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1. The Section 2 of the manuscript needs to be reorganized, the processes in the framework and the study methods were listed out of order, which is confusing. I would suggest the author to apply these sections to organize the Section 2. 2.1 Data; 2.2 Framework; 2.2.1 Identification of ecosystem services; 2.2.2 Calculation of ecosystem service index; 2.2.3 Calculation of value and loss of ecosystem services; 2.3 Analytical Hierarchy Process(AHP); 2.4 Interpretative Structural Modeling(ISM); 2.5 System Dynamics

2. The figure 1 has lots of blank space, please add some description or remove the blank areas to make figure 1 more compact.

3. If an acronym is used in the abstract, it must be spelled out in the abstract, like AHP.

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2 **ON KOMODO ISLAND AND PADAR ISLAND IN KOMODO NATIONAL**
3 **PARK, INDONESIA**

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21
22 **Abstract**

23
24 Komodo National Park (KNP) has prioritised eight out of 20 existing ecosystem services. KNP
25 follows the concept of conservation and educational tourism, where visitors can see wildlife and
26 enjoy panoramic views. The negative impact of increasing visitor numbers is the reduction of
27 ecosystem value and benefits. In this article, the expert-based in-depth discussion method is
28 presented, which is complemented by the interpretive structural modelling and system dynamics
29 method. In the weighting phase, the [Analytical Hierarchy Process](#) (AHP) and spatial analysis using
30 the [Geographic Information System](#) (GIS) and a market valuation of ecosystem service benefits
31 are used. The results of the analysis show that the lost value of ecosystem services will reach USD
32 727 million, while it will be USD 661 thousand if the number of visitors is limited. This value is
33 considered feasible to achieve restoration while providing economic and sustainable benefits. The

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34 programme to increase the number of visitors must be integrated with the management of tourist
35 attractions on other islands in Komodo National Park, Labuan Bajo, and West Manggarai by
36 extending the length of visitors' stay.

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38 Keywords: ecotourism, ecosystem services, Komodo National Park, Komodo Island - Padar Island
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40 **1. Introduction**

41 An ecosystem is a complex entity (Jørgensen and Mueller, 2000) consisting of a dynamic
42 population of plants, animals, and microorganisms together with the abiotic environment such as
43 climate, precipitation, soil, and others that interact to form a functional unit. The ecosystem is
44 responsible for carrying out natural processes to provide materials and services needed to directly
45 or indirectly satisfy human needs (De Groot et al., 2010). There are four functions of ecosystem
46 services, namely the provider function, the regulating and/or controlling function, the sociocultural
47 or cultural function, and the primary support function (KLHK, 2016)

48 Ecosystems in the tropics can be considered complex because this area has the greatest
49 species richness in the world (Rahman et al., 2017). Information about ecosystem functions can
50 represent the conditions for the carrying capacity of the environment. Carrying capacity can also
51 indicate the quality of a particular ecosystem service. The better or higher the carrying capacity of
52 a site or ecoregion, the more it can be said that the ecosystem in that ecoregion has a certain quality
53 and can function properly. In general, the functions of provisioning, regulation, and culture are
54 closely related to carrying capacity, while ecosystem regulation is closely related to the ability to
55 adapt to the environment.

56 Komodo National Park (KNP) is one of the tourist destinations that carry the concept of
57 conservation, as KNP is the only habitat for wild Komodo dragons in the world. Regardless of the
58 conservation concept offered, tourists tend to look for places that are beautiful, unique, and
59 different from the places where they usually live for a while (Sukwika and Kasih, 2020; Yuliawati
60 et al., 2016). The existence of tourism and other human activities in KNP leads to the loss or
61 decline of ecosystem services, such as land cover change. Indeed, land use leads to a significant
62 decline in ecosystem services (Sukwika and Rahmatulloh, 2021; Susilawati et al., 2020).

63 Consistent with the loss of ecosystem services due to human activities in tourism, the
64 decline in benefits will also continue to fluctuate. A higher number of visitors may lead to greater
65 pressure on resources, which may affect all types of ecosystem services (Zhao et al., 2019). The
66 large number of visitors also has a potential negative impact in the form of changes in kite behavior
67 in the national park area, which may affect the predation process as kites become more docile
68 (Jessop et al, 2018). Therefore, this study discusses ecosystem services using Analytic Hierarchy

69 Process (AHP) and Geographic Information System (GIS), prioritization of ecosystem services
 70 using Interpretive Structural Modeling (ISM), and loss of ecosystem services. Based on all these
 71 problems, simulations and projections for 30 years from 2015 to 2045 are carried out using system
 72 dynamics modeling so that solutions can be found to prevent ecosystem services from drastically
 73 declining in Komodo National Park. In addition, the use of system dynamics also serves to see the
 74 relationships between variables in a complex way, and the model scenarios can be carried out in
 75 the form of measures.

76 In the Komodo National Park carrying capacity and ecosystem services study report
 77 (Firmansyah et al., 2022), ecosystem services were also calculated using a dynamic system to
 78 forecast future ecosystem services. The results are used as a reference for decision making in TNK,
 79 provincial government and central government and related to carrying capacity. This study is the
 80 first to address the calculation of ecosystem services using a dynamic system in TNK.

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82 **2. Materials and Methods**

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83 2.1 Data

84 The data used in this study are time series data, since time series data are among the data used in
 85 analysis under the system dynamics approach. These data were obtained from various agencies,
 86 such as the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia for ecoregion data,
 87 Komodo National Park Center for visitor data, sentinel imagery for land cover, and primary data
 88 collection through willingness to pay (WTP) questionnaires. Further details on the data used can
 89 be found in the table below:

90 Table 1 Main Data Source

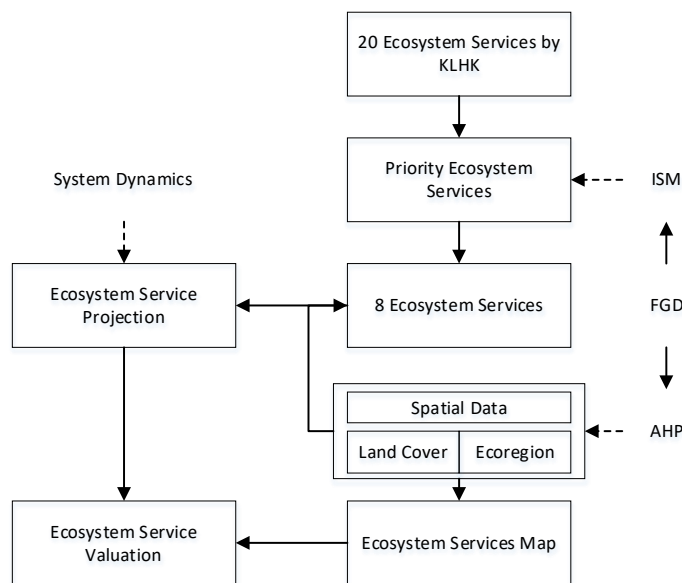
Variable	Data (hectares)						Source
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Visitors, Komodo	78,117	107,708	125,067	176,830	221,696	51,720	Komodo National Park Office
Land Cover							
Forest	7.267,64	7.234,74	7.177,33	7.081,15	6.926,93	6.760,19	Sentinel-2 Imagery
Shrubs	5.506,32	5.525,27	5.567,83	5.634,09	5.893,43	6.140,51	
Settlement	8.391,49	8.802,82	9.214,54	9.626,67	9.874,36	1.012,08	
Savanna	2.057	2.059	2.061	2.064	2.054	2.045	
Mangroves	203,68	197,50	191,62	186,04	186,72	187,53	
Organic/Coral Plain	-	-	-	-	-	0,36	The Ministry of Environment and Forestry

Karst Hills	-	-	-	-	-	3.612,79	The Ministry of Environment and Forestry
Structural Hills	-	-	-	-	-	29.787,17	The Ministry of Environment and Forestry

91

92 2.2 Framework

93 This study describes ecosystem services and benefits based on carrying capacity and resilience
 94 pressures in Komodo National Park. The more pressure Komodo National Park experiences, the
 95 greater the loss of its ecosystem services.



96 **Fig 1. Stages of data processing**

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99 2.2.1 Identification of ecosystem services

100 Ecosystem services are the benefits that humans derive from various natural resources and
 101 processes that are collectively provided by an ecosystem. Resources and natural processes
 102 provided collectively by an ecosystem (MEA, 2005). Ecosystem services are classified into four
 103 categories, namely provisioning services, regulating services, cultural services, and supporting
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105 According to the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (KLHK) of the Republic of Indonesia,
 106 there are 20 ecosystem services. From these 20 ecosystem services, priority ecosystem services
 107 were selected using Interpretive Structural Modeling (ISM).

108 Table 2 description 20 ecosystem services

Ecosystem Services	Description
1.Provisioning	
- Food provider (E1)	Seafood, forest products (plant and animal), agricultural and plantation products for food, livestock products
- Clean water provider (E2)	Water supply from land (including its storage capacity), water supply from surface sources
- Fiber provider (E3)	Forest products, marine products, agricultural and plantation products for materials
- Fuel and fossil fuel providers (E4)	Provision of firewood and fossil fuels
- Genetic resource provider (E5)	Animal, plant and biotechnology breeding (medicinal materials and biochemicals)
2.Regulating	
- Climate regulation (E6)	Regulation of temperature, humidity and rainfall, control of greenhouse gases and carbon
- Flow and flood management (E7)	The hydrological cycle, as well as natural infrastructure for water storage, flood control and water conservancy
- Arrangements for prevention and protection from natural disasters (E8)	Natural infrastructure for prevention and protection from land fires, erosion, abrasion, landslides, storms and tsunamis
- Water purification (E9)	Capacity of water bodies to dilute, decompose and absorb pollutants
- Waste treatment and decomposition (E10)	The capacity of the site to neutralize, decompose and absorb waste and garbage
- Air quality maintenance (E11)	Capacity to regulate air chemistry system
- Natural pollination (E12)	Habitat distribution of natural pollination helper species
- Pest and disease control (E13)	Habitat distribution of pest and disease trigger and control species
3.Culture	
- Shelter and living space (E14)	A space to live and prosper, a "hometown" anchor that has sentimental value
- Recreation and ecotourism (E15)	Landscape features, natural uniqueness, or particular value that is a tourist attraction
- Aesthetics (E16)	Natural beauty that has a selling point
4.Supporting	
- Soil formation and fertility maintenance (E17)	Soil fertility
- Nutrient cycle supporter (E18)	Agricultural production levels
- Primary production support (E19)	Oxygen production, species habitat provision
- Supporting biodiversity (E20)	Supporting the existence and survival of flora and fauna

109 Source: Ministry of Environment and Forestry Republic of Indonesia (KLHK)

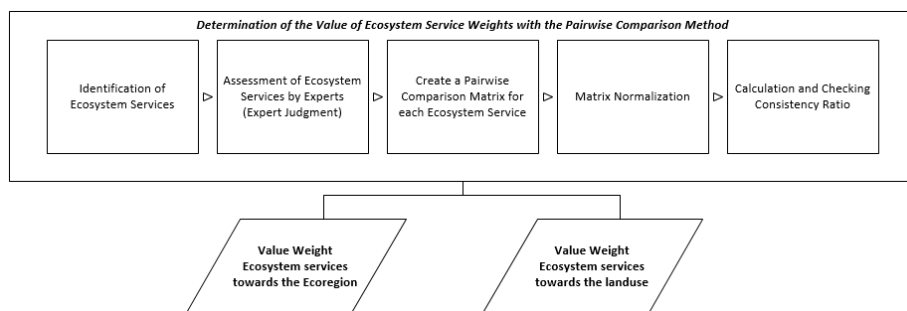
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111 2.2.2 Calculation of ecosystem service index

112 The data processing materials and methods used in this study generally include ecosystem
 113 service identification from land cover, ecosystem service assessment and weighting based on

114 expert assessments of ecoregion and land cover data, spatial analysis and calculation of the
 115 ecosystem service index (ESI), and spatial visualization of the ESI. The assessment and weighting
 116 of ecosystem services based on land cover and ecoregions was performed using the Analytic
 117 Hierarchy Process (AHP) with a pairwise comparison calculation method (Mu and Pereyra-Rojas,
 118 2016).

119 Figure 2 shows the process of applying the AHP in determining weighting values for ecoregions
 120 and land cover using the pairwise comparison method, resulting in ecosystem service value classes
 121 that range from very low to very high, applied to spatial data, it will be easier to see the phenomena
 122 that occur in the study area (Gumilar and Nandi, 2018)



123 **Fig 2.** Determination of the Ecosystem Services Weight

124 Ecosystem services were assessed by entering the weighting values of each ecosystem service for
 125 each type of ecoregion and land cover. The results include tables describing the comparison of the
 126 scope of ecosystem services assessment for each land cover class and ecoregion type. Experts
 127 should complete the list of questions according to theory and their knowledge, observations, and
 128 experience with actual conditions. A land-use-based proxy approach was used in mapping
 129 ecosystem services by applying the combination of pairwise comparisons from multidisciplinary
 130 sciences that enable a comprehensive assessment (Maynard et al., 2010).

131 To calculate the consistency used the formula:

$$132 \quad CI = \frac{\lambda_{\max} - n}{n - 1}$$

133 λ_{\max} = maximum feature root

134 n = matrix size

135 The value of the consistency ratio (CR) is as follows: :

$$136 \quad CR = \frac{CI}{\text{random value consistency for matrix size } n}$$

137 To calculate the consistency, the formula is used, if the value CR < 10%, this shows that the
 138 assessment is consistent by completing the questionnaire, then the weight value can be used (Saaty
 139 and Vargas, 2012).
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142 2.2.3 Calculation of value and loss of ecosystem services
143 The calculation of the value of the loss of ecosystem services is done by comparing the lost land
144 cover. The reason is that one of the determinants of ecosystem services is land cover. When land
145 conversion occurs, there will be a decrease in ecosystem services, especially when open land is
146 converted to developed land. This value is calculated using the system dynamics approach with
147 Powersim Studio 10 software.

148
149 2.3 Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP)
150 The Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) is a concept for multi-criteria decision making. The focus
151 of the AHP concept is the comparison of several criteria with each other (degree of importance).
152 The AHP can be used to determine the comparison of values between variables to determine
153 attribute values per land unit and ecoregion. The data obtained from the processed AHP is then
154 entered into spatial data (polygon), which is later overlaid using the Q- GIS software.

155
156 2.4 Interpretative Structural Modelling (ISM)
157 Interpretive structural modeling (ISM) is used to describe abstract problems so that they can be
158 better structured. ISM Analysis using Exsimpro- ISM software can map, prioritize, and structure
159 abstract problems to make them easier to understand.
160 Based on the ordered variables, the next step is a comparative assessment using VAXO, analysis
161 of ISM output in the form of variable mapping and variable structuring, if the results of the analysis
162 are consistent. ISM is used to determine the priority ecosystem services from 20 existing
163 ecosystem services. This makes the focus of the ecosystem services studied and analyzed clearer.

164
165 2.5 System Dynamics
166 System Dynamics is used to perform simulations, projections and scenarios. These simulations
167 and projections are very important to identify the state of ecosystem services and the value of
168 ecosystem services in the future, so that appropriate policies can be made to support sustainable
169 development by applying scenarios in the System Dynamics model.

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171 **3. Results and discussion**
172 **3.1 Result**
173 The calculation of the value of ecosystem services lost is based on the ideal number of tourists,
174 219,000 visits. A decrease in the value of ecosystem services occurs when the number of visitors
175 exceeds the maximum capacity of 292,000 visitors per year (Firmansyah, et al, 2022), as these

176 conditions have exceeded the carrying capacity and capacity of tourism in TNC. The value is
 177 obtained by calculating the tracking length, tracking time, and the number of tourists in a tracking.

178 **Table 3** Number of Visitors

Activities	Value	Unit
Shortest Trek		
Step Time Average Travel Time	40	Second
Length of visit	1	Hour
Number of Visitors (Standard)	50	People
Number of Visitors (Maximum)	100	People
Total Visit Time	8	Time
Number of Visitors/Year (Standard)	146,000	Visitor/Year
Number of Visitors/Year (Maximum)	292,000	Visitor/Year
Average Number of Visitors Ideal	219,000	Visitor/Year

179 Source : Firmasyah et al, 2022

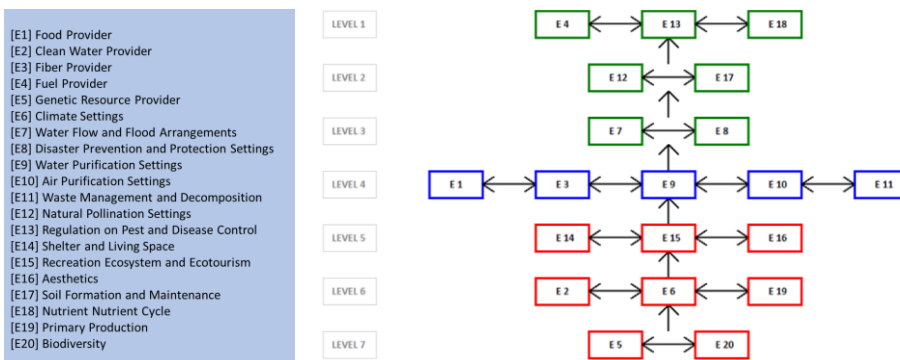
180 Once the ideal number and maximum number of tourists are known, ecosystem services as a whole
 181 can be calculated, both existing conditions and the value of ecosystem services lost using a system
 182 dynamics approach, so that current and future values are known.

183 The ideal number and maximum number of tourists form the basis for determining the carrying
 184 capacity of tourism. When the carrying capacity is exceeded, the value of ecosystem services lost
 185 in Komodo National Park increases.

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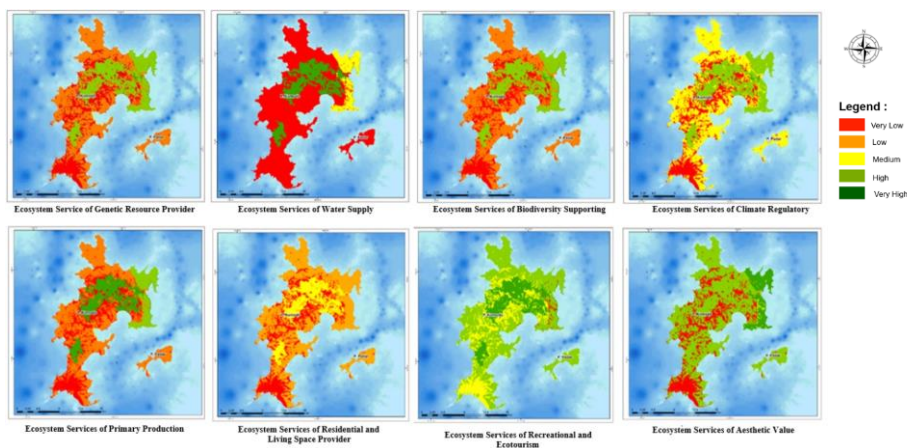
187 *3.1 Ecosystem Services*

188 The priority of ecosystem services at the study sites was determined through in-depth discussions
 189 with experts and KNP office managers who have a better knowledge and understanding of the
 190 actual conditions on the ground. In the in-depth discussions, the experts provide an overview of
 191 the conditions on the ground and provide values for each parameter of the land and ecoregion. The
 192 results of the field observations, which are then analyzed using the interpretive structural modeling
 193 method (ISM), also provide the reason for the selected sites. The results show that there are 8
 194 priority ecosystem services out of a total of 20 ecosystem services in Figure 3.



196 **Fig 3.** Variable Structure Diagram

197
 198 **Priority ecosystem services (red colour)** include 1) provision of genetic resources (E5); 2)
 199 promotion of biodiversity (E20); 3) water supply (E2); 4) climate regulation (E6); 5) primary
 200 production (E19); 6) habitat provision (E14); 7) ecotourism and recreation (E15); and 8) aesthetics
 201 (E16). The next analysis was to spatially weight the land use and ecoregions of the KNP to obtain
 202 a map of ecosystem service classes, as shown in Figure 5.



203
 204 **Fig 5.** Map of Ecosystem Services in Komodo National Park: Komodo and Padar Island

205 This can be seen in Fig. 5. The dark green color indicates that the ecosystem services are very
 206 high, the light green color is an area that belongs to the high ecosystem services, the yellow color
 207 indicates that the ecosystem services in this place belong to the middle class, the orange color
 208 indicates low ecosystem services, and the red color indicates that the ecosystem services in
 209 Komodo National Park are very low, especially in Komodo Island and Padar Island. The priority
 210 ecosystem services are explained in more detail below.

211 **The lost ecosystem services and conservation costs are calculated using the system dynamics**
 212 **approach. System dynamics is a modeling and simulation approach to study and manage systems**
 213 **with feedbacks, such as environmental systems, social systems, economy, and others that are**
 214 **interrelated (Firmansyah et al., 2016). To find out the relationship between the variables in this**
 215 **study, the causal loop diagram (CLD) in Figure 6 can be used. The relationship between these**
 216 **variables can give an overview of the behavior of the system that adds or subtracts to form a unified**
 217 **overall model.**

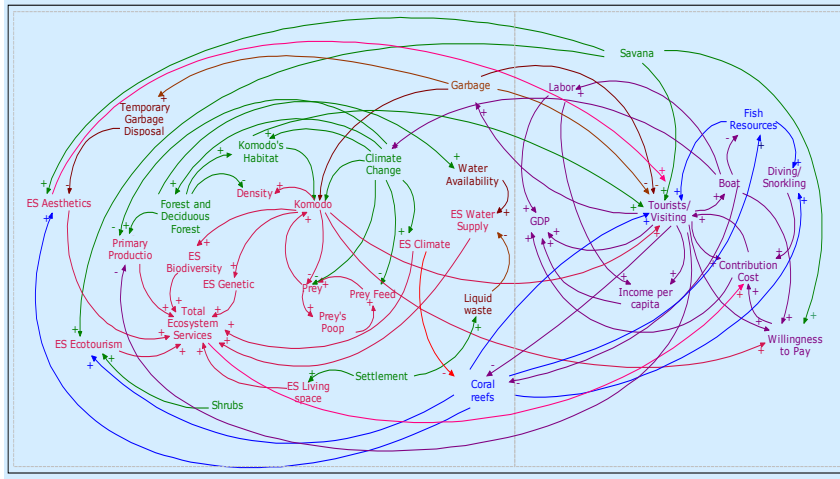


Fig 5. Causal Loop Diagram

The Causal Loop Diagram was created using Powersim Studio 10 software. CLD is one of the systems thinking in system dynamics and can give an overview of the interaction between variables with the symbol (+), which means or adds a positive effect, and (-), which means a negative effect or decreases the value of the target variable.

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3.1.1 Ecosystem Service of Genetic Resource Provider

Padar Island is dominated by areas of low potential, as land use is dominated by savanna, cliffs, and the surrounding sea. In contrast, Komodo Island has areas of very high potential (Fig. 4) of 97.58 ha and areas of medium potential of 6,036.29 ha, so the island has abundant genetic resources in the KNP.

The calculation result of the economic value of Komodo dragons estimates the total economic value (TEV) of the bioprospecting potential of Komodo dragons to be 99,201.82 USD per year. The economic value of ecosystem services of Komodo dragon bioprospecting for anticoagulant drugs is 17,042.72 USD per year, which is about 17.18% of the TEV of Komodo dragon bioprospecting. The economic value of Komodo dragon saliva bioprospecting for MRSA disease control has an economic value of 20,050.25 USD per year or contributes 20.21% to the TEV. In addition, the economic value of Komodo dragon immunity ecosystem services has a value of USD 25,059.84 per year. The value of this benefit, useful for immunoprotection, provides the largest contribution from Komodo dragon bioprospecting, which is 25.26% to the TEV. The economic value of the Komodo dragon population acting as pest controllers for insects and rodents such as rats that damage plantations and crops is estimated at a value of \$19,038.82 per year, or 19.19% of the TEV. Finally, the value of ecosystem services resulting from the presence of Komodo

242 dragons in the KNP area and the lives of humans as controllers of animal carcasses or
243 environmental waste is estimated to be approximately \$ 18,010.19 per year.

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245 *3.1.2 Ecosystem Services of Biodiversity Supporting*

246 Ecosystem services that support biodiversity include the composition, diversity, and structure of
247 animal and plant communities (Lin et al., 2015). The results of the study show that most areas
248 have low potential (Fig. 5) to support biodiversity. Areas with very high potential (Fig. 4) to
249 support biodiversity are strongly characterized by the presence of vegetation and animals.

250 The analysis results show that most of the areas are dominated by areas with low potential to
251 support biodiversity, namely 16 436.61 hectares (48.99%). Areas with high potential for
252 biodiversity enhancement are most represented in Komodo Island with 9 026.70 hectares
253 (26.90%). This gives the island a high diversity of vegetation and animals, as well as good
254 landscape conditions in the KNP. Ecosystem services in support of biodiversity are calculated
255 using the spatial land use analysis and ecoregion of the KNP area. However, the calculation of
256 ecosystem service loss focuses on terrestrial areas such as open deciduous forests and grasslands,
257 which contribute most to the habitat of Komodo dragons and their prey.

258 The function of the forest in the KNP is to provide wood products, but also non-timber forest
259 products (NTFPs). The intangible forms of NTFPs consist of nutrient storage, soil protection, and
260 ecosystem protection. The tangible forms of forest products are medicine and food. To determine
261 the economic value of the KNP, a quantitative analysis was conducted. This resource assessment
262 can use the technique of economic valuation to quantitatively determine the use value of a national
263 park (Mahendra et al., 2018). The calculated economic value is the tangible economic value in
264 terms of the use value of NTFPs used by the community. The economic value of NTFPs can also
265 be calculated using the market price approach. Decree of the Minister of Forestry Number:
266 P.35/Menhut- II /2007 Article 1 states that NTFPs are biological forest products, both plant and
267 animal, together with derivatives and cultivated products, excluding wood derived from forests.
268 The potential economic value of ecosystem services around the KNP consists of medicines and
269 food products. The economic value of tangible products used in the KNP is \$3,186,718.82 per
270 year. Herbal medicines contribute the most to the economic value with USD 2,124,479.21 or
271 66.67%. The economic value of ecosystem service for spices and fruits is USD 1,062,239.61 per
272 year or 33.33%.

273 The result also provides information on the TEV of the intangible ecosystem services in the KNP.
274 There, the TEV of intangible NTFP reaches 20,837,825.77 USD per year. The highest economic
275 value comes from the protective ecosystem function, which contributes to increasing soil fertility,
276 and is 14,351,969.48 USD per year. In second place is the soil protective function, which serves

277 to protect the ecosystem chain and has a value of about 3,667,779.24 USD per year. Finally,
278 minimizing erosion and wear functions by providing nutrient cycling storage has an annual
279 economic value of \$2,818,077.05 USD per year. The role of forest resources can continue to
280 provide benefits in their protected functional corridor, then it is equitably distributed throughout
281 the community. Several efforts that can be undertaken require a management model based on both
282 the ecological function of the protected area and the potential of natural resources within the area,
283 the form of economic use by the community, and the role of the manager (Hastari and Yulianti,
284 2018; Sukwika et al., 2016; Sukwika et al., 2020).

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286 *3.1.3 Ecosystem Services of Water Supply*

287 The results of the spatial analysis by mapping ecosystem services for clean water supply on the
288 islands of Komodo and Padar show that most areas have very low potential (Fig. 4). One area with
289 very high potential is located on Komodo Island. The forest areas with their diverse vegetation
290 play an important role as a storage medium for rainwater falling on an area. On Komodo Island,
291 there are predominantly forested areas, so this island provides sufficient but limited clean water.
292 The denser the vegetation in a forested area, the better it can shop water. Unlike Padar Island, there
293 is no dense vegetation cover on this island, so the potential for providing clean water on this island
294 is considered very low.

295 The area with a very high potential for water supply is located on Komodo Island, so the island
296 has a good function for providing clean water in the Komodo National Park area. The analysis
297 results show that most of the areas are dominated by very low and very high potential water supply,
298 with a total area of 24,090.58 hectares (71.80%) and 6,011.29 hectares (17.92%), respectively.

299 Clean water supply is an ecosystem service, which emphasises the importance of clean water.
300 Therefore, this study uses the basic data to evaluate the economic value of water intake potential.
301 In 2013, the value determined is USD 1,086,965.84 per year, with the downward trend continuing
302 and the TEV will be USD 890,708.45 per year in 2045.

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305 *3.1.4 Ecosystem Services of Climate Regulatory*

306 The analysis results show that most of the areas are dominated by medium and high potential areas
307 (Fig. 4), with climate regulations affecting 16,489.64 hectares (49.15%) and 9,149.50 hectares
308 (27.27%), respectively. The distribution area of the high potential is located in Komodo Island, so
309 the island has a good climate regulation function. The value of the ecosystem services climate
310 regulation benefit is climate stability with a value of 1,259,530.74 USD. This value is calculated
311 based on a forest area of 6,707 hectares, and the value of carbon absorption is 3.64 USD. This

312 carbon absorption will have an impact on local climate change in the KNP, especially on Padar
 313 Island and Komodo Island. The valuation of climate regulating ecosystem services is based on
 314 land use changes from forest to non-forest. Forest loss due to land conversion is calculated and
 315 used as the basis for determining the value of climate regulating ecosystem services. In 2013, the
 316 determined value is USD 1,374,897.03 per year, this value continues to decrease until in 2045 the
 317 value reaches USD 1,126,652.16 per year.

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319 *3.1.5 Ecosystem Services of Primary Production*

320 Areas with very high potential (Fig. 4) for primary production ecosystem services are strongly
 321 influenced by the presence of terrestrial and aquatic vegetation. Forested areas with their diverse
 322 vegetation play an important role as a medium for oxygen production and as a habitat for species.
 323 On Komodo Island, forest cover is widespread, making it an area for oxygen production and
 324 providing good habitat for species with very high potential primary production in the KNP. The
 325 denser the vegetation in a forested area, the better it produces oxygen and provides habitat for
 326 species. The distribution of areas with very high potential for primary production ecosystem
 327 services is about 6,133.87 hectares (18.28%) in Komodo Island, so the island fulfils the function
 328 of oxygen production and providing good habitat for species in the KNP.

329 Primary production ecosystem services include carbon sequestration or absorption and storage.
 330 Carbon absorption and storage on Komodo and Padar islands is calculated based on forest area
 331 and other vegetation. The map of land use changes on Komodo and Padar islands from 2013 to
 332 2021 and projections of forest area in 2045 show a decrease in forest area. This condition is caused
 333 by the effects of land clearing, land conversion, and forest fires on vegetation loss and/or
 334 destruction, litter loss, and reduced soil quality. All of these causes affect the process of carbon
 335 sequestration and also affect the value of ecosystem services, especially primary production
 336 ecosystem services.

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Table 4. Oxygen Production

Landuse	Area	Oxygen Quantity	Units	Total	Unit
Forest	5999.49	4555	Kg/Hectares /Year	27,327,676.95	Kg/Year
Savanna	18042.14	540	Kg/Hectares /Year	9,742,755.60	Kg/Year
Coral reefs	55888.93	11607.457	Kg/Hectares /Year	648,728,351.75	Kg/Year

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340 Oxygen calculations were performed for forest, savanna, and coral reef areas (Table 4). This area
 341 is the location of the use zone for tourist activities. In general, coral reefs contribute the most to
 342 oxygen levels. Coral reefs have the greatest oxygen potential compared to forests and savannas.
 343 About 80% of the world's oxygen is derived from aquatic environments such as plankton and coral

344 reefs. The availability of oxygen on Padar and Komodo islands is one of the most important factors
345 in promoting tourism. Based on the analysis results in early 2013, the valuation of ecosystem
346 services of primary production was 13,991,02,975.44 USD per year, in 2045 the value is only
347 1,146,487,596.89 USD per year. This decline is due to a decrease in vegetation due to natural
348 deforestation or human activities, as well as climate change causing an increase in sea surface
349 temperature. Looking at some general climate changes, the decline of oxygen in the oceans is the
350 most serious impact of human activities on the Earth's environment. In the last 50 years, areas of
351 minimal oxygen in the ocean have increased fourfold, and estuaries, bays, and coastal areas of low
352 oxygen have increased tenfold (GO2NE, 2016.)

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354 *3.1.6 Ecosystem Services of Residential and Living Space Provider*

355 According to the Decree of the General Directorate for the Conservation of Ecosystem Natural
356 Resources (KSDAE) No: SK.212/KSDAE/SET.3/KSA.0/11/2020 dated November 6, 2020 on the
357 Zoning Map of Komodo National Park, the administrative area of KNP is divided into seven zones.
358 The habitat and shelter needs of the indigenous population are regulated in a special zone for the
359 settlement of indigenous people. The zone is defined on the basis of special regulations issued by
360 the KNP and local governments. The area is in the form of villages scattered throughout the KNP
361 area, which is designated as a special zone for the settlement of indigenous people on an area of
362 26.87 hectares. The entire Padar Island area is an uninhabited area, which means that it is one of
363 the areas with low and very low potential for housing and habitat. The results of the analysis show
364 that the cultural ecosystem services of housing and habitat in Komodo Island and Padar Island are
365 dominated by low and very low potential areas (Fig. 4), covering 19,760.48 hectares (58.89%) and
366 7,653.75 hectares (22.81%), respectively. The area with high potential for residential and habitat
367 ecosystem services covers 26.87 hectares (0.08%). This falls under the KNP zoning regulations
368 with a special zoning function that regulates the maximum area for residential zoning on Komodo
369 Island at 26.87 hectares.

370 The KNP area has many potential values, not only from ecosystem services provided by nature,
371 but also from non-natural sources such as housing and habitat. Estimating the economic value of
372 the land for indigenous peoples to use as housing yields a value of approximately \$ 671,189.66. If
373 the areas within the KNP that have both covered and shaded spaces, including services to protected
374 areas and the number of houses are also estimated, the result is a use value of approximately
375 \$189,031.04 per year. This valuation approach uses a market rate for the staging or resting area,
376 which is \$0.33 per visit. A similar economic value can also be applied to the gathering places as
377 part of the public facilities value. Based on the results of the estimated economic value, the value
378 is \$287,652.71. The estimated value of the object of the identity of the owner of the land results

379 from the payment of a land tax of about 29,807.98 USD. This value, analogous to the cost of a
380 land registry, is estimated at about 51.56 USD. The economic value, which is only felt by people,
381 should not exceed the actual cost of maintenance. Therefore, population growth is controlled,
382 especially in Komodo Village. Due to the large number of people in the area, there will be conflicts
383 over land use for agriculture, water use, shelter, and food, especially for buffalo and deer, and
384 marine tuna (Adil and Triwijoyo, 2017; Ahmad et al., 2021).

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386 *3.1.7 Ecosystem Services of Recreational and Ecotourism*

387 The results of the analysis show that most of the areas are dominated by areas with high and very
388 high (Fig. 4) potential for ecosystem services in recreation and ecotourism, namely 193,22.85
389 hectares (57.59%) and 6134.08 hectares (18.28%). The areas with high potential are located in
390 Komodo Island. The value of benefits is derived from ecosystem services for recreation and
391 ecotourism, including conservation of nature, preservation of culture, educational facilities,
392 socialization facilities, stress relief, and financial benefits. The variables considered in determining
393 this value are the number of visits and the conservation costs incurred by visitors (Ahmad, 2009;
394 Bhat and Sofi, 2021; Platania and Rizzo, 2018; Ramdas and Mohamed, 2014; Reynisdottir et al.,
395 2008; Sukwika and Kasih, 2020; Sukwika and Rahmatulloh, 2021; Zhao et al., 2022).

396 In this study, the ecosystem services of recreation and ecotourism are discussed, such as
397 conservation of nature, preservation of culture, educational facilities, socialization facilities, stress
398 relief, and financial benefits. Some of these variables are calculated based on the total number of
399 visitors. Once the values are determined, they are summed to obtain the total value of ecosystem
400 services for recreation and ecotourism. Recreation and ecotourism ecosystem services are
401 calculated based on the number of visitors, specifically the entrance fees collected from visitors.
402 In 2021, the value of this ecosystem service was \$1,454,246.58, but there was a significant increase
403 so that the value in 2045 would be \$11,471,258.92.

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405 *3.1.8 Ecosystem Services of Aesthetic Value*

406 The spatial analysis results of mapping aesthetic ecosystem services on Komodo Island and Padar
407 Island, predominantly aesthetic ecosystem services have a high and very high potential (Fig.4) of
408 aesthetic ecosystem services. Areas with a very high potential for aesthetic ecosystem services are
409 found on Komodo Island. The recapitulation results of the aesthetic ecosystem services area on
410 Komodo Island and Padar Island show that most of the area is dominated by areas with high and
411 very high potential with an area respectively of 22,123.57 ha (65.94%) and 3,333.51 ha (9.94%).
412 The benefits value of aesthetic ecosystem services analyzed is to enhance the beauty and
413 appreciation the nature. The value for enhancing beauty is based on the activity of taking

414 videography and photography, including the time needed to take the videos or photos. Meanwhile,
 415 the analysis for the appreciation of nature is based on the price of photo services and the number
 416 of visits. The valuation of aesthetic ecosystem services takes the tourist's baseline since the
 417 valuation process is related to the beautiful quality and it involves the visitors' judgment. It can be
 418 seen in the graph that there is a value increase that will be directly proportional to the visitors. In
 419 2013 the valuation value is USD 214,651.76 and in 2045 the valuation will be USD
 420 161,235,251.30.

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 422 3.2 The Value of Ecosystem Services
 423 Tourism has a positive impact on social and economic aspects (Sukwika and Kasih, 2020; Sukwika
 424 and Rahmatulloh, 2021). Nonetheless, tourism also harms the ecosystem services function if this
 425 tourism activity has exceeded the carrying capacity of the region (Bhat and Sofi, 2021; Ramdas
 426 and Mohamed, 2014; Zhao et al., 2022). The calculation of the ecosystem services analysis shows
 427 that the benefits value total amount of the 8 ecosystem services generated from the KNP area is
 428 USD 1,524,474,127.74 which is described in detail in table 5.

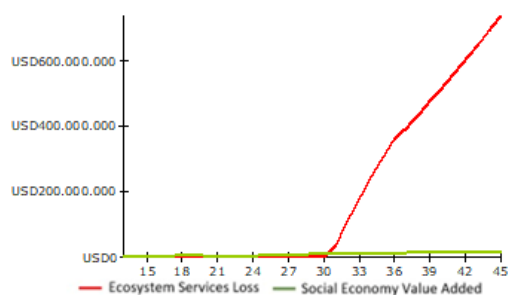
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 430 **Table 5.** Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystem Values

Ecosystem Services	Value (USD)
Ecosystem Services of Residential and Living Space Provider	1,177,681.39
Ecosystem Services of Aesthetic Value	204,402.84
Ecosystem Services of Recreational and Ecotourism	1,454,246.58
Ecosystem Service of Genetic Resource Provider	94,497.75
Ecosystem Services of Biodiversity Supporting	237,582,324.64
Ecosystem Services of Primary Production	1,281,705,583.54
Ecosystem Services of Water Supply	995,860.27
Ecosystem Services of Climate Regulatory	1,259,530.74
Total	1,524,474,127.75

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 432 This aquatic economic value comes from coastal, mangrove, seagrass, and coral reef areas. In total,
 433 the aquatic economic value is 188,501,511.16 USD, with the coral reef sector being the largest
 434 contributor with a value of 172,408,555.30 USD or 91.46% of the four sectors analyzed. The
 435 benefits of coral reefs are that coral reefs are home to various fish species and other marine biota
 436 and are one of the leading tourist attractions (diving and snorkeling) in the KNP area. Other aspects
 437 such as beaches, mangroves, and seagrass beds contribute 8.54% or the equivalent of
 438 \$16,092,955.87 when these three aspects are combined.

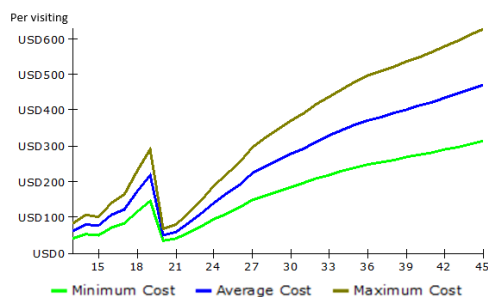
439 One source of funds for the conservation of the national park is to make the national park area
 440 productive and to maintain it. The loss of value of ecosystem services is due to a decline in
 441 ecosystem services (Sukwika and Kasih, 2020). The reason for the decline in ecosystem services

442 is due to the high interest of visitors in popular tourist attractions. Therefore, it is necessary to
 443 know the trend of the missing value at this time and in the future. The dynamic results of the
 444 simulation system are shown in Figure 6. It is known that the loss of ecosystem services is
 445 increasing, while the value of socioeconomic benefits shows a slight movement. Based on these
 446 conditions, efforts to control the loss of conservation value and restore the current environmental
 447 conditions are important. One form of this is that the management of national parks must consider
 448 the carrying capacity and absorptive capacity of their ecosystem services.
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450 **Fig 6.** Ecosystem Services Loss and the value of socio-economic benefits

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 453 The system dynamics analysis generates several simulations and projections related to the loss of
 454 ecosystem services and the value of socioeconomic benefits, as shown in Figure 6. Visitor
 455 restrictions can be applied when the loss of ecosystem services is close to the line of socioeconomic
 456 value added so that equilibrium is reached. The loss of value in ecosystem services will affect the
 457 cost of environmental restoration, which is quite high. The simulation results show that the total
 458 loss of ecosystem services in 2045 will be \$737,037,407.92 if there is no visitation policy. The
 459 system dynamics simulation shows the results of the WTP (Willingness to Pay) analysis, as well
 460 as the analysis of the respondents' characteristics, which show the value that should be imposed
 461 on visitors due to the lost ecosystem services caused by tourism activities in the KNP (Figure 7).



462 **Fig 7** Willingness to Pay for Ecosystem Services Loss

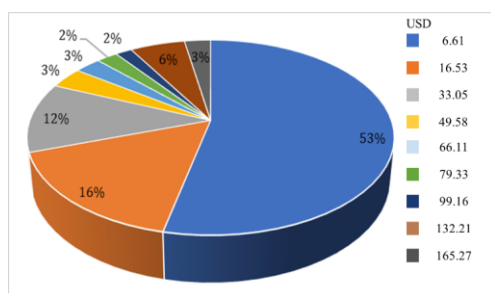
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465 Based on various analyses conducted and considering future pressures to sustain the KNP, a value
466 for ideal visitor ecosystem services is recommended to range from \$194.60 to \$389.20. This value
467 represents the average cost simulated using system dynamics. This value takes into account the
468 stress and loss of ecosystem services from past activities. The limitation of visitors and the loss of
469 environmental services should lead the local government to integrate various tourist attractions to
470 increase the length of stay of visitors, thus increasing the direct benefits and the value of ecosystem
471 services in a balanced way. Considering the direct benefits and value of ecosystem services is part
472 of the sustainable tourism management that must be implemented to achieve a balance between
473 conservation and the economic sector. Well-designed tourism will contribute significantly to
474 sustainable development (Budiasa and Ambarawati, 2014).

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476 3.3 Real Value of Visit Contribution

477 KNP is an area used as a leading natural tourist attraction and is one of the priority tourism
478 destinations in East Nusa Tenggara Province. As a leading regional and national tourist attraction,
479 it is obviously necessary to consider the value of visitor contribution so that management can
480 develop the tourism sector in a sustainable, environmentally friendly, with good service and a high
481 level of safety. The real value of the contribution to the KNP is derived from the current total value
482 added to the KNP in the form of entrance tickets (non-tax revenues) combined with the additional
483 costs resulting from the willingness to pay (WTP) and ecosystem service loss calculation results.



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485 **Fig 8.** Willingness to Additional Entrance Fee for Conservation

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487 Figure 8 below is the result of a survey of 120 people, taking into account the different social,
488 economic and educational status of the respondents. The results of the questionnaire on the
489 willingness to collect additional entrance fees for conservation showed that the community would
490 like to increase the entrance fees for KNP and sustainable management from \$6.61 to \$165.27.
491 The most important reason for respondents is the Komodo factor as a creature that needs to be
492 protected and is the only ancient animal in Indonesia today. Conservation and sustainability

493 considerations are mostly cited as reasons why people are willing to add value to the entry as a
494 form of support for the management and protection of fauna and flora in the area (Ahmad, 2009;
495 Bhat and Sofi, 2021; Platania and Rizzo, 2018; Yang et al., 2022). The data analysis shows the
496 final result obtained from the added value of 30.05 USD; the value is obtained from the weighting
497 analysis and the calculations considering all the data/questionnaires entered. The calculation of the
498 current entry value based on PNBP and Government Regulation No. 12 of 2014 is USD 29.75, so
499 the total value of the current WTP is USD 59.79. However, this value does not take into account
500 the loss of ecosystem services ranging from USD 194.60 to USD 389.20.

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502 3.2 Discussion

503 Ecosystem services and the value of ecosystem services have declined in TNC due to unrestricted
504 tourism activities, as economic factors are prioritised over social factors. However, the
505 assumptions underlying economic valuation may not be appropriate when applied to ecosystem
506 services (David and Mette, 2010). Every ecosystem service has added socioeconomic value. If a
507 human activity is not curtailed, there is an imbalance between the two variables: The
508 socioeconomic value added will remain, but the loss of ecosystem services will be higher (see
509 Figure 6). The potential loss of ecosystem services must be anticipated through efforts to restore
510 ecosystem services so that ecosystems damaged by human activities can be restored (Wahyudin et
511 al., 2022) and environmental conditions maintained. WTP can provide an overview of visitors'
512 willingness to contribute to the protection of Komodo National Park. WTP is one of the indicators
513 of visitor involvement in environmental concern and participation in conservation (Kamri, 2013).
514 This is consistent with the conditions in Komodo National Park: visitors are willing to pay more
515 for entrance tickets to support conservation in Komodo National Park.

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517 4. Conclusions

518 For ecosystem services, 8 priority ecosystem services were selected from 20 ecosystems
519 studied in depth. The analysis of the 8 ecosystem services was conducted by weighting the expert
520 assessments and analyzed using ISM to obtain 8 ecosystem services that can be mapped and their
521 extent. For the mapping of ecosystem services, expert assessment is performed using AHP so that
522 the value per parameter of land cover and ecoregion can be determined. Each ecosystem service
523 represents a value for environmental benefits. When the pressure on ecosystem services in KNP
524 increases, the value of the services also decreases. However, for the existing condition, the decline
525 in benefits is still under control because the KNP has not exceeded the carrying capacity and
526 capacity of its environment and has a total benefit value of \$1,524,474,127.74. The value of
527 ecosystem services lost if no restrictions are imposed reaches \$727 million per year in 2045,

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528 whereas the value lost if restrictions are imposed is about \$661,000 per year and still able to repair
529 and restore while maintaining the value of economic and sustainable benefits. Given the decline
530 in ecosystem services, conservation is needed to restore environmental conditions to maintain
531 them with a loss of ecosystem services of \$194.60 to \$389.20 per tourist visit. This value will be
532 used for general conservation in Komodo National Park, especially for the survival of the Komodo
533 dragon.

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652 **Appendix**

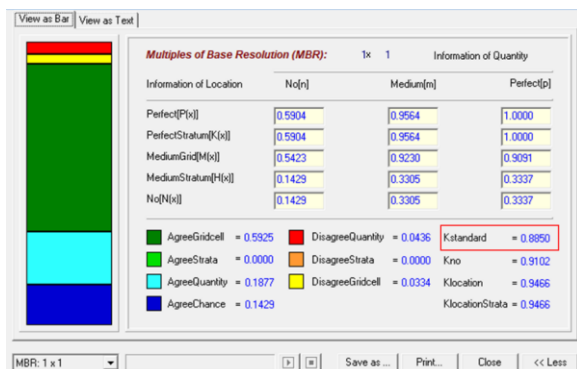
653 The validation test in this study uses the AME (Absolute Means Error) and AVE (Absolute
 654 Variance Error) validation tests to find out the data variation and also the difference in values
 655 between data from simulations and primary data. The following are the results of the validation
 656 that has been carried out in this study, tourists, Komodo dragons and also land become the object
 657 of validation for this study. For more details, please see the table below.

658 AME and AVE Validation Table

	AME 1	AME 2	AVE
Savana	2.74	2.69	6.66
Forest	5.07	4.68	7.16
Scrub	9.51	9.85	8.79
Settelment	2.12	2.32	4.51
Mangrove	1.35	1.30	8.36
Komodo	9.89	10.00	2.65
Visitors	2.62	0.65	1.89

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 661 Based on the results of the validation that has been carried out, for AME validation all variables
 662 tested show an error value of less than 10%, which means that this model is very close to the real
 663 world value or close to the primary data entered. As with AME, for AVE all variables the error
 664 value is below 10%, which means that the data variation entered is valid.



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 666 **Kappa Spatial Dynamics Validation Image**

667 Meanwhile, for dynamic spatial validation, the value is 0.8850 or 88.5%, which means that the
 668 error from dynamic spatial is only 11.5%, still far from the minimum standard of 15%. Thus, for
 669 the use of spatial projections, it can be said that the validation value is qualified for further use.

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