

ABSTRACT

INNOVATION OF WOVEN TECHNIQUES IN WATER HYACINTH HANDICRAFT PRODUCTS AT UKM IEKO RATU ECENG

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Water hyacinth (Eichhornia Crassipes) is a plant that can float in water, grows in shallow ponds, rivers, lakes, wetlands and swamps and is known as a water weed (pest) plant. These water hyacinths are found thriving in the Tangerang area, especially in Cipondoh lake, Banten Province. The existence of this pest is seen as an opportunity by UKM Ieko Ratu Eceng, which uses it as a craft that produces goods such as bags, pot covers, laundry baskets, mats, wall hangings and furniture products. However, most of the handicrafts produced by UKM Ieko Ratu Eceng use the same weaving technique, almost all of their products especially fashion products such as bags. This is due to the lack of knowledge of craftsmen about weaving and the lack of technical development carried out on water hyacinth woven handicraft products at UKM Ieko Ratu Eceng.

One of the innovative water hyacinth handicraft efforts at UKM Ieko Ratu Eceng is by applying new techniques or combining the Ieko Ratu Eceng UKM weaving technique with new weaving techniques appropriately. So, the craftsmen at UKM can carry out the process of working and applying the weaving technique properly and effectively in this water hyacinth woven craft. Based on the result of field observations, interviews and exploration of the application of innovative weaving techniques by combining weaving techniques at UKM Ieko Ratu Eceng with new weaving techniques as a medium in giving a renewal impression of water hyacinth craft at Ieko Ratu Eceng UKM. The application of the weaving technique innovation is in the form of a variety of techniques applied water hyacinth craft bag products. The presence of innovation and renewal of weaving techniques in water hyacinth crafts provides aesthetic, uniqueness, and expands creativity and insight for craftsmen in the production process of water hyacinth bag crafts

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