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## The World's Real "Jurassic" Park Komodo National Park, Indonesia

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### **Biography:**

Muhammad Ikbal Putera is a Forest Ecosystem Manager in Komodo National Park, Indonesia. He has worked for the park for almost 3 years. His primary job is to create annual population predictions of Komodo Dragon (*Varanus komodoensis*) and Yellow-Crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua sulphurea*) as well as maintaining ecotourism management and activities inside the park. His interest in the ecotourism field had brought himself to be selected by USAID-Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) Fellowship Program. He is now Master's Student in the Graduate Program of UF's SFRC, under supervision of Dr. Taylor V. Stein. He was the winner of Indonesia Marine and Tourism Ambassador in 2013, Banten Province Tourism Ambassador in 2014, East Nusa Tenggara Province Tourism Ambassador in 2015 also Indonesia Tourism Ambassador in 2015.

### **Content:**

Komodo National Park is one of the Indonesian Government Agencies under Ministry of Environment and Forestry Indonesian Republic that became World's Top 10 Destinations of National Geographic Magazine (July 2017). It has 173.000 acres of land and ocean. It is the home of the world largest living lizard, Komodo Dragon, which might grow up to 3.8 meters (12.46 Foot) long. The park attracted more than 107.000 visitors from more than 65 countries in 2016. it provides unique experiences and believed to be able to satisfy tourists' diverse demands. There is nowhere else in the world where it is possible to see these big living prehistoric creatures in their natural habitat except in the Komodo National Park, Indonesia.

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