

# **ECONOMIC COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT BASED ON MANGROVE FOREST CONSERVATION IN EAST LAMPUNG**

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## **Abstract**

The economic empowerment of rural community surrounding mangrove should consider 4 main aspects: mangrove forest ecosystem conservation, community business' techno-economic, community organization and institution, and infrastructure aspects. Economic community empowerment can develop along with the conservation of mangrove forest from damage through mangrove forest-based business or utilizing mangrove forest potency itself.

The objective of research was to find the attempts that can empower the community economy based on mangrove forest conservation. The research method employed was qualitative one and the data was elaborated descriptively. This study also conducted action research to examine the business opportunity that could be developed by the people surrounding mangrove forest and to find out the community's ability of managing the business.

The result of research found that the rural community economic empowerment based on mangrove forest could be done through duck breeding, *terasi* (condiment) production, honey bee breeding, mangrove crab, and non-wood mangrove forest produces including syrup made of *pidada* tree fruit.

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