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Towards Integrated Environmental Law in Indonesia?

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As part of CNWS - Indonesia Studies this volume was made in the framework of the Indonesian-Netherlands Study of Environmental Law and Administration (INSELA) Project at the Research School of Asian, African, and Amerindian Studies CNWS at Leiden University in 2001/2002.

The collection of 10 essays provides both an introduction into and a thorough analysis of the basics environmental law and policymaking in Indonesia. The authors concern the current state of Indonesian environmental law, departing from the question of whether there is now a coherent and accessible framework for environmental management. The reader provides an overview of Indonesian environmental policymaking and the political context in which it has emerged. The authors analyse general features and principles of the Environmental Management Act of 1982, which was replaced 1997 by the Environmental Management Act still effective. The essays consider the frameworks for enforcement and dispute resolution and the relation with the vital areas of forestry law and spatial planning. Highly topical in the Indonesian legal environmental discourse, two more discussions contextualise the subject: first, the use and role of the vital concepts of integration, harmonisation and co-ordination of environmental law and policy country-wide; and second, the relation between enforcement and voluntary compliance mechanisms. Potential paths towards a better environmental law in Indonesia are also explored.

Following the concise introduction by editor *Adriaan Bedner* ("Environment and Law in Indonesia"), *Jan Michiel Otto* looks at the issue of environmental law as a whole ("Incoherence in Environmental Law and the Solutions of Co-ordination, Harmonisation and Integration"). *Marius Aalders* considers "Self-regulation and Compliance with Environmental Law from a Global Perspective". The following Chapters shift to the political aspects of the field with *Robert Cribb* "Environmentalism in Indonesian Politics" and *Julia Arnscheidt* "Towards Integrated Environmental Policy-making in Indonesia?". Environmental Management is focussed by *Asep Warlan Yusuf* "Spatial Planning and Environmental Management" and by co-editor *Nicole Niessen* "Indonesia's Environmental Management Act of 1997: Comprehensive and Integrated?". Editor *Adriaan Bedner* gives a comparative overview "From the Old to the new Environmental Management Act: Integration or Disintegration of the Legal Potential for Enforcement?". The last two Chapters deal with "The Legal Framework for Environmental Public Interest Litigation in Indonesia" by *David Nicholson* and "Forestry Law and Policy in Relation to Environmental Management in Indonesia" by *Takdir Rahmadi*.

The volume includes valuable appendices: The International Environmental Agreements to which Indonesia is Party (covering 1951-1994), the national Laws and Regulations, a very detailed Index, a bibliography of 234 titles and the notes of the foregoing Chapters.

This book, for those, who are interested in or dealing with environmental issues, will serve as a profound source of background information motivating simultaneously for further studies of the matter.

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