

SUSTAINABLE COASTAL AND SMALL ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT: A PERSPECTIVE FOR COASTAL TOURISM IN INDONESIA

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Indonesian Archipelago has the key characteristics of a country with long coastline and thousands small islands with diverse coastal and marine resources and long maritime history and culture as well. Natural and cultural resource potential in the coastal and small island areas in Indonesia can potentially be developed into resource-based economic activity such as tourism and fisheries. The opportunities and challenges of coastal and small islands development in Indonesia are applying the principles of sustainable development that can provide optimum benefits for the communities while minimizing undesirable ecological and socio-economic impacts to the coastal and small islands resources. Increasing environmental degradation in coastal and small islands due to natural and anthropogenic factors presents threats to the sustainability of coastal and small island resources. The climate change phenomena further increase the threat to coastal and small island areas. Therefore, more concern is needed for the development and management of coastal and small island areas in Indonesia to ensure its sustainability and to appropriately use its potentials. This paper will first explain a general overview of coastal and small island areas in Indonesia and their resource potential in the context of coastal tourism development. The authors then look at the strategy of coastal and small islands development and the management policy of coastal and small island areas in Indonesia. This paper will conclude by discussing ecosystem approach for coastal and small islands management in as a perspective for coastal tourism planning and development in Indonesia.