

Folklore, Nutmeg, and Tapak Tuan

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Introduction and Literature Review

This study aims to examine the relationship between folklore, nutmeg, and the Tapak Tuan community.

Nutmeg is one of the main commodities in the Tapak Tuan area.

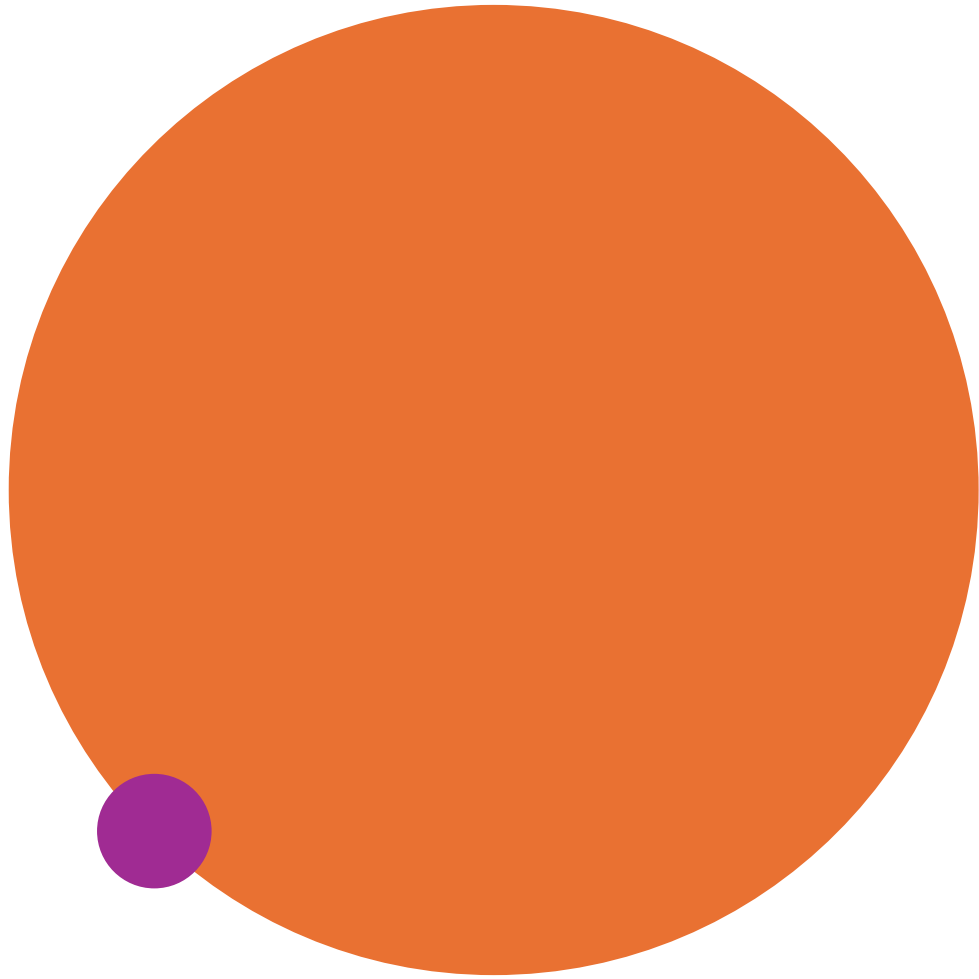
However, currently nutmeg production has decreased due to pests.

The community in
Tapak Tuan can no
longer enjoy the
abundant nutmeg
harvest

However, nutmeg
remains an icon for
the city.


Several studies concerning nutmeg in South Aceh

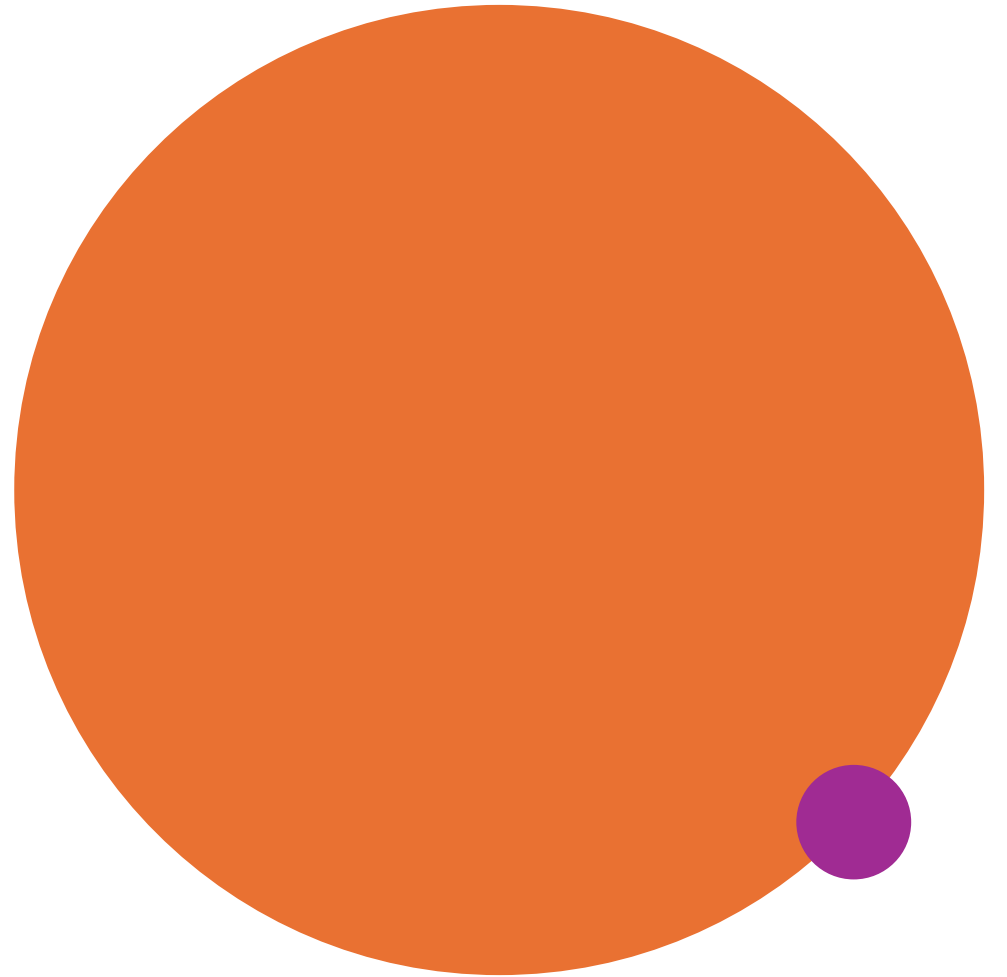
in South Aceh is not related to folklore. The existing research is related to strategies to develop nutmeg farming and evaluates the suitability of land for nutmeg cultivation in the Tapaktuan subdistrict, where nutmeg is an important commodity (Syarmudi & Sofyan, 2019); the importance of nutmeg as a commodity in South Aceh, including its uses, industries, and international demand (T. Ulfah, H.H. Hardjomidjodjo, E. Anggraeni, 2020); the marketing efficiency and added value of nutmeg processing in the Tapak Tuan community (Mayhilda Nitami, Anna Fariyanti, R.W. Asmarantaka, 2022).



- Some of these studies does not address the relationship between folklore, nutmeg, and the community.



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- Therefore, this study tries to answer the question of how and what the meaning of nutmeg is for the community in the city of Tapak Tuan when nutmeg is no longer their main commodity.



Method

The research method used is the ethnographic method.

Finding & Discussion

- The results of this study indicate that nutmeg remains important to the community.
- Some farmers still continue to plant nutmeg.
- The decline in nutmeg production in the community is believed by most people to be caused by arrogance.
- Several stories obtained show this.

Conclusion

Several folklore stories illustrate that nutmeg was indeed a primary commodity for the community. The nutmeg crops in Tapak Tuan were then attacked by pests, and according to several folklore stories, this was believed to be due to the community's arrogance.

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