

## **PEMBERDAYAAN MASYARAKAT TERHADAP EKOWISATA MANGROVE OESAPA BARAT**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Indonesia has potential for developing ecotourism of tropical forest in many island. The coastal areas are very crucial yet vulnerable of disruption. The changes in coastal areas are triggered by human activities such as industries, housing, transportations, ports, aquaculture, farming, and tourism, which in turn, affect the coastal ecosystem. The problem formulated in this study is as follows: how is the implementation of society empowerment in developing mangrove ecotourism West Oesapa to anticipate of vulnerability of coastal ecosystem and support nature conservation. This study used survey through observation, interview, and questionnaire to 100 tourists, 20 respondents of those dealing closely with the tourism object, and 5 managers of the tourism object. Those instruments were used to determine the social characteristics and gather some suggestions for futher improvement of the tourism object. The data were then analyzed descriptively using qualitative approach. The result of this study showed that the society has involved in the management of West Oesapa Mangrove Ecotourism, which affect them in terms of social, economy, and ecosystem aspects. The vegetation in the areas has been decreased in size; therefore ecotourism is expected to improve this matter. In terms of economic aspect, the society can take advantage from the entrance ticket selling. Lastly, the ecosystem can be preserved through the conserved mangrove areas in West Oesapa.

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