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Curriculum Vitae

Darmanto was born in Lamongan, a small district in East Java on 21 April 1980. He attended Public Secondary School in a small town of Babat and graduated in 1998. He then studied at Faculty of Biology, Gadjah Mada University (Yogyakarta) and received a B.Sc. in Conservation Biology in 2005. He earned a postgraduate diploma in Asian Studies Department and MA in Environmental Anthropology at Murdoch University (Australia) in 2016. He has been researching and working with the Mentawaians on Siberut Island for almost two decades. His engagement with the Mentawaians begun since he researched ecological aspects of Mentawaiian shifting cultivation in 2003 for his undergraduate thesis. The thesis won the Man and Biosphere (MaB) Award for young researchers and environmentalists and earned him a job for UNESCO Jakarta Office's Siberut Biosphere Project (2006-2011). During his years in Siberut, he established Perkumpulan Siberut Hijau (PASIH), a Siberut-based environmental NGO, and coordinated it for the periods of 2006 to 2008. The result of a long engagement with Siberut, he published a book entitled "*Berebut Hutan Siberut: Orang Mentawai, Kekuasaan dan Politik Ekologi*" (KPG, 2012). In the same year he produced the first major publication about Siberut, he secured a scholarship from the Australian Award Scholarship (AAS) and the Louwes Fund for Research on Water and Food through Leiden University and pursued Master degree at Murdoch University and Ph.D. research at the Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Leiden University respectively. Both the scholarships provided fund for this dissertation. Darmanto scholarly trajectory is broadly situated in the human dimensions of environmental transformation. In particular, he is specialized in the multidisciplinary study of food, nature conservation, indigeneity, and development. His other research interests include property relations, agrarian transition, and social transformation in the upland setting. Beyond research and academic-related activities, he has been engaged with social movements for agrarian and environmental justice in Indonesia and has had a significant amount of experience working in various international development projects. He is also interested in the socio-politic aspects of football, the sport that he loves to play and watch.