



### **Trip to Pekanbaru, Riau Province (Sumatra, Indonesia) 9-14 November 2008**

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The objective of the trip to Pekanbaru was threefold: to present LOICZ research activities, to prepare a workshop in Pekanbaru in early March 2009, and to prepare a research plan as part of PT-1 SES. SPICE is a LOICZ project, Riau Province on Sumatra is one of three SPICE project sites, the other two being Spermonde Archipelago in southwest Sulawesi and Segara Anakan in southwest Java.

The mission in Pekanbaru was divided into three activities:

1. International workshop „SPICE II Roundtable Meeting“;
2. Break-outs and meetings to prepare a workshop in Pekanbaru in early March 2009;
3. Field trip as part of the activities above.

#### **1. International workshop „SPICE II Roundtable Meeting“**



The „SPICE II Roundtable Meeting“ presented the state of the art of SPICE research, included cluster group meetings, and prepared a first draft report on SPICE future research perspectives, to be submitted to the SPICE steering committee. Marion Glaser (LOICZ SSC) presented „SPICE Cluster 6: Governance and management of coastal social-ecological systems—A cross-regional and transdisciplinary social science project“. The main objective is an integrated analysis of natural and social dynamics in Indonesia. Bernhard Glaeser (LOICZ SSC) complemented the report by presenting „Riau Province in West Sumatra: Tentative themes for SPICE II SES research“.

#### **2. Break-outs and meetings to prepare a workshop in Pekanbaru in early March 2009**

The aim of the sub-meetings was to prepare a workshop, possibly

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including a summer school, to present SES research activities, to enhance further international and interdisciplinary collaboration, and—with establishing a short-term summer school—to teach research methods related to SES research.

### 3. Field trip as part of the activities above



A field trip downstream Siak river to Sri Indrapura and back complemented the above activities. Participants were Dr. Suardi Tarumun (UNRI: University of Riau, Pekanbaru), eight UNRI research students (mostly M.Sc. students in the Environmental Health program of UNRI), Bernhard Glaeser and Marion Glaser (both LOICZ SSC).



Potential research themes / areas within the SES framework were identified:

- public health and river health
- poverty alleviation and rural development
- gender aspects
- pollution by oil and chemicals disrupting fisheries

