

Revised Forest Moratorium Map

The Minister of Forestry recently issued Decree No. 7416/Menhut-VII/IPSDH/2011 on the Determination of Indicative Maps for Postponing New Licenses, Forest Area Utilization and Designation Changes of Forest Areas and Other Designated Areas ("Decree").

The Decree implements Presidential Directive No.10 of 2011 on the Suspension of New Licenses, Advancing Primary Forest Management and Designation Changes of Forest Areas and Other Designated Areas ("Presidential Directive"), which requires the Ministry of Forestry to revise the indicative maps every 6 months.

The Decree has 14 Sections and 1 appendix.

Pursuant to the Second Section, the Indicative Map is attached to the Decree, and the scale of the map is 1: 250.000. The scale of the map may be adjusted based on the ability of authorized technical units to provide the proper map scale.

The Fifth Section addresses the suspension on issuing new licenses. The suspension covers business licenses to use timber forest products; licenses to gather forest products; licenses to utilize forest areas; and designation changes of forest areas.


Pursuant to the Eighth Section, if there are differences between the Indicative Map for the Suspension on Issuing New Licenses and conditions in the field, a survey will be conducted to verify the facts. As stated in the Ninth Section, the survey will determine whether there will be a suspension of new licenses or new licenses will be issued.

The appendix, which is a revision to the previous indicative map, was established based on field surveys, spatial development, and recent data and information on land closure as well as public input.

Based on the Ministry of Forestry press release, it was revealed that Natural Conservation Areas and Natural Preservation Areas (Kawasan Suaka Alam & Kawasan Pelestarian Alam - KSA KPA) increased by 109 thousand hectares, while protected forest (hutan lindung) decreased by about 119 thousand hectares as a result of spatial planning.

Further explained in the press release, the appendix (moratorium map) is a result of high-resolution satellite images and field surveys, which indicate that primary protected forests (hutan lindung) expanded by 1.2 million hectares while peat land areas decreased by 4.8 million hectares.

The Decree repeals and replaces Decree No. 323/Menhut-II/2011 on the same issue.

The Decree was issued on 22 November 2011 and has been in force since that date. 

❖ Past Issues

- ✍ Project as a Basis for SBSN Issuance (Issue 1808 - 12/13/2011)
- ✍ Currency Law Official Interpretation (Issue 1807 - 12/12/2011)
- ✍ Dispute Settlement Procedures for Public Information (Issue 1806 - 12/9/2011)
- ✍ Social Security Agency (Issue 1805 - 12/8/2011)

❖ Documents

The Minister of Forestry Decree No. 7416/Menhut-VII/IPSDH/2011 (KEPMEN_HUT_7416MENHUTVIII PSDH2011_2011.pdf - 25.Kb)

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