ABSTRACT


Community forest can play a vital role to sustain the forest because the raw materials for forestry industry, so create a sustainable environment ecosystem and improve the community welfare. This concept is also expected to be able to decrease the exploitation rate of natural forests. Based on its composition types, there are two management patterns of community forest: monoculture and mixed. Different patterns certainly have different benefits. To find out the benefits, it is necessary to learn about the perception of farmers. This study was aimed to learn about the perception of farmers regarding the patterns of community forest, contribution of community forest to household income, and to analyze the factors which influenced their perception. This research was conducted from July to August 2011 using method of purposive sampling for the selection of the respondents. Number of respondent is 30 respondents of monoculture forest owner and 30 respondents of mixed forest owner. The factor which influenced the perception were analyzed using a correlation of Rank Spearman with SPSS 16.0.

The research results showed that the farmer perception to ecological benefit and social of monoculture and mixed forest has high category. Seen from calculating respondent percentage, the level of perception for ecological benefit more large on monoculture forest and the level of perception for social benefit more large on mixed forest. From the economic aspect, at the moment community forest fill give little benefit because there’s not harvest from the wood. The perception of farmer on monoculture forest is influenced by internal factor, such as: education level and extra jobs. The higher education level of a farmer is the more extra jobs in the field of agriculture will make the higher perception level. The perception of farmer on mixed forest is influenced by external factors, such as: the size of land and the frequency of meeting farmers. The larger land of a farmer owns and the less frequently meets other farmers will make the higher perception level.

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