**SUMMARY RECAP** 



# Stakeholder Dialogue and Facilitation for Remediation Process in Riau



# **Purpose of Dialogue**

In this first dialogue forum session, key stakeholders were introduced to the FSC Remediation Framework, to gain an understanding of its objectives and processes. PT Patala Unggul Gesang (PUG), in collaboration with academic institutions and local governments, facilitated dialogues at the provincial and landscape levels to explore constructive inputs and define stakeholder roles in the remediation process.

Through multi-stakeholder dialogues at the provincial and landscape levels, PT Patala Unggul Gesang and its partners organized open forums where communities, governments, academics, NGOs, and companies could engage constructively. These forums were not ceremonial, they were intended to voice real aspirations, including support and critique, and unresolved grievances.

The purpose was to shape a more just, inclusive, and credible remediation process that reflects the realities on the ground. These were not symbolic forums, they were designed to capture real grievances, elevate local perspectives, and co-create pathways toward meaningful remediation and trust-building.





### **Build Understanding and Support for FSC Remediation Plan**

To ensure that relevant stakeholders, especially government, academia, NGOs, and community representatives clearly understand the principles, process and expectations of the FSC remediation framework.

### **Encourage Constructive Engagement among Stakeholders**

To encourage stakeholders (including rights-holder and local authorities) to engage constructively in the development and implementation of fair and acceptable remediation agreements process.



# **Time and Location**

First moderation dialogue at both provincial and landscape levels





# Provincial Dialogue in Pekanbaru

Bertuah Hall, Pangeran Hotel | 22 January 2025



# Dialogue Riau Province

# **Agenda**

#### **MODERATOR**



Irwan Iskandar S. IP, MA Riau University



Susanto Kurniawan S.Pi, M.Si WALHI



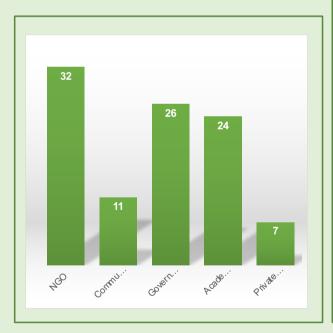
### 22 January 2025 | 09:00 - 16:00 WIB

09:00 – 09:45	Opening speech	<ul> <li>Ir. Nazir Foead, M.Sc (PUG Director)</li> <li>Dr. Meyzi Heriyanto (Dean of Social &amp; Politics Faculty, Riau University)</li> <li>Ir. H. M. Taufiq Oesman Hamid (Acting Riau Regional Secretary)</li> </ul>
10:00 – 12:15	Talkshow I Responses and discussion	<ul> <li>Ir. Hartono Prabowo (Country Manager FSC Indonesia)</li> <li>Purnama Irwansyah (Acting Chairman of Riau Development Planning Agency)</li> </ul>
13:30 – 15:30	Talkshow II Responses and discussion	<ul> <li>Prof. Dr. Junaidi (Rector of Lancang Kuning University)</li> <li>Prof. Dr. Ashaluddin Jalil, MS (Sociologist, Professor of Riau University)</li> <li>Eddy Saritonga (Chairman of Segamai Forest Management Unit)</li> </ul>
15:30 – 15:45	Dialogue notes and conclusion	Dr. Ir. Soeryo Adiwibowo, MS (IPB University)
15:45 – 16:00	Closing	Dr. Ir. Agus Setyarso, M.Sc (INSTIPER Yogyakarta)

# **Dialogue Province Numbers of attendance**



# 100 Participant



NGO	32 – Jikalahari, Walhi Riau, Elang Foundation, FKKM Prov. Riau, JMGR, KBH Riau, LBH Riau, WWF Riau, Ara Sati Hakiki, Senarai, Kabut Riau, Bahtera Alam, Perkumpulan Alam Sumatera, FITRA Riau, Eco Nusantara, EoF, YLBHI – LBH Pekanbaru, YLNH, LAM Riau, Yayasan Hutan Riau, Mapala Suluh FKIP UNRI, Student Association UNRI	
Communities	11 – Village heads & Indigenous community leaders (Pangkalan Gondai, Seko Lubuk Tigo, Lalang Kabung), LAM Riau, Segamai Forest Management Unit	
Government	26 – Riau Provincial Secretary, Riau Development Planning Agency, Riau Parliament, Agrarian Affairs & Spatial Planning/National Land Agency Office, Public Works & Housing Office, Riau Office of Agriculture, Riau Office of Environment & Forestry, Riau Judicial Commission, Riau Office of Library & Archives	
Academics	24 – Muhammadiyah University of Riau, Riau University, Riau Islamic University, Lancang Kuning University	
Private sector	<b>7</b> – APRIL Group, Indonesia Forestry Association (APHI), Riau Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KADIN Riau)	

# Dialogue Riau Province Opening remarks





- The active participation of communities, academics, and NGOs is essential in monitoring the implementation of FSC policies, ensuring that social and environmental safeguards are upheld throughout the restoration process.
- Inclusive decision-making in Riau is essential. Stakeholders must be actively involved in the dialogue that shapes policies that promote environmental protection and sustainable forest management.
- Local governments play a critical role in supporting the dissemination of the FSC Restoration Framework to encourage broader participation and encourage land managers to adopt responsible forest management practices in line with FSC standards.

"FSC policies create opportunities to resolve tenure and social conflicts through dialogue, protect forests, and enhance forest benefits for both companies and communities."

Ir. Nazir Foead, M.Sc Director of PT Patala Unggul Gesang



# Opening speech



The Acting Provincial Secretary emphasized the strategic importance of synergy between government agencies, academic institutions, professional associations, NGOs, and civil society organizations in addressing the challenges of implementing the FSC Remedy Framework. He underscored that adoption of the FSC scheme not only enhances the global competitiveness of forest concession holders but also contributes meaningfully to local community welfare.

"I am confident that with a strong commitment and a collaborative spirit among all stakeholders, we can steer the growth of the forestry sector toward global market alignment anchored in inclusive, sustainable, and participatory values."

Ir. H. M. Taufiq Oesman Hamid Riau Acting Regional Secretary

# **Dialogue Riau Province**

# **Key responses from panelists**



#### Government **Riau Development Planning** Agency

Mr Purnama Irwansyah

#### Rector of **Lancang Kuning University** Prof. Dr. Junaidi

**Academics Riau University** 

Prof. Dr. Ashaluddin Jalil

#### Community **Segamai Forest Management** Unit

Mr Eddy Saritonga

- o Riau has designed low carbon development and voluntarily commit to reduce GHG emission through Forum Riau Hijau and Riau's 2025 - 2045 long-term development planning (RPJPD).
- As a regional planning agency, Bappeda facilitates forestry development through policy briefs, promoting collaboration among stakeholders, and integrating local wisdom.
- o FSC principles stand in solidarity with indigenous communities and promote sustainable forest management that respects their rights to land access, resources, traditional knowledge, and collaboration to conserve & sustainably manage forest.
- Given the delicate situations, tenurial conflicts in Riau should apply FSC principles while approaching them through conflict mapping, recognising customary lands, and engaging in dialogue.
- Recovery within the community must encompass advocacy that is culturally respectful and transparent. adhering to the principles of provincial leadership.
- Authorities are encouraged to hold off on granting new permits during ongoing environmental crises.
- There is a necessity for discussions among the government, corporations, and grassroots participants to tackle the outcomes of the assessments.

- As a coastal community, we believe that mutually beneficial collaboration between companies and communities can help reduce conflict.
- We also urge the government to review company concession areas in Riau, especially those overlapping with settlements, as some operations may have exceeded their designated boundaries and are affecting local livelihoods.

# Dialogue Riau Province

# **Discussion key points**



### **Communities**

This program should involve indigenous communities as their forest which has cultural importance, was stripped away by unethical operations.

### **Private sector**

- Supports standardization efforts to ensure competitiveness at the global level.
- Remediation identification processes should remain open and be based on voluntary engagement.

### **Academics**

- Academics have a role to play in the remediation policy, starting from formulation, implementation, and evaluation phases.
- Permit inconsistencies signaled government's absence by delegating responsibilities, which tend to cause tenurial conflicts between companies and communities.

#### Government

- Policy implementation must follow FSC's legal compliance, using existing forest management regulations: PBPH and Social Forestry (PS).
- Clarifying legal subjects and objects, and guiding communities into PS or PBPH with clear permits, helps resolve tenurial and socio-anthropological conflicts, while simultaneously improve management.







"Law no. 19 of 2022 on Riau Province states that Riau is rooted in Malay culture. Our children must have spaces for cultural expression. Forests should not be reduced to rows of uniform trees and drainage canals—but now, such forests are gone. I cannot fully trust this remediation program, as similar promises have been made by the government in the past yet permits and land management practices that lack basic decency still able to continue."

Lembaga Adat Melayu Riau Representative



# Dialogue Riau Province Conclusion

FSC offers an alternative to conventional forest governance by reshaping relationships between companies, local communities, indigenous peoples, civil society, academics, and local governments. Strong multi-stakeholder collaboration is the key to the successful implementation of the FSC Remedy Framework in Riau.



"Establishing a renewed relationship among companies and local communities, Indigenous Peoples, civil society organizations, academia, and local governments is a strategic foundation for the effective implementation of the FSC Remediation Framework."

**Dr. Ir. Soeryo Adiwibowo, MS** IPB University



# Dialogue Riau Province Closing and recommendation

This dialogue marks a strong start, though sustained communication and shared understanding are essential for real progress. Apply accountability principle, study relevant certification standards, and collectively work toward justice and ecosystem recovery.



"This is a golden opportunity that must be seized — ask what can be gained and how to take part, including holding companies accountable and seeking justice for indigenous and local communities toward more dignified life."

**Dr. Ir. Agus Setyarso, M.Sc**Director of Sustainaibility Department
INSTIPER Yogyakarta



# Landscape Dialogue in Kuantan Singingi (Kuansing)

Kuantan Singingi Regency Office | 21 March 2025



# Kuansing | Dialogue Agenda



#### **MODERATOR**



Kuantan Singingi Regency Government Staff

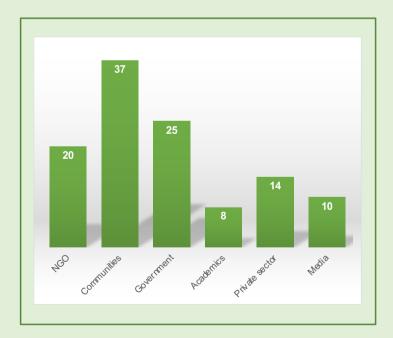
#### 21 March 2025 | 14:30 - 18:25 WIB

14:30 – 15:45	Opening speech	<ul><li>Ir. Nazir Foead, M.Sc (PUG Director)</li><li>Dr. Suhardiman Amby (Bupati Kuantan Singingi)</li></ul>
16:00 – 17:15	Talkshow I Responses and discussions	Joko Sarjito, S. Hut (FSC Indonesia)
17:00 – 18:15	Talkshow II Responses and discussion	<ul> <li>Dr. Eka Armas Pailis (Chariman of Riau University Socio-Economic Research Center &amp; Community Service Institute)</li> <li>Arpyan Sargita (Vice Coordinator of Jikalahari)</li> <li>Muhammad Sarani (Village Head of Setiang)</li> </ul>
18:15 – 18:25	Dialogue notes and closing	Prof. Dr. Ashaluddin Jalil, MS (Rector of Riau University, 2006-2014)

# Dialogue Kuansing Numbers of attendance



114
Participant



NGO	20 – EoF, Elang Foundation, Yayasan Hutanriau, FKKM Prov. Riau, WWF, Jikalahari, Earthworms, Walhi Riau, LAM Riau Kuantan Singingi, Kuantan Singingi Islamic University Students Association, Kuantan Singingi Islamic University Students Representative Council	
Communities	37 – Village heads & indigenous community leaders (Pangkalan Koto Inuman, Baserah, Setiang, Sungai Paku, Cerenti, Muara Petai, Koto Tuo, Cengar, Lubuk Ramo, Petai), Limbago Ada Nagari.	
Government	25 – Kuantan Singingi Parliament, Kuantan Singingi Environment & Forestry Office, Kuantan Singingi Protocol & Governance Communication, Kuantan Singingi Regional Development Planning Agency, Kuantan Singingi Youth & Sports Office, Kuantan Singingi Regional Secretary, Kuantan Singingi Office of Agriculture, Kuantan Singingi Investment Promotion Agency & OSS, Kuantan Singingi Office of Social Affairs.	
Academics	8 – Kuantan Singingi Islamic University, Riau University	
Private sector	14 – PT Rimba Lazuardi, PT Wananugraha Bima Lestari, PT RAPI	
Media	<b>10</b> – Riau Pos, ANTARA, Haluan Riau, Liputan6, GoRiau, 24News, Narasi24, Riau TV	

# Kuansing

# Dialogue opening remarks





The FSC remedy framework provides an opportunity to preserve the identity and dignity of Melayu culture by opening up space for communities, academics, and government to collaborate in sustainable forest management based on social values.

In line with these principles, the Kuantan Singingi government is revitalizing the Limbago Adat Nagari system, a customary governance framework for land, villages, and communities aimed at restoring ecological functions and reducing the frequency of flooding.

"Article 4 of Kuantan Singingi Regional Regulation No. 6 of 2024 on Spatial Planning (RTRW) recognizes all land in Kuantan Singingi as customary land, comprising 10 luhak across the region. All resources shall be governed by the ninik mamak (customary elders) through the Perda Limbago Adat Nagori Kuansing, which mandates their use in line with forest area zoning (TGHK Decree). The dubalang (customary guards) will also help protect rivers and forests, working with the police to enforce customary law."

Dr. Suhardiman Amby Bupati Kuantan Singingi



# **Kuansing**

# Key responses from panelists

Academics – Riau University

Dr. Eka Armas Pailis

- Kuantan Singingi faces four strategic forestry issues: unintegrated forest development planning, land conversion to oil palm plantation, underdeveloped non-timber forest products, and shortage of skilled human capital.
- Extensive collaboration is needed within the remedy framework through economic empowerment initiatives, law enforcement, and community support programs.

Community – Setiang Village
Mr Muhammad Sarani

- Key resource management challenges include tenurial conflicts, illegal logging, limited human capacity, low employment and income levels, and a lack of legal literacy.
- Conflict resolution strategies should involve consistent dialogue with communities, comprehensive conflict mapping, and aligning company-community perspectives.
- FSC certification and remediation is a step to restore damaged environments, improve welfare, and ensure food security.

**NGO – Jikalahari** Mr Arpyan Sargita

- APRIL holds ~80,000 ha in Kuansing (15% of area), therefore new permits should be avoided amid ecological disasters.
- Questions raised about limited FSC-certified members; key suppliers with ongoing conflicts (e.g., SRL, NWR, NPM) are excluded but still supply for APRIL.
- Recommends active local government oversight, inclusive and pressure-free remedy process, and open public monitoring by FSC Indonesia.



# **Kuansing | Discussion key points**

#### Government

### **NGOs**

#### **Communities**

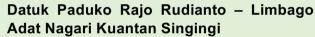
- What indicators determine whether an area qualifies for FSC certification?
- What role can local government play in disseminating information and overseeing sustainable forest management?
- This is a valuable moment companies that once held strong market positions are now returning to engage with local rights-holders due to global market pressures.
- FSC standards should be shared in full not just through presentations, so traditional leaders can read and understand them.
- Is the FSC framework truly a good opportunity for communities? Should they get involved? And can FSC act professionally in practice?
- How does FSC collaborate with legal and law enforcement institutions?
- Why is FSC only engaging here now, after over 30 years of establishment?
- o How far does FSC go in ensuring company accountability?
- There's a gap between FSC's messaging and on-the-ground realities—communities have yet to see real benefits.
- o FSC should use simple languages for common people to understand.

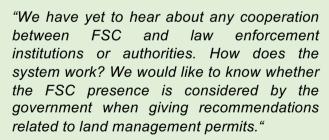


# **Kuansing | Community insight**



"We need to speak honestly and openly. Discussions should not be filled with praise for companies while ignoring the real issues faced by local communities. We hope FSC policies will be reviewed more critically, especially regarding the certification of companies that caused harm to people's lives."





Datuk Bendaro XVI Antau Singingi Beni Candra – Limbago Adat Nagori Kuansing



"FSC was established for almost 31 years. However, we—especially the people of Kuansing Regency—are questioning why the presence of FSC only happens now. Why has it only arrived just recently?"

Datuk Mudo Bisai Kenegerian Telukkuantan Suryawan – Lembaga Adat Negeri Riau





# **Kuansing | Community insight**



"If FSC wants to speak, then speak in a language we can understand—use simple language. If one meeting is not enough, we can hold a second one, as long as it's mutually beneficial. Don't just disappear after getting what you need. It's like the saying goes, "Kalau nak melumpek tuh masih tumpu dulu, kalau nak menconcang tuh berlandasan."

Datuk Mangkuto Laksamana Rizaluddin Inuman Village rep.



"The standards related to forest management by FSC should be delivered in the form of clear documents to the relevant stakeholders. It's not enough to simply present them like this in a socialization session. They need to be conveyed in more detail so that the community and traditional leaders can read and understand them on their own."

Aiden Yusti Kuantan Singingi local figure

# **Kuansing**



# Conclusion and call to action

- The FSC remedy process is both important and complex, requiring the involvement of all stakeholders, including supporters and opposants. While not easy or quick, it is a critical step toward a sustainable future for local communities struggling to prevent further environmental and social harms.
- O Moving forward, collaboration remains essential. Leadership must take the time to fully understand the aspirations, needs, and concerns of affected communities to ensure that the process is equitable, inclusive, and effective. Each phase will be rigorously evaluated by independent researchers and academic institutions. If any key components are missing, the process will be reviewed to affirm a strong and ongoing commitment to be meaningful, responsible, and sustainable.



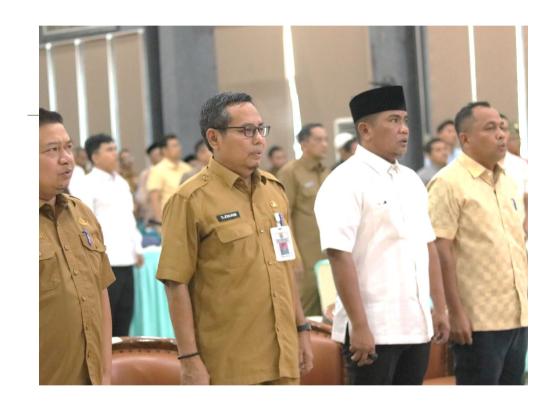
"It must be emphasized that HCV covers not only ecological aspects, but also social and cultural ones including economic elements and fundamental human values—such as the loss of cultural heritage, or artifacts. If such losses are proven and not properly addressed, FSC will not start the certification process."

Prof. Dr. Ashaluddin Jalil, MS Rector of Riau University, 2006-2014



# Landscape Dialogue in Pelalawan

Pelalawan Development Planning Agency | 24 March 2025



# Pelalawani Dialogue Agenda



#### **MODERATOR**



**Ir. Budi Surlani, MM** – Pelalawan DPMPTSP (Investment and One-Stop Integrated Services Office)

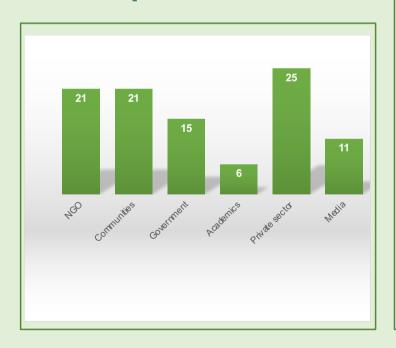
#### 24 March 2025 | 14:00 - 18:30 WIB

14:00 – 14:40	Opening speech	<ul><li>Ir. Nazir Foead, M.Sc (PUG Director)</li><li>H. Zukri SM (Regent of Pelalawan)</li></ul>
15:00 – 16:30	Talkshow I Responses and discussions	<ul> <li>Joko Sarjito, S. Hut (FSC Indonesia)</li> <li>Tengku Zulfan, SE, Ak, CA (Pelalawan Regional Secretary)</li> <li>H. Herman Maskar S. Pd, M.Si (Chairman of LAMR Pelalawan)</li> </ul>
17:00 – 18:30	Talkshow II Responses and discussion	<ul> <li>Prof. Dr. H. Detri Karya (Rector of Riau Islamic University)</li> <li>Akhwan Binawan, SP (Director of Ara Sati Hakiki)</li> <li>Prof. Dr. Ashaluddin Jalil, MS (Rector of Riau University, 2006-2014)</li> </ul>

# Dialogue Pelalawan Numbers of attendance



99 Participant



NGO	21 – EoF, Walhi Riau, JMGR, Daemeter, Jikalahari, Elang Foundation, Ara Sati Hakiki, FKKM Riau, Earthworms, Pelalawar District Student Association, Pelalawan Student Association. Riau Peatland Community Network, Community Empowerment Institution	
Communities	21 – Village heads & Indigenous community leaders (Pangkalan Terap, Kuala Panduk, Datuk Sati Diraja, Teluk Binjai, Pelalawan, Lubuk Kembang Bunga, Gunung Sahilan, Pulau Muda, Bathin Muncak Rantau, Bathin Tanah Air)	
Government	15 – Pelalawan Education & Cultural Office, Pelalawan Regional Development Planning Agency, Pelalawan Village Community Empowerment Office, Pelalawan Environment & Forestry Office, Pelalawan Regional Cooperatives and SMEs Office, Pelalawan Legislative Council	
Academics	6 – ITP2I, Padang State Polytechnics, Riau Islamic University	
Private sector	25 – PT Arara Abadi, PT Satria Perkasa Agung, PT Mitra Hutar Jaya, PT EIT, RAPP, PT Rimba Mutiara Permai, PT Rimb Lazuardi, PT Gemilang Cipta Nusantara, PT Gandahera, CV TNG CV Alam Lestari, PT Nusa Wana Raya, CV Putri Lindung Bular CV Bhakti Praja Mulia, PT MLI, PT HML, PT Madukoro, PT TBOT PT SAV, PT PLB, PT Nusantara Sentosa Raya	
Media	11 – GoRiau, Haluan Riau, Riau Pos, Diksi.com, Channel News, Pekanbaru MX, Riau Net	

### Pelalawan

# PATALA UNGGUL GESANG

# Dialogue opening remarks



- Although FSC certification is voluntary, RAPP Group's commitment represents a significant opportunity. The FSC remedy framework promotes equity for all stakeholders, including companies, forests, governments, and communities, by requiring that past harms should be remedied before starting the FSC certification.
- My government supports this process, as long as it is implemented transparently, fairly and addresses the actual conditions and the needs of the affected communities.

"We hope FSC remedy framework truly addresses the problems on the ground, especially in affected villages. Certification should not be granted while these communities remain in poverty and face low education levels. We welcome investments, but community welfare must remain the top priority."

H. Zukri, SM Bupati Pelalawan

### Pelalawan



# Key responses from panelists

# Government –Pelalawan Regional Secretary Mr Tengku Zulfan

- Pelalawan faces socio-economic challenges despite rich forest and plantation resources; it remains the third poorest district in Riau.
- The local government promotes social and environmental inclusion through the "Pelalawan Sejuk" program, labor-intensive initiatives, and recognition of Indigenous Peoples.

### Community – LAMR Pelalawan Mr Herman Maskar

- Customary land disputes, especially around forests and sialang trees, remain unresolved.
- Recovery for indigenous communities must address systemic issues like social injustice, poverty, and ecological degradation.

# Academics – Riau Islamic University Prof. Dr. H. Detri Karya

- Corporate pressure disrupts traditional economies and indigenous adaptation systems.
- Weak accessibility, education, and media exposure increase indigenous community vulnerability.
- FSC remedy framework must be better structured to bring broad-based benefits.

#### NGO – Ara Sati Hakiki Mr Akhwan Binawan

- Participatory mapping is key for securing indigenous land rights and inclusive landscape recovery.
- Policy recommendations:
  - a. Indigenous communities must re-evaluate their roles for the future.
  - b. Government should strengthen legal recognition of Indigenous Peoples.
  - c. Companies must engage in mapping and resolving land tenure conflicts.

## Academics – Riau University Prof. Dr. Ashaluddin Jalil

- The remedy program is a strategic space for dialogue and negotiation; FSC won't recognize inactive or one-sided processes.
- Cultural and social heritage must be protected for future generations.
- A moratorium on new HGU permits should be considered in contested areas to protect Indigenous rights and ecosystems.



# Pelalawan Discussion key points

### **Communities**

- What are FSC's proven successes in resolving community company conflicts?
- How can communities closely monitor the process to prevent manipulation, given the frequent lack of benefits and restricted access?
- What is the actual role of indigenous peoples and land owners in the certification process—beyond signing documents?

#### **Academics**

- Overlapping land permits lead to marginalized communities. Companies must involve local people for replanting within their company areas.
- If FSC certification is granted, to what extent can communities challenge or revoke it if issues persist?

#### NGO

- What firm actions will FSC take against companies that claim environmental responsibility but fail to implement it on the ground?
- How does FSC ensure that agreements reached are genuine, not mere formalities or token approvals by a few individuals?

#### Government

- o Conflicts often occur along Kampar River, bordering RAPP's concessions.
- FSC must remain objective and withhold certification until real improvements are made.



# Pelalawan | Community insight



"I appreciate this dialogue as a step towards green economy, and I hope both provincial and district government' policies will prioritize that direction. However, this forum should not become a platform for promoting a one-sided narrative just because a corporation is seeking certification."

Datuk Sati Diraja Rantau Baru Dr. H. Griven H. Putra, M. Ag Batin Sibokol-bokol



"Communities in Pelalawan are exhausted from repeatedly facing unresolved conflicts involving logging concessions (HPH), industrial timber plantations (HTI), and oil palm companies. This 'remediation dialogue' must not be used as legal cover to suggest that Pelalawan communities have endorsed certification for these companies. How can we ensure robust and transparent monitoring to prevent manipulation? The fact is companies bring no benefit to local people—instead, they restrict access and deepen inequality."

Datuk Samsuardi (Edi Gajah)

### Pelalawan



# **FSC Representative conclusion**

- To uphold integrity and public trust, the FSC must strictly adhere to its procedures, emphasizing transparency, accountability, and scientific rigor throughout the restoration process.
- The public plays a critical role in this framework, with the authority to challenge or even revoke a company's FSC certification by presenting credible evidence of violations.
- Addressing this issue requires interdisciplinary dialogue, involving experts in ecology, social sciences, and economics to evaluate the feasibility of restoration and determine realistic thresholds for success. However, restoring severely degraded ecosystems remains a complex and ongoing challenge.



"Indigenous communities play a vital role in FSC's 3<sup>rd</sup> principle, which requires companies to recognize their rights, customary laws, access to resources, and livelihoods. Companies must ensure that indigenous peoples' forest access remains undisturbed and managed sustainably—protecting both ecosystems and traditional practices."

Joko Sarjito, S.Hut Representative of FSC Indonesia



# Landscape Dialogue in Indragiri Hulu (INHU)

Indragiri Hulu Development Planning Agency | 6 May 2025



# **INHU**| Dialogue Agenda



#### **MODERATOR**



Sriwahyu Hariyanto, TY, SP, MP – Chief of Governance Affairs, Indragiri Hulu Regency



Imeldalius, SH, MH., C.Med, CPPS, CL Riau Indonesia University

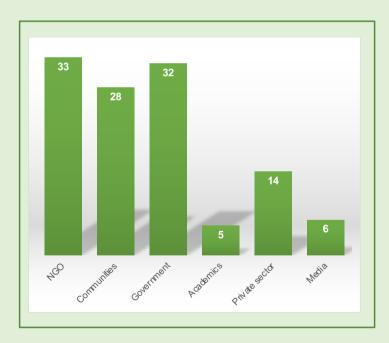
#### 6 May 2025 | 09:15 - 17:45 WIB

09:15 – 10:05	Opening speech	<ul> <li>Ir. Nazir Foead, M.Sc (PUG Director)</li> <li>Ir. H. Hendrizal, M.Si. (Indragiri Hulu Vice Bupati)</li> </ul>
10:30 – 13:00	Talkshow I Responses and discussions	<ul> <li>Sabtu Pradansyah Sinurat (Chairman of Indragiri Hulu Parliament)</li> <li>Ir. Hartono Prabowo (FSC Indonesia)</li> <li>Indra Syafri, S.Sos., M.Si (Dean of Social &amp; Politics Faculty, Riau Islamic University)</li> </ul>
14:00 – 16:00	Talkshow II Responses and discussion	<ul> <li>Datuk Seri Marwan, MR (LAM Indragiri Hulu)</li> <li>Gilung (Chairman of AMAN Indragiri Hulu)</li> <li>Dr. Elmustian Rahman, M.A. (Riau University)</li> <li>Arpyan Sargita, S.Pd (Vice Coordinator of Jikalahari)</li> </ul>
17:00 – 17:45	Dialogue notes and closing	Prof. Dr. Ashaluddin Jalil, MS (Rector of Riau University, 2006-2014)

# Dialogue INHU Numbers of attendance



# 118 Participant



NGO	33 – EoF, PWI Indragiri Hulu, Jikalahari, College of Technology and Economics Indragiri Student Association, Nurul Falah Islamic College Student Association, KAMMI Indragiri Hulu, MAPALA OASIS, Elang Foundation, LLMB Indragiri Hulu, Riau Research Center, AMAN Indragiri Hulu, Rengat Islamic Education Foundation	
Communities	28 – Village heads, Indigenous community leaders, and women representatives (Lubuk Batu Tinggal, Sialang, Talang Pring Jaya, Pauh Ranap, Tujuh Buah Tangga, Seko Lubuk Tigo, Talang Durian Cacar, Dubalang Anak Talang, Redang Seko), LAM Indragiri Hulu	
Government	32 – Indragiri Hulu Education & Cultural Office, Indragiri Hulu Regional Development Planning Agency, Indragiri Hulu Regional Secretary, Indragiri Hulu Investment Promotion Agency & OSS, Indragiri Hulu Industry & Trade Services Office, Indragiri Hulu National Unity & Political Agency, Indragiri Hulu Environment & Forestry Office, Indragiri Hulu Village Community Empowerment Office, Indragiri Hulu Regional Secretary, Indragiri Hulu Parliament	
Academics	5 – College of Technology and Economics Indragiri, Nurul Falah Islamic College, Insan Madani Teachers College, Riau University, Riau Indonesia University	
Private sector	14 – PT Rimba Peranap Indah, PT RAPP, PT Rimba Lazuardi, PT Bukit Betabuh Sungai Indah, PT Citra Sumber Sejahtera, PT Mitra Kembang Selaras, PT Satria Perkasa Agung	
Media	6 – Riau Pos, Haluan Riau, ANTARA, Tribun Pekanbaru, Liputan5, Sabang Merauke News	



# Dialogue opening remarks



This dialogue is an important step to strengthen synergies and promote inclusive and sustainable development.

While efforts by governments, communities, and companies to address land conflicts have been resolved, we have moved from simply managing disputes to resolving them comprehensively. It is critical that the people of Indragiri Hulu, especially those whose livelihoods depend on natural resources, are empowered and positioned as key contributors to regional development.

"As outlined in the Indragiri Hulu Regional Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMD), the Regent has requested a stakeholder dialogue, especially in relation to the operations of RAPP, which has had a longstanding presence in the regency."

Ir. H. Hendrizal, M.Si. Vice Regent of Indragiri Hulu

# **INHU**| Key responses from panelists



#### Government – Indragiri Hulu Legislative Council

Mr Sabtu Pradansyah Sinurat

- Ongoing conflicts with 6 HTI companies due to unclear land boundaries and overlapping claims.
- Supports PT RAPP's sustainable approach if it maximizes benefits for Indragiri Hulu communities.

# Academics – Riau Islamic University Mr Indra Syafri S.Sos M.Si

- Shift to wage-based economy creates dependency, marginalizing local livelihoods.
- Solutions: recognize customary lands, local-led mediation, shared farming schemes, and collective land management.

### Academics – Riau University Dr. Elmustian Rahman

- Move beyond blame: Focus on collaborative restoration and local values (e.g., Malay Tapak Lapan economy).
- "Blessed life > material wealth"—Malay philosophy of simplicity and sufficiency.

#### Community – LAM Indragiri Hulu Datuk Seri Marwan, MR

#### True remediation must address root causes—not just compensation but recognition of previously ignored values.

 FSC and local government must prioritize resolving land rights, environmental harm, and social abuse against Talang Mamak.

#### Community - AMAN Indragiri Hulu Mr Gilung

- Talang Mamak demands land rights recognition, transparency, and justice after 20+ years of unresolved conflicts.
- Global market pressure is key to forcing companies to respect indigenous rights as land represents identity.

#### **NGO – Jikalahari** Mr Arpyan Sargita

- 7.8% of Indragiri Hulu is under APRIL Group's concession.
- o Recommendations:
  - a. Local government must monitor FSC policy implementation.
  - b. FSC should ensure full inclusion of affected communities and public monitoring in APRIL's process.



### **INHU** Discussion key points

#### Government

- FSC's sustainability
   policies and PT RAPP's
   social-conservation
   principles differ sharply
   from field conditions—
   many communities in
   Indragiri Hulu are
   currently in land conflicts
   with PT BBSI.
- Can suppliers with unresolved conflicts still receive certification?

#### **Communities**

- Indigenous communities are displaced and criminalized for defending their lands after forests, as their livelihood source, were depleted by HGU/HPH permits.
- HTI companies must comply with Village Law (UU Desa), including village consultations and planning, which ignored by most companies.
- o Conflicts escalate due to corporate divide-and-rule tactics and criminalization.
- The border between Lubuk Batu Jaya and Ukui shifts yearly, encroaching on our lands. We're open for discussion and going to submit ancestral land data to AMAN, proving Talang Mamak's territory spans wider across Indragiri.



### **INHU** | Community insight



"Environmental issues in Indragiri Hulu are not merely technical—they are systemic. The government must take a stand with the indigenous communities, who have long been the victims. The struggle to protect the forest and uphold the dignity of indigenous peoples is a shared responsibility. The forest is not just a space for production—it is the center of life and culture.

'Losing forests means losing dignity; for Talang Mamak, it's the death of nobility."

Jhony S Mundung
Activist



"The issue we face in Lubuk Batu Jaya has persisted since 1996 until today—and it remains unresolved. The company has also been suspected of dividing the community and criminalization, as I was a victim of one. We are asking for justice. We do not reject the law—but the law must be fair. It is not that we lack evidence or disregard regulations. We are citizens who pay taxes—just like the company does."

Datuk Setio Kamaro Talang Darat Japura Zulkifli Lembaga Adat Melayu Riau, Lubuk Batu Jaya



### **INHU** | Conclusion and call to action

- The remediation must be rooted in ongoing collaboration between government, communities, and NGOs based on the principle of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) to ensure legitimacy and mutual trust.
- Conflict impasses require systemic solutions. Improved education, dialogue, and mediation efforts are essential to address long-standing disputes and promote peaceful resolution.
- Legal recognition of customary lands is essential to resolving identity-based conflicts and ensuring Indigenous peoples' rights are protected in the remedy process.



"May this dialogue mark the first step toward reclaiming Indragiri Hulu's harmony, land, and future—where all voices lead to action."

Prof. Dr. Ashaluddin Jalil, MS Rector of Riau University, 2006-2014



# **Landscape Dialogue** in Siak

Balairung Datuk Empat Suku, Abdi Praja Complex | 15 July 2025



## Siak | Dialogue Agenda



#### **MODERATOR**



**Mayonal Putra –Tribun Pekanbaru** Journalist

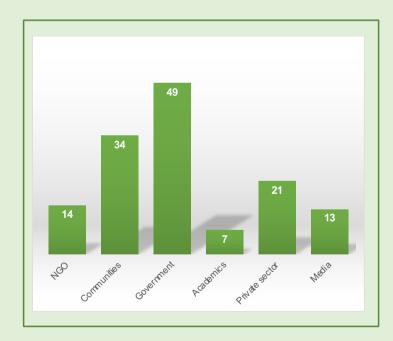
#### 15 July 2025 | 09:15 - 15:50 WIB

09:15 – 09:35	Opening speech	<ul><li>Ir. Nazir Foead, M.Sc (PUG Director)</li><li>Syamsurizal, S.Ag, M.Si (Siak Vice Regent)</li></ul>
09:35 – 12:30	Talkshow I Responses and discussions	<ul> <li>Ir. Hartono Prabowo (FSC Indonesia)</li> <li>Prof. Dr. Ashaluddin Jalil (Rector of Riau University, 2006-2014)</li> </ul>
13:45 – 15:45	Talkshow II Responses and discussion	<ul> <li>Tomi Tamzil (Teras Riau)</li> <li>Dr. Afni Zulkifli, M. M. (Siak Regent)</li> <li>Indra Gunawan, S.E. (Siak Parliament Chairman)</li> </ul>
15:45 – 15:50	Dialogue notes and closing	Mayonal Putra & Tomi Tamzil

## Dialogue Siak Numbers of attendance



138
Participant



NGO	14 – Daemeter, YEZS, Yayasan Gambut, Elang Foundation, FKKM Riau, Bahtera Alam, ADC, Ara Sati Hakiki, Endemic, Sedagho Siak	
Communities	34 – Village heads and Indigenous community leaders (Olak, Teluk Lancang, Muara Bungkal, Lubuk Umbut, Tasik Betung, Sungai Selodang, Dayun, Muara Kelantan, Bencah Umbai, Buantan Besar, Langkai, Kandis, Dosan), LAM Riau Siak	
Government	49 – Siak Ministry of Religious Affairs, Siak Environment & Forestry Office, Siak Industry & Trade Services Office, Siak Resort Police Force, Siak Marine and Fishery Office, Siak Cooperatives and MSMEs Office, Siak Regional Development Planning Agency, Siak Public Works – Human Settlements and Spatial Planning Office, Siak Village Community Empowerment Office, Siak Regional Secretary, Siak Office of Agriculture, Siak Education & Cultural Office, Siak Protocol & Governance Communication, Siak Women Empowerment and Child Protection Office, Siak Regional Secretary, Subdistrict heads and secretaries (Dayun, Sungai Apit, Kec. Siak, Minas, Sungai Mandau, Tualang), Local community	
Academics	7 – Sriwijaya State Polytechnics Siak, Sultan Syarif Hasyim Islamic College	
Private sector	21 – PT RAPP, PT Rimba Mandau Lestari, PT Arara Abadi, PT Balai Kayang Mandiri, PT Seraya Sumber Lestari, PT Ekawana Lestari Darma	
Media	13 – ANTARA Riau, Riau TV, Tribun Pekanbaru, Riau Online, Riau Pos, Liputan6.com, Suara.com, TVRI Riau, Riauterkini.com	

### Siak

## Dialogue opening remarks



- This forum was not merely a discussion but a momentum to align our understanding and strengthen commitment toward sustainable, fair, and responsible forest and natural resource management.
- Among the 17 main programs of the Siak District Government (2025-2030), the top priority is the struggle for the land and forest rights of the Siak community.
- The government of Siak strongly supports FSC Remedy Framework implementation as a part of sustainable forestry commitment

"We are not just planting trees, but planting hope. Not merely policy making, but pursuing justice. This blessed land deserves to stand as a symbol of dignified ecology where surrounding communities prosper, and development is inclusive and rooted in rights."

Syamsurizal, S.Ag, M.Si Vice Regent of Siak



### Siak | Key responses from panelists

#### Academics Riau University

Prof. Dr. Ashaluddin Jalil

#### NGO Teras Riau

Tomi Tamzil

### Government Regent of Siak

Dr. Afni Zulkifli, M. M.

## Government Chairman of Siak Parliament Indra Gunawan, S.E.

- Sociologically, conflict is a process often to obtain domination or control over natural resources, identity assertion, and territorial influence.
- Conflict may fracture relationships and violence but may bring recalibration of relationships and develop solidarity when managed constructively.
- Conflicts should be approached through open dialogue and case documentation. If direct resolution isn't possible, involve mediators and build trust gradually.

- The FSC remedy framework and the government's pentahelix approach mark a turning point for genuine partnerships and true citizen involvement within green economy initiatives and conflict resolution.
- Commitment for future action:
- Local government serves as primary facilitators.
- Companies must invest longterm in restorative justice and community empowerment.
- FSC must uphold the highest possible standards.
- Communities must be fully engaged in every step of the process.

- The struggle for land and forest rights in Siak is about advocating for people's rights
   "forests for the people, land for future generations."
- There are many tension and conflict sites in Siak. The government is currently working to resolve tenurial conflicts through revised forest release maps and encouraging companies – local community legal subject-object alignment partnerships.
- Any genuine conflict resolution effort must bring all parties to the table, grounded in fairness and legal clarity.

- What's needed now is maturity and commitment from government and companies for permanent, inclusive solutions which prevent future conflicts similar to Tumang.
- Companies must actively participate in helping regions develop new sources of local revenue to narrow economic gaps and create space for inclusive development.
- These could be the starting point of a long-term solution where all parties benefit, conflict is avoided, investment is welcomed, and community-business harmony is preserved.



### Siak Discussion key points

#### Government

## Representatives from RAPP and

**Private sector** 

penghulu (local customary leaders) welcomed the FSC remedy initiative and expressed readiness to make their areas pilot sites for corporate-community conflict resolution.

Subdistrict heads and

- Representatives from RAPP and PT Arara Abadi expressed support for the FSC Remedy Framework and willingness to implement it in coordination with local governments.
- Companies are taking steps to reach out penghulu and local communities to sign collaborative agreements or Naskah Kesepakatan Kerjasama (NKK) for social forestry and other partnership mechanisms.

#### **Communities**

- If negotiations between the company and community reach a deadlock, the process could escalate to legal proceedings. In such a scenario, what would be FSC's stance or involvement?
- Many Datuk (customary leaders) expressed high hopes for FSC to play a constructive role in untangling long-standing social and corporate conflicts.
- How can those with legitimate rights be involved in the agreement, as many rural residents are limited in technical knowledge and access?



### Siak | Community insight



"Most fishermen in Siak can no longer rely on the river. They've turned to the land for survival, but even that's difficult — they don't own or have access to land to work on. The forest used to provide honey from sialang bees and rattan, but now they're no longer connected to it. They were once involved in opening oil palm plantations, but forcing a cultural shift like that — is it fair to steer a community away from their roots?"

#### **Datuk Hasri Saily**



"We truly appreciate the company's presence here today. Before any operations begin, companies must first communicate with the village head. Land documents on paper rarely match the realities on the ground, so we urge the district government to form a special task force to reverify land data — go to the field, collect the community's documents, and initiate open dialogue. The challenges are complex and will take time, but it's a necessary step forward."

Datuk Hamdan Saily Lembaga Adat Melayu Riau, Siak



### Siak | Conclusion and call to action

This dialogue marks an important first step toward ensuring that the FSC policy framework can be implemented in Siak Regency in alignment with its vision for sustainable and dignified development. What comes next must be structured, inclusive, and impactful.

Siak Regent, Dr. Afni Zulkifli, M.Si welcomes RAPP's FSC commitment as step toward inclusive and sustainable forest governance



"Let this be true participation where communities are real partners, hold decision-making power, and co-govern processes and outcomes. One that shows real results, not just promises."

Tomi Tamzil Teras Riau



## Media Engagement Result in Riau



# Provincial Dialogue Media Engagement Result



**Three important issues** that consistently emerged in the reporting of the results of dialogues province and **media briefings** in Riau:

#### Support for the Implementation of the FSC Remedy Framework

The media highlighted that the FSC promotes the remediation of socio-environmental conflicts through a framework that emphasizes social justice, community engagement, and recognition of indigenous peoples' rights. This process is seen as a form of correction and long-term commitment.

#### Active Involvement of Local Government, Academics, and the Community

Many articles featured support from local actors: the Riau Provincial Government, the Regional People's Representative Council (DPRD), universities (FISIP UNRI), and community leaders. This reinforced the legitimacy of the moderation process and the importance of multi-stakeholder dialogue for inclusive and sustainable outcomes.

#### Strengthening Sustainable Forest Governance and Preventing Recurrence of Conflict

The news coverage emphasized that this moderation is not only about resolving the past, but also about promoting a new, more socially and environmentally responsible governance system. A focus on the future, through transparency, collaboration, and policy improvement was a key focus.

### Provincial Dialogue | Media Article





News media article 94% Positive

Green Radio Line **Podcast** 

**Syndication** 85% Positive tonality



#### NATIONAL CONTRIBUTOR

- 1 ANTARA-Riau
- 2. Tribun-Pekanbaru
- 3. Liputan 6-Riau
- 4. RRI-Riau
- 5. Metro-Riau
- 6. Mongabay-Riau\*
- 7. Green Radio Line\*

#### **LOCAL RIAU PROVINSI**

- 1. Riau Online
- 2. Riau Pos
- 3. Haluan Riau
- 4. Go Riau
- 5. Riau Aktual
- 6. Transmedia Riau
- 7. Singgalang
- 8. Topsatu.com
- 9. KlikMX
- 10. Cakaplah.com

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#### Pemprov Riau Dukung Implementasi FSC untuk Kelestarian Hutan

Penulis: Fernando



(Pi) Sekretaris Daerah Riau, Taufik OH.

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**PEKANBARU** – Pemerintah Provinsi (Pemprov) Riau menyatakan dukungan terhadap implementasi kebijakan Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) da mengatasi degradasi hutan. Hal ini disampaikan oleh Penjabat (Pj) Sekretaris Daerah Riau, Taufik OH, saat menghadiri dialog pemangku kepentingan terkait kebijakan FSC di Hotel Pangeran, Kota Pekanbaru, Rabu (22/1/2025).





FSC, organisasi nonpemerintah internasional yang berfokus pada pengelolaan hutan berkelanjutan, menilai bahwa pelestarian hutan yang ramah lingkungan dan mendukung resejahteraan masyarakat sangat penting dalam mencapai visi



**Bupati Kuansing Sambut Baik** Sosialisasi Sertifikasi Pola.Hutan Dunia, Ini Keuntungannya Bagi Masyarakat dan Daerah

Penulis: Siswandi Sofvan



Bupati Kuansing Suhardiman Amby menyampaikan sambutan saat sosialisasi FSC untuk Kabupaten Kuansing.

TELUKKUANTAN - Bupati Kuantan Singingi Dr Suhardiman Amby, AK, MM menyambut baik digelarnya sosialisasi sertifikasi Pola Hutan Dunia di daerahnya.

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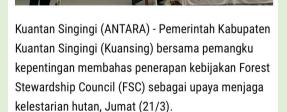
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DI KABUPATEN KUANTAN SINGINGI





M Ali Nurman

Rabu, 16 Juli 2025 | 21:40 WIB



Dialog Pemangku Kepentingan terkait Implementasi Kebijakan FSC di Kabupaten Siak yang digelar di Balairung Empat Suku, Kediaman Dinas Bupati Siak, Selasa (15/7/2025). (RAPP)

### Landscape Dialogue | Media Key Issue



#### Three Key Issues Emerged in the Media:

#### Recognition and Protection of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

- Kuansing and Inhu explicitly addressed the customary forest regulation and the need for rights restoration.
- Siak emphasized its support for resolving agrarian conflicts.

#### The Role and Implementation of the FSC as a Solution for Forest Governance

- All districts highlighted the FSC Remedy Framework as a tool for resolving conflicts and improving sustainable forest governance.
- **In Pelalawan and Kuansing**, the FSC was positioned as a step forward in forest management reform.

#### Local Government Commitment and Multi-Stakeholder Encouragement

• In Kuantan Singingi, Pelalawan, Inhu and Siak, the Regents have publicly expressed their commitment to supporting collaborative frameworks and promoting cross-sectoral dialogue. The active roles of civil society, academics, and companies emerged as part of a collective solution.





#### NGO and Civil Society Perspectives in Media Coverage

Across all four districts: Indragiri Hulu (INHU), Siak, Pelalawan, and Kuantan Singingi (Kuansing), NGOs and civil society organizations (CSOs) consistently emphasized the importance of justice, inclusivity, and community participation in forest governance and conflict resolution.

#### **KUANSING**

CSOs and Indigenous groups emphasized the cultural and spiritual dimensions of land rights, advocating for stronger recognition of adat (customary) institutions and norms.

They viewed the FSC

framework as a potential tool to restore dignity, identity, and stewardship over ancestral lands.

#### **PELALAWAN**

In Pelalawan, NGOs supported the FSC process while stressing that certification must go beyond formalities and lead to real, structural change on the ground.

They also raised the **need to build community capacity**and awareness regarding
environmental and land rights.

#### INHU

NGOs and academic voices called for a comprehensive approach to land conflict remediation—one that goes beyond company-driven processes and includes strong policy support and local participation.

They highlighted the need for formal legal recognition of customary rights through local regulations such as Perda Hutan Adat (Customary Forest Regulation).

#### SIAK

Civil society actors
welcomed the district
government's support for
the FSC Remedy
Framework, urging the
establishment of a
permanent multistakeholder forum to
ensure accountability and
community involvement.
They underscored the role
of local NGOs in bridging
communication between
government, companies,
and affected communities

### Landscape Dialogue | Media Article



The tone of media coverage across the four districts varies. In Siak Regency, reporting is uniformly positive. In Kuantan Singingi and Pelalawan Regencies, the tone tends to be neutral yet constructive. Meanwhile, in Indragiri Hulu (INHU), coverage ranges from critical to constructive.

#### **KUANSING**

- News media article and social media post
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### **Material of Dialogue**

To support **follow-up efforts** and serve as a **shared reference** among stakeholders, we are pleased to provide access to the complete set of materials from the Moderation Dialogue in Riau Province

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