

## INTERRELATION BETWEEN TOURIST RISK PERCEPTION AND DESTINATION IMAGE AND REVISIT INTENTION EAST LOMBOK POST EARTHQUAKE

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### Abstract

*This research developed of tourist risk perception and destination image and revisit intention. The research also focused how tourists are influenced by natural disasters and provides empirical evidence to predict the hypothesis models. The results of a study of 230 of local and international tourists visit to East Lombok post the earthquake. This study examining: (1) the effect of risk perception and destination image (2) the effect of destination image and revisit intention (3) the effect of risk perception and revisit intention post natural disaster. Results as expected, all results had positive and significant relation between variables. This research used SEM-AMOS as analysis method.*

**Keyword:** earthquake, natural disaste, risk perception, destination image, revisit intention

## INTRODUCTION

### 1. Background

Tourism industry is also very vulnerable to internal issues, such as crimes, social and political instabilities, and external threats such as war, terrorism, natural disasters, contagious diseases which may harm destination image [1]. This scenario may pose a different challenge for marketers to apply effective positioning strategy for tourist destinations impacted by natural disasters due to increased perceived risks [2]. World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) states that tourist destinations with terrorist attack can recover faster than those with natural disasters. Natural disasters are unavoidable [3]. In Indonesia, in the past 18 years, major scale natural disasters, especially earthquakes and tsunamis, have happened 12 times (Table 1). The geographic location and geographic characteristics of Indonesia is a challenge for the tourism industry because continuous tectonic activities often trigger earthquakes and tsunamis, while volcanic activities cause earthquakes and eruptions. This situation is worsened by the fact that disaster management is still difficult in Indonesia, especially when it comes to the tourism industry [4]. Phenomena such as natural disasters, terrorism, etc. often increased the risk level perceived by tourists [5], which in the end worsens the destination image as a popular destination.

TABLE 1 Earthquake And Tsunami In Indonesia 2000 - 2018

No.	Location	Disaster	Date	Magnitude	Fatalities
1	Sumatera	Gempa	4 June 2000	7.9	103
2	Sumatera	Earthquake & Tsunami	26 December 2004	9.1 – 9.3	165,945
3	Sumatera	Earthquake	28 March 2005	8.6	1,313
4	Java	Earthquake & Tsunami	26 May 2006	6.3	5,749
5	Java	Earthquake & Tsunami	17 July 2006	7.7	802
6	Sumatera	Earthquake	6 March 2007	6.4	68
7	Sumatea	Earthquake & Tsunami	25 October 2010	7.8	408
8	Sumatera	Earthquake	7 December 2016	6.5	104

9	Lombok	Earthquake	5 August 2018	6.9	563
10	Lombok	Earthquake	19 August 2018	6.3	12
11	Central Sulawesi	Earthquake	28 September 2018	7.5	1,948
12	West Java & Lampung	Tsunami	22 December 2018	-	+400

Source: [www.mercycorps.org/articles/quick-facts-indonesia-disasters](http://www.mercycorps.org/articles/quick-facts-indonesia-disasters).

Positive image of a destination positively affects tourists’ revisit intention the location in the future [6]. The success of a tourism industry really depends on tourist satisfaction and their desire to revisit a tourist destination and they can be walking marketing by spreading it using word of mouth to tourists and potential customers [7]. Security is one of the important factors for tourists to decide to visit a tourist destination. Tourism is especially sensitive to security issues. Changes in the world may cause change in tourist purchasing behaviour. Security issues have significant effect on tourist purchasing behaviour and decision making process [8].

**2. Formulation of Problems**

From the facts in the background above, the main problems faced by East Lombok are:

- a. How does tourist risk perception affect destination image?
- b. How does destination image affect revisit intention?
- c. How does tourist risk perception affect revisit intention

**LITERATURE REVIEW**

**1. Risk and Tourism**

Risk is a word that has different meanings to different people [9]. According to Aven and Renn, risk is uncertainty on the severity of an event and consequence (or of an outcome) of activity related with something appreciated by human [10]. Risk is defined as something unplanned or something which can’t be ascertained from event, due to the vulnerability or external or internal factor, and is an integral and inseparable part of business [11].

According to Hasan et al., the risk dimension is commonly used to affect tourist behaviours when they visit tourist attractions, a resource, and process [12]. Risk dimension is classified based on the significance perceived by tourism in different tourism processes. We know that physical risk is the most important for natural tourism, followed by performance risk, psychological risk, financial risk, and natural disaster risk. Second, equipment is the most important for cultural tourism, followed by physical risk, performance risk, psychological risk, and terrorism risk. Third, tourist may care more about financial risk when they purchase tourism commodity and participate in cultural tourism activities. Lastly, for adventure tourism, equipment risk is the biggest concern of tourists, followed by physical risk, financial risk, social risk, and performance risk

**2. Risk Perception**

The meaning of risk perception according to Teng is a customer perception on uncertainty and bad consequence of an activity [13].

Risk perception in tourism can be separated by individual characteristic of every tourist [14,15]. Reisinger and Mavondo’s definition of perceived risk is vacationing tourist may not realize their own assessment on potential on risksthey will face [16]. In other words, tourists may not fully understand risk probability, although they may have many ideas on the possible risks they may face

**3. Destination Image**

Broadly speaking, image refers to mental image people make to interpret their environments [17]. Destination image can be described using expression on overall objective knowledge, prejudice, impression, emotional thoughts and imagination and individual on a certain location. These images are important because they significantly affect the decision

making behaviour of potential tourists and satisfaction level based on tourist experience [18]. Another view is destination image is an interactive system of thoughts, opinions, feelings, visualization, and intention to a destination [19]. It's conclude that the destination image of a tourist destination plays an essential role in the success of the tourist destination. It's because the destination image of a tourist destination has multidimensional effects on both local community and tourists. Perception on tourist destination image affects satisfaction and intention to visit related tourist attractions in the future, which obviously depend on the ability of tourist destination to give positive unforgettable experience during the tour [20]. Destination image consists of two components which are cognitive image and affective image [21]. Cognitive component refers to one's belief on the characteristic or attribute of tourist destination [22,23], while affective component is individual's feelings on tourist destination [24].

#### 4. Cognitive Image

The cognitive image of a destination should consist of individual perception of attribute [25]. The components of cognitive image according to Martin & del Bosque include [26]:

- a. Infrastructure and socio-economic environment.
- b. Atmosphere.
- c. Natural attraction.
- d. Cultural attraction.

#### 5. Affective Image

Affective Image refers to feelings and emotions raised by tourist destination [27]. Affective image has 3 dimensions [21,28]: fun destination, interesting destination, and relaxing destination.

#### 6. Behavioral Intention

Behavioural intention is tourist behavioural tendency after doing touring activity to revisit in the future and recommend it to others, related with *Theory of Planned Behaviour Model* (TPB) [29]. This theory states that attitude to behaviour, subjective norms, and perceived behavioural control form individual or tourist intention and behaviour. Beneficial behavioural intention often represents creative customer loyalty. Moreover, loyal customer tends to recommend friends, relatives or other potential customers to a product/service by acting as a word of mouth advertising agent [30].

#### 7. Revisit Intention

The satisfaction and positive image experienced by tourist will have two main benefits. First, future tourist will use this positive image as a reference and reflect them to make decision in choose destination to visit. Second, tourist who is fully satisfied in the first trip is more likely to come to the location against with more friends and suggest and recommend the place to people they know (see Figure 1) [31].

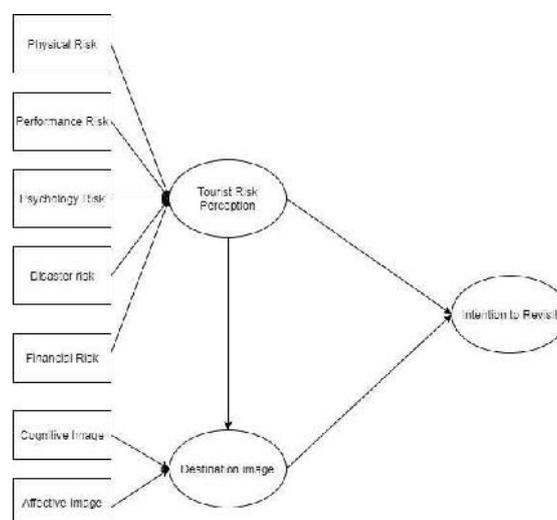


Figure 1 Conceptual model

### 8. Hypothesis

Based on the framework above, the hypotheses in the present study are:

- a. There is positive and significant relation between risk perception and destination image after natural disaster.
- b. There is positive and significant relation between destination image and revisit intention after natural disaster.
- c. There is positive and significant relation between risk perception and revisit intention after natural disaster

## METHODS

### 1. Research Design

The present study was a study with tourism review and focuses on behavioural study of tourist who visited East Lombok post earthquake. The purpose of the present study was determining and analysing the effect of tourist risk perception and destination image on revisit intention post earthquake in East Lombok. The research used descriptive research approach.

The present study used quantitative method, which is a research methodology that attempt to quantify data and apply certain statistical analysis related with data collection method, sample design and construction of data collection instrument [32]. Data collection was performed by collecting primary data using questionnaire and performing in-depth interview with tourism actors.

### 2. Data Collection

The population in the present study was tourists who visited East Lombok. The sample was tourists who visited East Lombok for the first time or more. The sampling method was nonprobability sampling. Nonprobability sampling relies on personal judgment of the researcher in the chance to select sample element [33].

### 3. Analysis Method

The data collection of the questionnaire result can be categorized into 3 steps, i.e. preparation, tabulation and data application on research approach. Since the present study was descriptive and verification, the data analysis used 2 approaches, i.e. descriptive analysis method and verification analysis. Descriptive analysis was used by compiling a frequency distribution table to determine overall respondent characteristics and respondent assessment on every research variable indicator. Meanwhile, verification analysis to test the hypotheses used in the present study were Structural Equation Modelling (SEM)-AMOS software.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Testing the suitability of the research model using goodness of fit models performed as follows Table 2:

Goodness of Fit Measures	Recommended Acceptance Limits	Value	Judgment
GFI	> 0,80 or close to 1	0,862	Acceptable Fit
RMSEA	< 0,08	0,028	Acceptable Fit
CFI	>0,90	0,992	Acceptable Fit
NFI	>0,80	0,936	Acceptable Fit
TLI	>0,90	0,991	Acceptable Fit

The results of the goodness of fit model such as the GFI, RMSEA, CFI, NFI, and TLI values appear to meet the specified conditions, indicating that the formation of the conceptual framework is in accordance with the statement items. Seen in Figure 2 Structural Equation Model as follows.

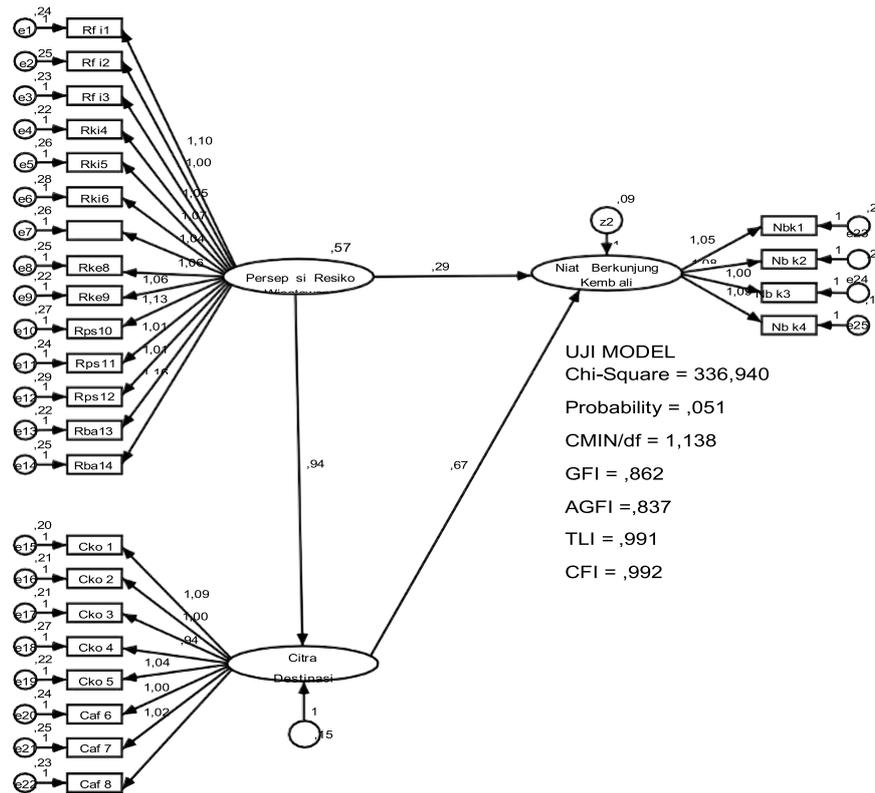


Figure 2 Structural Equation Model (SEM)

Data analysis was obtained from test result on tourist risk perception, destination image, and revisit intention. This was done by seeing the significance value of each relation. T-test was done was checking probability value (p-value), so if p- value < 0.05 the hypothesis is supporter. Hypothesis test result is shown in Table 3 below:

Table 3 Hypothesis Test Result

Hypothesis	Standardized Coefficient Beta (β)	p-value	Decision
H1: tourist risk perception destination image	0,942	0,000	H1 Supported
H2: destination image revisit intention	0,667	0,000	H2 Supported
H3: tourist risk perception revisit intention	0,293	0,002	H3 Supported

Source: Data processed using AMOS Version 7 (Data Process Attached)

**1. Hypothesis 1**

Ho1: Tourist risk perception doesn't affect destination image.

Ha1: Tourist risk perception affects destination image.

Based on the data analysis in the table above, the significant level is 0.000 and standardized coefficient beta of the effect of tourist risk perception on destination image is 0.942. Tourist risk perception affected destination image. Therefore, the first hypothesis that tourist risk perception affects destination image was supported. It showed that although tourists are worried about environmental change after the earthquake, they still believed that East Lombok was friendly for tourists after the earthquake

**2. Hypothesis 2**

Ho2: Destination image doesn't affect revisit intention.

Ha2: Destination image affects revisit intention.

Based on the data analysis in the table above, the significant level is 0.000 and standardized coefficient beta of the effect of destination image on revisit intention is 0.667. Destination image affected revisit intention.

Therefore, the second hypothesis that destination image affects revisit intention was supported. It showed that East Lombok was still friendly for tourists, so they would recommend East Lombok to their friends and family.

### 3. Hypothesis 3

Ho3: Tourist risk perception doesn't affect revisit intention.

Ha3: Tourist risk perception affects revisit intention.

Based on the data analysis in the table above, the significant level is 0.002 and standardized coefficient beta of the effect of tourist risk perception on revisit intention is 0.293. Tourist risk perception affected revisit intention. Therefore, the third hypothesis that tourist risk perception on revisit intention was supported. It showed that although tourists were worried about environmental change after the earthquake, East Lombok still met the tourists' expectation compared with other tourist destinations in Lombok

### 4. Research Result Discussion

The hypothesis analysed the effects of tourist risk perception on destination image, destination image on revisit intention, and tourist risk perception on revisit intention.

H1: Tourist risk perception affects destination image.

The research result supported the result of the study by Hasan et al. in which p-value < alpha 0.001 with beta value of 0.198, meaning tourist risk perception significantly affects improving destination image for tourists [12].

H2: Destination image affects revisit intention.

The research result didn't support the research result by Artuger et al. in which p-value is 0.000 with beta value of 0.84, meaning destination image could increase revisit intention [21].

H3: Tourist risk perception affects revisit intention.

The research result supported the result of the study by Cetinsoz and Ege in which p-value is 0.013 with beta value of 0.20, meaning tourist risk perception could create revisit intention [34].

### CONCLUSION

This research study risk perception, destination image and revisit intention. The major focus on this study was to examine mediating roles of destination image, between risk perceptions and revisit intention to East Lombok post Earthquake. Our research highlights the results of this research:

1. Tourists are worried about environmental changes after the natural disaster but they still believe that East Lombok creates a friendly environment for tourists after the natural disaster.
2. East Lombok has a friendly environment for tourists so tourists will recommend East Lombok to friends and family.
3. Tourists are worried about environmental changes after the natural disaster but East Lombok still meets tourist expectation compared to other tourist destinations in East Lombok.

Therefore research in the future should more depth to understanding interrelation between risk perception and destination image, and conducted with qualitative and quantitative method are warranted as it will provide more data from respondents thoughts.

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