

THOUGHTS OF LEMBAGA ADAT
MELAYU RIAU ON PLANTED FORESTS
INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT

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SOCIO-CULTURAL IMPACT

- **EXTINCTION OF LOCAL GENIUS THAT USED TO BE CHARACTERISTIC OF LOCAL COMMUNITY IN FOREST AREA**
- **LOCAL COMMUNITY OUSTED FROM THEIR OWN DWELLINGS**
- **LAND DISPUTE EMERGES BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND INVESTOR/COMPANY**

See “Riau Pos” daily on 3 March 2007:

In Kampar regency: PT RAPP (APRIL) against Rantau Kasih community; PT RAKA against Danau Rancang community; PT SPI that managed by Arara Abadi (APP) against Batu Gajah Tapung community; other disputes in Rantau Kampar Kiri, Tapung Hilir, Tapung Hulu, and Tapung as well as in other Riau Province’s districts/towns such as Bengkalis, Indragiri Hulu, Siak, and Pelalawan. These conflicts emerge due to forest utilization does not involve community participation, and does not pay attention to community aspiration, whereas the impact of forest loss is perceived and suffered much by local community.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

- **EXTINCTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES THAT USED TO BE SOURCE OF COMMUNITY REVENUE, AS FOLLOW :**
 1. Rattan, resin, sialang tree, honey bee, and hunted animals (mouse deer, deer, chevrotain, small antelop)
 2. Extinction of fish, birds, and fowls
- **Loss of customary-law community's land (*ulayat*) of plantation due to extremely huge corporate land, therefore customary-law community lose their livelihoods bringing about poverty for locals surrounding forest area including in planted forests one**
- **Management and development of planted forests industry (HTI) does not provide effect to boost economy of community significantly, but it's contrary**

ECOLOGICAL IMPACT

- CAUSE NATURAL DISASTER LIKE FLOODS BRINGING ABOUT DESTRUCTION AND / OR NUISANCE OF ECOSYSTEM
- HAZE CAUSED BY LAND CLEARING WHICH INCITES ECOLOGICAL DAMAGE THAT EXTREMELY COMPLEX AND FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES SINCE THE HAZE BECOMES LONG RANGE POLLUTION

RECOMMENDATION AND SUGGESTION

- Government is called not to issue forest utilization license, either in form of HPH [selective logging concession], HTI [planted forests], HGU [right of exploitation] and IPK [logging license]
- Not to extend the selective logging concession that has been expired
- Conduct supervision and uphold law enforcement against abuse of logging concession
- Involve and pay attention to community's aspiration in each forest management deal
- Annul auction result of former HPH concession of PT Seberida Wana Sejahtera and PT International et Forestry Asiatiques that converted into planted forest concession (HTI). The auction process does not involve community and does not encourage community's aspiration