

Aquilaria spp.: Pemanenan; rantai peredaran dan kelestarian perdagangan di Kalimantan Timur = Aquilaria spp.. : harvest; chain of custody and its sustainability in East Kalimantan

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Abstrak

ABSTRACT

Gaharu has been traded in East Kalimantan before the Hindu Kingdom Kutai period. However, the nineteen eighties to nineties was perhaps the glory period for gaharu trade in East Kalimantan. There are only little detail information regarding gaharu in East Kalimantan. The information on gaharu trade can only be extracted through anthropological studies on indigenous community conducted by foreigner. Therefore, this study was undertaken to gain more information on gaharu trade in East Kalimantan that included harvest and chain of custody. For the purposes, 1 exporter, 3 middlemen and 4 hunters in East Kalimantan were interviewed during the study.

Hunter, middlemen, collector and exporter are identified as the 4 actors that played in the gaharu trade in East Kalimantan. The gaharu trade is open and does not bind the actors involved. Gaharu has been traded using land transportation, although in some area sea transportation seems more practical. Up until now, Samarinda is the center of gaharu trade in East Kalimantan where all big investors are located. Gaharu has been traded legally to Jakarta, Singapore and the Middle East. In addition, gaharu been traded to Banjarmasin. However, Gaharu has often been smuggled to Malaysia.

In the past five years gaharu production increased significantly along with the increasing number of gaharu traders in East Kalimantan. Gaharu harvest is dominantly found in the center of East Kalimantan. Mahakam upstream that covers Kutai Kertanegara and West Kutai is identified as the most targeted location for gaharu hunt in East Kalimantan. The lowest quality gaharu now dominates the gaharu market in East Kalimantan. It triggered the gaharu oil invention in East Kalimantan