

**A STUDY ON KNOWLEDGE LEVEL AND PERCEPTION OF COMMUNITY
TOWARDS AGROFORESTRY PRACTICES AT LAHAD DATU, SABAH**

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ABSTRACT

Agroforestry is a practices that have high potential to spread across the country. However, this practices are not well known to the Malaysian. This study conducted to identified the relationship between the socio demographic and they perception of respondent on agroforestry benefit. There is five (5) villages along Jalan Segama Lama in Lahad Datu was selected for this study. There are 160 respondent involve in this study. This study was conducted using questionnaire. According to this study, the knowledge level of respondent on agroforestry is low. This study show that 49(30.6%) of respondent already know the agroforestry word, 2(1.3%) of respondent that fully understand the agroforestry concept, 2(1.3%) had studied about agroforestry in school and 2(1.3%) of respondent work in agroforestry related job. This study also shows that there is relationship between the socio demographic profile and the perspective on agroforestry benefit. The low knowledge level by the respondent here due to lacks of agroforestry programme and organizations. For the relationship of socio demographics and benefit of agroforestry is exists, but depending on several factor such as the benefit itself. As the conclusion, the community here need more exposure on agroforestry.