

Current trend of people and community's participation in forest management in Indonesia



Recently, along with the progress of decentralization and devolution, people and community's participation in forest managements have increased in Indonesia. In order to analyze its prospects and challenges, I conducted a field research based in Centre for Community Forestry Studies, Faculty of Forestry, Gadjah Mada University.



State forest area designated as HTR
(Tebo district, Jambi)

plant, and manage trees in state forest area (*Kawasan Hutan*) and to obtain benefit from the trees. I visited the site in Tebo district, Jambi province where local people's cooperative association (*Koperasi Maju Bersama*) had launched planting trees in the state forest area. Previously, the site was state production forest area, and it was covered with natural forest till 1970s. However, since then, massive logging occurred by companies which obtained concession. The site was designated for community plantation in 2010, and the cooperative association has been planting rubber trees in the sites. They also have a plan to plant Jabon (*Anthocephalus cadamba*) trees and are preparing for the seedlings.



Jabon seedlings

In Jambi and Riau province, I visited PT. Wirakarya Sakti and PT. Arara Abadi to observe partnership model for forest management and community development programs. There are 2 types of partnership model implemented by PT. Wirakarya Sakti. HTPK (*Hutan Tanaman Pola Kemitraan*) was established to prevent conflict with local community in the sites where they have concession. On the other hand, HRPK (*Hutan Rakyat*

Pola Kemitraan) was established to improve land and environment conditions of local people's private lands. Similar partnership model is introduced to PT. Arara Abadi belonging to same group businesses.

Besides, I observed community development programs practiced as a part of Cooperate Social Responsibility (CSR) by PT. Arara Abadi. They have developed and practiced many programs such as construction of kindergarten, elementary school, and hospital, education support (e.g. school bus and scholarship), training of fruit cultivation and acacia nursery, and handicraft utilizing waste material, and so on; people supported by the programs highly evaluated their contribution for their livelihood improvement. In addition, they also have dealt with protecting Giam Siak Kecil-Bukit Batu Biosphere Reserve which is designated as MAB (Man and the Biosphere) Program by UNESCO.



Elementary school built by the company



Helicopter to tour biosphere reserve



Gian Siak Kecil-Bukit Batu Biosphere reserve

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