Environmental Education Derived from the Philosophical Values of the Baduy Tribe in Environmental Preservation

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Abstract

Indonesia is a country rich in culture, this can be seen from the local wisdom, traditions, and knowledge present in each location. Local wisdom and diverse values serve as the foundation for governing the conduct and principles of community members. This study will examine the indigenous wisdom of the Baduy tribe in Indonesia. This research approach is a form of qualitative research that involves a literature review. The issues addressed in this study are: 1) How does the Baduy tribe view the environment?, 2) How does the Baduy tribe manage the environment?. The results are 1) The Baduy people are of the view that changes to the shape of the environment will threaten their livelihood, leading to starvation and devastation. 2) The Baduy people reject development assistance from any entity that may jeopardize their environmental integrity or social structure. Furthermore, they persistently advocate for local and national governments to designate their region as a protected area, thereby imposing restrictions on individuals from outside Baduy. The Baduy tribe is a real example of how humans can live in harmony with nature. What the Baduy people do should be an example for modern society which is often too consumptive and destroys nature for short-term gains. From their local wisdom, we learn that living simply, taking enough from nature, and respecting the balance of ecosystems is the key to the sustainability of life on earth.

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