

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

South Sumatra is one of the provinces that have many tourism destinations. Tourism destination is a place that becomes the target of tourist's visits that supported by tourism infrastructure and facilities. Tourist destinations in South Sumatra could be culinary tourism, cultural tourism, historical tourism, water tourism, marine tourism and natural tourism.

Natural Tourism a recreational an tourism activities that utilize natural potential to enjoying the natural beauty. Natural tourism is the most tourism spot that frequently visited by many communities especially for urban society, because natural tourism serves the beauty views. Kinds of natural tourism are such as mountain, marine parks, rivers, beach, waterfalls, including forest flora and fauna.

Waterfall is water flowing which formed when the flow of water falling from a higher place. Water which fall would erode the river bed so it forms abasin resemblinga pool. One of the waterfalls in South Sumatra is Temam Waterfall. Temam Waterfall located about 11km to the south of the center of Lubuklinggau, Musi Rawas, South Sumatra.

Temam waterfall is one of main icon of tourism place in Lubuklinggau that has a natural beauty. It is extraordinary surrounded by natural rocks and green trees with the conditions of an unspoiled natural environment. Temam waterfall is one of favorite place for Lubuklinggau community to fill a holiday. On weekends, the place is filled with tourists who want to enjoy the panoramic beauty of the temam waterfall

But it is not comparable with the current conditions that are still less maintained from the cleanliness, safety, environmental regulation and

access roads to get to the object are still very bad. It is caused by the lack of participation of local communities in caring the tourism object. Thus, the writer is very interested in knowing the community's participation in preserving Lubuklinggau.

### **1.2 Research question**

Based on the background above, the research question is "How is the community's participation in preserving Temam waterfall ?

### **1.3 Research purposes**

The purpose of this study is to find out community's participation in preserving Temam Waterfall.

### **1.4 Benefits**

The writer hopes this research will be useful for the students of State Polytechnic of Sriwijaya about the way of the community LubukLinggau to preserving Temam Waterfall. Besides, the writer hopes the results of this research are useful for the community to know the participation that have not been done.