ABSTRAK

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Indonesia has a large forest with a lot of potential tangible products, timber products and non-timber products. For communities living around the forest, the forest and everything surround it, is not just a commodity for them but also part of their lives. Some communities are still hold the indigenous social institutional system as the directional guidance of their usage, processing and management of natural resources (agriculture and forest). Generally, the usage and processing of sugar palm by Kasepuhan community using traditional method by simple tools. The knowledge of local community and local institutional of Kasepuhan community regarding utilization and processing of sugar palm in generally is obtained by inheriting from generation to generation. The purposes of this research are (1) to know the history of sugar palm utilization, the ownership and accessibility of sugar palm trees, as well as the process of extraction and production of palm sugar and the people involved, (2) to analyze the institutional changes in the utilization of sugar palm products in line with the commercialization of palm sugar in Kasepuhan community, (3) to analyze the role of palm sugar for livelihood income. The research used qualitative approach supported by quantitative data with descriptive analysis. Respondents were purposely selected from three kampoong with total number of 34 respondents.

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