

COMMUNITY INTEREST TO EX-HPH FOREST AREA
*(Case Study in Mangun Jayo Village, Tebo Tengah Sub-District,
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ABSTRACT

Forest area of ex-HPH PT. Sylvagama which has been left seems to be area without an owner. Area occupancy on that forest area by community comes for settlement and rubber plantation and also pillage activity cause that forest area become critical. There's also claim to the ex-HPH forest area as custom forest, include claim to the education and research campus, Faculty of Forestry, Gadjah Mada University. This research is intended to find out explanation about relationship between community and ex-HPH state forest, to find out motivation of community involvement and their willingness in managing ex-HPH state forest in the future, and also to find out the kind and intensity of community interaction with ex-HPH PT. Sylvagama state forest.

This research was done on July-August 2004. Basic method used in this research was survey method. The data collecting technique was done by observation, interview and documentation. Community interest to ex-HPH forest area was known through direct interview result which was done one by one with interview guide. Interview result was noted and proved by observation on the field. Documents collecting concern to the research area are complement data to complete the research result. The sample collecting technique used purposive sampling: members of Kelompok Pengelola Hutan Desa Mangun Jayo. The analysis method used in this research is descriptive method.

From the result of the research, it is found that the relationship between community and ex-HPH forest area are caused by to many interests played in the community. The motivations of community involvement in ex-HPH state forest management are caused by economy background, the interest to occupy area and community political interest. Community's willingness in managing forest in the future are to own that area individually, to be managed by investor and to be managed communally. The community interactions with the forest are: forest resource collecting like woods, community rubber plantation managed by comes community and non-wood forest resource collecting.

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