



THE EFFICIENCY OF FOREST GOVERNANCE IN ADDRESSING DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN PERMANENT RESERVE FORESTS: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

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ABSTRACT

Effective forest governance plays a crucial role in managing development activities within permanent reserve forests. Currently, in Selangor the concentration of development activities in permanent reserve forest, holding authorities accountable of forest governance in addressing such activities, highlighting prevalent issues and challenges. By examining the intricate balance between developmental needs and forest conservation, capable light on the complexities faced by governing bodies. Key issues include sustainable resource utilization, indigenous rights, and environmental preservation. Additionally, challenges such as regulatory enforcement, stakeholder coordination, and conflicting interests pose significant obstacles to efficient forest governance. Selangor State Forestry Department needs to ensure that flexibility in project implementation still adheres to procedures and meets every mandatory element specified without compromise. The authorities also should appropriately prioritize key forestry elements including yield, production control, monitoring, area fragmentation, and biodiversity loss without disregarding the time pressure to complete the project. By implementing these governance measures, national projects can be managed more effectively, leading to improved outcomes, increased public trust, and sustainable development. Understanding these dynamics is paramount for developing strategies to enhance the effectiveness of forest governance in confronting development activities within permanent reserve forests.

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