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## Chalenges to develop small islands tourism in Indonesia

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**Abstrak** 

## <b>ABSTRAK</b>

The Indonesian government places the tourism industry as one of the five priority development sectors. it has proven by the foreign exchange earnings of this sector. If in 2015 this sector was ranked fourth under the oil & gas, coal, and crude palm oil wih a value of approximately 11 USD billion, then from 2018 to 2019 was ranked first with the foreign exchange value of around 20 USD billion. Indonesia consist of 17,000 large and small island, located at coordinates 6 N - 11 08 LS and from 95 BT - 141 45 BT. With these conditions, the choice of small islands to be tourist destinations. This study aims to determine consumer perceptions and assessment of tourism objects, ass well as from stakeholders, and provide strategic recomendations for the development of the island tourism. the reseach method used is a qualitative and descriptive method, trough focus group discussions, interview, and in-depth discussion with various stakeholders as well as distributed questionnaires to respondent who visited and stayed at the tourist destination. Four of the islands tourist sites studied were the anambas Island in Kepulauan Riau Province, ora Beach in Maluku Province, Wakatobi Island in Shoutheast Sulawesi Province, and the Banyuwangis Red Islad in East Java Province. The selection of these four destinations because the locagtions have a far-reaching or remote character and highlight the islands tourism are the accesbility to tourist destinations to be able to show differences and advantages in each tourist destination. Government support plays a critical role in building tourism destinations, both through policies and rules, as well as infrastructure fulfillment.