

ABSTRACT

The object of this research is located in Ngingrong cave, Gunungkidul regency. This research focuses on tourism activity developed in Ngingrong cave. This research discusses about the compatibility between tourism development and principals of geotourism and the tourism development strategy based on geotourism principals.

The method used in this research is descriptive qualitative. Which means data being collected and afterward it is being analyzed and interpreted. Data were collected by observation, interview, and literature study. This research attempts to show the compatibility between tourism development in Ngingrong cave with geotourism principals. Based on analysis, tourism activity in Ngingrong cave has been suitable with geotourism principals. However in fact, there are a lot of obstacles that should regenerate.

Keyword: Geotourism, Geopark, Education, Conservation, Participation

ABSTRAK

Kajian topik penelitian ini pada situs geologi Gua Ngingrong, Kabupaten Gunungkidul. Penelitian ini difokuskan pada kegiatan pariwisata yang sedang dikembangkan di situs geologi Gua Ngingrong. Penelitian ini membahas keseuaian prinsip dalam pengembangan geowisata di Gua Ngingrong dan strategi pengembangan wisata di Gua Ngingrong sesuai dengan prinsip geowisata.

Metode penelitian yang digunakan adalah kualitatif dengan sifat deskriptif yaitu data yang didapatkan kemudian dianalisis dan diinterpretasikan. Pengumpulan data diperoleh melalui observasi, wawancara maupun studi pustaka. Penelitian ini berusaha untuk menunjukkan keseuaian antara pengembangan pariwisata di Gua Ngingrong dengan prinsip geowisata. Berdasarkan analisis, kegiatan pariwisata di Gua Ngingrong telah sesuai dengan prinsip dari geowisata. Namun keadaan dilapangan masih banyak kendala yang perlu diperbaiki.

Kata Kunci : Geowisata, Geopark, Edukasi, Partisipasi, Konservasi