

ABSTRACT

Forest as a renewable resources will be able to give benefit if managed well using sustainable yield principle. In relation to the special autonomy, the role of forest is important in increasing the local original income in Central Aceh Regency. The problem formulation in this study was what is the role of forestry sector in increasing the local original income in Central Aceh Regency. So, the purpose of this research was to analyze the role of forestry sector in increasing the local original income in Central Aceh Regency.

This study was descriptive research to explore a phenomenon or social fact, in this case was the role of forestry sector in increasing the local original income in Central Aceh Regency. Data obtained were primary and secondary data. The obtained data was interpreted by qualitative-descriptive technique began with the data collection, data evaluation, data interpretation and data verification.

The result of the research showed that the forestry subsector showed the highest in PDRB value amongst another subsector in agriculture sector. Compared to another subsector in PDRB structure, the forestry subsector also showed the highest nominal value of PDRB. It showed the importance of forestry sector in local economy structure of Central Aceh Regency. In case of the value of PDRB in forestry subsector, it showed a continuous decreasing value of PDRB in Central Aceh Regency during the period of 1998 until 2002. It showed that although the forestry subsector was the most important sector in economic structure, but the importance level was decreasing year by year.

The contribution of forestry sector to PAD was still low and the trend showed a decreasing value year by year. But, by special autonomy, the income contribution of forestry sector showed an increasing trend. The high contribution of forestry sector in local economy wasn't balanced with the the high contribution of forestry sector to local income. The low contribution of forestry sector was caused by the wild cutting, plundering, and no rehabilitation or preservation efforts at all.