

## **Work transformation from fisherman to homestay tourism entrepreneur: A study in Mantanani Island Kota Belud, Sabah, East Malaysia**

### **Abstract**

Most of the residents in Mantanani Island are from the Bajau Ubian ethnic group, where they work as a fisherman in the coast. The total population of this group here is 800 people. However, the future of the community and its fishing activities, which were bright once, is now presently unhappy due to illegal practices like fish-bombing that has caused serious depletion of the coral reefs, aquatic life and marine resources around the Mantanani Island.