STRATEGY FOR SPORT TOURISM DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TALC AND 4A PERSPECTIVES: A CASE STUDY OF DESERT POINT

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ABSTRACT

Desert Point is one of the world-class surfing destinations located in West Lombok Regency. It holds great potential as a sport tourism destination. However, this potential has not been matched by adequate infrastructure, regulatory frameworks, or formal stakeholder involvement This study aims to formulate development strategies for Desert Point as a sport tourism destination using the Tourism Area Life Cycle (TALC) model, the 4A framework (Attraction, Accessibility, Amenities, Ancillary), and SWOT analysis. A descriptive qualitative method was applied, with data collected through field observations, in-depth interviews, and documentation. The findings indicate that Desert Point is currently in transition from the exploration phase to early involvement. Its attractions, especially the surfing waves and natural scenery, are already strong, but accessibility and supporting facilities remain limited. Based on the SWOT analysis, several short- and medium-term strategies were proposed, including improving access, enhancing digital promotion, providing community training, and initiating land legalization. This research provides practical insights for sport tourism development in remote areas and contributes theoretically by demonstrating the application of TALC as a sustainable destination planning tool.

Key words: sport tourism, Desert Point, TALC, 4A, development strategy.