

Gender Role in Agroforestry of Areca Nut and Coffee in Peatland Area: Case of Jambi Province, Indonesia

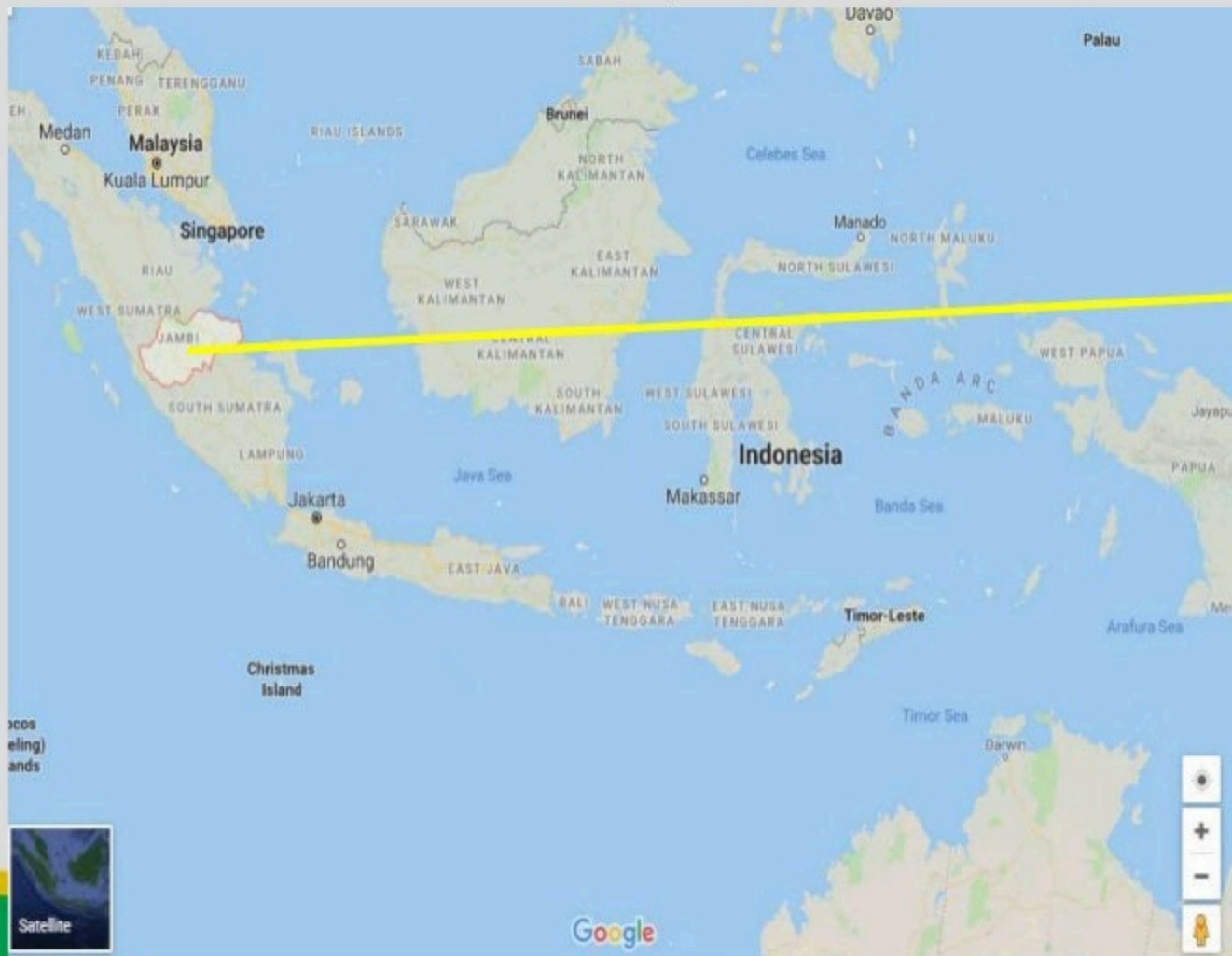
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Introduction

Jambi Province is about 5 million hectares, in which 700,000 hectares are peatlands.

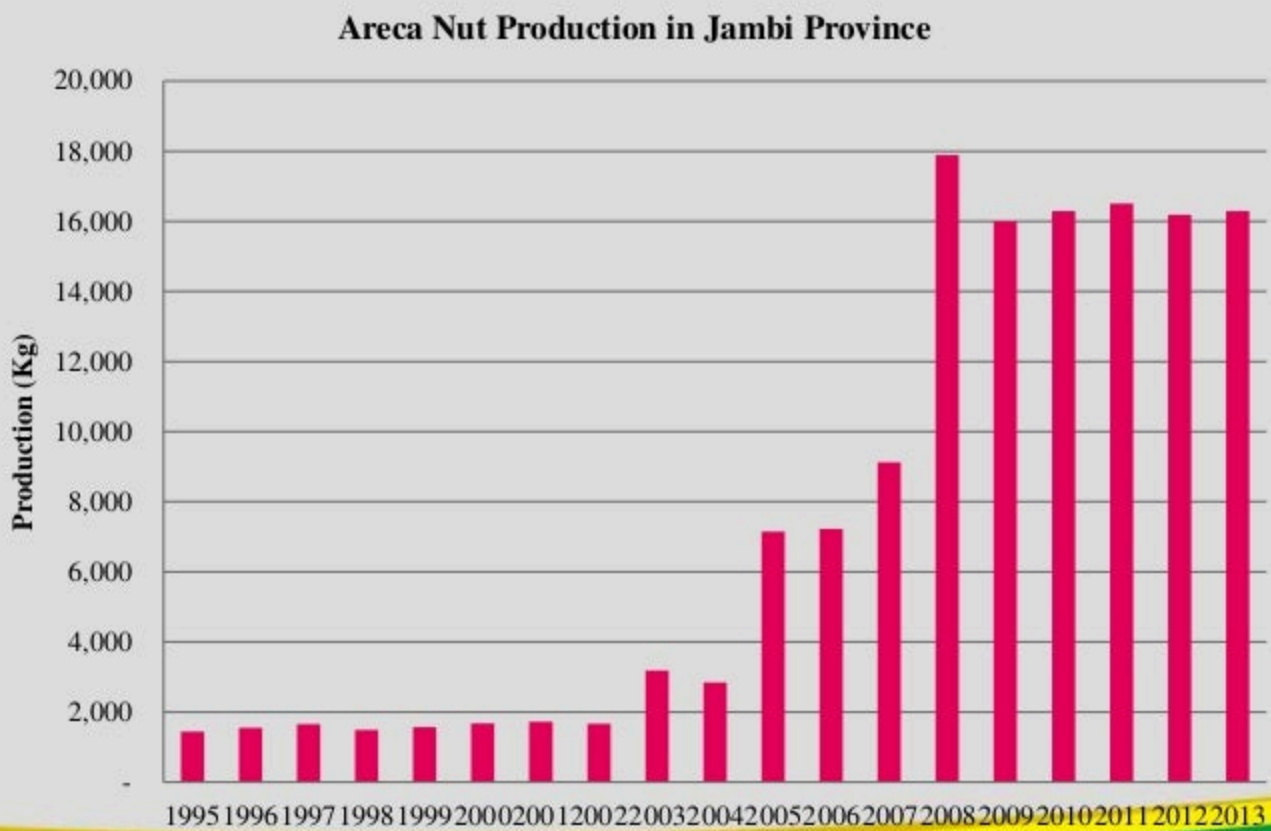


Introduction

Various efforts to utilize peatlands were carried out by the communities and local governments in order to increase farmers' income, welfare, peatland sustainability



The role of areca nut replaced coconut and oil palm that have been widely developed by the community. The price of areca nut is quite stable after the development of several exporter companies.



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Women in Agricultural Activities

The role of women in agriculture is influenced by economic, socio-cultural conditions and the norms in their environment.



Women in Agricultural Activities

We examined women's participation and benefits from agroforestry system of areca nut and coffee in the peatland area of Jambi



Research Activities



Survey and in depth interview to the key stakeholders and farmers as respondents.



Research Results

Women and men have important role and both actively involved in peatland agroforestry system.



Women in Jambi

Women are more responsible in domestic activities, while men are more dominant in various works in the field.



Research Results

Women usually participate in agricultural work in the field after their domestic activities were done.



The Role of Men

Higher percentage of men participated in determining the types of plants planted, planting activities, and harvesting activities



The Role of Women



Women tend to do lighter types of agricultural work and some activities that require greater patience and precision

Selecting – splitting – drying – and gouging the areca nut



Men – Women Opportunity



Women doing production activities at home



Men doing production activities at the industry



In the Household Level

Women played specific role in maintaining plants and handling the crop yields (processing and packaging the products).

Increase added value of the areca nut and coffee for their household income.

Before:

3,000 – 4,000 IDR

After:

15,000 – 17,000 IDR

PD: 1, 000 IDR, 3 kg b = 1 kg k

Conclusion & Recommendation

Monopoly in farming decision making occurred because men's access to the natural resources, information and knowledge was higher than women.

Improving women participation in decision making and community organization would empower women's role in increasing agricultural productivity.





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