

**AN ANALYSIS ON THE ASEAN AGREEMENT ON
TRANBOUNDARY HAZE POLLUTION**

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ABSTRACT

The issue of transboundary haze in Southeast Asia has been a prolonged issue since 1980. Southeast Asia had been suffering from haze since the past few decades. Many steps had been made by ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nation) in resolving the issue of haze. As one of the efforts in mitigating this problem, ASEAN has established a treaty called The ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution which supposedly to govern the act of each ASEAN members concerning to the matter of haze pollution. On the surface, this treaty is fairly similar with several previous haze pollution treaties and environmental protection treaties which seem to be effective, for instance; the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty 1991. However, due to several reasons, the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution is not as effective as the other treaties in resolving the problems with regard to haze pollution. Therefore, this study will analyse on all aspects of the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution that governs on the matters of haze pollution and reasons to its ineffectiveness. This was done by comparing with other treaties.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.0 Introduction

This research is to investigate the effectiveness and the efficiency of the "ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution" in curbing the issue of transboundary haze pollution in the region of South East Asia. This is because this region had been facing this problem for more than a decade but still there is no sign of improvement shown to stop this matter from becoming more serious. Apart from that, this study also was intended to seek for a better enforcement of the existing agreement designated by the ASEAN Committee relating to this issue and want to points out a few loopholes as well as to suggest any better features that should be included in the treaty in order to boost its effectiveness in handling this matter.

Besides that, this study also looks into several treaties that govern the issue of pollution mainly focusing on the transboundary air pollution in a few regions all over the world. This is to compare all these treaties with the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution and to see the effectiveness and the flaws of all these treaties. This study also was proposed to educate the people in this region to be more alert with the issue relating to the environment especially issue regarding transboundary haze pollution.