



Leveling the Playing Field: Fair Partnership for Local Development to Improve Forest Sustainability in Pekan, Pahang

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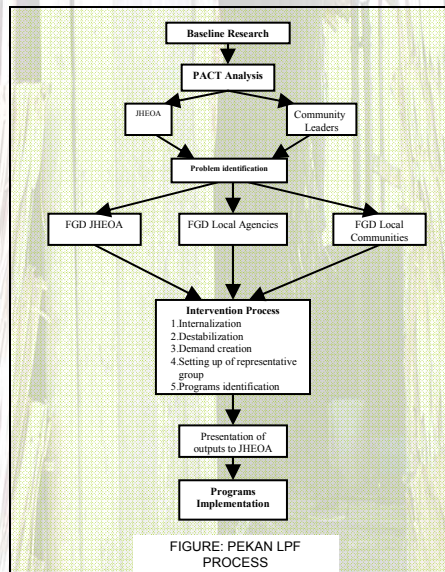
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PROJECT SUMMARY

The project is aimed to address the issue of the need for space to involve Orang Asli community in negotiation process for planning purposes in terms of their livelihood, participatory and empowerment in achieving a socially acceptable, economically viable and sustainable future development plan, or recommendations of concept or guide line for local development to improve the livelihood of the community. The study will also concentrate on sustainable natural resources management approach for the site- improvement of coordination schemes. Methods in participatory approach and qualitative social research were employed in collecting data for community historical background, community-forest interaction and conflicts and other assessment on socio-economic aspect. The results of the study will be used to recommend a Community Based Approach in Planning for Local Development and Natural Resources Management.



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Project's Potential

- Space for involvement of Orang Asli communities in decision making process will be created.
- Fair partnership between Orang Asli and Local Agencies to improve Orang Asli social development.

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