
Productive Waqf Management Model for Conservation Forest Based on Community Development

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Abstract

This research aims to develop a productive waqf management model in conservation forest areas with a community development approach in order to create a sustainable system with socio-economic impacts for the community. This study is a cross-disciplinary collaboration at the Faculty of Economics and Business, UNNES, involving academics from various disciplines and supported by partners such as the Forestry Service and the Indonesian Waqf Board. The research adopted mixed-methods with data collection techniques in the form of surveys, in-depth interviews, and case studies. The expected result is the development of an integrative model that is able to optimize the utilization of productive waqf for environmental conservation and community empowerment simultaneously, in line with the principles of Islamic economics and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 15 (Terrestrial Ecosystems). Preliminary findings show that productive waqf schemes have the potential to support forest conservation if managed professionally and participatively. The community development model is a strategic approach in increasing community involvement, strengthening nazir capacity, and creating sustainable economic and social impacts. This research also offers a novelty in the waqf management literature in Indonesia, by presenting waqf-based solutions to environmental conservation challenges.

Keywords

Productive Waqf, Forest Conservation, Community Development, SDGs, Sharia Economics.
