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Case Study: Mude Ayek Tebat Benawa Prohibition Customary Forest
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traditions which were part of the Besemah Tribe.

In present governance in Indonesia, the hamlet is equivalent to a community unit (RW) and as a consequence, the hamlet is led by a RW chairman. This was different when the clan government system was still practiced in 1920-1983. At that time, Tebat Benawa followed two government systems which were the clan government system and the village government system. Tebat Benawa was one of the hamlets in the Sumbai Besar clan of the Lubuk Buntak tribe which was led by Pesirah and was accompanied by a legislative body called the clan council, while the hamlet was led by Kerio or Riye.

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Answer: We use manual coding and thematic analysis

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Dear Editor

Thank you for your review. We are sorry for delaying. We have addressed all of the comments give explanation bellow. All of the changes are marked yellow in the revised file.

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Reviewer A Comments:

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Changes which must be made before publication:

I think that this paper has strong related the anthropology of tourism from ecotourism perspective. Unfortunately, I still found a few key shortage as below:

This paper focus on ecotourism in Mude Ayek's customary forests of Indonesia, so the title of the paper should indicates the basic location information, so my suggestion for the title should be: The Complexity of Indigenous-centered Ecotourism Planning: Mude Ayek's customary forests, Indonesia; Moreover, this paper try to find the contribution and impact from indigenous peoples' knowledge in the context of developing forest ecotourism, but I can't find the key message, so I also suggest that the indigenous peoples' knowledge should be considered into the title.

Answer: The complexity of integrating indigenous knowledge for ecotourism planning: A case of Mude Ayek's customary forests, Indonesia

From the introduction and literature sections, why the author doesn't argue the complexity and it's characters in ecotourism? What is the key scientific questions for the paper? Why only discuss Ecotourism Planning and Indigenous Knowledge in literature section?

Answer: This article intends to explore the dynamics of integrating indigenous knowledge into forest ecotourism planning in Mude Ayek's customary forests, Indonesia. Because ecotourism is part of a broader concept of sustainable tourism, the conflicts and opportunities between ecotourism and indigenous peoples and how they can be integrated are interesting things to research, discuss and contest.

3.We can't find the basic introduction for the Mude Ayek's customary forests of Indonesia, where is Mude Ayek's customary forests and why this case has special example for ecotourism? So provide a clear map in the paper is necessary for our international auderce. What is the ecotourism development history of Mude Ayek's? What is the meaning of it's indigenous peoples' knowledge in the context of developing forest ecotourism? How to well develop the field work as anthropological method? The next revised version should provide the detail messages in the Research Methods and Results and Discussion sections.

Answer: Mude Ayek's customary forests, Indonesia is managed by the indigenous Basemah people. The indigenous Basemah people have repeatedly emphasized that land rights are inalienable and are an absolute requirement for ecotourism. Ecotourism is arguably the most significant factor driving indigenous peoples away from their traditional territories at present. In some regions of Indonesia, land claims have resulted in compensation packages, but these settlements are frequently based on a "no net loss" policy. This discretionary approach is unacceptable to indigenous peoples because there is no substitute for their homeland in terms of cultural continuity. Second, in every discussion of the indigenous Basemah and tourism, including this article, the issue of intellectual property rights becomes the focal point. Even if they are not acknowledged or spelled out, manifestations are everywhere. The theft of cultural expressions and symbols is the most egregious violation of the intellectual property rights of indigenous peoples by the ecotourism industry. The commercialization of the sacred aspects of indigenous cultures is one of their primary concerns. As a result, considerable effort has been devoted to the restoration of sacred sites. Lastly, their knowledge of sacred sites is fundamental to the survival of indigenous cultures, customary knowledge systems, and the concept of sustainable customs.

Case Study: Mude Ayek Tebat Benawa Prohibition Customary Forest
The Tebat customary forest is administratively located in Dusun Tebat Benawa, Desa
Penjalang, Kecamatan Dempo Selatan, Kota Pagar Alam. Some of the people of Dusun
Benawa worked as farmers and still adhered to the traditions passed down to them. The
population in this hamlet was relatively small with 230 households or as many as 916
people. Socially, the kinship was still strong because they came from the same descent,
Puyang Kedum Samad, the founder of this hamlet and set a system of values and
traditions which were part of the Besemah Tribe.

In present governance in Indonesia, the hamlet is equivalent to a community unit (RW) and as a consequence, the hamlet is led by a RW chairman. This was different when the clan government system was still practiced in 1920-1983. At that time, Tebat Benawa followed two government systems which were the clan government system and the village government system. Tebat Benawa was one of the hamlets in the Sumbai Besar clan of the Lubuk Buntak tribe which was led by Pesirah and was accompanied by a legislative body called the clan council, while the hamlet was led by Kerio or Riye. Although the clan government system had been dissolved through the Decree (SK) of the Governor of South Sumatra No.142 / KPTS / III / 1983 regarding the abolition of the Marga system in South Sumatra, the cultural existence of the community was still

maintained.

After the end of the Pesirah leadership period, the community struggled to maintain their cultural existence in governance as well as the environment, or in this case, customary forests. This occurred because they were forced to submit to the state in a tenure system which was regulated in various laws and regulations. Therefore, they developed informal leadership at the village level which hinged on the Jurai Tie and Jungku. Some people work as coffee, rice, and vegetables farmer. Coffee and rice are the two main commodities, while vegetables are only grown by a small proportion of the population. Besides, they also cultivate tilapia and goldfish. The source of irrigation for their rice fields and ponds originates in the Mude Ayek Prohibition Forest. Therefore, the sustainability of the Mude Ayek Prohibition Forest management is valuable to them because it concerns life and the future. Moreover, they have cultural links to the Mude Ayek Prohibition Forest, which is a hereditary heritage that must be preserved. The dependence of farmers on water is very high; therefore, farmers in this hamlet also realize that there is a relationship between the availability of water for their agriculture and the existence of the Mude Ayek Prohibition Forest. Public awareness is what keeps the prohibited forest intact.

4. It seems that the paper do not well discuss the complexity theory for ecotourism, some key research progress in anthropology should be cited, such as international journal of Tourism Anthropology, Journal of Tourism and Culture Change should more cited in the paper.

Answer: Already at the reference

## Reviewer B Comments:

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Suggestions which would improve the quality of the paper but are not essential for publication:

the author is advised to add recent citations from (2018 onwards)

Page five last para, kindly highlight the objective of the study again before the methodology section

The interview protocol was used to validate the interview questions. Well done! Overall it's an interesting study.

Changes which must be made before publication:

Methodology

Data Collection:

Citation needed to support interview with secondary data. -refer to this section, last para.

In research, bias takes place when regular or common errors are introduced in selecting sampling or testing by supporting particular results or outcome. Selection of samples occurs when the presence of observations in the sample depends on the value of the variable of interest >>> advise researcher to include technique used to avoid bias.

Answer: To prevent bias, this study focuses on themes derived from a variety of data sources or participant perspectives. This procedure is intended to add facts and strengthen the research's credibility (Shaw and Satalkar, 2018). Checking a variety of data from various sources will reduce errors and transform the data into meaningful information. The purpose of this procedure is to eliminate bias, as suspected by positivists. Bias is a significant issue in qualitative research. This is due to the fact that the researcher is "required" to participate alongside the participants. Thus, participation is viewed as raising questions.

Data analysis:

Any tool used to analyze the data? Atlas ti or NVIVO for instance

Answer: We use manual coding and thematic analysis

Replace "we" with "The present study" or This research or The article

Answer: done, thank you

Page 5 - Therefore, the next section describes planning for

customary ecotourism and how it is designed to be inclusive planning - >> This is not clear, it is advisable if the researcher to delete this line & replace it with expectation in the methodology section.

(NGO) - use of abbreviations should be in long-form eg:- Non-Governmental Organization NGO -first time mentioned.

Answer: done, thank you

There are approximately 22 uses of "can" in the text. delete and replace with other suitable worlds such as able to. Avoid using can, could, might - it sounds unsure Table 1: Who are the representatives of local agencies, what are their position, also support why these people chose to be part of the present study.

Answer: done, thank you

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#### Reviewer C Comments:

Suggestions which would improve the quality of the paper but are not essential for publication:

This paper mainly discusses the complexity of Indigenous knowledge and sustainable Ecotourism planning. The research direction is relatively new. In this research, semi-structured interviews are used. If the analysis and display of data in the paper are not enough, professional reader will not fully believe your conclusions and analysis, so it is necessary to refine the interview content and put representative content into the text for analysis. In addition, the introduction of sustainable ecotourism planning in this region is insufficient, and more content needs to be added

Answer: Done, thank you, marked yellow

The place of the interview and whether the interviewer should be introduced here. Generally speaking, the semi-structured interview of the interviewer is very important, which is directly related to the correctness and credibility of the content obtained? Answer: Done, thank you, marked yellow

Where is the data? The analysis results should be introduced in this chapter? What are the specific roles of indigenous knowledge in the development of sustainable tourism? Their specific attitudes towards sustainable tourism planning? Opposition or support? This subsection should have the analysis process and results of the relevant data

Answer: Done, thank you, marked yellow

Data from NGO or government of the local tourism planning,I have not seen in the article, since this article topic is to discuss indigenous knowledge and sustainable tourism planning, so for local sustainable tourism planning is essential, and under the tourism planning of the indigenous community participation or the evolution of indigenous knowledge by the ecotoursim development is better to be seen in here in which that also have the support of the relevant data

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