#### WILDLIFE USE IN LAPUA COMMUNITY OF KAUREH, PAPUA

## PEMANFAATAN HASIL BURUAN OLEH MASYARAKAT DI KAMPUNG LAPUA KAUREH, PAPUA

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## **ABSTRACT**

A wildlife study to find out about hunting wildlife was taken in Lapua Community, Kaureh, Papua. Specific purpose of the research was to obtain the information about wildlife species hunted, hunting techniques, and utilizations of hunted animals by the community. The study was taken place in September-October 2015, used survey method with interview techniques. The study found out about 19 species of wildlife as common hunted species, which could be grouped into 31.58% protected by Indonesian Law, 52.63 % usually used for self-consumption, and 68.42 % were birds. People in Lapua have their own traditional wisdom in hunting activities, which they know as active hunting which consists of eyehunting (*Hwe*), hunting with dogs (*Seeht/kenang*), skilled hunting (*Mbree*), and imitate animal sounds (*Sukwe*), while in passive hunting (*Ptia*) they use foot snares, confinement and bird nets. Hunting equipments for the community's traditional hunting are spears (*Tumuayuja*), bows (*Dyi*) and arrow (*Sii*), rattan strings (*Wii*) and wood for mesh materials. The hunted animals are usually for self-consumption and to be raised up and for sale.

Key words: hunting, wildlife animals, traditional wisdom, Lapua Community, Papua

#### INTRODUCTION

Hunting wild animal becomes one inseparable activity from Papuan people's life. This activity has been going since former times in order to fulfill people needs on food, economic commodities, medicines and culture accessories. For Papuan people, the utilization type of wildlife usually depends on the type of hunted animals and their own traditional knowledge on hunting. Hunted animals are generally preferred for consumption (Pangau and Noske, 2010, Ivai et al., 2011, Pangau-Adam et al., 2012 and Keiluhu, 2013), or being sold to meet the family's economic needs (Pangau and Noske 2010, Pangau et al., 2012 and Keiluhu, 2013). The animals are also kept as a pet to be sold later when the hunter or owner needs money (Keiluhu, 2013). Hunted animals are valuable in cultural events because Papuan people use them as accessories (Kwapena 1984, Pattiselanno and Mentansan, 2010, Keiluhu, 2013).

Community of Lapua Village comprises of some indigenous tribes who live in the remote area in Jayapura Regency, Papua. This community mostly relies on shifting cultivation and poaching to fulfill their daily life's needs. Similar to communities in many other areas in Papua, the information about people's activities in utilize and consume wildlife resources is still insufficient. Hence, this study was carried out in order to obtain the information about wildlife species hunted, hunting techniques, and utilizations of hunted animals by the community.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

#### **Time and Location**

The research was conducted on September – October 2015 in the village of Lapua, Kaureh District, Jayapura Regency, Papua (Figure 1). The data were collected from some indigenous tribes within Lapua, which were Hirwa, Yamle, Masita, Bitaba, Auri, and Bogogo Tribe. These tribes then will be mentioned as indigenous tribes in this paper.

## Research Materials, Data Collection and Analysis

Tally sheets were used as interview guide, with recorder, digital camera, and stationeries for documentation. The books of Mammals of New Guinea (Flannery, 1995) and Birds of New Guinea (Pratt and Beehler, 2015), also some wild animal photographs were used to assist ease the hunted animal identification.

Direct observations and open-ended interviews with prepared question list were taken for data collection. The list of research aspects and related data collected were adapted from Keiluhu (2013) and Novriyanti et al. (2014) (Table 1). The total of nineteen respondents for this study were determined 1) intentionally through purposive sampling, which consisted as tribal chief, village head and religious leader, and 2) randomly through random sampling, which targeted the hunter families. All data and information were then analyzed descriptively and described in tables and diagrams.

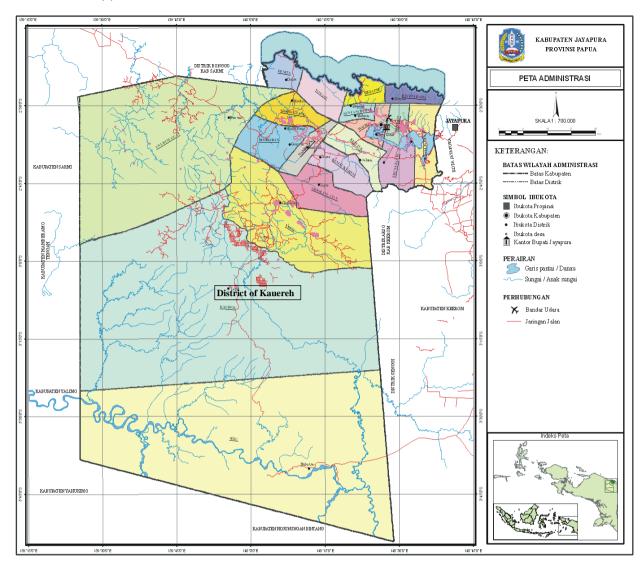


Figure 1. Research location

Table 1. Type of research data

No.	Aspects	Specific data recorded
1.	Utilization patterns	a. Type or species of hunted animals
	-	b. Utilization type (consumption, commodity, preservation/pet)
		c. Consumption methods (roasted, cooked, dried)
		d. Parts for consumption
		e. Hunting methods
		f. Hunting tools
		g. Hunting time (daylight, night, anytime)
		h. Hunting taboo
2.	Other values Beliefs,	elderly or secret methods in hunting

#### **RESULTS**

## **Utilization Pattern of Hunted Animals**

The total of 19 (nineteen) animals were hunted and utilized by the community of Lapua Village (Table 2). These hunted animals were mostly birds (13 species), and then followed by mammals (5 species) and reptiles

(1 species). Most of the animals were hunted for selling commodities, but some species were also hunted for domestic consumption, being raised as pets or preserved and set for accessories. Community of Lapua Village used mostly meat from the animals, then only few from other parts (skin, bones, fangs, claws, feather and horn), or they took the whole animal for sale or accessory. For consumption purposes, most of the meats were cooked, and then others were dried and roasted.

Table 2. Hunted wildlife of community in Lapua Village

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No	Species				Purpose		e	Body part	Consumption
NO	Local Name	Scientific Name	a	P	С	Α	S	needed	methods
1.	Hysayah (Wild hogs – Babi hutan)	Sus scrofa	M	v	v	v	v	meat, fang	cook, dry, roast
2.	Kirinya (Deer - Rusa)	Cervus timorensis	M	v	$\mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{v}$	meat, horn	cook, dry, roast
3.	Tinggano (Spotted Cuscus - Kuskus)	Spilococus maculatus	M	v	$\mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{v}$	meat, feather	Cook
4.	Sauty (Bandicoot – Tikus tanah)	Ēchimipera kalubu	M		$\mathbf{v}$			meat	Cook
5.	Butuai (Fruit Bat - Kelelawar)	Pteropodidae-u.i species	M		$\mathbf{v}$		$\mathbf{v}$	meat	Cook
6.	Tarke (Monitor lizard - Biawak)	Varanus sp	R		$\mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{v}$		meat, skin	Cook
7.	Kwii (Northern Cassowary - Kasuari)	Casuarius unappendiculatus	A	v	$\mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{v}$	meat, bone, feather	cook, roast
8.	Mambruk (Victoria Crowned Pigeon)	Goura victoria	A	v	$\mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{v}$	v	meat, feather	Cook
9.	Bahape (Megapod bird - Maleo)	Megapodius freycinet	A		$\mathbf{v}$		$\mathbf{v}$	meat, feather	Cook
10.	Yapung (Lesser Bird of Paradise - Cenderawasih)	Paradisaea minor	A			$\mathbf{v}$	v		
11.	Yarini (Palm Cockatoo - Kakatua raja)	Probosciger aterrimus	A	v			v	feather	
12.	Yarini (Sulphur-crested Cockatoo – Kakatua jambul kuning)	Cacatua galerita	A	v			$\mathbf{v}$		
13.	YariniSakrian (Black head Parakeet – Nuri kepala hitam)	Chalcopsitta atra	A	v			$\mathbf{v}$		
14.	Yarini (Blue-Collared Parrot – Nuri kalung biru)	Geoffroyus simplex	A				v		
15.	Yariniriykakriy (Moluccan Red Lorry – Nuri kalung ungu)	Eos squamata	A	$\mathbf{v}$			v		
16.	YariniHimti(Electus Parrott – Nuri bayan)	Electus roratus	A			$\mathbf{v}$			
17.	Yatra (Spotted Whistling Duck- Belibis totol)	Dendrocygna guttata	A	v				meat	Cook
18.	Yarini (RainbowLorikeet-Perkici pelangi)	Trichoglossus heamatodus	A			$\mathbf{v}$			
19.	Yarini(Western Black capped Lorry- Kasturi kepala hitam)	Lorius lorry	A			$\mathbf{v}$			

Notes: ui: unidentification P: Preservation/Pet, C: Consumption, A: Accessories, S: Selling commodity, cook: cooked, dry: dried, roast: roasted

## **Conservation Status of Hunted Animals**

Mostly hunted animals of community in Lapua Village are protected, some are positioned under Convension on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) status (Table 3). Many of them are already listed in International Union fot Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) Red List, and also protected under the law of Republic Indonesia, while the rest are animals with uncertain status due to insufficient data.

Table 3. Conservation Status of Hunted Animals from Lapua Village

	Species		Status of Protection			
No	Local Name	Scientific Name	IUCN/Red List	CITES	PP No.2/1999	
1.	Hysayah (Wild hogs – Babi hutan)	Sus scrofa				
2.	Kirinya (Deer - Rusa)	Cervus timorensis	VU		Yes	
3.	Tinggano (Spotted Cuscus - Kuskus)	Spilococus maculatus	VU	II	Yes	
4.	Sauty (Bandicoot – Tikus tanah)	Ēchimipera kalubu	LC	UC		
5.	Butuai (Fruit Bat - Kelelawar)	Pteropodidae-u.i species				
6.	Tarke (Monitor lizard - Biawak)	Varanus sp				
7.	Kwii (Northern Cassowary - Kasuari)	Casuarius unappendiculatus	VU	UC	Yes	
8.	Mambruk (Victoria Crowned Pigeon)	Goura victoria	VU	II	Yes	
9.	Bahape (Megapod bird - Maleo)	Megapodius freycinet	VU	UC	Yes	
10.	Yapung (Lesser Bird of Paradise - Cenderawasih)	Paradisaea minor	LC	II	Yes	
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Notes: VU: Vulnerable, LC: Least Concern, UC: Unclear, I: Appendix I, II: Appendix II (Source: Research Data)

## **Hunting methods and tools**

Community of Lapua village strongly follows the way of hunting inherited by their ancestors. They have five hunting methods which are commonly taken these days, though hunting using snare becomes the most common method (Table 4). Using dog to hunt is usually applied altogether with other hunting methods, because dog can sniff and chase targeted animals, so they can be easily caught or herded to the snare traps.

Types of hunted animals were various based on hunting methods. For instance, foot snares with smallsize nylon thread were used for small animals like ground-dweller pigeon, megapod bird and bandicoot, while snares with big-size nylon thread or plastic rope were used for bigger animals such as hogs and deer. These animals were hunted at anytime, because hunters in Lapua community have no particular time preference for hunting activity.

Simple hunting tools were used by community of Lapua village during their hunting activity. They only used spears, dogs, foot-snares, and bird-nets, though modern tool like air gun was also recorded as one of the hunting tools in hunting (Table 5). Foot-snare as the most common hunting tool was used to catch cassowary, ground-dweller pigeon, megapod bird, bandicoot, wild hogs and deer. The community also has traditional names for the weapons, like *Tumuayuja* for spears, *Dyi*f or bows, *Sii* for arrow, *Wii* for rattan strings and also use wood for mesh materials.

Table 4. Methods of hunting

No.	Hunting technique (traditional name)	<b>Hunting methods</b>	Targeted animals	Time of hunting	
1.	Eye hunting ( <i>Hue</i> )	This hunting methoduse certain rules which are usually known only by the hunters and have to obey some taboos	cuscus, bats, birds, monitor lizard	night and day	
2.	Hunting with dogs (Seeht/kenang)	This hunting method use dog which can sniff, bark on the targeted animals, then startle and chase the animals	wild hogs, deer, cuscus, bandicoot	night and day	
3.	Skilled hunting (Mbre)	This hunting technique is only taken by particular hunter who knows the fruiting season in the forests, targeted animals' playing and nesting sites	cuscus, birds	night and day	
4.	Sound forgery (Sukwe)	This hunting technique is taken by imitate the sound of certain animals, need more time and has rarely carried out specially by young people	deer, cuscus, birds	night and day	
5.	Hunting with traps ( <i>Ptia</i> )	Most common and preferred hunting method	wild hog, deer, cuscus, bandicoot, cassowary	night and day	

Table 5. Hunting tools

No.	Hunting tools	Targeted animals	Using method	Notes
1.	Spears	wild hog, deer, cassowary	This weapon is thrown directly to the body of targeted animals	Common
2.	Dog	wild hog, deer, monitor lizard	It sniffs and chases targeted animals	Common
3.	Foot snare	cassowary, ground-dweller pigeon, megapod birds, bandicoot	It is set on the certain location around sources of bird food	most common
4.	Bird net	little birds	It is set on the particular trees, which are usually playing trees or forage trees	most common
5.	Air gun	paradise bird, cuscus	It is usually used around playing trees or forage trees of targeted animals	rarely

# Taboos about hunting activity in Lapua community

People in Lapua community have one taboo related to hunting activity. Hunters from outside and from the community should keep away from Gunung Babi (Mount of Pig) area. The forest in this area is a sacred place for Yamle Tribe, one of indigenous tribes in Lapua village. This sacred place is named with **Tapkay** and **Satae Tuy**, means "prohibited to do any activity". In addition to the taboo, there is a specific rule for the hunters or people from outside the community who want to hunt or gather forest products within the

Lapua's community forest, they should report to and ask for the permission from village chief, local Ondoafi (tribe leaders) or any elders in Lapua.

#### **DISCUSSIONS**

Hunting becomes the main livelihood for local people in Papua and Papua New Guinea to fulfill the need of animal protein for their family, traditionally. People in Lapua community also sell their hunted animals to get fresh money beside consume the animals. The hunters use the money for their children's education funds, house construction, and their other economic needs (Pangau et al., 2012; Keiluhu, 2013). The

meat from hunted animals that used for fulfilling the need of animal protein and partly for sale is named as *bushmeat* (Nasi et al., 2008; Pangau-Adam et al., 2012; Novriyanti et al., 2014). This kind of bushmeat has been known provide many ethnic groups needs of wildlife in the world at present (Novriyanti et al., 2014, Pangau et al., 2012).

Indigenous people in Papua prefer to sell their hunted animals for money than consume them. This is shown by the condition on Papuan indigenous people who live in Nimbokrang (Pangau and Noske, 2010), Mamberamo Catchment Area and Buare (Boissiere et al., 2004; Keiluhu, 2013), many parts in the Northern coast of Papua (South Supiori, Unurumguay, and Bonggo – Keiluhu, 2013), in Nabire (Pattiselano, 2007), and from this study in Lapua as well. This indicates that money becomes the main and inseparable part of the people's life, though they live far from the city (Pangau and Noske, 2010; Keiluhu, 2013; Novriyanti et al., 2014).

Hunted animals are sometimes caught alive to be raised for pets and sold later. The young wild hogs, deer, cassowary and some parrots are usually caught alive to be raised as pets and sold later with higher price. Community in Lapua also use certain parts of hunted animals like hog tusks, antlers, fur-skin of possum and skin of monitor lizard as accessories in their culture events. For instance, wild hog's tusk is used by people of Meyah Tribe in Manokwari (Fatem et al., 2014), while skins of deer, cuscus and monitor lizard are common accessories for Yaur tribe in Nabire (Iyai et al., 2011). It is also known that Cenderawasih (Paradise bird) has become the most hunted bird in Papua, which is usually used as souvenir, though it has zero quotas for trading and is already under protection of Peraturan Pemerintah (Government Law) No. 7/1999.

Various types of utilization on hunted animals and bushmeat are encountered in some areas in Indonesia and other places in the world as well. Rimba people (Forest people) in Jambi, Indonesia, usually hunt and use wildlife for source of meat protein and traditional medicines (Novriyanti et al., 2014). In other countries, there is a record about a group of indigenous people in Northeast India who use their hunted animals as source of protein and fresh money, and also for ornaments (i.e skull of wild hog and other animals, fantail of pheasant bird - Aiyadurai, 2011). Similarly, communities of Ngunnchang and Obang in Cameroon use horns, bones, skins, skull, even bile of hunted animals for traditional medicines, music equipments and decorations, beside for bushmeat and cash money source (Bobo et al., 2014).

Hunting activity may become very important for livelihood of local community around the forest, but it can be considered as a serious threat to the survival of wildlife, in Papua and also in the world as well. The rich rain forest area in Papua (Pattiselano, 2006 and 2008; Pangau and Noske, 2010; Pangau-Adam et al., 2012;

Keiluhu, 2013, Fatem et al., 2014), or in other area of Indonesia such as Sulawesi, Kalimantan and Sumatra (O'Brien and Kinnaird, 1996 and 2000; O'Brien et al., 1998; Novriyanti et al., 2014), and in foreign countries like Kameroon, Brazil and India (Bobo et al., 2014; Barboza et al., 2016; Randrianandrianina et al., 2012; Aiyadurai, 2011; Aiyadurai et al., 2010) provides so many sources of food for local communities who live in the forest edges. This serious threat can be described by conservation status of hunted animals. Specifically in this study, some most-common hunted birds are already threatened; even the species of Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo has already get status of Critically Endangered on IUCN Red List (2012). Other species like cassowary, grounddweller pigeon, megapod bird and cuscus have already classified as Vulnerable. Many times, the preference of particular animal such as bird groups that can be sold as ornaments beside as food and money source might increase the threat to the group as the hunting target (Barboza et al., 2016, Pangau and Noske 2010, Mack and West 2005, O'Brien et al., 1998).

Hunting activities in Lapua community were mostly carried out with simple tools like foot snares, which are still used to catch small animals such as birds. The snare is commonly used by traditional hunters in Papua (Fatem et al., 2014, Pangau and Noske 2010, Pangau-Adam et al., 2012) and in other places, though other weapons like bows and arrows, or air gun are already used and show negative impacts to wildlife existence (Kwapena, 1984, Kumpel et al., 2008, Keiluhu, 2013).

In general, indigenous people in Papua still obey the traditional wisdom, knowledge and rules about taboo, sacred place and other rituals from their ancestors, especially indigenous people around remote forest (Wadley and Colfer, 2004; Pattiselano, 2006 and 2008). Community in Lapua can never enter or do any activities in their sacred area of Gunung Babi, the place where they believe as their ancestors' dwelt. Similarly, many indigenous Papuans who live in Mamberamo Catchment Area really appreciate their forest and set prohibition or at least need particular ceremonies to enter it due to their traditional wisdom about forest as sacred place and home for their ancestors (Sheil et al., 2004). People from outside usually can never enter that area. Local people who want to go hunt need permission from tribe leaders and they also should obey other rules about hunting. It is believed that if the rules are violated, the hunters will get nothing during hunting, or might suffer from accident, illness and even death (Keiluhu, 2013).

## **Implication of Conservation**

For Papuan, forest is usually considered as a mother who provides all the needs for the people, but the tremendous pressures on forest areas for development purposes, such as infra- structures development, road constructions and forest clearing for other purposes, as well as poaching and illegal trade are very difficult to be halt. The pressures already taken place and threaten to the existence of wildlife in their habitat. Hunting activity itself also cannot be banned because it has become part of the lives of the people of Papua since former

time. Additionally, tribes in Papua are different between one tribe to anotherin the aspects of ecological, social and institutional (Mansoben, 2005). Consequently, conservation approaches should pay attention to the traditional customs and habits of each ethnic group (Keiluhu, 2013; Pattiselano and Arobaya 2013).

It is commonly said that Papuans have already known rules and management system in using their forest and marine products, which are usually accompanied by such a customary punishments or sanctions for the violators (Mansoben, 2005; Makabori, 2005). The approach in the form of CBNRM (Community-Based Nature Reserve Management) has also been developed by PtPPMA (Limited Association for Assessment and Empowerment of Indigenous People) in several areas around Jayapura (Wamebu, 2000). Conservation International worked together with CIFOR to support the involvement of local people in manage and review their own natural resources (Boissiere et al., 2004; Padmanaba et al., 2012) using MLA (Multidisciplinary Landscape Assessment) to identify all important natural resources for local communities within the forest landscape. Some similar methods were also developed by WWF Papua Region to manage natural resource in the Wasur National Park Merauke (Supriatna, 2008). The main focus of CBRNM and MLA systems in Papua is to support local people in each village to participate in mapping and then reviewing their own natural resources. By doing these, local people can be able to record all of their hunting areas, sago-palm farms, villages, sacred places, and customary lands, also any taboos within their community (Boissiere et al., 2004; Padmanaba et al., 2012; Keiluhu, 2013).

Basically, it is shown that Papua and West Papua need local regulation such as Peraturan Daerah Khusus (Perdasus or Specific Regional Regulation) to control and to protect Papuan unique, endemism and valuable wildlife. Unfortunately, even though Special Autonomy in the local government has prevailed for a long time, there had been a lack of awareness and products of regulations to protect and conserve endemic wildlife specifically from illegal hunting and trade. Other important thing to do is enforcement of sanctions and punishments to the offenders in regard with the appropriate law, because it has not been implemented properly until now. A latest and better-distinct step that has been taken by Governor of Papua is to rule out all forms of hunting and the use of Bird of Paradise as well as a souvenir headdress (Loen, 2016). Then, the real action to put the ban on the Perdasus should be implemented immediately, to support conservation of Paradise birds and other wildlife as unique and endemic species in Papua.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Local community in Lapua Village utilize as many as 19 wild animals from hunting, consists of birds (68.42 %), mammals (26.32 %) and reptiles (5.26 %). The community use the hunted animals as pets/preservation (63.16 %), consumption (52.63 %), accessories (36.84 %) and commodity for selling (84.21%). They use the dome different parts of animals' body, namely fur, feather, flesh, skin, bones, also horns, claws and fangs.

This local community recognizes five hunting techniques in active hunting which are eye-hunting (*Hwe*), hunting with dogs (*Seeht/kenang*), skilled hunting (*Mbree*) and imitate animal sounds (*Sukwe*), while in passive hunting they use foot snares, confinement and bird nets.

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