

# Super NSP: Merauke's National Strategic Project



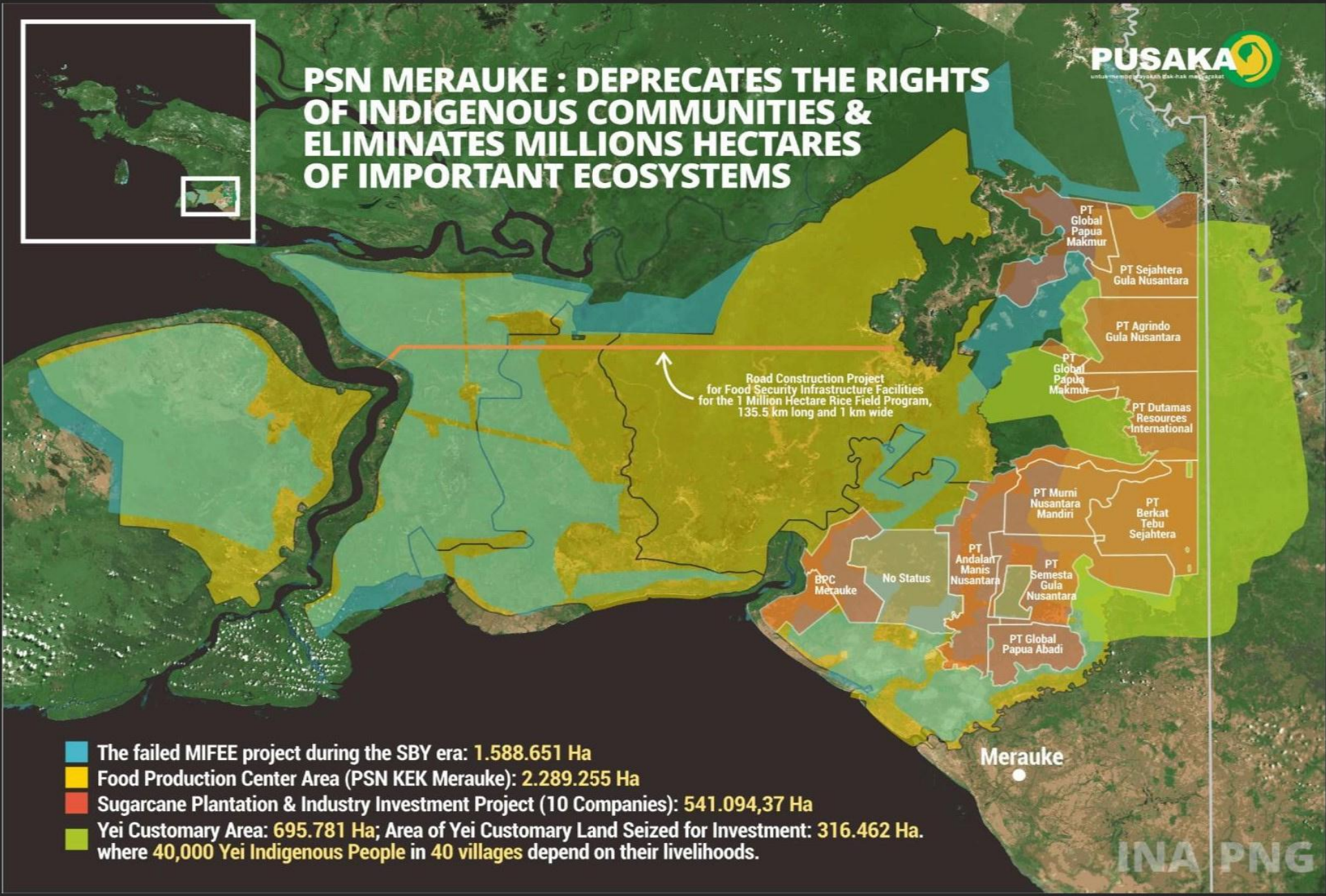
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(PUSAKA BENTALA RAKYAT)





# PSN MERAUKE : DEPRECATES THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES & ELIMINATES MILLIONS HECTARES OF IMPORTANT ECOSYSTEMS



- The failed MIFEE project during the SBY era: 1.588.651 Ha**
- Food Production Center Area (PSN KEK Merauke): 2.289.255 Ha**
- Sugarcane Plantation & Industry Investment Project (10 Companies): 541.094,37 Ha**
- Yei Customary Area: 695.781 Ha; Area of Yei Customary Land Seized for Investment: 316.462 Ha. where 40,000 Yei Indigenous People in 40 villages depend on their livelihoods.**





ARAKAT ADAT SUKU YEI  
**ENOLAK**  
VESTASI YANG MERUSAK  
R-SUMBER PENGHIDUPAN KAMI

“KAMI BISA HIDUP TANPA  
SAWIT DAN TEBU  
TAPI TIDAK  
TANPA TANAH DAN HUTAN”.





**Mandates of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food; the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises; the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights; the Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment; the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; the Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas; the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation**

Ref.: AL OTH 22/2025

(Please use this reference in your reply)

7 March 2025

Mr. Joko Herman Pramulyo,

We have the honour to address you in our capacities as Special Rapporteur on the right to food; Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises; Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights; Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment; Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas; Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences and Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 49/13, 53/3, 55/5, 55/2, 50/17, 51/21, 52/4, 51/16, 54/9, 50/7 and 51/19.

We are independent human rights experts appointed and mandated by the United Nations Human Rights Council to report and advise on human rights issues from a thematic or country-specific perspective. We are part of the special procedures system of the United Nations, which has 60 thematic and country mandates on a broad range of human rights issues. We are sending this letter under the communications procedure of the Special Procedures of the United Nations Human Rights Council to seek clarification on the information we have received. Special Procedures mechanisms can intervene directly with Governments and other stakeholders (including companies) on allegations of abuses of human rights that come within their mandates by means of letters, which include urgent appeals, allegation letters, and other communications. The intervention may relate to a human rights violation that has already occurred, is ongoing, or which has a high risk of occurring. The process involves sending a letter to the concerned actors identifying the facts of the allegation, applicable international human rights norms and standards, the concerns and questions of the mandate-holder(s), and a request for follow-up action. Communications may deal with individual cases, general patterns and trends of human rights violations, cases affecting a particular group or community, or the content of draft or existing legislation, policy or practice considered not to be fully compatible with international human rights standards.



Permanent Mission  
of the Republic of Indonesia to the  
UN, WTO and Other International  
Organizations  
in Geneva

Geneva, 6 May 2025

No: 61/POL-II/V/2025

Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

I have the honor to convey, as enclosed, the Government of Indonesia's response to your Joint Communication Ref.: AL IDN 1/2025, dated 7 March 2025, concerning the allegations of human rights violations in relation to the National Strategic Project in Merauke Regency, South Papua Province, Indonesia.

I would like to reaffirm Indonesia's unwavering commitment to protect the rights of all Indonesian citizens, including the Customary Law Communities or "*Masyarakat Hukum Adat*", as mandated by the National Constitution.

This commitment is reflected in a broad range of regulations and policy initiatives to ensure that the rights of our Customary Law Communities are fully protected, including the right to customary land; the right to manage customary forest, plantation, and coastal areas; as well as the right to protect the environment.

With regard to the allegations raised in the Joint Communication, the Government maintains that the development of the Merauke National Strategic Project has been carried out in compliance with the prevailing regulations, especially related to the land use and spatial planning. The Project is situated within the designated Production Forest area in South Papua Province, and to date, no request has been submitted by any party for the area in question to be classified as customary land.

It is important to note that the landholdings of PT Global Abadi, one of the companies participating in the Project, has been legally supported by the Cultivation Rights Title (*Hak Guna Usaha* or HGU). The company has also secured a Plantation Business Permit from the Papua Provincial Government since 2018 and an Environmental Permit from the Merauke Regent since 2015. Furthermore, the company has entered into a partnership agreement with the local communities to jointly manage a sugarcane plantation in some village areas.

Meanwhile, other companies seeking to join the Project are still in consultation with the local communities to reach a mutual agreement on the recognition and future management of customary lands. Conducting meaningful consultations with local communities is a fundamental prerequisite for companies to obtain an HGU to ensure their concerns and rights are fully addressed and the land use aligns with local interests and legal standards.

In parallel, the Government has initiated inclusive dialogue with the local communities affected by the Project and encouraged them to report any alleged intimidation or violence, supported by verifiable data or evidence, for the relevant authorities to follow up with appropriate investigation and remedial measures.

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MERAMPAS  
HAK  
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ADAT  
PAPUA

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SERAKAHNOMICS  
DENGAN  
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“If the forest is like this, what can we do? In time, our culture will disappear. Where will birds make nests? We want to make loincloths, but it’s hard to find trees for the rope. We want to make headdresses from cassowary feathers, but they are no longer in the forest. The fruit trees have been cleared, so where will the cassowaries find food?”

The Sky Split over Papua  
(Gecko Project)



## Menteri ATR/BPN, Nusron Wahid: 474 Ribu Hektare Lahan di Wanam Papua Dilepas Untuk Swasembada

 Politiknesia Politiknesia  
September 29, 2025



Menteri Agraria dan Tata Ruang/Kepala Badan Pertanahan Nasional (ATR/BPN), Nusron Wahid mengatakan bahwa pihaknya telah melepas 474.000 hektare (Ha) lahan untuk mendukung program swasembada pemerintah di Wanam, Merauke, Papua Selatan.

PETA WILAYAH ADAT YEI  
OVERLAY MERAUKE SUGAR  
GROUP  
MERAUKE

