

We Need Your Help : Save the lung of Sumba Island

National Parks Laiwangi Wanggameti a forest area that represents all types of forests on the island of Sumba with high biodiversity value, especially for areas above an altitude of 800 meters above sea level. The presence of gold mining could destroy the forest and off the water source. Mining operation that resulted in removal of the land mass of the reservoir water pressure is low. Water being unable to flow in underground rivers. Though the fields, gardens and livestock of the people depend on water sources originating from Mount Wanggameti.

Tamma, the local language to the lake, in the village of Lai Lowang Wanggameti experienced drastic shortage of water discharge as used for the purposes of mining exploration because it basically is a greedy mine water characteristics. In addition to be used for domestic purposes and sources of protein, Tamma Lowang Lai is also a unifying community in traditional rituals.

Each year people in five villages with ritual catch fish. Even in 2004, the local indigenous people perform ritual slaughter of 10 animals (cows, chickens, goats, etc..) To "treat" these Tamma. When this dry and lost Tamma, then in addition to the economic needs and the protein are not met, the social values of local culture too, disappear.

Harmonization of society with its natural forests, the presence of mining companies are now threatened. PT. Fathi Resources, a gold mining company which is majority owned by Hillgrove Resources, Ltd.. as much as 80% (Australia) and the remaining local companies Fathi Resources.

PT Fathi Resources Mining permits (KP), signed by the Deputy Governor of East Nusa Tenggara (NTT), Frans Lebu Raya, in 2008. While in the same year and in nearly the same location, the Contract of Work BHP Minerals Sumba decided by the central government. Concession PT Fathi Resources, based on Mining Permit (IUP), covering 331 300 hectares. Approximately 14 406 hectares of its concession in the National Park area Laiwangi Wanggameti.

There are 24 villages included in the mining concession of PT Fathi Resources in the National Park Laiwangi Wanggameti. Among the 24 villages, there are some villages are engaged in a polemic with the presence of PT Fathi Resources, the Village Karipi, Wanggameti Village, Village Nangga, Villages and Countryside Katikutana Bokul Prai. Exploration company without the consent of residents. Besides causing environmental problems are also conflicts among residents.

Exploration holes are left at risk of causing landslides. This has happened at one point near the River Kapunduk drilling. Landslide soils into the river makes the water turbid. Similarly, the river that flows in the village Rutu Nangga. The water from this river sedimentation from turbid due to high levels and oily. Residents also found the fish dead.

Mining activities can damage the soil structure. Deforestation well as exploration and exploitation in the National Park Laiwangi Wanggameti located in upland areas, the soil prone to landslides and perennial crops disappear. Mining areas are also often lead to conflict among the surrounding residents. Not to mention the health of residents threatened by toxic waste (mercury, cyanide, etc..) Produced a gold mine. With the mining, citizens residing in the area should be relocated. In other words, the presence of mines not only expel citizens from their homes, but threaten safety and the National Park Laiwangi Wanggameti as the lungs of Sumba.

Your help is needed to:

1. Organization of citizens as a base defense and the right of veto
2. Reduce the risk of destruction of ecological services
3. Reduce the risk of human rights violations
4. Protect knowledge of local food production and water resources

All activities at the Village Katikutana dikonsentrasikan and Nangga. Expansion of the intervention villages and the village is Village Wanggameti Karipi. Chain of activities including:

1. Operating plan to build solidarity rejection PT Fathi Resources in the National Parks Laiwangi Wanggameti.
2. Increase awareness of the important role the National Park Laiwangi Wanggameti with customary ritual activity.
3. Conducting National and International Campaign National Park Laiwangi Wanggameti rescue. Please Donate Us, Via Paypal finance@jatam.org or contact andrie@jatam.org for more information. Thank You

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