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Why Is It Difficult to Protect Agricultural Land From Conversion?

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ABSTRACT:

One of the principles of the Sustainable Development Goals is the sureness of food availability, including the protection of agricultural land from conversion. Indonesia has enacted the Law on Sustainable Agricultural Land (LP2B). Subsequently, the law has been ratified by a number of regional regulations. However, there are still misperceptions and misconceptions regarding LP2B among stakeholders that can magnify the difficulty of implementing the regulation. This paper elaborates on the difficulties of agricultural land protection due to stakeholders' misperceptions and misconceptions within the case study in Tasikmalaya District, West Java Province. The difficulties did not automatically cease when the regional regulation enacted, instead, those continue into the application stage and become a discourse in the various crossinstitutional forum. Furthermore, this paper synthesizes the writer's own conceptions and arguments to rectify the misperceptions and misconceptions based on academic references and relevant statutory arguments. The importance of this paper is for problem mapping and problem-solving of the complexity of LP2B protection in order to minimize discourse among stakeholders. The stakeholders referred to in this paper are bureaucrats in agricultural agencies, the Ministry of Agriculture; and other institutions related to LP2B include Regional Development Planning Agency, the Spatial Planning Agency, and the Ministry of Spatial Planning / National Land Agency, represented by officials, bureaucrats, or personnel who together with the author have attended various coordination meetings, dissemination, workshops, focus group discussions and similar forums that discusses LP2B and or other related topics in the period 2014-2019. Policy implications are discussed.



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