# AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF SUKABUMI REGENCY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF UNESCO PALABUHANRATU CILETUH GEOPARK BASED ON PRESIDENTIAL REGULATION NUMBER 9 OF 2019 CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT UNESCO (GEOPARK)

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#### Abstract:

Presidential Regulation Number 9 of 2019 concerning the Development of a UNESCO Earth Park gives authority to the Sukabumi district government to manage the UNESCO Ciletuh Geopark Palabuhanratu. The Geopark is a geological conservation area with high biodiversity and is part of the UNESCO Global Geopark network. The government of Sukabumi district is responsible for the management and maintenance of Ciletuh Geopark according to the principles of sustainability and conservation. In addition, the district government also plays a role in the development of sustainable tourism in the area by taking into account aspects of environmental conservation and economic sustainability of the local community. In exercising this authority, the government of Sukabumi district needs to coordinate with relevant agencies and conduct regular monitoring and evaluation to ensure that the management of Ciletuh Geopark UNESCO Palabuhanratu is in accordance with the principles of sustainability and conservation.

Keywords: Ciletuh Geopark, UNESCO, UGG.INTRODUCTION

Indonesia is a country that has quite a lot of various tourist attractions. Even with Indonesian tourism becoming famous in the eyes of the international world. Then tourism also has a very important role in supporting the Indonesian economy. Lots of people have been assisted in meeting the needs of their families obtained from jobs available in tourism places. Tourism can also be said to be one of the sustainable development sectors that has been planned by the government, where this is in line with the national development goals themselves, and also cannot be separated, in the understanding of tourism which is multi-sectoral in nature.

The development of the Geopark area is in line with the active development of ecotourism which contributes to natural and cultural conservation activities, which involves local communities in tourism development planning and management and makes a very positive contribution to the welfare of the community, and is carried out in the form of independent tourism or organizations in the form of groups. small (UNEP, 2000, Heher, 2003). Based on the explanation above, the authority and participation of the Sukabumi Regional Government in regulating, managing and protecting as well as creating a legal basis as a legal umbrella for structuring the Ciletuh National geotourism area to become a UNESCO global geopark is very important because it is a holistic concept of authority and participation.

Local Government of Sukabumi Regency, in order to create protection, education and sustainable development, as well as empowerment of local communities. The Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu Geopark is officially designated as part of the world geopark network or Unesco Global Geopark (UGG) of course this is a new history of the Ciletuh-Sukabumi Geopark Region", (Vol. for the world of tourism in West Java. The process of establishing the Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu Geopark as a UNESCO global geopark network (UGG) is fast, and usually takes ten years after the establishment of a national geopark. Through the Decree of the Indonesian National Commission for UNESCO on June 21, 2016. The Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu Geopark covers eight sub-districts in the Sukabumi Regency area, namely Cisolok, Cikakak, Palabuhanratu, Simpenan, Ciemas, Waluran, Ciracap and Surade Districts, with an area of 126 thousand ha or 30.3% of the total area of Sukabumi Regency. The definition of Geopark (earth park) itself is a single or combined geographic area that has geological heritage sites (geosite), and valuable natural landscapes, related to geological heritage assets (geoheritage), geodiversity, biodiversity, and cultural diversity (cultural diversity), and managed for the purposes of conservation, education and community economic development in a sustainable manner with the active involvement of the community and local government, so that it can be used to foster public understanding and concern for the earth and the surrounding environment.

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To make this happen, the construction and development of Ciletuh Geopark tourism certainly needs the support of infrastructure, facilities, regulations or rules, government policies and community empowerment programs. Geopark has the motto "Glorifying the Earth, Prospering the Community". Based on the explanation above, the authority and participation of the Local Government of Sukabumi Regency in regulating, managing and protecting as well as creating a legal basis as a legal umbrella for structuring the Ciletuh National Geopark geotourism area to become a UNESCO global geopark is very important because it is a holistic concept of authority and role. as well as the Local Government of Sukabumi, in order to create protection, education and sustainable development, as well as empowerment of local communities.

#### RESEARCH METHODS

The nature of the research in writing this law is analytical descriptive, meaning that the discussion is carried out by presenting and explaining (explaining) the data in a complete, detailed and systematic manner, then the data is analyzed using theories in legal science, especially laws and regulations, relating to Presidential Regulation Number 9 of 2019 concerning the Development of Geopark Earth Parks associated with the authority of the local government of Sukabumi Regency for the management of the Ciletuh Palabuhanratu National Geotourism strategic area. The type of research used is normative juridical research, in which legal research is carried out by conducting research on library materials which are the basic material for research, and also conducting searches of legislation and literature related to the problems studied. This study uses document studies or legal elements in the form of presidential regulations, applicable laws, or opinions of experts known as secondary data.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Authority of the Local Government of Sukabumi Regency in Regulating, Managing and Protecting the Ciletuh Palabuhanratu Geopark. Sukabumi Regency has geological and tourism potential with rock groups that have unique, rare, diverse and aesthetic values that can create tourist attractions so that they need to be managed in an integrated and coordinated manner in development, management and preservation efforts in the Ciletuh Geopark Area. The development of the Ciletuh area is mandated by West Java regional regulation No. 2 of 2002 concerning Geological Environmental Protection, namely to protect geological protected areas in West Java, including one of which is the Ciletuh Area.

The Ciletuh Geopark Area as referred to in this Regent's Decree is a Geological Protected Area so that the legal consequences of the issuance of this Regent's Decree the financing required for the protection and development of the Ciletuh Geopark Area is borne by the Regional Revenue and Expenditure Budget (APBD) and the National Budget (APBN) as well other parties that are not binding in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The participation of the local community in terms of preservation, namely being given the authority to manage geological, cultural and biological sites, will continue to maintain the attractiveness of the object and protect it from damage and decline in quality because their economy will depend on the object. The greater the dependency, the more tourism and conservation awareness will grow among the community in terms of managing each site.

The West Java Provincial Government has duties and responsibilities in managing the geopark area as a geotourism area, this can be seen in West Java Governor Regulation Number: 20 of 2016 concerning the Ciletuh National Geopark Area Management Agency in the Sukabumi Regency area with the main tasks and functions as listed in Article (6) it is very clear that the role and authority of the West Java Provincial Government is dominant in developing the Ciletuh -Palabuhanratu National Geopark Area. The authorities of the Regency and City Regional Governments are as follows: Development planning and control, planning, utilization, and spatial supervision, one of which is the provision of public facilities and infrastructure, related to the authority and role of the Sukabumi Regional Government in managing the geotourism area of the Ciletuh National Geopark District The most prominent of Sukabumi is the master plan in planning for the development and development of the Ciletuh Geopark Area in accordance with the Regional Regulation of Sukabumi Regency Number: 22 of 2012 concerning Spatial Plans for the Sukabumi Regency Area of 2012 - 2032. In the Law of the Republic of Indonesia No.32 of 2009 concerning Environmental Protection and Management Chapter I General Provisions Article (1) point 2 explained Environmental Protection and Management are systematic and integrated efforts made to preserve environmental functions and prevent environmental pollution/damage which includes planning, utilization, control, maintenance, supervision and law enforcement. Apart from the provisions of the Law of the Republic of Indonesia No.32 of 2009 Chapter I General Provisions Article (1) point 2 above, legal protection for Geoparks or Earth Parks can be seen in the rules which contain legal norms that must be obeyed and carried out by all Indonesian people, made by the regional government and the central government, and preventive legal protection (prevention) can novateurpublication.com

encourage the government to be careful in making decisions related to the principle of freies ermessen (principle of freedom of action), and responsibilities in managing the geopark area as a geotourism area, this can be seen in West Java Governor Regulation Number 20 of 2016 concerning the Ciletuh National Geopark Area Management Agency in the Sukabumi Regency area with the main tasks and functions as stated in Article (6) it seems very clear the dominant role and authority of the West Java Provincial Government in developing the Ciletuh-Palabauhanrat National Geopark Area and also in addition to forming the Ciletuh National Geopark Area Management Agency to ensure that the National Geopark Area Management Agency is running well, the Governor of West Java Province also issued several strategic and potential decisions which of them are: Decree of the Governor of West Java Number; 556.05/kep1288-Rek/2015 Concerning the Ciletuh Geopark Area Coordination Team in the Sukabumi Regency Area; Decree of the Governor of West Java Number; 556.05/kep- 1289- Rek/2015 Concerning the Operational Team for the Acceleration of the Development of the Ciletuh Area in the Sukabumi Regency to Become a Geopark Area; Governor of West Java Decree Number; 556. /Kep-456-Rek/2016 Concerning Composit Concerning the Personnel Structure of the Ciletuh Geopark National Area Management Body in the Sukabumi Regency Area. By increasing the facilities and infrastructure as well as the carrying capacity for the continuity of ciletuh geotourism, the Sukabumi Regional Government has issued a Regional Regulation of Sukabumi Regency Number 7 of 2018 concerning Retribution for Recreation and Sports Places. This regional regulation is focused on managing tourist destinations with various kinds of tourism activities and is supported by various facilities and services provided by the community, authorities, government and local government, in the form of recreational area fees and sports venue fees which are implicitly and definitively and can be accounted for.

The development of Ciletuh Geotourism is inseparable from the Regional Regulation of Sukabumi Regency Number 22 of 2012 concerning Spatial Plans for the Sukabumi Regency 2012-2032 which in order to realize integrated development between sectors, between regions and between actors in the use of space in Sukabumi Regency is required spatial planning arrangements in a harmonious, harmonious, balanced, efficient, effective, cultured and sustainable manner to improve the welfare of a just society. To accommodate the dynamics of rapidly growing development developments in Sukabumi Regency and to ensure integration and harmony between the spatial plans for the Sukabumi Regency area and the spatial plans for the West Java province and the national area, synchronization of the Sukabumi district spatial plans is required. Then through the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 10 of 2010 concerning the Regional Tourism Development Master Plan (Ripparda). Most of the Ciletuh National Geotourism is in a Protected Area so that the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 2 of 2006 concerning Protected Area Management is needed. Protected area is part of the spatial area of West Java province which is a gift from God Almighty which has significance for life as a whole, includes ecosystems and diversity, to increase the carrying capacity and capacity of the environment, the benefits of natural resources and historical and cultural values in a sustainable manner. The sustainable development policies that will be stipulated by the Geopark management agency in relation to the implementation of geo-heritage, geo-education and geotorusim include: Protection of geological sites through the Decree of the Regent and the Geological Nature Reserve Area (KCAG) from the Geology Agency, Implementation of the results of the Area delineation Geopark which distinguishes between the core zone as a conservation zone and specifically its designation for limited research and tourism and a buffer zone which is developed to become a center for tourism development. Geopark development will only be successful if the program is supported by the local community. Geoparks also do not limit economic activities that are currently taking place within their area, namely as long as these activities are carried out in accordance with local, regional and national regulations. Obstacles Faced by the Government of Sukabumi Regency in the Implementation of UNESCO's Ciletuh Palabuhanratu Geopark Management After the Ciletuh National Geopark has received the UGG title, or as part of the world Geopark or Unesco Global Geopark, the Regional Government of West Java and the Government of Sukabumi Regency have had problems managing and even developing the Ciletuh Palabuhanratu National Geopark. The first is regarding the main duties of world parks and tourism, which in managing the Geopark itself the Regional Government is trapped in regulations and policies that are not synchronized made by several stakeholders, for example the Geopark is interpreted as a purely geological realm, in this case it is the authority of the minister of minerals while Tourism it is more to the Ministry of Tourism, apart from different main tasks and functions. even though if we take them both have or are in one area, it's just that for an Earth Park or Geopark, conservation, education and community empowerment are needed.

Apart from that, the most basic constraints of the Sukabumi Regency Government in Managing Geotourism Geopark are that funds must wait for approval from the West Java Provincial Government and the lack of freedom for the Sukabumi Regency Government to manage the Geopark. To minimize the obstacles that occur in the development of the Ciletuh Geopark, it requires a high level of commitment from each agency involved in its development. The government, novateurpublication.com

community and private sector must work together in the Ciletuh Geopark development strategy.

Based on the elaboration that has been explained above, Sukabumi Regency has geological and tourism potential with rock groups which have their own unique values that can generate and attract tourist attractions so that they need to be managed in a guided and coordinated manner in efforts to develop, manage and preserve the Ciletuh Geopark Area with how to improve facilities and infrastructure which can support the continuity of Ciletuh geotourism which is in accordance with Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 7 of 2018 Concerning Retribution for Recreation and Sports Places. With the existence of a sustainable development policy which will be stipulated by the Geopark management agency related to the implementation of geo-heritage, geoeducation and geotorusim which includes protection of geological sites through a Regent's Decree and also a Geological Nature Reserve Area. The success of Geopark development will only be successful if the program is supported by the local community. In addition, the most basic constraints of the Sukabumi Regency Government in Managing Geotourism Geopark are that funds must wait for approval from the West Java Provincial Government and the lack of freedom for the Sukabumi Regency Government to manage the Geeopark. In closing this paper, the findings that the author obtained and are no less important are from an agrarian/landscape perspective and customary/community land ownership and the interests of the local government in developing the area, namely land ownership or natural landscapes of earth parks or geoparks, some of which are still controlled by local residents so that in managing geoparks there must be exemptions that spend large funds, where the land is said to be productive, as well as the knowledge of the local community that is still minimal about Geoparks so that the people are not yet aware of the importance of conserving the natural park or the Geopark itself. In connection with the explanation and answers regarding the authority of the local government of Sukabumi Regency for the management of Ciletuh Geopark unseco, the author provides an analysis based on the following theory based on the Theory of Government Authority that Ciletuh Geopark is one of the conservation areas regulated in Law Number 5 of 1990 concerning Conservation Natural Resources and their Ecosystems. Under this law, the government has the authority to manage conservation areas, including Ciletuh Geopark. In addition, government authority regarding the management of Ciletuh Geopark is also regulated in Government Regulation Number 45 of 2011 concerning Implementation of Law Number 5 of 1990 concerning Conservation of Biological Natural Resources and their Ecosystems.

This regulation confirms that local governments have the authority to carry out conservation area management, including Ciletuh Geopark. In managing Ciletuh Geopark, the government must also pay attention to the principles of conservation and sustainable development. This is regulated in Government Regulation Number 10 of 2011 concerning Nature Conservation and Its Ecosystems. The government must also involve the community in managing Ciletuh Geopark, including in the decision-making process regarding the management of the area. In addition, the government can also involve various parties, both private and foreign parties, in the management of Ciletuh Geopark. However, this must be done by taking into account the principles of conservation and sustainable development and coordinating with related parties, such as the Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu Geopark Area Management Agency (BPKGP).

In carrying out its authority, the government must also pay attention to regulations related to the management of conservation areas, such as Government Regulation Number 27 of 2012 concerning Environmental Permits. This aims to ensure that the management of Ciletuh Geopark is carried out by taking into account the related environmental and social aspects and then based on the Governance Theory, which is a process carried out by an organization or community to overcome problems that occur. Another definition of governance, namely the use of institutions, structures of authority and even collaboration to allocate data sources and coordinate or control activities in society or the economy. Based on governance theory, Ciletuh Geopark is a conservation area located in West Java Province, Indonesia. As a conservation area, the management of Ciletuh Geopark Geopark The government has the authority to set policies and strategies for managing Ciletuh Geopark. These policies and strategies may cover land use regulation, protection of natural resources, tourism development, and others. In Ciletuh Geopark governance, the government has the authority to regulate and supervise the management of the area. The government's authority in managing Ciletuh Geopark can be described as follows: Determination of Ciletuh management policies and strategies. licensing in the management of Ciletuh Geopark. These permits and licenses can include building permits, business permits, and so on. Supervision and control The government also has the authority to supervise and control the management of Ciletuh Geopark. This supervision and control can be carried out to ensure that the management of the area is in accordance with the established policies novateurpublication.com

and strategies. Law enforcement The government has the authority to enforce the law in the management of Ciletuh Geopark.

This can be done to ensure that the management of the area does not violate the regulations that have been set. In managing Ciletuh Geopark, government authority needs to be integrated with the involvement of various parties, such as the local community, environmental organizations and the private sector. Thus, the management of Ciletuh Geopark can be carried out effectively and sustainably.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the results of the research and discussion, it can be concluded that the authority which is the legal basis for the government of Sukabumi Regency in managing the Ciletuh Geopark Palabuhanratu area is as follows; Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 5 of 1990 concerning Conservation of Living Natural Resources and Their Ecosystems: This law provides a legal framework to protect, maintain and manage living natural resources, including geopark areas. The Sukabumi district government can use this legal basis to regulate and manage the Palabuhanratu Ciletuh Geopark Area. Government Regulation of the Republic of Indonesia Number 47 of 2011 concerning Management of National Geopark Areas: This regulation regulates the management of national geopark areas, including procedures for establishing, managing and supervising geopark areas. The Sukabumi district government can refer to this regulation to regulate the operations of the Ciletuh Geopark Palabuhanratu Area as a national geopark. Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation: The Sukabumi district government can issue regional regulations that specifically regulate the management and utilization of the Ciletuh Geopark Palabuhanratu Area. These regulations may cover spatial planning, environmental management, biodiversity protection, tourism development, and other related matters. The Sukabumi district government can refer to this decision as the legal basis for managing the geopark area. It is important for the Sukabumi district government to ensure that management activities for the Ciletuh Geopark Palabuhanratu Area are carried out in accordance with applicable regulations and involve various relevant stakeholders, including local communities, government agencies, and other related groups. Based on the results of this research and discussion, it can be concluded that the Sukabumi Regency Government may face several obstacles in managing the Ciletuh Geopark Palabuhanratu UNESCO Area. Some of the barriers that may be faced include: Limited Resources Sukabumi District Government may face limited human, financial, and technical resources to effectively manage and maintain geopark areas. These limited resources may affect their ability to optimally implement programs for maintaining, monitoring and developing geopark areas. Increasing community participation in managing geopark areas and promoting awareness of the natural and cultural diversity within them can be challenges that need to be overcome

### SUGGESTION

Based on the results of the research and discussion, suggestions can be drawn regarding the authority of the local government of Sukabumi Regency in managing the Ciletuh Geopark including the following; Management of natural resources where the local government of Sukabumi must have an important role in managing natural resources in the Ciletuh Palabuhanratu Geopark. This includes preserving ecosystems, controlling deforestation, protecting endangered species, and regulating sustainable agriculture, fishing and forestry activities. Public education and awareness is where the local government of Sukabumi district must play a role in increasing public awareness about the importance of maintaining and protecting the Ciletuh Palabuhanratu Geopark. Educational campaigns and training programs should be organized to promote a sound understanding of the geopark's geological, ecological and cultural value. Apart from that, education about sustainable practices and environmental protection should also be increased among the local population. Local governments must cooperate with various parties, such as related ministries, nongovernmental organizations, educational institutions, and local communities. This cooperation can include knowledge and experience exchange, project funding, environmentally friendly infrastructure development, and responsible tourism promotion. Monitoring and evaluation, namely where the local government needs to routinely monitor and evaluate the condition of the Ciletuh Palabuhanratu Geopark. This aims to ensure that the policies and actions taken have a positive impact and are appropriate. Based on the results of the research and discussion, it can be drawn regarding the obstacles in managing the Ciletuh Geopark Palabuhanratu UNESCO Area. Some of the obstacles that may be faced include the following; Lack of human and financial resources, one of the main obstacles, is the lack of adequate human and financial resources to manage the Ciletuh Geopark. To overcome this, local governments can forge partnerships with non-governmental organizations, educational institutions, and the private sector to obtain expert assistance and additional funding. Local governments can also propose a larger budget for geopark management and seek alternative funding sources such as grants, donations, or collaboration with private parties. The community's lack of understanding of the importance of the geopark area is where the lack of public awareness and understanding of the importance of the geopark area can be an obstacle in managing it. Local governments can increase education and awareness campaigns through educational programs, community activities, and social media. Involving local communities in decision-making and providing them with direct benefits from geoparks can also help increase their support and participation. The conflict of interest between the tourism sector and environmental preservation is where there is a potential conflict of interest between the tourism sector which wants to maximize tourist visits and efforts to preserve the environment in managing the Ciletuh Geopark. Local governments must ensure a balance is struck between responsible tourism development and environmental protection. This can be done by setting clear boundaries and regulations, carrying out strict monitoring of tourism activities, and involving relevant stakeholders in the decision-making process, Climate change and risk of natural disasters, namely where Sukabumi Regency is an area that is vulnerable to climate change and risks of natural disasters. This can be an obstacle in managing Ciletuh Geopark, Local governments need to integrate disaster mitigation and climate change adjustment in the geopark management plan. Improving early warning systems, building disaster response infrastructure, and educating the public about disaster mitigation measures are important steps that must be taken. Coordination between agencies and stakeholders, namely where the lack of coordination and collaboration between government agencies, stakeholders and local communities can hinder the management of Ciletuh Geopark.

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