## Research Article

## Management policy of the Daab Natural Conservation Area in Maluku Tenggara Regency, Maluku Province

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## **ABSTRACT**

Maluku is one of the areas in eastern Indonesia with various habitats to its condition as a group of islands. One notable feature of the region is the Daab Nature Reserve is located in Southeast Maluku Regency of 14,218 hectares. According to the Decree of the Minister of Forestry No. 836/Kpts-II/1993 dated December 23, 1993, the reserve has been designated as a conservation area. This is due to its unique components, including plants, animals, the environment, and ecosystems. Therefore, this study aims to determine the stakeholders' potential in managing the Daab Nature Reserve and formulate a sustainability policy. The data obtained were analyzed using the Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP). The results showed that the alternative management policies included comanagement (44.7%), capacity building (40.4%), and community participation (14.9%).

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