The Reconstruction of Indigenous Local Food Systems: Production, Consumption and Sustainable Mechanism

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Abstract

Indigenous traditional food systems are considered to be especially related to ethnobiological knowledge and environmental sustainability. Currently, the reconstructing indigenous traditional food systems and connecting them to ecology and economy is an important issue. The purpose of this study is to discuss how to reconstruct the indigenous local food system which is benefit to support their citizens' right to healthy, food sovereignty, fair share of land and water; avoid big businesses to control the food chain; and preserve the biodiversity. Three steps are proposed as an methodology to reconstruct the indigenous local food system, that are: 1) local food system survey, 2) local agro-food seed saving and land rehabilitation, 3) the re- embedment of the local food system. Finally, the study suggested that the production and consumption should be considered in a holistic aspect, and under the goad of developing and indigenous initiative economy.

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