TALISE VILLAGE

OUTLINE

Talise is an island community on the northern tip of the Minahasa peninsula in the Likupang subdistrict. It is two and-a-half hours from the provincial capital of Manado, first by road to Likupang and then by boat one hour to Talise.

COASTAL ENVIRONMENT

Talise has two hamlets on Talise Island and one hamlet on Kinabuhutan Island (east of Talise). It has hilly areas covered in tropical rainforest, which are inhabited by Sulawesi’s unique wildlife. White sand beaches line the coast, bordered by mangroves, wild scrubland and fringing reefs.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

The community generally relies on ocean harvest, especially fish. Villagers catch fish with several types of gear include gillnets (paka-paka, landra, rarape and bodo), seine nets (tagaho and soma giop), bag net and lift net (bagan). Spear guns, traps and gleaning are also used. Some villagers supplement their livelihoods with basic crops such as sweet potatoes, corn and bananas while others work as coconut tree climbers or coconut processors. Some of the villagers are government employees and some work for the pearl oyster farm (the pearl farming has a 400-hectare concession, including sites within territorial waters) The existence of several skilled boat makers, handicraft makers and carpenters show that many residents are skilled in woodworking.

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The management issues that are evident in Talise include: utilization conflicts between the pearl farm and traditional fishing areas. Unsustainable use of forestry resources partly due to limited fishing grounds forcing the community to use the forest and hunt for endangered species for alternative income.

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According to issue identification by the communities which are incorporated in the village profile, coastal management issues in Talise include, land ownership, utilization conflict, forest degradation, degradation of
endangered species (turtles, dugongs, monkeys, deer and maleo bird), beach erosion, lack of clean water supply especially in Kinabuhutan, garbage and village sanitation, education, coral and mangrove destruction. The question of tourism as a possibility on this island has also been raised.

Project Activities Since 1997

North Sulawesi Proyek Pesisir since 1997 in cooperation with the local villagers have conducted a series of activities to maintain and improve the environment and coastal resources conditions and to improve the communities standard of living. Activities have been as follows:

• Approval of a Development and Coastal Resources Management Plan by the communities and local government (Village, Sub District and Regent) on November 9, 1999
• Establishing a marine sanctuary
• Published coastal profile
• Flood dike built in Kinabuhutan
• Core group, coral reef monitoring and beach profiling groups formed and trained
• Technical studies for several management issues such as forest and endangered species preservation conducted

Priorities and Expectation in Year 4

Focus activities in year 4 (2000-2001) will be to foster implementation of the management plan and continued development of the marine sanctuary established in year 3 and to strengthen the Management Body to implement and monitoring-evaluation of the plan and marine sanctuary.

Therefore the main activities will be:

• Implementation of Village Development and Coastal Resources Management Plan
• Implementation of marine sanctuary
• Development of local ordinance
• Development of community-based ecotourism plan
• Continuation of agroforestry program and development of supplemental livelihoods
• Development and strengthening of management body for the management plan and marine sanctuary.

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