Hulled Rice as a Food Source in the Context of Local Wisdom (Strengthen Efforts of Household Food Security) at Yamdena Island, South-east West Maluku

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Abstract

The objective of this study was to explore the local culture of Yamdena community in relation to household food security. This study may improve the understanding of food security comprehensively and discovers old or new patterns that can be developed in accordance to local culture in the creating of food self-sufficiency. A qualitative descriptive method was used by using a focus group discussion to explore issues that reveal field real condition. Primer and secondary data were collected from 5 sample villages in MTB regency such as Wowonda, Kandar, Adaut, Witidal, and Wunlah. The results of this study showed that: 1) traditional agricultural practices are strongly attached to Yamdena people’s live. 2) Paddy plant has a sacred value because it deals with the philosophy that it is the mother of all plants, 3) because of this philosophy, paddy can be cultivated widely to meet the food requirements, 4) local paddy production could be increased by the application of excellent paddy varieties, planting area expansion, cultivation technology, and postharvest activity, 5) the achievement of targeted government programs can be accelerated by the application of positive local wisdom.

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