

## Forest Sector Potential for Corruption Cases

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The issue to revise Anti-Corruption Act has threatened the spirit of various anti-corruption efforts in Indonesia. The rise of desire to legalize corruption worth under 25 million rupiah has the impression to weaken the efforts to combat corruption all this time.

"So, if there is corruption under twenty-five million rupiah, it will be forgiven. There is the impression to weaken corruption eradication system in Indonesia," said Hasrul Halili, SH, in the UGM Faculty of Law on Thursday (31/3) as he started the seminar *Corruption and Forestry*, collaboration between Faculty of Law's Center for Anti-Corruption Studies (Pukat Korupsi) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Even so, he still invites the audience to remain committed to eradicating corruption, especially the commitment to eradicate corruption in the forestry sector, such as the theme of this seminar. "The theme is a bit special, not only revolves around the efforts of law enforcement, but extends to the field of forestry," said Hasrul Halili.

Agus Affianto, S. Hut., M.Si lecturer of Faculty of Forestry said the forestry sector is very potential to cause a variety of corruption cases. Various activities in this sector become critical points of corruption cases.

From the inadequate forest maps, the unclear region's boundary, the violation of licensing criteria to chopping down outside the block, the fictitious LHC and ways to "wash the bowl" are possible source of corruption in this sector. Not to mention illegal fees, non-deactivation of SAKB, wood without SKAU, inappropriate LMKB, and the various reduction/pending of PSDH.



Although not very optimistic about the settlement of various cases of corruption in the forestry sector, Agus Affianto still has hopes in the prevention efforts. Besides the availability of maps of forest area that is easily accessible with a clear boundary region, strengthened institutional and human resource capacity in the region's licensing process and PUHH are also expected. "Preparation of the online PUHH's system and law enforcement with strong legal sanctions could be one of the solutions," he said.

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