

ABSTRACT

Legal issue discussed in this study was the concept of management of forest products and local authorities in the management of forest products. This research was a normative study using the legislative approach, conceptual approach, historical approach, and case approaches.

The results of this study were: (1) the management of forest products was a joint obligation that each of which had particular duties and obligations as defined by the Department of Forestry of East Java Province, an institution representing local government that had the duty and function in the management of forest products in the East Java Region to carry out the affairs of local government based on the principles of autonomy and assistance in the field of forestry. The local government, according to the principle of local autonomy that used to be centralized, turned into the system of regional autonomy that was decentralized, which meant that governmental affairs, other than those specified by law as the affairs of the central government, were given to the region. Therefore, the meaning of the autonomy is to give broad authority to local governments to administer and manage the affairs of government provided by law. (2) The management of forest products was an administrative arrangement in the form of recording, publishing documents, and reporting activities, including production planning, exploitation, processing, and distribution of forest timber.

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