# CIMACAN VILLAGE COMMUNITY PERCEPTION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CIBODAS RAYA YARD IN THE PANDEMIC

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*Abstract:* The development of botanical gardens as a government effort to protect natural resource ecosystems is also influenced by the perceptions of the surrounding community. Currently, the botanical garden's efforts to manage area development must be adjusted to health protocols so that the important role of the surrounding community is needed. For this reason, this study aims to determine people's perceptions of the management of botanical gardens during the Covid 19 pandemic. Data was collected using a survey method, by interviewing people in Cimacan village. Respondents were selected by purposive sampling. The results showed that 85% knew enough about botanical gardens, 78% people did not know enough about the function of botanical gardens, 90% did not know about the existence of botanical gardens in supporting community business activities, 92% of the community did not know the importance of community involvement in the management of botanical gardens, 100 % of the community does not know about botanical garden empowerment activities for the surrounding community, 72% of the community knows enough about the covid 19 protocol, 60% knows enough about the impact of Covid 19 on community business activities in botanical gardens and 60% does not know enough about the concept of Clean, Health, Safety and Environment (CHSE) which is very necessary for tourism management at this time. This lack of perception from the community requires the active role of botanical gardens to increase counselling and increase the capacity of the surrounding community in managing botanical gardens during this pandemic so that the sustainability of the area and community welfare is achieved.

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