

Human Dimensions Teaching Materials

The traditional belief of Dayak (indigenous peoples) of Central Kalimantan contains social and cultural values which have important role in managing the circle of their lives. These social and cultural values manage three principle relationships, namely the relationship between human beings and God, human beings and other people, and the relationship between human beings and their surrounding environment. All these values and relationships should be learned deeply in our effort to understand how the Dayak use their traditional knowledge in managing their surrounding environment well.

In relation with the above idea the teaching materials for Human Dimensions should cover at least three related and important aspects of the indigenous people's lives, i.e.:

- (a) Traditional Views on Human Relationship with nature
- (b) Traditional land Use and Management, and
- (c) The Destruction of Land: Its Cultural Impacts on Local Communities.

Traditional Views on Human Relationship with Nature

This material is designed in order to understand the concept of land and why land is so important for the Dayak (indigenous peoples). In relation with this material, the following sub topics will be discussed :

- a. The Dayak, who they are
- b. Traditional Belief
- c. Traditional life and habitat
- d. The Concept of Adat and Customary Law
- e. The Meaning of "Petak Ayungku" (My Land)
- f. Myths and Legends

(1) Traditional land Use and Management

This material is designed in order to understand how the Dayak use their traditional knowledge in using and managing their surrounding land and environment. This material is closely related the following sub topics:

- a. The Dayak's economic subsistence
- b. The status of land, and land use and management
- c. The ownership of land
- d. The role of adat in managing the surrounding environment
- e. Ecology Resilience Among The Dayak

(2) The Destruction of Land : Its Cultural Impacts on Local Communities

This material is designed in our effort to analyze the cultural impacts of the destruction of land (Environment) on local communities. To understand this material deeply, deep analysis on a number of land destruction will be related with the following cases :

- a. Cultural impact of forest and peat land fires
- b. Cultural impact of gold and coal mining
- c. Cultural impact of logging

(3) Human Beings and Nature : Anthropological Discussion and Analysis

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