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ABSTRACT

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The Indonesian Selective Logging System is a guideline being applied by most of the forest concession holders in managing the tropical rain forests of Indonesia. Since its launching, problems arose concerning its capability to guarantee the future forests, due to the fact that some of the requirements in the system were hardly fulfilled in practical situation.

One of the most appropriate way with which to evaluate the system is growth and stand projection analysis. A stand growth model derived through Leslie Matrix principle is considered to have the highest compatibility with Indonesian tropical forests.

It was found, based on the data taken from three concession areas in East Kalimantan, that the operationalization of the growth model could be recommended. Stand structures were projected in this study, and the performance

of Indonesian Selective Logging System was evaluated at the end of cutting cycle. It was observed that the forest would gain lower volume of harvest at the second cutting cycle.

Mathematical programming technique was used in order to give more comprehensive evaluation on the system. Some alternatives in harvesting scheme were generated and discussed.



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INTRODUCTION

Most of forested areas in Indonesia are covered by Tropical rain forests. As a management policy, some forestlands are given out as concessions to logging companies. To manage their forests, forest concession holders use the Indonesian Selective Logging System, which is one of several logging systems recommended by the government.

The guidelines for the Indonesian Selective Logging System were issued by the Director General of Forestry in 1972. It has been said that the guidelines were written based on a set of considerations as follows:

1. Sustainability principle,
2. Silvicultural acceptability,
3. Economic consideration, and
4. Control system.

The sustainability principle stipulates that volume of harvest must not decrease at every cutting cycle. Therefore, there should be a balanced structure of growing stock to be maintained that will support the harvest. Silvicultural acceptability requires that any treatment applied to the forest should be suited to forest growth potential, species composition, ecological conditions, topography and other practical situations. On the other hand, some economic considerations should be taken.