

Food Security in Sabah: An Overview for Rice Self Sufficient Target Rafiq Idris

Abstract

Food security in terms of food sufficiency has become a concern and subject of interest in Malaysia. Malaysia as a whole and Sabah in particular is not self-sufficient in terms of rice production for its own population. Sabah as a land abundant state does import rice from neighbouring countries to fulfil its domestic demand. This paper estimates the level of rice supply in Sabah before Malaysian formation and present for each single people in the state. Several ratio such as the production-per capita (PPC), consumption per-capita (CPC), import dependency ratio (IDR) and self-sufficiency ratio (SSR) are being computed to estimate the self-sufficient level. In addition, this paper highlights that Sabah should improve its self-sufficient position.