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**SDG 14**  
Life Below Water

### 14.3 Supporting aquatic ecosystems through action

**SDG 14 – Indicator 14.3.4 - Technologies towards aquatic ecosystem damage prevention (direct work)**

## UNSRI and KLHK Play a Role in Peatland Care Activities

Peatlands are wetlands formed by the accumulation of decaying organic matter. This land is generally found in areas that are always inundated with water, such as swamps, rivers, and coastal areas. South Sumatra Province is one of the provinces with extensive peatlands. The condition of the peat ecosystem in South Sumatra is starting to degrade. This is caused by inappropriate activities, such as making drainage in peatlands to prepare agricultural land, which causes peatlands to dry out and increases the potential for fires. To overcome this problem, Universitas Sriwijaya (UNSRI) and the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (KLHK) conducted a community service activity by forming an Independent Peatland Care Village in an effort to overcome damage to the peat ecosystem through community empowerment. This activity was carried out in areas that have quite extensive peatlands, namely Banyuasin and Pali Regencies. This community-based peatland ecosystem restoration activity is expected to encourage community involvement in efforts to protect and manage peatland ecosystems through the Independent Peatland Care Village.



Link:

<https://beritapagi.co.id/2023/12/31/unsri-dan-klhk-gelar-program-desa-mandiri-peduli-gambut-2023-di-banyuasin-dan-pali/>