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## **FOREST CERTIFICATION IN INDONESIA: WILL IT INSPIRE REDUCING THE DEFORESTATION?**

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**ABSTRACT:** Certification has been underway in Indonesia for about 11 years. It should be a challenge for Indonesia, as Indonesia based on a colonial model of forestry which denied customary rights, arrogated all forest lands to the State and allowed them to be leased it in concessions to commercial operators. Large amount of forest concessions holder and plantation forest companies in Indonesia, but plenty amount of the company who is getting the forest certification. Although the concept of certification is well known in Indonesia, it is often misunderstood. This problem is compounded by current chaos in the countries forestry sector, reflecting confusion around decentralization, forestry resource rights and political uncertainty. There lots of challenge for obtaining the forest certification in Indonesia such as difficult external environment that includes inconsistent government policy, deforestation that caused by lots of factors, poor law enforcement and corruption. The existence of forest certification is one of the tool for reducing the deforestation, but in fact, after the certification is underway about 11 years in Indonesia, the amount of certified forest is small, such as for the sustainable natural production forest is 0.24 % of total forest area managed by forest concession holders. The deforestation especially caused by illegal logging still could be found in a huge number in Indonesia, and it takes time for proving that forest certification is an effective tool for reducing the deforestation.

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