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Advance Agro plantations, Thailand

▼ Description:

Advance Agro is the biggest pulp and paper producer of Thailand. Most of its production is for the external market. It was founded in 1989 and part of the agribusiness Soon Hua Seng (SHS) Group that started planting eucalyptus in the 1980ies. The company was denounced in 1990 for deforestation when employees cut native forest to make way for eucalyptus. Also rice production got affected of fields adjacent to the plantations and villagers complained about intimidation by company employees. The subsidiary involved in the plantations is called Agro Lines. Villagers living close to the pulp mill also complained about impacts. The last news from 2008 from this company was plans to expand pulp production and also to expand plantations in the neighboring country Laos. Most of the eucalyptus wood would be produced by contract farmers

▼ Basic Data

Name of conflict:

Advance Agro plantations, Thailand

Country:

Thailand (/country/thailand)

State or province:

Prachinburi and Chachoengsao provinces

Location of conflict:

Eastern Thailand

Accuracy of location

MEDIUM (Regional level)

▼ Source of Conflict

Type of conflict. 1st level:

Biomass and Land Conflicts (Forests, Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Management)

Type of conflict. 2nd level:

Plantation conflicts (incl. Pulp

Specific commodities:

Cellulose (/commodity/cellulose)

Pulp And Paper

▼ Project Details and Actors

Project details

Soon Hua Seng

Project area:

:no precise info; at least tens of thousands of há

Level of Investment:

:The announced expansion project in 2008 would be of US\$ 200 million

Type of population

Rural

Affected Population:

:at least hundreds of people

Start of the conflict:

1990

Company names or state enterprises:

Advance Agro (/company/advance-agro) from Thailand (/country-of-company/thailand)

Soon Hua Seng Group (/company/soon-hua-seng-group) from Thailand (/country-of-company/thailand)

International and Finance Institutions

The World Bank (WB) (/institution/world-bank) from United States of America (/country-of-institution/united-states-of-america)

Several national and international banks have been involved (/institution/several-national-and-international-banks-have-been-involved)

Environmental justice organizations (and other supporters) and their websites, if available:

Thai NGOs in the 1990ies

▼ Conflict and Mobilization

Intensity

MEDIUM (street protests, visible mobilization)

Reaction stage

In REACTION to the implementation (during construction or operation)

▼ Impacts of the project

Environmental Impacts

Visible: Food insecurity (crop damage), Loss of landscape/aesthetic degradation, Deforestation and loss of vegetation cover

Socio-economical Impacts

Visible: Displacement, Loss of livelihood, Land dispossession, Loss of landscape/sense of place

Other socio-economic impacts

Obs

▼ Outcome

Project Status

In operation

Do you consider this an environmental justice success? Was environmental justice served?:

No

Briefly explain:

Company continues working and claims that most of its wood comes from contract farming with peasants

▼ **Sources and Materials**

References to published books, academic articles, movies or published documentaries

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Joyce D — This needs to be updated as the Public Service Commission has approved an amendment to their permit. Environmental Justice

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