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Bunku Bajau in Malaysia



In the hustle and bustle of our lives, it's hard to imagine a world without clocks. For the Bunku Bajau people of Malaysia, time flows not by the clock but by when the sun rises and sets. Birthdays have little meaning. They are masters of the waters, focused on fishing and hunting to support their families. They spend hours on the water, and many are expert deep-sea divers.

Ministry Obstacles

The Bunku Bajau are a Muslim people who have deep roots in Islamic culture. If one converts out of Islam, they lose their cultural identity and their position in the community. Many followers of Christ also fear reaching out to the Bunku Bajau due to possible repercussions.

Outreach Ideas

Many of Jesus' disciples were fishermen. Jesus' parables about fishing would speak to the hearts of the Bunku Bajau. Believers can use fishing as a way to connect with this community.

Prayer Focus

Due to the increase in competition in the global fish trade, the Bunku Bajau are pushed to use more commercial fishing methods, which are less sustainable.



POPULATION: 244,000

LANGUAGE: West Coast Bajau

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Translation started

STATUS: Unreached

Pray that they would be able to diversify their economy. Pray that followers of Christ in surrounding communities would share Him with the Bunku Bajau people. Pray that the love of Jesus Christ would touch these masters of the sea in such a way that there would be a spontaneous church planting movement.

SCRIPTURE I know the greatness of the Lord—that our Lord is greater than any other god. Ps 135:5

PRAY *that they will understand that there is no god as great as God, the one who gives us all we need.*