West Papua Province, Indonesia, is located in the largest tropical island in the world, with large areas of forests and the greatest habitat diversity in Southeast Asia. For West Papuans, forests are inseparable from food security and from their identity. The study analyzes food consumption data (Indonesia National Socio-economic survey 2008 and 2017) and results from Focus Group Discussions to further understand these links.

**Recommendations**

There is a lot of work to be done to support the West Papuan Provincial government with evidence based policy.

The study recommends the following research in the near future:

- **First**, a participatory study that explores West Papuan aspirations as the base for dietary guidelines, that incorporate culture, nature and local preferences.
- **Second**, a behavioral change study that could support local communities to change their diets towards increased consumption of healthy local foods.
- **Third**, to understand the possible impact of conserving 70% of our forest cover (as planned in the Manokwari declaration) on food security.