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## Bengkulu forest can play vital role in emission reduction: Ministry

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Governor of Bengkulu, Rohidin Mersyah, explaining the role of the Bengkulu forest in emission reduction efforts. He said that Bengkulu is ready to contribute to achieving the target of zero percent greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. (ANTARA/Anggi Mayasari/FR)

Bengkulu City, Bengkulu (ANTARA) - The forest in Bengkulu can play a major role in cutting emissions, director general of sustainable forest management at the Environment and Forestry Ministry Agus Juriyanto said here on Thursday.

"We will see, specifically in the forestry sector, how to expedite spatial planning completion because it will affect our greenhouse gas emission reduction effort. The target calculation already exists, in detail, including in Bengkulu," he informed.

Bengkulu should participate in the effort to slash greenhouse gas emissions because 44 percent of its area is covered in forest.

Given this forest potential, Bengkulu can play a vital role in Indonesia's Forestry and Others Land Use or FOLU Net Sink sub-national program, which is focusing on reducing emissions to zero percent.

Specifically, the government is aiming to have greenhouse gas emissions reach zero percent by 2030.

In addition, Bengkulu also has a good forest layout, which can affect greenhouse gas emission reduction.

Thus, the Environment and Forestry Ministry has urged regional governments, specifically the one in Bengkulu, to report palm oil companies suspected of deliberately destroying forests to the ministry's law enforcement division.

This is because there are hundreds of hectares of forest land in Bengkulu that is suspected to have been encroached on by oil palm plantations and companies, Justianto informed.

Meanwhile, Governor of Bengkulu, Rohidin Mersyah, said that Bengkulu is the initiator of greenhouse gas emission reduction efforts.

Therefore, Bengkulu is ready to contribute to achieving the target of zero percent greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

"We seek to have economic and social benefit with the existence of the forest in Bengkulu. In addition, the creation of a safe, comfortable, and healthy environment for the people," he said.

The emission reduction effort can provide social benefits to the people because it can create a comfortable and healthy environment.

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