

**SOCIO - ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND
PROBLEMS OF OIL PALM PLANTATIONS
IN YEBYU TOWNSHIP**

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to investigate the socio- economic benefits and problems of Oil Palm Plantations in Yebyu Township, Dawei District of Tanintharyi Division. Yebyu Township has the largest area of oil palm plantation in Dawei District. It is also the pioneer region for the cultivation of oil palm on a commercial scale in Myanmar. This research paper focuses on the different types of oil palm plantations as pertaining to ownership. It evaluates the geographic factors supporting the oil palm cultivation in the township. Due to the cultivation of oil palm, the socio- economic benefits are gained for both the local population as well as for the State. However, socio - economic problems crop up in the establishment of the plantations and such problems acquired from interviews and questionnaires are investigated. Findings and suggestions are also presented in the paper.

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