for the establishment of the cadastral records

1.4 Are landowners required to register their properties systematically during the initial establishment of the cadastre or is registration sporadic, i.e. triggered only by specific actions (such as for example sale) ?

- □ systematic
- □ sporadic
- × both
- □ all properties are already registered
- $\Box$  other: .....

#### 2. Cadastral Statistics

#### **Population**

- 2.1 What is the **population** of your country ?
- 2.2 Please, estimate the **population distribution** between urban and rural areas.

234,000,000

urban: rural:	80 % 20 %	
total:	100 %	

#### Number and distribution of land parcels

2.3 Please, estimate the approximate **total number of the smallest uniquely identified land units**, often called "land parcels" in your country, including urban and rural areas ?

The total number would include all freehold and state owned land, regardless of registered, non-registered or informal holding.

- 2.4 What is the approximate **total number of registered strata or condominium units**? This number would be in addition to the number of land parcels indicated in 2.3 ?
- 2.5 For **URBAN areas**, please, estimate the **distribution between the smallest uniquely identified land units, often called "land parcels"** (i) that are legally registered and surveyed, (ii) that are legally occupied but not registered or surveyed, and (iii) that are informally occupied without any legal title (this may include illegal occupation or squatting).

If the estimation is too difficult or complex using land parcels, you may base your estimation alternatively on the number of people occupying these forms of land parcels. 84.5 million parcels (including forest "parcels" based on the land taxation data)



legally registered and surveyed: ....40... % legally occupied, but not registered or surveyed:

...50... %

informally occupied without legal title:

...10... %

total: ...100... %

2.6 For **RURAL areas**, please, estimate the **distribution between the smallest uniquely identified land units, often called ''land parcels''** (i) that are legally registered and surveyed, (ii) that are legally occupied but not registered or surveyed, and (iii) that are informally occupied without any legal title (this may include illegal occupation or squatting).

If the estimation is too difficult or complex using land parcels, you may base your estimation alternatively on the number of people occupying these forms of land parcels.

#### Number of professionals

Please estimate the total number of *academic professionals* that are active within the cadastral system and the proportion of the time that they actually commit for cadastral matters (as opposed to work outside of the cadastral system) ?

- 2.7 Total number of **professional land surveyors**, such as licensed surveyors active within the cadastral system:
- 2.8 Proportion of the time that these land surveyors commit for cadastral matters:
- 2.9 Total number of **lawyers/solicitors** or equivalent active within the cadastral system or land market:
- 2.10 Proportion of time that these lawyers/solicitors commit for cadastral matters or land market:

#### **Remarks and Comments**

Please, identify the best aspect of this questionnaire ?

Please, suggest the area in the questionnaire that could be improved ?

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5	20	%	
0.	legally occupied, but not registered or surveyed:		
	20	%	
informally of legal title:	occupied wi	thout	
	60	%	
total:	100	%	

2,000	
100%	

5,000 (government) + 600

(private)

100%