

ABSTRACT

BEETWEN COASTAL PEOPLE BEHAVIOR OF DESTRUCTING AND USING MANGROVE FOREST (An Ethno-science Study on Mangrove Forest in Coastal People of Pematang Pasir Village, Lampung)

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Indonesia is a country with rich natural resources, and of them is mangrove forest. Pematang Pasir village people (Lampung) has long been using mangrove forest to make their living. The mangrove uses by local people are fishing, catching crabs, taking wood for fuel, and making fish ponds. Despite of warning from forestry police prohibiting log mangrove trees, people are persistent to log the mangrove forest. Ironically, people destructing mangrove forest received facilities from village government in form of Letter of Mangrove Forest Working Permit. The aforementioned facts confused people status between destructing and using mangrove forest.

Mangrove is groups of plants growing along the coast and mangrove has a high adaptation ability to salinity of brackish water where it has to live in this environment. Mangrove forest functions to protect mainland from sea water abrasion, to provide living for people, to be environment for sea fish breeding.

People have their reasons for inhabiting and using mangrove forest; not only for mangrove potential, but also their social background to live there. People control to mangrove forest is conducted by processes and from one season to another. People are aware of what they are doing as destructing mangrove forest. However, they do not have other options because their family members need food and their children have to go to school.

Stopping mangrove forest destruction can be done by means of some stages. First, people should be aware of environment potentials when it is in good and destructed conditions, second village government should be consistent about their job descriptions and coordinate with its people to preserve environment, and finally, the Forestry Office should be routinely monitoring mangrove forest register.

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