Management Effectiveness of Sebesi Island Marine Sanctuary

Sebesi Island is a small island, located between Java and Sumatera. The island has an area of approximately 2,620 ha with a coastline of 19.55 km. Sebesi Island has a tropical marine ecosystem, consisting of mangrove forests, sea grass and coral reefs. The previously excellent condition of its ecosystem had led to excessive and uncontrolled exploitation of the marine resources by the communities of Sebesi Island and surrounding islands. In these circumstances, the Lampung Coastal Project (Proyek Pesisir Lampung) proposed a programme to the local people to protect and utilise the coral reef ecosystem in a sustainable manner. In February 2002, the Sebesi Island Marine Sanctuary (SIMS) was established, based on an agreement with the community. SIMS was authorised by the Decree of the Head of Tejiang Village, Sebesi Island No. 140/02/KD-TPS/16.01/I/2002 on the Regulations for the Marine Sanctuary, signed by the Village Head, and also approved by the Tejiang Village Representative Council.

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