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BAMETI THE LUANG ISLAND COMMUNITY'S TRADITION THE STUDY OF THE WOMEN'S ROLE IN PRESERVING THE LOCAL WISDOM

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Abstract

In social life, men and women have different gender roles. Men are considered to be superior so that they play more roles, especially as breadwinners, while women are considered more suitable to play the role as household regulators. In the paternalistic tradition of the people in Babar Island community, especially in Luang, the Southwest Maluku District, the difference of roles in managing households are also apparent. Men who are considered superior do fishing and archery fish in the deep sea in order to meet household needs. On the other hand, women, in addition to preparing supplies and caring for children, also look for seafood through *Bameti*, to support their daily needs. This study aims to determine whether the meaning of this local wisdom is still maintained or has been shifted in line with the changes of the people's lifestyles due to the effect of the globalization. The used method in this study is qualitative research with a phenomenological approach. According to Creswell's opinion this research describes respondents' experiences and opinions about *Bameti*. The findings of the study indicate that the role of partnership through *Bameti* is still maintained just because it contains the meaning of equality of role in paternalistic Luang society. On the other hand, it also provides value for the involvement of the women in managing and conserving marine natural resources.

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