



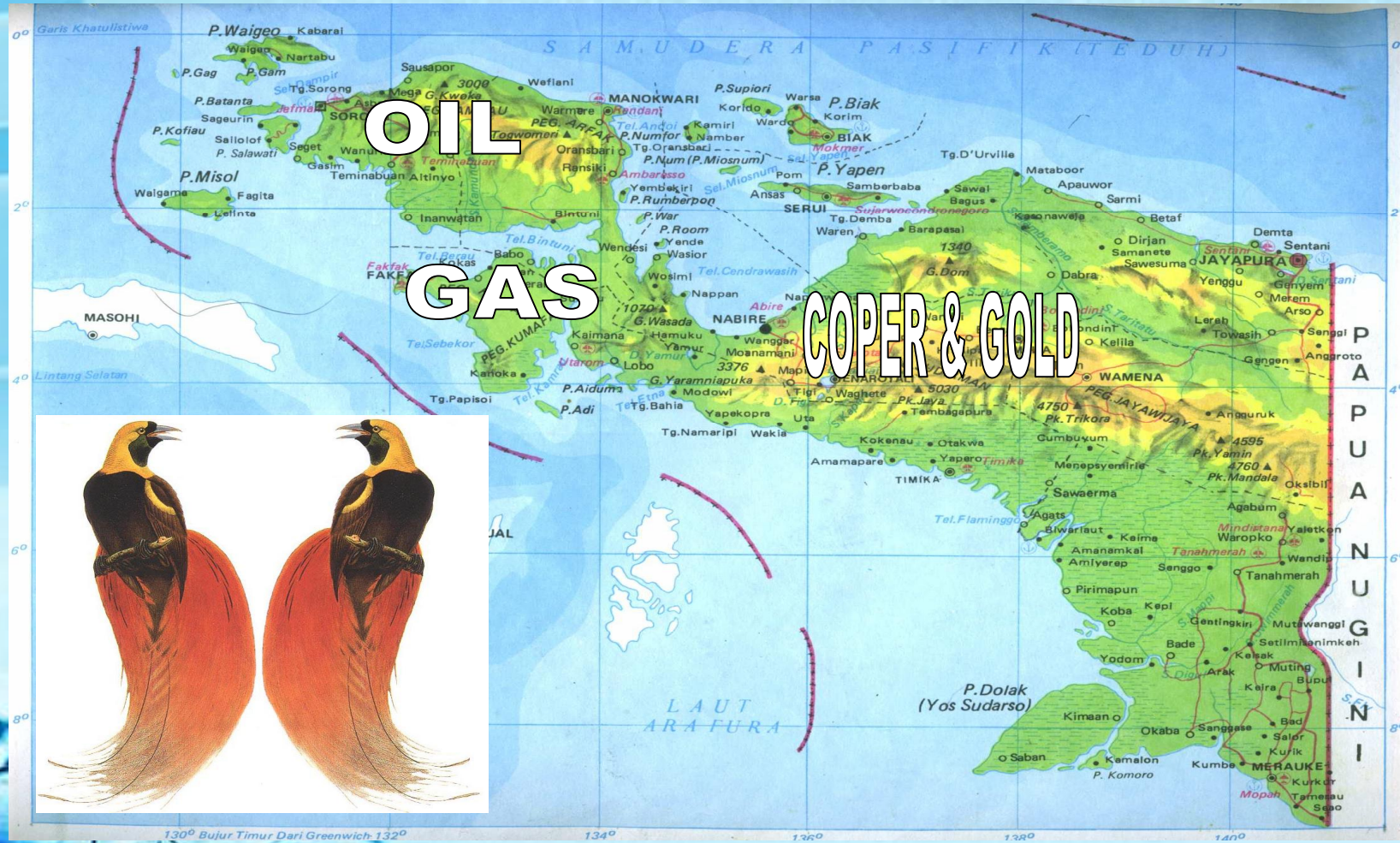
**Peace and sustainability Sessions: Forces for Sustainability
“Mining the forests, the Military and the Communities:
From Plunder to Protection in Papua”**

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Dewan Adat Papua

Natural Resources?



Concept

- Forest, river, mountain, sea, beach, are *“inter-dependent”* and is part of, and do support human life. Therefore destroy the natural resources is destroy human life
- All lands belong to the people

What have done by Papuan IP? (Our role and our responsible)

- We have form our institutions for promotion and protection of our basic rights.
- We have commitment laid down our manifesto expressing our political position
- We are on the process of Strengthening our capacity, e.g. We have form our villages guards, etc

Threats

- Huge land (410.000 sq km) Vs 1,2 milion IP'
- Abandon riches natural resources
- Multi-national & national companies
- Security Forces: business interest
- Orientation of Regency government income;
- The weak to non-existence Law Enforcement;
- Contradiction of National Laws: Law 41/1999 vs Law 21/2001 (under principle of conflict).

VICTIMS

IP'

Natural Resources



Company

Security Forces

Government

**Under pre-text
separatism**

destroy

Our Rights to life
isn't guarantee

Cultural
Rights

**Papuan
Indigenous Peoples**

Villages

Traditional knowledge

Economic Resources

What could we do together?

- We invite international communities to work together with us to save our tropical forest as world heritage.
- For the sustainability of projects and programmes, work with local (Papua) organizations, in particular indigenous organizations, we are happy with attention and support from Jakarta NGO's like Forest Watch Indonesia, Telapak, WALHI (Decentralization national NGO's in strengthening) but after their project is finished they return to Jakarta. Although Papuan NGO's may be less experienced and less capacitated, they can guarantee follow-up and sustained involvement with the communities. We applaud support from Jakarta NGO's and others in the form of offering trainings to our (Papua) civil society, trainings as to tackle the deprivation we have in certain areas like accounting and reporting. **[capacity, institutional and skills building]**
- Regarding the role of Indonesian security forces in the resource extraction business, we appeal to the International Community to take up their responsibility for Papua and to pressure the Indonesian government to limit and finally end the role of the security forces in the economic exploitation of the forest resources which is depriving the indigenous communities from their natural resources and thereby backlogging them in the development process: - **depriving them from their income-generating activities leaving them poor.**

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- Regarding the licensing of logging concession in Papua, the authority should be with the Papua Provincial authorities and not with the ministry of Forestry in Jakarta. The Papua provincial government should recognize the customary land rights of the indigenous peoples and any concession should be based on free, prior and informed consent of the traditional landowners.
- Any program/project dealing with sustainable use of natural resources should be based on local adat, local capacities and local needs. To have a durable/sustainable impact, program/projects should contribute to the empowerment and capacity development of local and indigenous institutions.
- We sincerely invite the IUCN (and UNDP) to cooperate with the Papua indigenous peoples' organizations, notably Dewan Adat Papua, in conserving Papua's rich biodiversity and developing sustainable forest management with the indigenous people of Papua based on their traditional knowledge and needs.

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- We recommend to the donors should consider the faith of the forests and its ecosystem in the promotion and support of development to the new administrative districts. Actually the level and degree of deforestation and destruction should be adopted as key indicator factor in negotiations for support to development by the European Union and/or UNDP and others.

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