ABSTRACT

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This research aims to describe the local knowledge private forest management and explain the changes of local knowledge as well as the factors that influencing it. This research was carried in Pasir Jambu and Gunung Karung Villages Maniis Sub District Purwakarta District in January to February 2011. The method used for this study was survey by conduction interview techniques, observation and secondary data collection. Data analysis was done on a descriptive and presented in the form of narrative text and tabulations.

Local communities ideas and actions about private forest management include land preparation, seed preparation, planting, maintenance and harvesting. Land preparation is an efforts by farmers so that the condition of land are ready for plantation and planted crops can grow properly. Preparation of seeds is done so that the condition of the tree seedlings that are ready to be planted can grow properly. Plantation is done so that the growth of trees seedlings which is planted in the ground can grow properly. Maintenance is done so that the condition of the crops planted remained well so that the optimal results for production can be obtained. Harvesting is done in order to obtain forest product as a timber which is ready to cut. Along with the advanced age, local knowledge private forest management changes. Factors that affect these changes is affected by the orientation of the economic needs of the private forest farmers households and the advancement of information technology, such as news papers and other audio-visual media.

Key words: Local Knowledge, Private Forest, Pasir Jambu and Gunung Karung Villages.