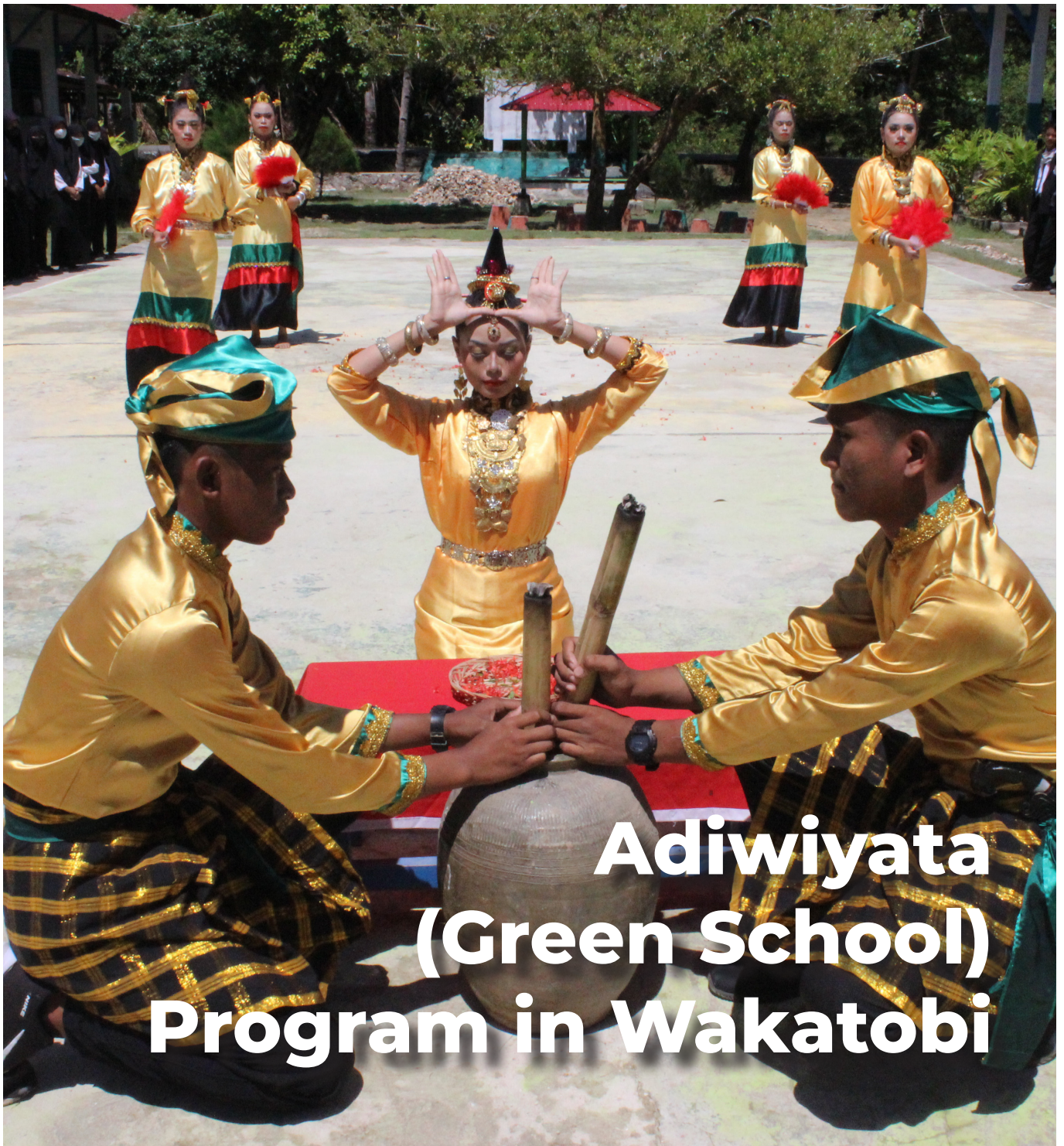


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**Adiwiyata
(Green School)
Program in Wakatobi**

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The SUSTOUR project is part of the Sustainable Tourism Development Program in Indonesia (STDI), which is funded by SECO (Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of the Swiss Confederation) in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of the Republic of Indonesia. The SUSTOUR project aims to increase employment and income opportunities for local residents through the development of sustainable and inclusive tourism in the two destinations of Labuan Bajo (Flores) and Wakatobi.



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Adiwiyata is a program initiated by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (Kementrian LHK) with the goal of encouraging students to care about the environment while also supporting schools in operating in a more environmentally-friendly manner. This program has already received special recognition from the government, in addition to legal references to the implementation of Adiwiyata schools. In 2019, the Ministry of Environment and Forestry issued Regulation No. 52 (PERMEN KLHK) about 'Care and Culture of Environmentalism in Schools' in addition to Regulation No. 53 'The Adiwiyata Award'.





Adiwiyata Vocational Tourism High School Wakatobi

The Adiwiyata program shares a similar goal to SUSTOUR, which is to promote the integration of aspects of sustainability within the curriculum and teaching-learning process of vocation schools. This takes into consideration that sustainability is an important issue in the tourism industry, that in fact has become an industry necessity. Sustainable tourism is foundational to tourism development on a global scale, including in Indonesia. It is vital that awareness, knowledge, and skills in the field of sustainability be integrated into the curriculum and programs of Tourism Vocational Schools (SMK Pariwisata) to ensure that the future of Indonesian tourism is globally competitive.

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SUSTOUR aims to promote the Adiwiyata program with SMK in Flores and Wakatobi. In Wakatobi, SMKN 1 Kaledupa has proactively engaged in the Adiwiyata movement. The Adiwiyata program at SMKN 1 Kaledupa was initiated through several activities, namely:

- 1** Participation in the 2020 Link and Match Program, which focused on trends in the tourism industry and the strengthening of aspects of sustainability.
- 2** Participation in an annual training program for vocational tourism teachers, which ran from 2019 to 2021, known as the SMK Teacher Training Initiative. The SMK Teacher Training Initiative program is an apprenticeship program for SMK teachers. Teachers from Kaledupa joined to absolve an internship at Ramada by Wyndham Bali in 2019 and Hotel Claro Makassar in 2021. In the program, SMKN 1 Kaledupa teachers actively initiated and conducted environment-related activities, such as navigating teaching and operational processes, both within and outside the school, such as beach clean-up initiatives with school partners.

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The 2019 Ministry of Environment and Forestry Regulations (PERMEN KLHK) No. 52 and No. 53 state that Adiwiyata, at the high school and vocational school levels, is under the control of the provincial authority. Therefore, SUSTOUR, promoted the Task Force (Local Platform) for Sustainable Tourism of Wakatobi Regency to coordinate with the Environment Office (DLH) of Wakatobi Regency and the Environment Office of Southeast Sulawesi Province regarding the first ever implementation of an Adiwiyata Program at High School level in Wakatobi. The results of the coordination process encouraged the parties to initiate the socialization of the Adiwiyata School Program and the movement for 'Care and Culture of Environmentalism' (Gerakan Peduli dan Berbudaya Lingkungan Hidup) at SMKN 1 Kaledupa with the school principal, board and committee. The process of implementing Adiwiyata at SMKN 1 Kaledupa without the participation, support, and assistance of the Environment Office of Southeast Sulawesi Province, Wakatobi Regency Environment Office, and Wakatobi Regency Sustainable Tourism Task Force (Local Platform).



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The implementation of the Adiwiyata program at SMKN 1 Kaledupa is fully financed by the individual school's budget. The Adiwiyata program has made great changes to the school environment and the behavior of both teachers and students. This can be seen in the new requirement that

- ✓ Teachers and students bring reusable water bottles to school to reduce the use of plastic bottles.
- ✓ The use of small solar panels for morning and afternoon school activities (given that there is no PLN electricity service during these times).
- ✓ The installation of water meters to gauge the volume of water used.
- ✓ In addition, the garden and school yard have also been improved.
- ✓ The canteen uses bamboo cutlery produced by student company students.
- ✓ Chipped and damaged school walls have been repaired.
- ✓ And there has been an installation of a number of boards publicizing information related to the environment and healthy lifestyle around the school.
- ✓ Students can also study outside the school because there are gazebos and open green spaces that are safe for use by everyone.
- ✓ Lastly, there is also a mangrove park located behind the school that can be used as a place to learn more about the environment.

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The Adiwiyata program has initiated significant changes to the SMKN 1 Kaledupa.

These changes have allowed for the realization of a safe and peaceful atmosphere for students and teachers, ultimately supporting the learning process, in addition to encouraging teachers to continuously include aspects of sustainability into their daily lessons.

Teachers have adjusted their lesson plans and curriculum (Rencana Pelaksanaan Pembelajaran) to strategically orient students towards sustainability and encourage its daily application. Due to these efforts, SMKN 1 Kaledupa has won the Adiwiyata Award at the provincial level.

The hope is that this program will build and foster important knowledge, skills, and student-behavior that helps these students become Indonesia's future champions of sustainable tourism who excel in their field, are sustainability-oriented, and are environmentally-conscious."



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