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ABSTRACT

This study aims to study the environmental damage caused by illegal/illegal mining of sand and stones on the slopes of Mount Merapi and the impact of the land restoration plan and its management efforts. The location of this research is in Sleman Regency, DIY, especially in Karangkendal Hamlet. Balong Hamlet, Umbulharjo Village, Cangkringan District. This area has attractive ecotourism or ecotourism potential which is supported by the majority of land use for agricultural land, aspects of nature conservation, aspects of socio-cultural economic empowerment of local communities, as well as aspects of learning and education. However, this location is also one of the locations for the deposition of sandstone and cold lava when Mount Merapi erupted. The material is a construction material so that under normal conditions, there is a process of illegal mining of sand and stone at that location by the community around the location. Problems arise due to mining activities without prior technical planning resulting in environmental damage at the location, both on the contours of the mined land into steep cliffs that are prone to landslides and disturbances to the vegetation and fauna. CV. Rubi Khan Daiman as a third party who got a job from the Sleman Regency Government to carry out land recovery mitigation activities, then collaborated with researchers to conduct the study. Based on the research results, the planned land restoration activities will not only have positive impacts but also negative impacts on the surrounding environment.

Keywords: Agricultural land, environmental damage, eruption, illegal mining, mitigation

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1. INTRODUCTION

One of the villages in the Sleman Regency area that has the potential for ecotourism or ecotourism is Umbulharjo Village and one of the locations in its area that is the object of this research is Karangendal Hamlet Padukuhan Balong. Ecotourism or ecotourism is one of the environmentally friendly tourism activities by prioritizing aspects of nature conservation, aspects of socio-cultural economic empowerment of local communities as well as aspects of learning and education. This tourism potential is supported by the majority of the area being used as agricultural land. However, it turns out that Umbulharjo Village is also one of the villages in Cangkringan District which is an area of sandstone and cold lava deposition from the eruption of Mount Merapi so that Cangkringan District is an area affected after the eruption of Mount Merapi.

Based on the Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 32 of 2009 concerning Environmental Protection and Management, all activities that will have an impact on the environment, both positive and negative, must be managed. It aims to minimize negative impacts and maximize positive impacts. This was then followed up with the existence of the Government of Indonesia Regulation Number 27 of 2012 concerning Environmental Permits. The latest regulation is Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 11 of 2020 concerning Work Areas and its derivative regulations, namely Government Regulation of the Republic of Indonesia Number 22 of 2021 concerning the Implementation of Environmental Protection and Management (P3LH).

CV. Rubi Khan Daiman as the initiator/business actor who will carry out mitigation of land damage by means of land restoration activities, previously had to obtain an Environmental Permit from the Sleman Regency Environmental Service. Based on the survey results, it was found that illegal sand and stone mining (sirtu) had been carried out because there was no technical planning and no Environmental Permit. This will have a negative impact on the surrounding environment such as the potential for landslides, damage to agricultural land, and land that cannot be used for the long term (unproductive land). An activity at both the construction and operational stages will have an impact on the lives of the people around the activity location, such as community income and public health. (Fityatur, 2015)[2].

Land restoration is carried out by means of land that will be arranged so as to form a terrace. For this reason, sand and stones must be removed from the activity site. During the process of removing sand and stones from the activity site, it is estimated that there will be several negative impacts such as a decrease in air quality caused by dust scattering from sand transported by trucks and dust from roads passed by trucks. Likewise, there will be an increase in noise from the sound of trucks passing by on the haul road. The dust is then spread to settlements around the location and the dust particles will be inhaled by the people living around the location. Exposure to this dust can interfere with the respiratory tract of people outside the home. (Thaib et al, 2014)[5]. According to Nurbiyantara (2010)[4], Exposure to inhaled dust particles in the respiratory tract will cause various lung function disorders. Fine dust particles will accumulate in the respiratory tract according to the chemical, physical, and biological properties of the dust. According to Ather Sultan (2004)[7] that fine dust can cause impaired lung function, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, restrictive lung disease, pneumoconiosis and carcinoma of the lung, stomach and large intestine. According to Naqpure (2014)[3] dust is termed as TSP which

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1 According to Dimitriou and Christidou (2011)[1], air pollution is one of the most important environmental problems that contribute to the effects of high temperatures on public health, animal life, natural ecosystems, and the man-made environment. Air pollution is also responsible for climate change, the greenhouse effect, acid rain, and others.

1 According to Suhariyono and Wiyono (2003)[8], the main sources of dust in the atmosphere are soil, seawater jets, bush fires, household burning, motor vehicles, industrial processes, and organic dust from plant material. The dust that is scattered on the road passed by the sand and stone hauling trucks is fine dust. Dusts smaller than 10 m have a greater ability to penetrate into the lungs. The hairs in the nose can filter dust larger than 10 m, while particles smaller than this size exhibit Brownian motion and do not hit the side walls but can enter the lung vesicles. Particles smaller than 2.5 m (PM_{2.5}) cannot be filtered in the upper respiratory system and stick to the lung bubbles so that it can reduce gas exchange. PM₁₀ particulate matter includes particles with aerodynamic diameters smaller than 10 m. These particles, which cause many adverse health effects, can reach the thorax or the lower respiratory tract. Next will be attacked by ARI (Acute Respiratory Infection). As a tertiary impact, people's income will decrease because people who are affected by ARI cannot work so they have no income. On a larger scale, a decrease in people's income will reduce the level of the community's economy. PM₁₀ particulate matter includes particles with aerodynamic diameters smaller than 10 m. These particles, which cause many adverse health effects, can reach the thorax or the lower respiratory tract. Next will be attacked by ARI (Acute Respiratory Infection). As a tertiary impact, people's income will decrease because people who are affected by ARI cannot work so they have no income. On a larger scale, a decrease in people's income will reduce the level of the community's economy. As a tertiary impact, people's income will decrease because people who are affected by ARI cannot work so they have no income. On a larger scale, a decrease in people's income will reduce the level of the community's economy. As a tertiary impact, people's income will decrease because people who are affected by ARI cannot work so they have no income. On a larger scale, a decrease in people's income will reduce the level of the community's economy.

1 Meanwhile, according to Sastry (2000)[6], land management activities and coffee plantation operations will trigger urbanization and threaten the environment through air, soil, and water pollution it causes.

2. MATERIALS & EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

2.1. Research Sites

This research is located in Karangendal Hamlet, Balong Padukuhan, Umbulharjo Village, Cangkringan District, Sleman Regency, Special Region of Yogyakarta.

2.2. Materials and Equipment

This study uses equipment and materials in the form of a laptop, camera, stationery, and literature/secondary data.

2.3. Method

2.3.1. *Identify the legal basis for legality;*

2.3.2. *Conduct site observations;*

2.3.3. *Perform data analysis;*

2.3.4. *Provide impact management recommendations.*

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Identifying the Legal Basis of Legality

Researchers searched various literatures and reference sources to identify regulations that could be the legal basis for the legality of the environmental damage mitigation plan. As the basis for the mitigation plan for environmental damage, namely the Decree of the Sleman Regent Number 76.20/Kep.KDH/A/2019 dated 25 November 2019 concerning the Restoration of Agricultural Land on the Slopes of Merapi after the Merapi Volcano Eruption and the Decree of the Head of the Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Service of Sleman Regency Number 525 /1818 April 24, 2020 concerning Recommendations for Restoration of Agricultural Land.

3.2. Doing Location Observations

After the researchers made observations to the research location, the data obtained from the environmental baseline conditions of the research location were as follows.



Figure 1. The condition of the living environment of the research location

(Source: primary data, 2021)

In the picture above, it can be seen that there has been a decrease in environmental quality. The existence of sand dunes and rocks that are mined without regard to the safety risks of workers and cause steep cliffs that are prone to landslides. Likewise, the surrounding vegetation will be disturbed by changes in environmental conditions.

3.3. Data Analysis

Researchers conducted an analysis of the environmental baseline conditions at the research site due to illegal sand and stone mining without being preceded by technical planning and Environmental Permits, namely as follows:

- Prior to mining, land clearing of the mining site is carried out so as not to leave large plants. This results in a disturbance impact on the flora;
- The secondary impact of the impact of disturbance on flora is that it will cause disturbance to fauna. Fauna at the research site and its surroundings will leave the site or die due to the impact of land clearing activities;
- Mining of sand and rock without performing detailed geotechnical calculations will result in the dune and rock being mined becoming steep and prone to landslides. This is very dangerous because it can hoard the workers under it. In this condition, there is a disturbance impact on Occupational Safety and Health (K3);
- A lot of flora is lost from the activity site, causing disturbance to the flora;
- Many fauna have left or died because the trees where they live have been cut down, causing disturbances to the fauna;
- The existence of equipment and material mobilization activities will cause dust and noise, resulting in a decrease in air quality and an increase in noise.
- In addition, the mobilization activities will cause disruption to traffic and damage to roads;
- The existence of sand and stone mining activities should be able to grow the impact of business opportunities in the community such as the emergence of food stalls, grocery stores, and others to meet the needs of workers;
- The growing impact of business opportunities on the community will have a follow-up impact, namely the emergence of the impact of increasing community income;
- The existence of sand and stone mining also causes public unrest due to changes in land use and workers who carry out mining are not necessarily residents around the mining site.

3.4. Providing Impact Management Recommendations

After analyzing the data on environmental damage that occurred, then the researchers gave recommendations to CV. Rubi Khan Daiman as the executor of environmental damage mitigation and land recovery plans so that the stages and activities to be carried out in the land recovery plan should be detailed so that it is easier to provide recommendations for impacts that should be managed. The activities and their impacts are as follows:

Table 1 Stages, activities, and impacts that need to be managed

No	Activity step	Name of activity	Managed Impact Name
A.	Preconstruction	Socialization of activity plans	The emergence of public unrest
		Land use	The emergence of public unrest
B.	Construction	Construction workforce recruitment	Increased job opportunities
		Activities at base camp	Public unrest
			Liquid waste generation
		Mobilization of equipment and materials	Solid waste generation
B3 waste generation			
			Decreasing groundwater quality

No	Activity step	Name of activity	Managed Impact Name
			Decreasing environmental sanitation
			Public unrest
			Increased business opportunities
			Increasing people's income
			Decreasing air quality
			Noise enhancement
			Disruption to traffic
			Road damage
		Land clearing	Decreasing air quality
			Noise enhancement
			Disturbance to flora
			Disturbance to fauna
		Stripping topsoil and overburden	Decreasing air quality
			Increased rainwater runoff debit
Material disassembly	Decreasing air quality		
	Noise enhancement		
Material loading and transport	Decreasing air quality		
	Noise enhancement		
	Disturbance to K3		
Stockpiling and restoration of agricultural land	Improve soil fertility		
C.	Operation	Acceptance of workers for coffee plantation operations	Increased job opportunities
			Public unrest
		Coffee plantation operational activities	Opening business opportunities
			Increasing people's income
			Public unrest
		Parking activities in and out of guest vehicles	The occurrence of traffic generation
		Generator Operation	Decreasing air quality
			Noise enhancement

Source: data processing, 2021

4. SUMMARY

CV. Rubi Khan Daiman as the party that will carry out mitigation of environmental damage in the form 3 land restoration activities, already has a legal basis and has made observations in the field. Based on data analysis, it can be concluded that environmental damage has occurred and provides recommendations to CV. Rubi Khan Daiman to manage the impacts, both positive and negative impacts, as well as monitoring the management carried out so that positive impacts can be maximized and negative impacts can be minimized.

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