## Local Cultures



Indonesia's local cultures share similarities with Southeast Asian, Pacific, and South American regions. Examples include batik, wayang kulit, gamelan, barong and rangda, traditional cuisine, textiles, and dance. Indonesian cuisine's use of spices and herbs is similar to Malaysia, Thailand, and the Philippines. Traditional textiles like ikat and songket are found in Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Traditional dance styles like Javanese and Legong share similarities with Cambodia and Thailand, while the Tor-Tor dance has links to Peru's traditional dances.

## Academic Interests



Indonesia shares academic interests with Southeast Asian, Pacific, and South American countries. These include environmental studies related to deforestation and biodiversity, agriculture with a focus on rice, and economics with a rapidly growing economy. Similar academic interests are found in Thailand, Vietnam, Fiji, Samoa, Brazil, and Chile, which all have environmental concerns, a strong agricultural sector, and a growing economy with active economic research.

## Social Aspects



Indonesia shares social aspects with Southeast Asia, the Pacific, and South America, including family values, religious diversity, community-oriented culture, hospitality, festivals and celebrations, traditional arts and crafts, and a strong interest in sports like badminton and football, and rugby and soccer in Pacific countries.