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Title of the Manuscript:	Patron-Client in Socio Economic Relations of Fishermen in the Coastal Area of Bandar Lampung City, Indonesia
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer’s comment	Author’s Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript is significant for the scientific community as it provides an in-depth exploration of the socio-economic dynamics of patron-client relationships within the Bagan fishing community in Kotakarang Subdistrict, Bandar Lampung, Indonesia. By uncovering the mechanisms of profit-sharing, wage structures, and mutual dependencies between skippers and labor fishermen, the research contributes valuable insights into the social and economic inequalities persisting in small-scale fishing communities. The study also emphasizes the role of traditional practices and power dynamics in sustaining livelihoods, which has implications for policymakers aiming to develop equitable and sustainable fisheries management strategies. Moreover, the qualitative methodology employed enriches the understanding of complex community interactions, offering a framework for future research in similar socio-cultural contexts.	Thanks for the comments
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	No, here is the revise title – “Socio-Economic Dynamics of Patron-Client Relations in the Fishing Communities of Bandar Lampung, Indonesia.”	Thanks for the comments
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	<p>The abstract of the article is fairly comprehensive in describing the key aspects of the socio-economic relationships between patrons (juragan) and worker fishermen (clients) in coastal fishing communities. However, there are areas where clarity and structure could be improved, and additional elements could enhance the abstract.</p> <p>The patron-client system (juragan and workers) in fishing communities remains a powerful socio-economic structure, particularly in the coastal area of Kotakarang District, Bandar Lampung City, Indonesia. This study aims to investigate and interpret the socio-economic dependencies and relationships between patrons and worker fishermen. Using qualitative descriptive methods, the research involved field observations and in-depth interviews, with data analyzed through thematic qualitative analysis. The findings reveal that patrons not only own key fishing assets, such as motorboats and fishing gear, but also provide operational capital for fishing activities. This creates a strong dependency, with worker fishermen often feeling emotionally obligated to their patrons. Despite their hard work, fishermen face persistent economic challenges, relying on their patrons for compensation or crisis support. This patron-client relationship is sustained by mutual benefits, although it reinforces socio-economic disparities. The study highlights the need for targeted interventions to address the vulnerabilities of worker fishermen and ensure equitable economic opportunities in fishing communities.</p>	Ok noted
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	The manuscript tackles an important socio-economic issue in coastal livelihoods and is scientifically correct in terms of structure and approach. However, strengthening the literature review, adding methodological transparency, and linking findings to recent theoretical frameworks and quantitative data will improve the scientific value and impact of the study.	Done
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	Incorporating updated references, especially recent global and local studies, will enhance the manuscript's credibility and ensure that it addresses contemporary concerns and solutions. I recommend explicitly linking findings to SDG targets and recent global discussions on sustainability in fishing practices.	Thanks noted and added

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	<div>Suggested Additional References:</div> <div><div>1. Recent Works on Fisheries Socio-Economics:</div><div><div>○</div><div>FAO (2022). <i>The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2022</i>. Rome: FAO.</div></div><div><div>○</div><div>Pomeroy, R.S., & Andrew, N.L. (2020). <i>Small-scale Fisheries Management: Frameworks and Approaches for the Developing World</i>. CABI.</div></div></div> <div><div>2. Locally Relevant Recent Studies:</div><div><div>○</div><div>Badjeck, M.C., et al. (2020). "The vulnerability of coastal communities to climate change impacts on fisheries." <i>Marine Policy</i>.</div></div><div><div>○</div><div>Indonesian Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (2023). <i>Annual Fisheries Development Report</i>.</div></div></div> <div><div>3. Policy and Economic Impact of Fisheries:</div><div><div>○</div><div>World Bank (2023). <i>Securing a Sustainable Future for Small-Scale Fisheries</i>.</div></div><div><div>○</div><div>Asian Development Bank (2021). <i>Social and Environmental Impacts of Fisheries Development in Asia</i>.</div></div></div> <div><div>4. Updated Research Methodologies:</div><div><div>○</div><div>Flick, U. (2022). <i>An Introduction to Qualitative Research</i>. 7th Edition. Sage Publications.</div></div></div>
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Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	<p>The English quality of the article demonstrates a basic level of clarity in communicating ideas, but it does not consistently meet the standards of scholarly communication. There are several areas where the language and structure can be improved to enhance readability and professionalism. Key observations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Issues with sentence construction, such as long, convoluted sentences that can confuse the reader.Missing or incorrect articles (e.g., “chart fishing gear is modern fishing gear” could be “chart fishing gear is a modern fishing method”).Lack of smooth transitions between sentences and paragraphs can make the text feel disconnected.The article often lacks a formal and precise tone expected in scholarly publications. For example, phrases like "the boss as a 'god of salvation'" are too figurative. <p>By addressing these aspects, the article can meet the expectations for scholarly communication and reach a wider academic audience.</p>	Incorporated
Optional/General comments	<p>The research contributes valuable insights into the socio-economic dynamics of the patron-client relationship in fishing communities, particularly among labor fishermen. This is a niche and often underrepresented area in socio-economic studies, making the research relevant to academic and policy-making audiences focused on rural livelihoods, fisheries, and sustainable development. However, several aspects of the study could be strengthened to enhance its overall impact and credibility.</p> <p>The study addresses an important socio-economic dynamic within fishing communities—the patron-client relationship among labor fishermen. This is a valuable area of research that contributes to the understanding of rural livelihoods, sustainable fisheries management, and social equity. However, more attention is needed to ground the study within a broader theoretical context and provide in-depth analyses.</p> <p>The objectives of the research are clear, but the paper could benefit from a more explicit alignment between research questions, data analysis, and the conclusion. Providing a clear linkage will help readers better understand how findings address the stated objectives.</p> <p>While the research provides insights into the labor dynamics of fishermen, the methodology lacks detailed descriptions of sample size, selection criteria, and data validation techniques. Strengthening this section would enhance the reliability and reproducibility of the findings.</p> <p>The findings present interesting patterns of dependency and socio-economic inequality but could be better contextualized using comparative or regional examples. Presenting data visually (e.g., tables or charts) would help to illustrate key points and engage the audience more effectively.</p> <p>While the research outlines significant challenges faced by labor fishermen, it stops short of providing detailed and actionable recommendations. Including specific interventions or policy recommendations would increase its practical value.</p>	Thanks for the comments

PART 2:

	Reviewer’s comment	Author’s comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)	