

## **ABSTRACT**

KRIS EGAWATI. 2023. ***ETHNOCONSERVATION STUDY OF JAVAN SLOW LORIS (*Nycticebus javanicus*) IN THE BUFFER AREA MOUNT SAWAL WILDLIFE RESERVE CIAMIS REGENCY AS A SUPLEMENT TEACHING MATERIALS***. Biology Education Department, Faculty of Science and Teacher's Training, Siliwangi University of Tasikmalaya.

*The javan slow loris is one of the protected animals because its conservation status is threatened with extinction. This animal can be found in the Gunung Sawal Wildlife Reserve. Therefore, there is a need for conservation efforts to be carried out by various parties, one of which is the SMGS supporting community. The research was conducted to determine ethnoconservation efforts of the javan slow loris in the SMGS buffer area. The research method used is qualitative case study. Data collection techniques through semi-structured interviews, observation and documentation. Sampling used the snowball sampling technique but was selected purposively from key informants. Key informants are village officials, village heads, RW, RT, MMP, Gunung Sawal caretakers, and the community (adults and teenagers/students). Furthermore, there are additional informants, namely BKSDA Ciamis staff, SMGS Resort staff, and YIARI staff as data complements. The research was carried out in November 2022 – December 2023 in the villages of Nasol, Pasirtamiang, Sukamanah, Budiasih, Darmacaang, Sukawening, and Kertamandala. The results of the research show that people know the javan slow loris as “muka”. The people who know about this animal are the people of the buffer village which is used as a release location and often carry out activities in the gardens. Meanwhile, people who are not active in the garden, teenagers/students, and people in buffer villages that are not used as release locations are less aware or even unaware. Because people know about its protection status and believe in the myth that disturbing, taking and keeping javan slow loris can cause bad luck and disaster, so people don't dare disturb it. The conclusion of this research is that the knowledge and awareness of buffer village communities regarding these animals is increasing because if they find these animals, they will only leave them alone, take them to the forest, or report them to the BKSDA. This is an ethnoconservation effort by the SMGS supporting community for these animals. Slow loris handed over to the community will be handled by YIARI through a rescue, rehabilitation and release process. The results of this research were collected in the form of supplementary teaching materials (digital books/e-books) for fourth grade SD/MI students, especially those in the SMGS buffer area.*

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