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**SOCIOCULTURAL OVERVIEW OF THE BUGIS DIASPORA'S RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE ORIGINAL POPULATION AT THE INDONESIA-MALAYSIA BORDER
(Case Study of Sebatik Island, North Kalimantan Province)**

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ABSTACT

This study aims to examine the relationship between the Bugis diaspora and the Tidung people as indigenous people on Sebatik Island on the Indonesia-Malaysia border. Using a phenomenological approach, this study finds that the Bugis interpret their relationship with the Tidung people as a mutually beneficial relationship as part of the dynamics of border communities. The relation spaces created between the Bugis as immigrants and the Tidung people consist of economic, political, and cultural relations. The economic relationship is in the form of a seaweed trading network, where the Tidung people are seaweed farmers and the Bugis people are collecting traders. Political relations can be seen in the village head election contest, where there is a village that is the center of the Tidung people's settlement, but the elected village head is a Bugis (immigrant) person. Cultural relations in the form of language use and the existence of mixed marriages make the differences between them even more biased.

Keywords : Bugis people, Tidung people, relations, Sebatik islands, border communities

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