

Interaction of State and Non-State Actors in Environmental Governance: The Case of Montara Transboundary Pollution

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Abstract

This article examines the role of the Indonesian government in managing the marine environment after the Montara oil spill. Using the concept of environmental governance, this article analyzes Montara oil spill management from an environmental point of view. This article contributes to the literature on environmental governance by discussing how the Indonesian state handles the Montara case from an environmental point of view. In order to see the government efforts, we examine the interactions of various actors across levels in assisting state actors. Based on a qualitative methodology, this research analyzes official documents and reports and official websites belonging to agencies. The results show that the Indonesian government received assistance from the Australian government, the UN, local actors and communities, government agencies, and local governments. However, these interactions are limited in showing significant efforts for the environment. Instead, this article shows the interaction of actors in designing future environmental governance.

Keywords

Montara, Transboundary oil spill, Environmental governance, Interaction, Indonesia

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