

Title: Mapping indigenous communities' land: Implementation of One Map Initiative in the Village Level

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In this paper we highlight the implementation of a national initiative called, One Map, where we try to implement the principles of the initiative in the village level. The aim of this paper is to extract lesson learned from the processes of the initiative in Gajah Bertalut indigenous community of Riau which happens to be located inside Rimbang Baling Wildlife Reserve. This study employs spatial and ethnography approach where we trace how the community, government, and related stakeholders respond to the national initiative. From our findings, it shows that One Map narrative is able to help the indigenous community in having a more spatial conscience regarding their indigenous territories. Especially, the mapping process proves to be able to reconstruct the land-use planning within the community by adopting more conservation value within their territories. However, from our findings the implementation of the process still needs improvement in order to achieve the ideals of a community-based forest management practices which champions inclusivity. The study shows that One Map narrative generate a form of exclusivity within the community. Furthermore, local institutions understanding, including the local government, forest management unit, and NGOs, about One Map and their support on sustainable practices are crucial in order for this initiative to come into fruition.

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