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8 Abstract. Kasturi (Mangifera casturi Koesterm.) is a local fruit and has become the identity flora of South Kalimantan. This study 9 aimed to investigate the knowledge of the Banjar tribe community and formulate a conservation strategy for Kasturi as the identity flora 10 of South Kalimantan. Data onethnobotanical knowledge was collected through interview technique. There were two types of 11 informant: key informants and recommended informants. Key informants were chosen through purposive sampling technique while 12 recommended informants were chosen through snowball sampling and purposive sampling technique. The informants in this study have 13 different background: sex, age, job, marital status, and educational levels. The informants were grouped based on their age: children (5-14 11 years), 18 teenagers (12-25 years), 13 adults (26-45 years), 9 elder (46-65 years) and old age (\geq 65 years). Data were analyzed using 15 value of of parts of Kasturi plants used (F), Fidelity level(FL). All data collected were analyzed descriptively and presented in tables or 16 diagrams. The Banjar tribe used M. casturi as source of food (63%), building material (32%), and drugs (5%). The parts of the Kasturi 17 plant that are widely used by the community are fruit, which is 58%, stems are 37%, and leaves are 5%. The values of F observed from 18 the economic use aspects of Kasturi include; (i) construction materials, (ii) food sources, (iii) economic and (iv) medicine. The result of 19 fidelity level (FL) analysis proves that all age groups had 100% of FL in utilizing fruits of Kasturi as local food source. The FL of 20 Kasturi bark used is described as follows: 25.41% among children, 51.34% among teenagers, 87.32% among adults, 88.33% among 21 elder and 100% among old age. The FL value of leaf described as follows: 5% among old age. Most of the Banjar tribe get Kasturi fruit 21 22 23 24 from plants that grow wild in their yards (42%) and only 6% have planted. Conservation of Kasturi can be performed by 1. intensification of socialization and publication of Kasturi's uses; 2. ex-situ conservation; 3. Network Development and Colaburation for conservation efforts, 3. Environmental education in botanical gardens. 25

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INTRODUCTION

31 Indonesia is a tropical country characterized by a high diversity of fruit with numerous benefits. Among several regions 32 in the country, Kalimantan also called Borneo has been identified as one of the 24 other hotspot of flora diversity globally 33 (Marchese 2015). Within this diverse flora, Mangifera is an important genus of Anacardiaceae, a plant family producing 34 several commercial fruits globally (Fitmawati et al., 2016). Mangifera holds the second rank among tropical fruits 35 renowned for their exceptional taste, color, and diversity, following bananas (Singh, 2016). Globally, this genus comprises around 69 species, with 30 of them being endemic to Indonesia (Anggraheni & Mulyaningsih 2021). Based on IUCN data, 36 37 two Borneo-endemic species, Mangifera casturi Kosterm. and M. rubropetala Kosterm., have already become extinct in 38 their natural habitats. Additionally, four species are classified as endangered, and eleven are considered vulnerable. Moreover, the abundant variety within the Anacardiaceae family plays an essential role in ecosystem services, 39 40 significantly contributing to the food supply (Labdelli et al. 2020).

Mangifera casturi known as "Kasturi" belonging to Anacardiaceae family is a native and endemic plant from Kalimantan, particularly South Kalimantan (Kostermans 1993). The species went extinct due to the destruction of its native habitat. The decline in the Kasturi mango population is attributed to the felling of various local mango fruit trees, including Kasturi, for use as building materials. This significant reduction in population has led to the scarcity or complete disappearance of the plants. Additionally, forest exploitation in the form of illegal logging and clearing forests for settlements and plantations (oil palm) can damage the ecosystem, including the natural habitat of mango fruit plants. 47 Kasturi has fragrant fruit and a sweet taste characterized by small-sized fruit with colors ranging from yellow-orange to purple-black. The Decree of the Minister of Indonesia No. 48 issued in 1989 designated Kasturi as the flora identity of 48 49 South Kalimantan Province (Darmawan 2015). This is due to the popularity of the fruit, leading to rapid market sales during fruiting. Kalimantan Island, commonly known as Borneo, is divided into five provinces, including South 50 Kalimantan Province which majorly consists of the majority of the Banjar tribe. The Meratus Mountains area in South 51 Kalimantan is home to an indigenous group called Meratus Mountains Dayak or Bukit Dayak tribe. Additionally, 52 53 Banjarese people have local knowledge about using plant resources to meet the required needs, such as traditional 54 medicinal materials. However, the information regarding the knowledge of using Kasturi has not been disclosed.

55 Ethnobotany explores the relationship between humans and plants, providing insights about the traditional local knowledge of the community regarding plants use. This research supplies valid information on the benefits of plants to the 56 57 community such as ecology, economics, and pharmacology. In recent years, ethnobotanical research has significantly 58 increased in the field of pharmaceuticals and conservation programs globally, influencing biodiversity conservation 59 (Pieroni et al. 2014), and the discovery of new food sources, health, and culture (Tamalene et al. 2016).

60 Local knowledge of the community requires maintenance as it is highly valuable for preserving biodiversity in Borneo forests (Yusro et al. 2014). In this context, several strategies have been established regarding biodiversity conservation, 61 such as the inventory of the utilization, cultivation, and preservation of plants through ethnobotany (Supiani et al. 2019). 62 Hence, the ethnobotanical study is anticipated to play a role in bolstering cultural sustainability in plant utilization. The 63 64 knowledge within local communities also enhances advancements in science and technology (Arsyad 2018), offering scientific methodologies that can be expanded upon for future sustainable applications (Cao et al. 2020). Accordingly, the 65 objective of this study was to investigate the knowledge of the Banjar tribe community and formulate a conservation 66 strategy for Kasturi, which serves as the emblematic flora of Borneo. The results are anticipated to become the basis for 67 68 developing and managing Kasturi conservation strategies. 69

MATERIALS AND METHODS

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72 The research was conducted in Desember 2022-Juli 2023 in South Kalimantan yang terdapat suku Banjar (Figure 2). Kabupaten yang menjadi lokasi penelitian adalah Kabupaten Banjar (BN), Tapin (TP), Hulu Sungai Selatan (HS), Hulu 73 Sungai Tengah (HT), Balangan (BL), and Tabalong. The geographic scope of this study includes the area of approximately 74 1o21'49" LS - 1o10'14" LS and 114o19'33" BT - 116o33'28". 75

77 Data collection and analysis

78 This study was carried out using a qualitative method with an ethnobotanical approach. Qualitative data were obtained 79 using open-ended, semi-structured, and structured interviews by visiting the homes of key informants, who were selected 80 using the purposive sampling method (Yamini et al. 2023). Additional informants were selected using a combination of purposive and snowball sampling methods based on certain criteria (Yamini et al. 2023). The criteria focused on the 81 knowledge and use of Kasturi within the Banjar tribe. The data obtained from informants consisted of ethnobotany and 82 characteristics such as sex, age, formal education level, and occupation (Susiarti et al. 2020). 83

A total of 210 informants were included for analysis, comprising 35 persons from each district, who had different 84 backgrounds such as sex, age, job, marital status, and educational levels. Participants were categorized by age, including 85 86 children (5-11 years), 18 teenagers (12-25 years), 13 adults (26-45 years), 9 elders (46-65 years), and the elderly (≥ 65 87 years), as indicated in Table 1 (Tamalene et al. 2016). Ethnobotanical information encompassed the identification, habitat characteristics, techniques for obtaining Kasturi, cultivation methods, and its various uses (Desti et al. 2019). The gathered 88 data underwent descriptive analysis and was presented through tables or diagrams (Tallet et al. 2019). Descriptive 89 90 statistical analysis was also used to describe/analyze parts of the Kasturi plant, which were often used for economic, 91 ecological, medical, and cultural aspects (Tamalene et al. 2016). 92

The frequency of Kasturi plant parts usage was assessed by gauging informant responses using the following formula: F = (S/N) * 100;

94 Where S represents the count of informants with positive responses regarding plant parts used, and N stands for the total number of informants. The formula elucidated by Monteiro et al. (2006) was employed to assess the level of 95 96 consensus among the informants regarding the plant parts utilized.

97 The fidelity level (FL), employed to understand the specific purposes of using particular plant parts, was computed 98 using the formula recommended by Friedman et al. (1986): 99

FL(%) = (n/N) * 100

100 Where n denotes the number of informants for a specific use, and N represents the total number of informants.

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Figure 1. Tree and fruit of Mangifera casturi





Figure 2. Location of study in South Kalimantan. BN: Banjar; TP: Tapin; HS: Hulu Sungai Selatan; HT: Hulu Sungai Tengah; BL:
 Balangan; TG: Tabalong

169 Table 1. Characteristic of respondent

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Characteristics	Data	Total	Percentage (%)
Sex	Male	77	37
	Female	135	64
Age	12-25	35	17
-	26-45	65	31
	46-65	62	30
	> 65	48	23
Formal education	No educations	20	10
	Elementary school	48	23
	Secondary school	60	29
	High school	76	36
	University	6	3
Marital status	Single	27	13
	Maried	167	80
	Widowed	16	8
Occupation	Farmer	75	36
1	Trader	25	12
	Laborer	46	22
	Employee	15	7
	Housewife	29	14
	Unemployed	20	10

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

174 Socio-demographic characteristics

A total of 210 person were obtained as informants in this study, with details of 135 men and 77 women. The educational background consists of elementary school to college education, but most informants graduate from high school. The age range is 26 - >55 years, with the most being 36-45 years old and married.

178 Morphology

The bark of Kasturi plants has a grayish-white to light brown color, occasionally consisting of small cracks or gaps of \pm 1 cm in the form of dead bark, which is similar to Mangifera indica. These plants can reach a height of 25-50 m or even more, with a stem diameter of \pm 40-115 cm, without buttress roots. When injured, the bark emits sap which is initially clear, reddish, and black within a few hours. The sap contains turpentine and has a sharp smell, capable of injuring the skin or causing irritation, particularly for sensitivity. The leaves are singular, glabrous, arranged in a spiral or tight spiral, longstemmed, elongated lanceolate with a pointed tip. Both sides of the central leaves vein are characterized by 12-25 sides, without support, while the young leaves hang limp and are dark purple.

186 Kasturi flowers are bisexual compounds, forming coralline flowers in panicles with numerous, actinomorphic, and often covered in dense hairs. The length of the flower stalk is ± 28 cm with a very short stalk of 2-4 mm, sitting on panicle 187 branches, while the leaves are elongated ovate and 2-3 mm long. The crown leaves are elongated and the flowers smell 188 sweet. The stamens are the same length as the corolla, and the staminodia are very short, resembling stamens stuck to the 189 190 base of the flower (Rashedy 2014). Kasturi mango fruit is round to elliptical, weighing 60-84 g, 4.5-5.5 cm long, and 3.5-3.9 cm wide. Furthermore, the flesh is yellow or orange, stringy, and the texture is slightly rough, the fruit tastes sweet, 191 192 slightly sour, and has a distinctive aroma. The skin of the fruit when it is young is green, and turns blackish brown at an 193 older age, with a smooth surface. The fruit is oval with a length/width ratio of 1.25-1.53. The thickness of the fruit skin is around 0.24 mm and the seeds are classified as stone seeds with thick walls. A single seed, occasionally with multiple 194 195 embryos, is enveloped in a hardened, skin-like endocarp shell. This mango bears fruit at the beginning of the rainy season 196 or around January.

198 Habitat

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The growing environment for musk mango plants comes from people's yards, fields and forests. From the results of a survey conducted on several owners of musk mango trees, it is known that the majority of these fruit plants were left over from the owners' parents, many of which grow wild (without cultivation technology), are up to 50 years old, and there has been no effort from the owners to carry out rejuvenation or seeding. Profile habitat of *M. casturi* is at an altitude (35-109 203 masl), air temperature (27.9 - 33.1 °C), humidity (64.3 - 86.9 %), light intensity (19.442 - 96.938 lux), soil temperature 204 (27,1 - 32,8 °C), soil moisture (40,6 – 77,2 %), and soil pH (5,4 – 6,8) (Gunawan et al. 2022).

206 Local knowledge of Mangifera casturi

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207 Mangoes have become an integral part of Indonesian life, offering economic, ecological, health, and cultural benefits. The Javanese people have also been acquainted with mangoes for more than 10 centuries, as written in the Old Javanese 208 209 Ramayana (Mulyanto et al. 2023). Similarly, the Banjar tribe in South Kalimantan has been using plants, including 210 mangoes, during the time of their ancestors.

211 In this study, the values of F observed from the economic use aspects of Kasturi included (i) construction materials, (ii) 212 food sources, (iii) economics, and (iv) medicine. Knowledge values of Kasturi as construction materials were found in 213 12.78% of teenagers, 80,12% of adults, as well as 100% of elderly and old age, with all groups using plants as food sources (100%). Furthermore, knowledge of the economic values of Kasturi as fruit that sells in the market was found in 214 215 16.68% of children, 85.13% of teenagers, 100% of adults, elders, and old age. As medicine in Banjarese ethnic group, a 216 proportion of 5% was observed in the old age, indicating significant health benefits, particularly as high uric acid.

The result of fidelity level (FL) analysis showed that all age groups had 100% FL in using fruits of Kasturi as a local 217 food source. The FL of Kasturi bark used was described as follows, 25.41%, 51.34%, 87.32%, 88.33%, and 100% among 218 219 children, teenagers, adults, elderly, and old age, respectively. Furthermore, the FL value of leaves had a proportion of 5% 220 among old age.

Based on the results, the parts of the Kasturi plant that are widely used by the community include 58% fruit, 37% 221 222 stems, and 5% leaves. The morphology characteristics show that the fruit flesh is dark orange, has a sweet and delicious 223 taste. Moreover, the exceptional properties of the plant are evident in the fragrant fruit aroma, leading to the high 224 preference by the majority population in South Kalimantan. Local people consume Kasturi fruit fresh and as a complement 225 to fruit iced drinks. During the fruit season, namely November-January, the plant bears abundant fruit, with bunch prices 226 ranging from Rp. 20,000 to Rp. 25,000. Although the fruit flesh has a high water content (87.2%), acid levels (4.7%), and 227 carbohydrates (12%) several other chemical components are low, such as protein (0.3%), fat (0.04%), starch (1.4%), total sugar (2%), and calories (9.6 cal/100g) (Darmawan 2015). Kasturi fruit also contains useful phytochemicals as a source of 228 229 medicine, namely saponins, tannins, triterpenoids, flavonoids, polyphenols, and phenolics (Darmawan 2015).

230 Harvesting Kasturi fruit when ripe is crucial for maintaining aroma and color quality. When harvested prematurely, the 231 thick and hard skin of the fruit cannot be stored for more than 6 days, experiencing weight loss from 5 to 17%. 232 Furthermore, a decrease in texture is observed during storage, leading to a wrinkled appearance. Another part used by the 233 community is the stem (wood), serving as building material and containers. According to informants, the wood quality is 234 not excellent for building materials due to its softness, leading to rapid decay. The Banjar tribe also uses the leaves as 235 medicine for treating gout, although only 5% of informants were identified in an ethnobotany survey. Research conducted 236 by Dewangga et al. 2014 stated that young mango leaves from Mangifera foetida L. contained acetic acid, which is 237 essential in reducing uric acid.





258 Every component of a mango tree, including flowers, leaves, bark, fruit, peel, pulp, and seeds, possesses vital nutrients 259 that can be utilized. Moreover, mango peel comprises minerals, fiber, and antioxidants (such as phenolic compounds like 260 mangiferin, kaempferol, quercetin, and anthocyanins), while the mango seed kernel contains starch, fiber, lipids, sterols 261 (like campesterol, stigmasterol, and β -sitosterol), and tocopherols (Juhnul et al. 2015). Mangifera has been extensively 262 employed in traditional medicine for the treatment of conditions such as diabetes, diarrhea, dysentery, rheumatism, high

blood pressure, and various skin diseases (Parvez, 2016). Table 2 shows that Kasturi is not only useful as a source of food and materials, but its parts have the potential to be used as medicine.

Table 2. Content and potential of Mangifera casturi part

Part	Content	Potency
Skin	saponins, flavonoids, tannins, and steroids (Mutia and Wati 2018), distearil phosphite, Trans-13-octadecenoic acid, Heptadecane (Zulfina et al., 2021)	Anti-infectives, such as antiseptics, antibiotics, chemotherapy, contraception, antiasthmatic, bronchodilator, and medicine for bladder system illness (Zulfina et al., 2021).
Fruit	methyl gallate (sutomo et al. 2017), alpha hydroxy acid (Zulfina et al. 2021).	Antioxidants, Speed up the exfoliation of dead skin cells to promote soft and blemish-free skin
Leaf	terpenoid and polifenol (Darmawan 2015); alkaloid, terpenoid, flavonoid, saponin (Rahim et al. 2017), acetic acid (Dewangga et. al. 2014),	Antioxidants and tannins exhibit antibacterial, antiviral, and antitumor activities, antioxidants (Sutomo et al. 2017)
Bark	terpenoid, steroid, and saponin (Rahim et al. 2017)	Antioxidants (Ramadhan et al., 2021),
Root	Saponin and tanin (Darmawan 2015)	Hypercholesterolemia, antioxidants, hyperglycemia, anticancer, antifungal, and anti-inflammatory properties

Intensive cultivation of Kasturi has not been carried out by the Banjar tribe, with small population planting the

seeds in the gardens. Mangifera casturi and species such as M. caesia ('Binjai'), M. foetida ('Hambawang'), and M.

odorata ('Kueni') ('Kasturi') have been cultivated by local farmers. In contrast, others are wild in the forest to obtain the

stems and fruit (Ariffin et al. 2015). Based on the survey conducted, the Banjar tribe obtained Kasturi fruit by planting,

growing wild, inheritance, and buying at traditional markets, as shown in Figure 4. The majority of informants obtained

the fruit from plants growing wild in the gardens, while the trees were acquired from parents to children. The existence of

the Kasturi was attributed to fruit-bearing capacity, with most informants selling fruits to collectors. Specifically, buyers

would climb the trees, and harvest the fruits, which are transported to the local market.



Figure 4. Way to get Mangifera casturi by Banjar tribe

Conservation strategies of Kasturi

local cultivation efforts. Based on the survey conducted on several owners of musk mango trees, it was discovered that the majority of these fruit were left over from parents and have been growing wild without cultivation technology for approximately 50 years. However, there has been no effort from the owners to carry out rejuvenation or seeding. The cultivation is only carried out by plant collectors, causing a decline in the musk mango and affecting both individual counts and genetic diversity. According to informants, the lack of cultivating musk mangoes is attributed to the long fruiting period and thin flesh. Kiloes et al. (2014) expressed that the Kasturi was capable of developing into regional fruit, indicating factors such as small flesh relative to large seed size, a lengthy plant maturation age, and a short harvest period.

Kasturi has been assigned a classification in the IUCN Red List Categories. The assessment team from the World 306 307 Conservation Monitoring Center decided that Kasturi was in the extinct in situ or Extinct in the Wild (EW) category. 308 Endemic fruit plants that are wild or have not been cultivated are often threatened by various human activities such as the expansion of agricultural land, fires, conversion to plantations, and selective harvesting (Suwardi et al. 2020). In the case 309 of Indonesia, mainly in the Kalimantan region, the depletion of forests can be attributed to the conversion of land for 310 311 agricultural purposes (Busch & Ferretti-Gallon 2017), such as oil palm plantations, and mining. Restoration should be 312 performed for the recuperation of forest ecosystems (Sofiah et al. 2018). According to Yang et al. (2013) habitat 313 degradation, fragmentation, over-exploitation, and an increasing human population, are crucial factors responsible for 314 species loss globally.

315 Conservation strategies are essential to protect species from extinction. Several efforts that can be made to protect the 316 Kasturi from extinction include intensification of socialization and publication of Kasturi's uses, ex-situ conservation, 317 network development, and collaboration, as well as environmental education in botanical gardens. These conservation efforts require collaboration from various parties, including academics, government companies, private companies, related 318 319 agencies, local governments. The success of conservation really depends on the role of each of these parties. Furthermore, 320 conservation efforts should be sustained over time, ensuring the continuous preservation of Kasturi as the identity flora of 321 South Kalimantan.

322 This study has presented insights into the ethnobotanical knowledge of the Banjar tribe concerning the utilization of Kasturi. The findings contribute to advancements in science and technology, shedding light on the potential of tropical 323 324 plants in Borneo, Indonesia. Furthermore, these results serve as a foundation for sustainable conservation efforts, aiming to 325 empower the local community.

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8 Abstract. Kasturi (Mangifera casturi Koesterm.) is a local fruit and has become the identity flora of South Kalimantan. This study aimed to investigate the knowledge of the Banjar tribe community and formulate a conservation strategy for 10 Kasturi as the identity flora of South Kalimantan. Data on ethnobotanical knowledge was collected through interview technique. There were two types of informant: key informants and recommended informants. Key informants were chosen through purposive sampling technique while recommended informants were chosen through snowball sampling 12 and purposive sampling technique. The informants in this study have different background: sex, age, job, marital status, 13 14 and educational levels. The informants were grouped based on their age: children (5-11 years), 18 teenagers (12-25 years), 13 adults (26-45 years), 9 elder (46-65 years) and old age (≥ 65 years). Data were analyzed using the formula of Kasturi 15 16 plant parts usage (F), Fidelity level(FL). All data collected were analyzed descriptively and presented in tables or 17 diagrams. The Banjar tribe used M. casturi as source of food (63%), building material (32%), and drugs (5%). The parts of 18 the Kasturi plant that are widely used by the community are fruit, which is 58%, stems are 37%, and leaves are 5%. The values of F (the frequency of parts of Kasturi used) observed from the economic use and health aspects of Kasturi include; 19 20 (i) construction materials, (ii) food sources, (iii) economic and (iv) medicine. The value of F for economic use are 12 100% and the value F for health aspect are 5%. The result of fidelity level (FL) analysis proves that all age groups had 22 100% of FL in utilizing fruits of Kasturi as local food source. The FL of Kasturi bark used is described as follows: 25.41% 23 among children, 51.34% among teenagers, 87.32% among adults, 88.33% among elder and 100% among old age. The FL 24 value of leaf described as follows: 5% among old age. Most of the Banjar tribe get Kasturi fruit from plants that grow wild 25 in their yards (42%) and only 6% have planted. The research indicated that M. casturi had high utility value for Banjar 26 tribe. All parts of the plant (fruit, stems, and leaves) were exploited for economic and health. Conservation of Kasturi can be performed by 1. intensification of socialization and publication of Kasturi's uses; 2. ex-situ conservation; 3. Network 28 Development and Colaburation for conservation efforts, 3. Environmental education in botanical gardens. The result of the 29 study can be used for management conservation of M. casturi to ensure the availability in the future

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INTRODUCTION

35 Indonesia is a tropical country characterized by a high diversity of fruit with numerous benefits. Among several regions 36 in the country, Kalimantan also called Borneo has been identified as one of the 24 other hotspot of flora diversity globally 37 (Marchese 2015). Within this diverse flora, Mangifera is an important genus of Anacardiaceae, a plant family producing 38 several commercial fruits globally (Fitmawati et al., 2016). Mangifera holds the second rank among tropical fruits 39 renowned for their exceptional taste, color, and diversity, following bananas (Singh, 2016). Globally, this genus comprises 40 around 69 species, with 30 of them being endemic to Indonesia (Anggraheni & Mulyaningsih 2021). Based on IUCN data, 41 two Borneo-endemic species, Mangifera casturi Kosterm. and M. rubropetala Kosterm., have already become extinct in 42 their natural habitats. Additionally, four species are classified as endangered, and eleven are considered vulnerable. 43 Moreover, the abundant variety within the Anacardiaceae family plays an essential role in ecosystem services, 44 significantly contributing to the food supply (Labdelli et al. 2020).

45 Mangifera casturi known as "Kasturi" is a native and endemic plant from Kalimantan, particularly South Kalimantan 46 (Kostermans 1993). The species went extinct due to the destruction of its native habitat. The decline in the Kasturi mango

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47 population is attributed to the felling of various local mango fruit trees, including Kasturi, for use as building materials. 48 This significant reduction in population has led to the scarcity or complete disappearance of the plants. Additionally, forest 49 exploitation in the form of illegal logging and clearing forests for settlements and plantations (oil palm) can damage the 50 ecosystem, including the natural habitat of mango fruit plants.

51 Kasturi has fragrant fruit and a sweet taste characterized by small-sized fruit with colors ranging from yellow-orange to 52 53 54 purple-black. The Decree of the Minister of Indonesia No. 48 issued in 1989 designated Kasturi as the flora identity of South Kalimantan Province (Darmawan 2015). This is due to the popularity of the fruit, leading to rapid market sales during fruiting season. Kalimantan Island, , is divided into five provinces, including South Kalimantan Province which 55 56 57 58 majorly consists of the majority of the Banjar tribe. The Meratus Mountains area in South Kalimantan is home to an indigenous group called Meratus Mountains Dayak or Bukit Dayak tribe. Additionally, Banjarese people have local knowledge about using plant resources to meet the required needs, such as traditional medicinal materials. However, the information regarding the knowledge of using Kasturi has not been disclosed.

59 Ethnobotany explores the relationship between humans and plants, providing insights about the traditional local 60 knowledge of the community regarding plants use. This research supplies valid information on the benefits of plants to the 61 community such as ecology, economics, and pharmacology. In recent years, ethnobotanical research has significantly 62 increased in the field of pharmaceuticals and conservation programs globally, influencing biodiversity conservation 63 (Pieroni et al. 2014), and the discovery of new food sources, health, and culture (Tamalene et al. 2016).

64 Local knowledge of the community requires maintenance as it is highly valuable for preserving biodiversity in Borneo 65 forests (Yusro et al. 2014). In this context, several strategies have been established regarding biodiversity conservation, 66 such as the inventory of the utilization, cultivation, and preservation of plants through ethnobotany (Supiani et al. 2019). 67 Hence, the ethnobotanical study is anticipated to play a role in bolstering cultural sustainability in plant utilization. The 68 knowledge within local communities also enhances advancements in science and technology (Arsyad 2018), offering 69 scientific methodologies that can be expanded upon for future sustainable applications (Cao et al. 2020). Accordingly, the 70 objective of this study was to investigate the knowledge of the Banjar tribe community and formulate a conservation 71 strategy for Kasturi, which serves as the emblematic flora of Borneo. The results are anticipated to become the basis for 72 developing and managing Kasturi conservation strategies.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

74 Study area 75

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The research was conducted in Desember 2022-Juli 2023 in South Kalimantan. Surveys were done in the areas that + 76 chosen based on availability of Banjar tribe, that is district -yang terdapat suku Banjar (Figure 2). Kabupaten yang menjadi

77 lokasi penelitian adalah Kabupaten Banjar (BN), Tapin (TP), Hulu Sungai Selatan (HS), Hulu Sungai Tengah (HT), Balangan (BL), and Tabalong (Figure 2). The geographic scope of this study includes the area of approximately 1o21'49" LS - 1o10'14" LS and 114o19'33" BT - 116o33'28". 78

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80 Data collection and analysis

This study was carried out using a qualitative method with an ethnobotanical approach. Qualitative data were obtained 81 82 using open-ended, semi-structured, and structured interviews by visiting the homes of key informants, who were selected 83 using the purposive sampling method (Yamini et al. 2023). Additional informants were selected using a combination of 84 purposive and snowball sampling methods based on certain criteria (Yamini et al. 2023). The criteria focused on the 85 knowledge and use of Kasturi within the Banjar tribe. The data obtained from informants consisted of ethnobotany and 86 characteristics such as sex, age, formal education level, and occupation (Susiarti et al. 2020).

87 A total of 210 informants were included for analysis, comprising 35 persons from each district, who had different 88 backgrounds such as sex, age, job, marital status, and educational levels. Participants were categorized by age, including children (5-11 years), 18 teenagers (12-25 years), 13 adults (26-45 years), 9 elders (46-65 years), and the elderly (≥ 65 89 90 vears), as indicated in Table 1 (Tamalene et al. 2016). Ethnobotanical information encompassed the identification, habitat 91 characteristics, techniques for obtaining Kasturi, cultivation methods, and its various uses (Desti et al. 2019). The gathered 92 data underwent descriptive analysis and was presented through tables or diagrams (Tallet et al. 2019). Descriptive 93 statistical analysis was also used to describe/analyze parts of the Kasturi plant, which were often used for economic, 94 ecological, medical, and cultural aspects (Tamalene et al. 2016). 95

The frequency of Kasturi plant parts usage was assessed by gauging informant responses using the following formula: F = (S/N) * 100:

97 Where S represents the count of informants with positive responses regarding plant parts used, and N stands for the total number of informants. The formula elucidated by Monteiro et al. (2006) was employed to assess the level of 98 consensus among the informants regarding the plant parts utilized. 99

100 The fidelity level (FL), employed to understand the specific purposes of using particular plant parts, was computed using the formula recommended by Friedman et al. (1986): 102 FL(%) = (n/N) * 100

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Where n denotes the number of informants for a specific use, and N represents the total number of informants.



Figure 1. Tree and fruit of Mangifera casturi



Figure 2. Location of study in South Kalimantan. BN: Banjar; TP: Tapin; HS: Hulu Sungai Selatan; HT: Hulu Sungai Tengah; BL:
 Balangan; TG: Tabalong

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Characteristics	Data	Total	Percentage (%)
Sex	Male	77	37
	Female	135	64
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Formal education	No educations	20	10
	Elementary school	48	23
	Secondary school	60	29
	High school	76	36
	University	6	3
Marital status	Single	27	13
	Maried	167	80
	Widowed	16	8
Occupation	Farmer	75	36
-	Trader	25	12
	Laborer	46	22
	Employee	15	7
	Housewife	29	14
	Unemployed	20	10

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

122 Socio-demographic characteristics

A total of 210 person were obtained as informants in this study, with details of 135 men and 77 women. The educational background consists of elementary school to college education, but most informants graduate from high school. The age range is 26 - >55 years, with the most being 36-45 years old and married.

126 Morphology

The bark of Kasturi plants has a grayish-white to light brown color, occasionally consisting of small cracks or gaps of \pm 1 cm in the form of dead bark, which is similar to *Mangifera indica*. These plants can reach a height of 25-50 m or even more, with a stem diameter of \pm 40-115 cm, without buttress roots. When injured, the bark emits sap which is initially clear, reddish, and black within a few hours. The sap contains turpentine and has a sharp smell, capable of injuring the skin or causing irritation, particularly for sensitivity. The leaves are singular, glabrous, arranged in a spiral or tight spiral, longstemmed, elongated lanceolate with a pointed tip. Both sides of the central leaves vein are characterized by 12-25 sides, without support, while the young leaves hang limp and are dark purple.

134 Kasturi flowers are bisexual compounds, forming coralline flowers in panicles with numerous, actinomorphic, and often covered in dense hairs. The length of the flower stalk is ± 28 cm with a very short stalk of 2-4 mm, sitting on panicle 135 136 branches, while the leaves are elongated ovate and 2-3 mm long. The crown leaves are elongated and the flowers smell 137 sweet. The stamens are the same length as the corolla, and the staminodia are very short, resembling stamens stuck to the 138 base of the flower (Rashedy 2014). Kasturi mango fruit is round to elliptical, weighing 60-84 g, 4.5-5.5 cm long, and 3.5-3.9 cm wide. Furthermore, the flesh is yellow or orange, stringy, and the texture is slightly rough, the fruit tastes sweet, 139 slightly sour, and has a distinctive aroma. The skin of the fruit when it is young is green, and turns blackish brown at an 140 older age, with a smooth surface. The fruit is oval with a length/width ratio of 1.25-1.53. The thickness of the fruit skin is 141 around 0.24 mm and the seeds are classified as stone seeds with thick walls. A single seed, occasionally with multiple 142 143 embryos, is enveloped in a hardened, skin-like endocarp shell. This mango bears fruit at the beginning of the rainy season 144 or around January.

145 Habitat

- 146 Based on observations at the location, Kasturi grows in the yards and fields of the Banjar tribe. Besides that, it is also
- 147 <u>found growing in secondary forests and on the banks of rivers. The growing environment for musk mango plants comes</u> 148 <u>from people's yards, fields and forests</u>. From the results of a survey conducted on several owners of musk mango

- 149 treesKasturi, it is known that the majority of these fruit plants were left over from the owners' parents, many of which
- 150 grow wild (without cultivation technology), are up to 50 years old, and there has been no effort from the owners to carry 151
- out rejuvenation or seeding. Profile habitat of <u>M. casturi Kasturi</u> is at an altitude (35-109 masl), air temperature (27,9 33,1 °C), humidity (64,3 86,9 %), light intensity (19.442 96.938 lux), soil temperature (27,1 32,8 °C), soil moisture 152
- 153 (40,6-77,2 %), and soil pH (5,4-6,8) (Gunawan et al. 2022).

154 Local knowledge of Mangifera casturi

155 Mangoes have become an integral part of Indonesian life, offering economic, ecological, health, and cultural benefits. 156 The Javanese people have also been acquainted with mangoes for more than 10 centuries, as written in the Old Javanese 157 Ramayana (Mulyanto et al. 2023). Similarly, the Banjar tribe in South Kalimantan has been using plants, including 158 mangoes, during the time of their ancestors.

159 In this study, the values of F observed from the economic use and health aspects of Kasturi included: (i) construction 160 materials, (ii) food sources, (iii) economics, and (iv) medicine. Knowledge values of Kasturi as construction materials were found in 12.78% of teenagers, 80,12% of adults, as well as 100% of elderly and old age, with all groups using plants 161 as food sources (100%). Furthermore, knowledge of the economic values of Kasturi as fruit that sells in the market was 162 163 found in 16.68% of children, 85.13% of teenagers, 100% of adults, elders, and old age. As medicine in Banjarese ethnic 164 group, a proportion of 5% was observed in the old age, indicating significant health benefits, particularly as high uric acid.

The result of fidelity level (FL) analysis showed that all age groups had 100% FL in using fruits of Kasturi as a local 165 food source. The FL of Kasturi bark used was described as follows, 25.41%, 51.34%, 87.32%, 88.33%, and 100% among 166 children, teenagers, adults, elderly, and old age, respectively. Furthermore, the FL value of leaves had a proportion of 5% 167 168 among old age.

Based on the results, the parts of the Kasturi plant that are widely used by the community include 58% fruit, 37% 169 170 stems, and 5% leaves. The morphology characteristics show that the fruit flesh is dark orange, has a sweet and delicious taste. Moreover, the exceptional properties of the plant are evident in the fragrant fruit aroma, leading to the high 171 172 preference by the majority population in South Kalimantan. Local people consume Kasturi fruit fresh and as a complement 173 to fruit iced drinks. During the fruit season (November-January), the plant bears abundant fruit, with bunch prices ranging 174 from Rp. 20,000 to Rp. 25,000. Although the fruit flesh has a high water content (87.2%), acid levels (4.7%), and carbohydrates (12%) several other chemical components are low, such as protein (0.3%), fat (0.04%), starch (1.4%), total 175 176 sugar (2%), and calories (9.6 cal/100g) (Darmawan 2015). Kasturi fruit also contains useful phytochemicals as a source of 177 medicine, namely saponins, tannins, triterpenoids, flavonoids, polyphenols, and phenolics (Darmawan 2015).

178 Harvesting Kasturi fruit when ripe is crucial for maintaining aroma and color quality. When harvested prematurely, the thick and hard skin of the fruit cannot be stored for more than 6 days, experiencing weight loss from 5 to 17%. 179 180 Furthermore, a decrease in texture is observed during storage, leading to a wrinkled appearance (Antarlina 2009). Another part used by the community is the stem (wood), serving as building material and containers. According to informants, the 181 182 wood quality is not excellent for building materials due to its softness, leading to rapid decay. The Banjar tribe also uses 183 the leaves as medicine for treating gout, although only 5% of informants were identified in an ethnobotany survey. 184 Research conducted by Dewangga et al. 2014 stated that young mango leaves from Mangifera foetida L. contained acetic 185 acid, which is essential in reducing uric acid. 186



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Figure 3. A. Percentage part used of Kasturi. B. Percentage useful of Kasturi by Banjar tribe

206 207 Every component of Mangifera a mango-tree, including flowers, leaves, bark, fruit, peel, pulp, and seeds, possesses vital nutrients that can be utilized. Moreover, Mangifera mango peel comprises minerals, fiber, and antioxidants (such as 208phenolic compounds like mangiferin, kaempferol, quercetin, and anthocyanins), while the mango seed kernel contains 209 starch, fiber, lipids, sterols (like campesterol, stigmasterol, and β -sitosterol), and tocopherols (Juhnul et al. 2015). Formatted: Font: Not Italic

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Mangifera has been extensively employed in traditional medicine for the treatment of conditions such as diabetes, diarrhea, dysentery, rheumatism, high blood pressure, and various skin diseases (Parvez, 2016). Table 2 shows that Kasturi is not only useful as a source of food and materials, but its parts have the potential to be used as medicine.

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Part	Content	Potency
Skin	saponins, flavonoids, tannins, and steroids (Mutia and Wati 2018), distearil phosphite, Trans-13-octadecenoic acid, Heptadecane (Zulfina et al., 2021)	Anti-infectives, such as antiseptics, antibiotics, chemotherapy, contraception, antiasthmatic, bronchodilator, and medicine for bladder system illness (Zulfina et al., 2021).
Fruit	methyl gallate (sutomo et al. 2017), alpha hydroxy acid (Zulfina et al. 2021).	Antioxidants, Speed up the exfoliation of dead skin cells to promote soft and blemish-free skin
Leaf	terpenoid and polifenol (Darmawan 2015); alkaloid, terpenoid, flavonoid, saponin (Rahim et al. 2017), acetic acid (Dewangga et. al. 2014),	Antioxidants and tannins exhibit antibacterial, antiviral, and antitumor activities, antioxidants (Sutomo et al. 2017)
Bark	terpenoid, steroid, and saponin (Rahim et al. 2017)	Antioxidants (Ramadhan et al., 2021),
Root	Saponin and tanin (Darmawan 2015)	Hypercholesterolemia, antioxidants, hyperglycemia, anticancer, antifungal, and anti-inflammatory properties

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Intensive cultivation of Kasturi has not been carried out by the Banjar tribe, with small population planting the seeds in the gardens. *Mangifera casturi* and species such as *M. caesia* ('Binjai'), *M. foetida* ('Hambawang'), and *M. odorata* ('Kueni') ('Kasturi') have been cultivated by local farmers. In contrast, others are wild in the forest to obtain the stems and fruit (Ariffin et al. 2015). Based on the survey conducted, the Banjar tribe obtained Kasturi fruit by planting, growing wild, inheritance, and buying at traditional markets, as shown in Figure 4. The majority of informants obtained the fruit from plants growing wild in the gardens, while the trees were acquired from parents to children. The existence of the Kasturi was attributed to fruit-bearing capacity, with most informants selling fruits to collectors. Specifically, buyers would climb the trees, and harvest the fruits, which are transported to the local market.



Figure 4. Way to get Mangifera casturi by Banjar tribe

6 Conservation strategies of Kasturi

Kasturi is a fruit plant endemic to South Kalimantan, which faces the threat of extinction due to the absence of local cultivation efforts. Based on the survey conducted on several owners of <u>musk-mangoKasturi</u> trees, it was discovered that the majority of these fruit were left over from parents and have been growing wild without cultivation technology for approximately 50 years. However, there has been no effort from the owners to carry out rejuvenation or seeding. The cultivation is only carried out by plant collectors, causing a decline in the <u>musk-mangoKasturi</u> and affecting both individual counts and genetic diversity. According to informants, the lack of cultivating<u>Kasturi</u> <u>musk-mangoes</u>-is

253 attributed to the long fruiting period and thin flesh. Kiloes et al. (2014) expressed that the Kasturi was capable of 254 developing into regional fruit, indicating factors such as small flesh relative to large seed size, a lengthy plant maturation 255 age, and a short harvest period.

256 Kasturi has been assigned a classification in the IUCN Red List Categories. The assessment team from the World 257 Conservation Monitoring Center decided that Kasturi was in the extinct in situ or Extinct in the Wild (EW) category. 258 Endemic fruit plants that are wild or have not been cultivated are often threatened by various human activities such as the 259 expansion of agricultural land, fires, conversion to plantations, and selective harvesting (Suwardi et al. 2020). In the case 260 of Indonesia, mainly in the Kalimantan region, the depletion of forests can be attributed to the conversion of land for 261 agricultural purposes (Busch & Ferretti-Gallon 2017), such as oil palm plantations, and mining. Restoration should be 262 performed for the recuperation of forest ecosystems (Sofiah et al. 2018). According to Yang et al. (2013) habitat 263 degradation, fragmentation, over-exploitation, and an increasing human population, are crucial factors responsible for 264 species loss globally.

265 Conservation strategies are essential to protect species from extinction. Several efforts that can be made to protect the 266 Kasturi from extinction include intensification of socialization and publication of Kasturi's uses, ex-situ conservation, 267 network development, and collaboration, as well as environmental education in botanical gardens. These conservation 268 efforts require collaboration from various parties, including academics, government companies, private companies, related 269 agencies, local governments. The success of conservation really depends on the role of each of these parties. Furthermore, 270 conservation efforts should be sustained over time, ensuring the continuous preservation of Kasturi as the identity flora of 271 South Kalimantan.

272 This study has presented insights into the ethnobotanical knowledge of the Banjar tribe concerning the utilization of 273 Kasturi. The findings contribute to advancements in science and technology, shedding light on the potential of tropical 274 plants in Borneo, Indonesia. Furthermore, these results serve as a foundation for sustainable conservation efforts, aiming to 275 276 empower the local community. Traditional knowledge can be used as a means for in-situ conservation. Locations identified as having Kasturi can be protected from deforestation and prioritized for conservation Kasturi in native habitats.

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8 Abstract. Kasturi (Mangifera casturi Koesterm.) is a local fruit and has become the identity flora of South Kalimantan. This study aimed to investigate the knowledge of the Banjar tribe community and formulate a conservation strategy for 9 10 Kasturi as the identity flora of South Kalimantan. Data on ethnobotanical knowledge was collected through interview technique. There were two types of informant: key informants and recommended additional informants. Key informants 11 12 were chosen through purposive snowball sampling technique while recommended additional informants were chosen 13 through a combination snowball sampling and purposive sampling technique. The informants in this study have different 14 background: sex, age, job, marital status, and educational levels. The informants were grouped based on their age: children 15 (5 11 years), 18 teenagers (12 25 10 18 years), 13 adults (26 45 19 - 59 years), 9 and elders (46 65 60+ years) and old age 16 (265 years). Data were analyzed using the formula of Kasturi plant parts usage (F), Fidelity level (FL). All data collected were analyzed descriptively and presented in tables or diagrams. The Banjar tribe used M. casturi as source of food (63%), 17 18 building material (32%), and drugs (5%). The parts of the Kasturi plant that are widely used by the community are fruit, which is 58%, stems are 37%, and leaves are 5%. The values of F (the frequency of parts of Kasturi used) observed from 19 20 the economic use and health aspects of Kasturi include: (i) construction materials, (ii) food sources, (iii) economic and (iv) 21 medicine. The value of F for economic use are 12.78% - 100% and the value F for health aspect are 5%. The result of 22 fidelity level (FL) analysis proves that all age groups had 100% of FL in utilizing fruits of Kasturi as local food source. 23 The FL of Kasturi bark used is described as follows: 25.41% among children, 51.34% among teenagers, 87.3289.54% 24 among adults, 88.3387.23% among elder_as construction materials, and 100% among old age. The FL value of leaf 25 described as follows: 5% among elder.-old age. Most of the Banjar tribe get Kasturi fruit from plants that grow wild in their yards (42%) and only 6% have planted. The research indicated that M. casturi had high utility value for Banjar tribe. 26 27 All parts of the plant (fruits, stemsbark, and leaves) were exploited for economic and health. Conservation of Kasturi can 28 be performed by 1. Network Development and Collaboration for conservation efforts, intensification of so 29 publication of Kasturi's uses; 2. ex-situ conservation,:-3. intensification of socialization and publication of Kasturi's 30 uses, Network Development and Collaboration for conservation efforts, 4. Environmental education in botanical garde The result of the study can be used for management conservation of M. casturi to ensure the availability in the future.

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INTRODUCTION

37 Indonesia is a tropical country characterized by a high diversity of fruit with numerous benefits. Among several regions in the country, Kalimantan, also called Borneo, has been identified as one of the 24 other hotspots of flora diversity 38 39 globally (Marchese 2015). In the diverse flora KalimantanWithin this diverse flora, Mangifera is an important genus of 40 Anacardiaceae, a plant family producing several commercial fruits globally (Fitmawati et al., 2016). Mangifera holds the 41 second rank among tropical fruits renowned for their exceptional taste, color, and diversity, following bananas (Singh, 42 2016). Globally, this genus comprises around 69 species, with 30 of them being endemic to Indonesia (Anggraheni & 43 Mulyaningsih 2021). Based on IUCN data (2022----), two Borneo-endemic species, Mangifera casturi Kosterm. and M. 44 rubropetala Kosterm., have already become extinct in their natural habitats. Additionally, four species are classified as 45 endangered, and eleven are considered vulnerable. Moreover, the abundant variety within the Anacardiaceae family plays 46 an essential role in ecosystem services, significantly contributing to the food supply (Labdelli et al. 2020).

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 48 (Kostermans & Bompard 1993). The species went extinct due to the destruction of its native habitat. The decline of
 49 Kasturi mango population is attributed to the felling of various local mango fruit trees, including Kasturi, to be used as
 50 building materials. This significant population reduction has led to the scarcity or complete disappearance of the plants.
 51 Additionally, forest exploitation in the form of illegal logging and clearing forests for settlements and plantations (oil
 52 palm) can damage the ecosystem, including the natural habitat of mango fruit plants.

53 Continued population decline and loss of Kasturi's natural habitat could lead to the species' extinction. One of the 54 efforts for conservation is through revealing the benefits of the species through ethnobotanical studies. Ethnobotany is a 55 study that reveals the relationship between humans and plants and the use of plants by certain ethnicities. The results of 56 ethnobotanical research can be used as basic data for conservation efforts and sustainable utilization of biological 57 resources. Yusro et al. (2014) stated that local knowledge of the community needs to be maintained because it is very 58 valuable for preserving biodiversity in Kalimantan forests. In this context, several biodiversity conservation strategies have 59 been developed, such as the inventory of plant use, cultivation and conservation through ethnobotany (Supiani et al. 2019). 60 Hence, the ethnobotanical study is anticipated to play a role in bolstering cultural sustainability in plant utilization. The 61 knowledge within local communities also enhances advancements in science and technology, offering scientific 62 methodologies that can be expanded upon for future sustainable applications (Cao et al. 2020).

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71 72 Kasturi as endangered Kalimantan endemic has fragrant fruit and a sweet taste characterized by small-sized fruit with 73 colors ranging from yellow-orange to purple-black. The Decree of the Minister of Indonesia No. 48 issued in 1989 74 designated Kasturi as the flora identity of South Kalimantan Province (Darmawan 2015). This is due to the popularity of 75 the fruit, leading to rapid market sales during the fruiting season. Kalimantan Island is divided into five provinces, 76 including South Kalimantan Province which majorly consists of the majority of the Banjar tribe. The Meratus Mountains 77 area in South Kalimantan is home to an indigenous group called the Meratus Mountains Dayak or Bukit Dayak tribe. 78 Additionally, Banjarnese people have local knowledge about using plant resources to meet the required needs, such as 79 traditional medicinal materials. However, the information regarding to the knowledge of using Kasturi has not been 80 disclosed. In recent years, ethnobotanical research has significantly increased in the field of pharmaceuticals and 81 conservation programs globally, influencing biodiversity conservation (Pieroni et al. 2014), and the discovery of new food 82 sources, health, and culture (Tamalene et al. 2016). Traditionally, relationship between Kasturi and local community has 83 been established as a consume fruit. Thus, ethnobotany of the Kasturi can be explored in the form the relationship between 84 humans and plants to provide insights about the traditional local knowledge of the community regarding plants use to 85 become valid information.

The decline of Kasturi population, which leads to extinction, may result in the loss of the benefits of Kasturi.
 Therefore, this study aims to reveal the utilization of Kasturi by the Banjar tribe and provide recommendations for Kasturi conservation strategies as a typical flora of South Kalimantan.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

111 Study area

The research was conducted in December 2022-July 2023 in South Kalimantan. Surveys were done in the areas that were chosen based on the availability of Surveys were conducted in areas that were selected based on having the Banjar tribe, including district Banjar (BN), Tapin (TP), Hulu Sungai Selatan (HS), Hulu Sungai Tengah (HT), Balangan (BL), and Tabalong (Figure 2). The geographic scope of this study includes the area of approximately 1°21'49" LS - 1°10'14" LS

116 and 114°19'33"E BT- 116°33'28"E.

117 Data collection and analysis

118 This study was carried out using a qualitative method with an ethnobotanical approach. Qualitative data were collected 119 through open-ended, semi-structured, and structured interviews conducted at the homes of key informants and additional 120 informants. Key informants were selected through snowball sampling based on information from the village head. 121 Additional informants were selected using a combination of snowball and purposive sampling with the following criteria: 122 (i) respondents informants who have used kasturi plants; (ii) respondents informants who know about the use of kasturi 123 plants (Yamini et al. 2023). Firstly, additional informants were obtained based on the recommendations of previous key 124 informants, and secondly, the informants were screened to ensure that they met the predetermined criteria. The data 125 collection process begins with the identification of key informants and ordinary informants who have knowledge about 126 kasturi.

The informants were selected using the purposive sampling method. Additional informants were selected using a combination of purposive and snowball sampling methods based on certain criteria (Yamini et al. 2023). The criteria focused on the knowledge and use of *Kasturi* within the Banjar tribe. The data obtained from informants with consisted of chnobotany and characteristics such as sex, age, formal education level, and occupation to get ethnobotany information (Susiarti et al. 2020).

The analysis included 212 informants, with 35 individuals from each district, representing diverse backgrounds in 133 terms of sex, age, job, marital status, and educational levels (Susiarti et al. 2020). The participants were classified into 134 135 different age groups, namely children (5-11 years), 18 teenagers (1210-2518 years), 13 adults (2619-4559 years), 9 elders 136 (46-65 years), and the elderly (\geq 65-60+ years), as indicated in Table 1 (Tamalene et alKemenkes, 20162024). Ethnobotanical information encompassed the identification, habitat characteristics, techniques for obtaining Kasturi, 137 138 cultivation methods, and its various uses (Desti et al. 2019). Kasturi specimens were collected in the field. Voucher 139 specimens are kept at the Biosystematics Laboratory of Lambung Mangkurat University. The identification process uses 140 the Mango Book (Kostermans & Bompard 1993) by matching the morphological characteristics of the specimen with the 141 morphological characteristics in the book. -The gathered data underwent descriptive analysis and was presented through tables or diagrams (Tallet et al. 2019). Descriptive statistical analysis was also used to describe/analyze parts of the Kasturi 142 143 plant, which were often used for economic, ecological, and medical, and cultural aspects (Tamalene et al. 2016).

144 The frequency of *Kasturi* plant parts usage was assessed by gauging informant responses using the following formula: 145 F = (S/N) * 100;

Where S represents the number of informants with positive responses regarding plant parts used, and N stands for the total number of informants. The formula elucidated by Monteiro et al. (2006) was employed to assess the level of consensus among the informants regarding the plant parts utilized.

The fidelity level (FL), employed to understand the specific purposes of using particular plant parts, was computed using the formula recommended by Friedman et al. (1986):

151 FL(%) = (n/N) * 100

152 Where n denotes the number of informants for a specific use, and N represents the total number of informants.



Figure 1. Tree and fruit of Mangifera casturi





Figure 2. Location of study in South Kalimantan. BN: Banjar; TP: Tapin; HS: Hulu Sungai Selatan; HT: Hulu Sungai Tengah; BL: Balangan; TG: Tabalong

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	Female	135	64
Age	12-25	35	17
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Formal education	No educations	20	10
	Elementary school	48	23
	Secondary school	60	29
	High school	76	36
	University	6	3
Marital status	Single	27	13
	Maried Married	167	80
	Widowerd	-16	8
Occupation	Farmer	75	36
•	Trader	25	12
	Laborer	46	22
	Employee	15	7
	Housewife	29	-14
	Unemployed	20	10

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

206 Socio-demographic characteristics

207 A total of <u>212-210</u> informants were included participated in this study, comprising 135 men_males_and 77 208 209 210 211 212 213 femaleswomen. The educational background of informants ranged from elementary school to college education, but most informants graduate from high schools. The age range of the informants is was 26-10 - 55-60+ years old, with the majority being 2619-4559 years old and married (Table 1).

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Table 1. Characteristic of respondent informants

Characteristics	Data	Total	Percentage (%)
Sex	Male	<u>77</u>	<u>3736.7</u>
	Female	<u>1353</u>	64 63.3
Age	<u>12-2510-18</u>	<u>35</u>	17 16.7
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	Elementary school	48	<u>2322.8</u>
	Secondary school	<u>60</u>	<u>2928.6</u>
	High school	<u>76</u>	36.1
	University	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
Marital status	Single	27	13 12.9
	Married	<u>167</u>	<u>8079.5</u>
	Widower	16	<u>87.6</u>
Occupation	Farmer	<u>75</u>	<u>3635.7</u>
	Trader	<u>25</u>	<u>++++11.9</u>
	Laborer	<u>46</u>	<u>2221.9</u>
	Employee	<u>15</u>	<u>7.2</u>
	Housewife	<u>29</u>	<u>1413.8</u>
	Unemployed	20	109 5

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229 Morphology

230 The bark of Kasturi, has a grayish-white to light brown color, occasionally consisting of small cracks or gaps of ± 1 cm 231 in the form of dead bark, which is similar to Mangifera indica. These plants can reach a height of 25-50 m or even more, 232 with a stem diameter of ±40-115 cm, without buttress roots. When injured, the bark emits sap which is initially clear, 233 reddish, and black within a few hours. The sap contains turpentine and has a strong odor, capable of injuring the skin or 234 causing irritation, particularly for sensitivity. The leaves are singular, glabrous, arranged in a spiral or tight spiral, long-235 stemmed, elongated lanceolate with a pointed tip. Both sides of the central leaves vein are characterized by 12-25 sides, 236 without support, while the young leaves hang limp, and are dark purple.

237 Kasturi flowers are bisexual compounds, forming coralline flowers in panicles with numerous, actinomorphic, and 238 often covered in dense hairs. The length of the flower stalk is ± 28 cm with a very short stalk of 2-4 mm, sitting on panicle 239 branches, while the leaves are elongated ovate and 2-3 mm long. The crown leaves are elongated and the flowers smell 240 sweet. The stamens are the same length as the corolla, and the staminodia are very short, resembling stamens stuck to the 241 base of the flower (Rashedy 2014). Kasturi mango fruit is round to elliptical, weighing 60-84 g, 4.5-5.5 cm long, and 3.5Formatted: Indent: First line: 0 cm

242 3.9 cm wide. Furthermore, the flesh is yellow or orange, stringy, and the texture is slightly rough, the fruit tastes sweet, 243 slightly sour, and has a distinctive aroma. The skin of the fruit when it is young is green, and turns blackish brown at an 244 older age, with a smooth surface. The fruit is oval with a length/width ratio of 1.25-1.53. The thickness of the fruit skin is 245 around 0.24 mm and the seeds are classified as stone seeds with thick walls. A single seed, occasionally with multiple 246 247 embryos, is enveloped in a hardened, skin-like endocarp shell. At the beginning of the rainy season or around January, this mango bears fruit. This mango bears fruit at the beginning of the rainy season or around January.

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249 Based on observations at the location, Kasturi grows in the yards and fields of the Banjar tribe. Besides that, it is also 250 found growing in secondary forests and on the banks of rivers. From the results of a survey conducted on several owners 251 of Kasturi, it is known that the majority of these fruit plants were left over from the owners' parents, many of which grow 252 wild (without cultivation technology), are up to 50 years old, and there has been no effort from the owners to carry out 253 rejuvenation or seeding. Profile habitat of Kasturi is at an altitude (35-109 masl), air temperature (27,9 - 33,1 °C), 254 humidity (64,3 - 86,9 %), light intensity (19.442 - 96.938 lux), soil temperature (27,1 - 32,8 °C), soil moisture (40,6 - 77,2 %), and soil pH (5,4 - 6,8) (Gunawan et al. 2022). 255

256 Local knowledge of Mangifera casturi

257 Mangoes have become an integral part of Indonesian life, offering economic, ecological, health, and cultural benefits. 258 The Javanese people have also been acquainted with mangoes for more than 10 centuries, as written in the Old Javanese 259 Ramayana (Mulyanto et al. 2023). Similarly, the Banjar tribe in South Kalimantan has been using plants, including 260 mangoes, during the time of their ancestors.

261 In this study, the values of F observed from the economic use and health aspects of Kasturi included: (i) building 262 construction materials, (ii) food sources, (iii) economics, and (iv) medicine. Knowledge values of Kasturi as construction materials were found in 12.78% of teenagers, 8085.12% of adults, as well as 100% of elderly and old age, with all groups 263 264 using plants as food sources (100%). Furthermore, knowledge of the economic values of Kasturi as fruit that sells in the 265 market was found in 16.68% of children, 8589.1319% of teenagers, 100% of adults, and elders, and old age. As medicine 266 in Banjarnese ethnic group, a proportion of 5% was observed in the old elders age, indicating significant health benefits, 267 particularly as high uric acid.

268 Resulting fidelity level (FL) analysis The result of the fidelity level (FL) analysis showed that all age groups had 100% 269 FL in using fruits of Kasturi as a local food source. The FL of Kasturi bark used was described as follows, 25.41 270 271 %, 88.33%, and 100% among children, 51.34%, 89.54%, and 87.23% among teenager, adult, and elderly, and old age, respectively. Furthermore, the FL value of leaves had a proportion of 5% among old age elderly (Table 2).

272 Based on the results, the parts of the Kasturi plant that are widely used by the community include 58% fruits, 37% 273 stems, and 5% leaves (Figure 3). The morphology characteristics show that the fruit flesh is dark orange, has a sweet and 274 delicious taste. Moreover, the exceptional properties of the plant are evident in the fragrant fruit aroma, leading to the high 275 preference by the majority population in South Kalimantan. Local people consume Kasturi fruit fresh and as a complement 276 to fruit iced drinks. During the fruit season (November-January), the plant bears abundant fruit, with bunch prices ranging 277 from IDR 20,000 to 25,000. Although the fruit flesh has a high water content (87.2%), acid levels (4.7%), and 278 carbohydrates (12%) several other chemical components are low, such as protein (0.3%), fat (0.04%), starch (1.4%), total 279 sugar (2%), and calories (9.6 cal/100g). The Kasturi fruit is a source of medicine due to its useful phytochemicals, 280 including saponins, tannins, triterpenoids, flavonoids, polyphenols, and phenolics (Darmawan 2015). 281

Harvesting Kasturi fruit when ripe is crucial for maintaining aroma and color quality. When harvested prematurely, the thick and hard skin of the fruit cannot be stored for more than 6 days, experiencing weight loss from 5 to 17%. 283 Furthermore, a decrease in texture is observed during storage, leading to a wrinkled appearance (Antarlina 2009). Another 284 part used by the community is the stem (wood), serving as building material and containers. According to the informants, 285 the wood quality is not excellent for building materials due to its softness, leading to rapid decay. Additionally, only 5% of 286 informants identified the Banjar tribe's use of the leaves as medicine for treating gout. Research conducted by Dewangga 287 et al. 2014 stated that young mango leaves from Mangifera foetida L. contained acetic acid, which is essential in reducing 288 uric acid.



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The Banjar tribe has not extensively cultivated Kasturi, with only a small population planting the seeds in gardens.-Mangifera casturi ('Kasturi'), M. caesia ('Binjai'), M. foetida ('Hambawang'), and M. odorata ('Kueni') have been cultivated by local farmers. In contrast, others are wild in the forest to obtain the stems and fruit (Ariffin et al. 2015).

According to the survey, the Banjar tribe obtained Kasturi fruit through planting, inheritance, and purchasing at traditional markets, as well as from wild plants, as shown in Figure 4. The majority of informants reported obtaining the fruit from wild plants in their gardens, while trees were typically passed down from parents to children. The fruit-bearing capacity was cited as the reason for the Kasturi's existence, with many informants selling the fruit to collectors.- Specifically,

buyers would climb the trees, and harvest the fruits, which are transported to the local market.

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Figure 4. Way to get Mangifera casturi by Banjar tribe

352 Conservation strategies of Kasturi

353 Kasturi is a fruit plant endemic to South Kalimantan, that faces the threat of extinction due to the absence of local 354 cultivation efforts and loss of Kasturi's natural habitat due to land conversion to plantations and residential areas. -Based 355 on the survey conducted on several owners of Kasturi trees, it was discovered that most of these fruit were left over from 356 their parents and have been growing wild without cultivation technology for approximately 50 years. However, there has 357 been no effort from the owners to conduct rejuvenation or seeding. The cultivation is only carried out by plant collectors, 358 causing a decline in the Kasturi and affecting both individual counts and genetic diversity. According to informants, the 359 lack of cultivating Kasturi is attributed to the long fruiting period and thin flesh. Kiloes et al. (2014) expressed that the 360 Kasturi was capable of developing into regional fruit, indicating factors such as small flesh relative to large seed size, a lengthy plant maturation age, and a short harvest period. 361

Kasturi has been assigned a classification in the IUCN Red List Categoriescategories. The World Conservation 362 363 Monitoring Center assessment team decided that Kasturi should be listed was in the category extinct in situ of extinct in the wild (EW) category. Endemic fruit plants that are wild or have not been cultivated are often threatened by various 364 365 human activities, such as the expansion of agricultural land, fires, conversion to plantations, and selective harvesting 366 (Suwardi et al. 2020). In the case of Indonesia, mainly in the Kalimantan area-region, the depletion of forests can be attributed to the conversion of land for agricultural purposes (Busch & Ferretti-Gallon 2017), such as oil palm plantations, 367 and mining. Restoration should be performed for the recuperation of forest ecosystems (Sofiah et al. 2018). According to 368 369 Yang et al. (2013) habitat degradation, fragmentation, over-exploitation, and an increasing growing human population, are 370 crucial critical factors responsible for species loss globallywordwide.

371 Conservation strategies are essential to protect species from extinction. Based on research results, Several several 372 efforts that can be made to protect the Kasturi from extinction include: 373

374 1. Network development and collaboration

375 These conservation efforts require collaboration from various parties, including academics, government companies, private 376 companies, related agencies, and local governments. The success of conservation really depends on the role of each of 377 these parties. Through collaboration, land conversion can be reduced 378

379 2. Ex-situ conservation

380 The development of regional botanical gardens will greatly assist conservation efforts, botanical gardens are not subject to 381 land conversion, they can protect endemic species that are already highly endangered or extinct in their natural habitat. 382

383 3. Socialization and publication the benefit of Kasturi

384 Socializing the benefits of Kasturi as a food source, building material, and medicine to the local community will increase 385 the local community's knowledge and information about Kasturi. Increased knowledge and information about Kasturi is 386 expected to encourage local communities to plant Kasturi. Socialization can be conducted by the local government or 387 related agencies. 388

389 4. Environmental education

390 Environmental education can be carried out starting from elementary school, junior high school and senior high school 391 levels. This will increase knowledge and the importance of biological resources for human interests, as well as the 392 importance of conservation efforts towards biological resources, include Kasturi.

393 394 intensification of socialization and publication of Kasturi's uses, ex situ conservation, network development, and 395 collaboration, as well as environmental education in botanical gardens. These conservation efforts require collaboration

396 from various parties, including academics, government companies, private companies, related agencies, and local 397 governments. The success of conservation really depends on the role of each of these parties. Furthermore, conservation Formatted: Indent: First line: 0 cm

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398 efforts should be sustained over time, ensuring the continuous preservation of Kasturi as the identity flora of South 399 Kalimantan

400 This study presents insights into the ethnobotanical knowledge of the Banjar tribe regarding the utilization of Kasturi. The findings contribute to advancements in science and technology, shedding light on the potential of tropical plants in 401 402 Borneo, Indonesia. Furthermore, these results serve as a foundation for sustainable conservation efforts, aiming to 403 empower the local community. Traditional knowledge can be used as a means for in-situ conservation. Some locations site 404 that identified as having Kasturi can be protected from logging deforestation and prioritized for conserving ation Kasturi 405 in its native habitats.

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Abstract. Gunawan, Muhamat, Maghfiroh. 2024. Ethnobotany and conservation of Kasturi (Mangifera casturi Koesterm.) by Banjar Tribe in South Kalimantan, Indonesia. Biodiversitas 25: xxxx. Kasturi (Mangifera casturi Koesterm.) is a local fruit and has become the identity flora of South Kalimantan. This study aimed to investigate the knowledge of the Banjar tribe community and formulate a conservation strategy for Kasturi as the identity flora of South Kalimantan. Data on ethnobotanical knowledge were collected through interview technique. There were two types of informant: Key informants and additional informants. Key informants were selected through snowball sampling technique while additional informants were selected a combination snowball sampling and purposive sampling technique. The informants in this study have different background: Sex, age, job, marital status, and educational levels. The informants were grouped based on their age: teenagers (10-18 years), adults (19-59 years), and elders (60+ years). Data were analyzed using the formula of Kasturi plant parts usage (F), Fidelity Level (FL). All data collected were analyzed descriptively and presented in tables or diagrams. The Banjar tribe used M. casturi as source of food (63%), building material (32%), and drugs (5%). The parts of the Kasturi plant that are widely used by the community are fruit, which is 58%, stems are 37%, and leaves are 5%. The values of F (the frequency of parts of Kasturi used) observed from the economic use and health aspects of Kasturi include: building materials, food sources, economic and medicine. The value of F for economic use are 12.78% - 100% and the value F for health aspect are 5%. The result of Fidelity Level (FL) analysis proves that all age groups had 100% of FL in utilizing fruits of *Kasturi* as local food source. The FL of *Kasturi* bark used is described as follows: 51.34% among teenagers, 89.54% among adults, 87.23% among elder as building materials. The FL value of leaf described 5% among elder. Most of the Banjar tribe get *Kasturi* fruit from plants that grow wild in their yards (42%) and only 6% have planted. The research indicated that M. casturi had high utility value for Banjar tribe. All parts of the plant (fruits, bark, and leaves) were exploited for economic and health. Conservation of Kasturi can be performed by: 1. Network development and collaboration for conservation efforts, 2. Ex-situ conservation, 3. Intensification of socialization and publication of Kasturi's uses, and 4. Environmental education. The result of the study can be used for management conservation of M. casturi to ensure the availability in the future

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INTRODUCTION

Indonesia is a tropical country characterized by a high diversity of fruit with numerous benefits. Among several regions in the country, Kalimantan, also called Borneo, has been identified as one of the 24 other hotspots of flora diversity globally (Marchese 2015). In the diverse flora Kalimantan, Mangifera is an important genus of Anacardiaceae, a plant family producing several commercial fruits globally (Fitmawati et al. 2016). Mangifera holds the second rank among tropical fruits renowned for their exceptional taste, color, and diversity, following bananas (Singh et al. 2016). Globally, this genus comprises around 69 species, with 30 of them being endemic to Indonesia (Anggraheni and Mulyaningsih 2021). Based on IUCN data (2022), two Borneo-endemic species, Mangifera casturi Kosterm. and M. rubropetala Kosterm., have already become extinct in their natural habitats.

Mangifera casturi, known as *Kasturi*, is a native and endemic plant from Kalimantan, particularly South Kalimantan (Kostermans and Bompard 1993). The species went extinct due to the destruction of its native habitat. The decline of *Kasturi* mango population is attributed to the felling of various local mango fruit trees, including *Kasturi*, to be used as building materials. This significant population reduction has led to the scarcity or complete disappearance of the plants. Additionally, forest exploitation in the form of illegal logging and clearing forests for settlements and plantations (oil palm) can damage the ecosystem, including the natural habitat of mango fruit plants.

Continued population decline and loss of *Kasturi's* natural habitat could lead to the species' extinction. One of the efforts for conservation is through revealing the benefits of the species through ethnobotanical studies. Ethnobotany is a study that reveals the relationship between humans and plants and the use of plants by certain ethnicities. The results of ethnobotanical research can be used as basic data for conservation efforts and sustainable utilization of biological resources. Yusro et al. (2014) stated that local knowledge of the community needs to be maintained because it is very valuable for preserving biodiversity in Kalimantan forests. In this context, several biodiversity conservation strategies have been developed, such as the inventory of plant use, cultivation and

conservation through ethnobotany (Supiandi et al. 2019). Hence, the ethnobotanical study is anticipated to play a role in bolstering cultural sustainability in plant utilization. The knowledge within local communities also enhances advancements in science and technology, offering scientific methodologies that can be expanded upon for future sustainable applications (Cao et al. 2020).

Kasturi as endangered Kalimantan endemic has fragrant fruit and a sweet taste characterized by small-sized fruit with colors ranging from yellow-orange to purple-black. The Decree of the Minister of Indonesia No. 48 issued in 1989 designated Kasturi as the flora identity of South Kalimantan Province (Darmawan 2015). This is due to the popularity of the fruit, leading to rapid market sales during the fruiting season. Kalimantan Island is divided into five provinces, including South Kalimantan Province which majorly consists of the majority of the Banjar tribe. The Meratus Mountains area in South Kalimantan is home to an indigenous group called the Meratus Mountains Dayak or Bukit Dayak tribe. In recent years, ethnobotanical research has significantly increased in the field of pharmaceuticals and conservation programs globally, influencing biodiversity conservation (Pieroni et al. 2014), and the discovery of new food sources, health, and culture (Tamalene et al. 2016). Traditionally, relationship between Kasturi and local community has been established as a consume fruit. Thus, ethnobotany of the Kasturi can be explored in the form the relationship between humans and plants to provide insights about the traditional local knowledge of the community regarding plants use to become valid information.

The decline of *Kasturi* population, which leads to extinction, may result in the loss of the benefits of *Kasturi*. Therefore, this study aims to reveal the utilization of *Kasturi* by the Banjar tribe and provide recommendations for *Kasturi* conservation strategies as a typical flora of South Kalimantan.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study area

The research was conducted in December 2022-July 2023 in South Kalimantan. Surveys were conducted in areas that were selected based on having the Banjar tribe, including district Banjar (BN), Tapin (TP), Hulu Sungai Selatan (HS), Hulu Sungai Tengah (HT), Balangan (BL), and Tabalong (Figure 2). The geographic scope of this study includes the area of approximately 1°21'49" S-1°10'14" S and 114°19'33"E-116°33'28"E.

Data collection and analysis

This study was carried out using a qualitative method with an ethnobotanical approach. Qualitative data were collected through open-ended, semi-structured, and structured interviews conducted at the homes of key and additional informants. Key informants were selected through snowball sampling based on information from the village head. Additional informants were selected using a combination of snowball and purposive sampling with the following criteria: (i) informants who have used *Kasturi* plants; (ii) informants who know about the use of *Kasturi* plants (Al Yamini et al. 2023). Firstly, additional informants were obtained based on the recommendations of previous key informants, and secondly, the informants were screened to ensure that they met the predetermined criteria. The data collection process begins with the identification of key informants and ordinary informants who have knowledge about *Kasturi*.

The analysis included 212 informants, with 35 individuals from each district, representing diverse backgrounds in terms of sex, age, job, marital status, and educational levels (Susiarti et al. 2020). The participants were classified into different age groups, namely teenagers (10-18 years), adults (19-59 years), , and the elderly (60+ $\,$ years), as indicated in Table 1 (Kemenkes 2024). Ethnobotanical information encompassed the identification, habitat characteristics, techniques for obtaining Kasturi, cultivation methods, and its various uses (Desti et al. 2019). Kasturi specimens were collected in the field. Voucher specimens are kept at the Biosystematics Laboratory of Lambung Mangkurat University. The identification process uses the Mango Book (Kostermans and Bompard 1993) by matching the morphological characteristics of the specimen with the morphological characteristics in the book. The gathered data underwent descriptive analysis and was presented through tables or diagrams (Tallei et al. 2019). Descriptive statistical analysis was also used to describe/analyze parts of the Kasturi plant, which were often used for economic, and medical.



Figure 1. Tree and fruit of Mangifera casturi

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Figure 2. Location of study in South Kalimantan: BN: Banjar, TP: Tapin, HS: Hulu Sungai Selatan, HT: Hulu Sungai Tengah, BL: Balangan, TG: Tabalong

The frequency of *Kasturi* plant parts usage was assessed by gauging informant responses using the following formula:

$$F = \frac{S}{N} \times 100$$

Where :

S : Number of informants with positive responses regarding plant parts used

N : Total number of informants

The formula elucidated by Monteiro et al. (2006) was employed to assess the level of consensus among the informants regarding the plant parts utilized.

The Fidelity Level (FL), employed to understand the specific purposes of using particular plant parts, was computed using the formula recommended by Friedman et al. (1986):

$$FL(\%) = \frac{n}{N} \times 100$$

Where :

n : Number of informants for a specific use N : Total number of informants

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Socio-demographic characteristics

A total of 210 informants participated in this study, comprising 135 males and 77 females. The educational background of informants ranged from elementary school to college education, but most informants graduate from high schools. The age range of the informants was 10-60+ years old, with the majority being 19-59 years old and married (Table 1).

Morphology

The bark of *Kasturi*, has a grayish-white to light brown color, occasionally consisting of small cracks or gaps of ± 1 cm in the form of dead bark, which is similar to *Mangifera indica*. These plants can reach a height of 25-50 m or even more, with a stem diameter of ± 40 -115 cm, without buttress roots. When injured, the bark emits sap which is initially clear, reddish, and black within a few hours. The sap contains turpentine and has a strong odor, capable of injuring the skin or causing irritation, particularly for sensitivity. The leaves are singular, glabrous, arranged in a spiral or tight spiral, long-stemmed, elongated lanceolate with a pointed tip. Both sides of the central leaves vein are characterized by 12-25 sides, without support, while the young leaves hang limp, and are dark purple.

Kasturi flowers are bisexual compounds, forming coralline flowers in panicles with numerous, actinomorphic, and often covered in dense hairs. The length of the flower stalk is ±28 cm with a very short stalk of 2-4 mm, sitting on panicle branches, while the leaves are elongated ovate and 2-3 mm long. The crown leaves are elongated and the flowers smell sweet. The stamens are the same length as the corolla, and the staminodia are very short, resembling stamens stuck to the base of the flower (Rashedy et al. 2014). Kasturi mango fruit is round to elliptical, weighing 60-84 g, 4.5-5.5 cm long, and 3.5-3.9 cm wide. Furthermore, the flesh is yellow or orange, stringy, and the texture is slightly rough, the fruit tastes sweet, slightly sour, and has a distinctive aroma. The skin of the fruit when it is young is green, and turns blackish brown at an older age, with a smooth surface. The fruit is oval with a length/width ratio of 1.25-1.53. The thickness of the fruit skin is around 0.24 mm and the seeds are classified as stone seeds with thick walls. A single seed, occasionally with multiple embryos, is enveloped in a hardened, skin-like endocarp shell. At the beginning of the rainy season or around January, this mango bears fruit.

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Habitat

Based on observations at the location, *Kasturi* grows in the yards and fields of the Banjar tribe. Besides that, it is also found growing in secondary forests and on the banks of rivers. From the results of a survey conducted on several owners of *Kasturi*, it is known that the majority of these fruit plants were left over from the owners' parents, many of which grow wild (without cultivation technology), are up to 50 years old, and there has been no effort from the owners to carry out rejuvenation or seeding. Profile habitat of *Kasturi* is at an altitude (35-109 masl), air temperature (27.9-33.1°C), humidity (64.3-86.9%), light intensity (19.442-96.938 lux), soil temperature (27.1-32.8°C), soil moisture (40.6-77.2%), and soil pH (5.4-6.8) (Gunawan et al. 2022).

Local knowledge of Mangifera casturi

Mangoes have become an integral part of Indonesian life, offering economic, health, and cultural benefits. The Javanese people have also been acquainted with mangoes for more than 10 centuries, as written in the Old Javanese Ramayana (Mulyanto et al. 2023). Similarly, the Banjar tribe in South Kalimantan has been using plants, including mangoes, during the time of their ancestors.

In this study, the values of F observed from the economic use and health aspects of *Kasturi* included: (i) building materials, (ii) food source, (iii) economic, and (iv) medicine. Knowledge values of *Kasturi* as construction materials were found in 12.78% of teenagers, 85.12% of adults, as well as 100% of elderly, with all groups using plants as food sources (100%). Furthermore, knowledge of the economic values of *Kasturi* as fruit that sells in the market was found in 89.19% of teenagers, 100% of adults, and elders. As medicine in Banjarnese ethnic group, a proportion of 5% was observed in the elders age, indicating significant health benefits, particularly as high uric acid.

Resulting Fidelity Level (FL) analysis showed that all age groups had 100% FL in using fruits of *Kasturi* as a local food source. The FL of *Kasturi* bark used was described as follows, 51.34%, 89.54%, and 87.23% among teenager, adult, and elderly respectively. Furthermore, the FL value of leaves had a proportion of 5% among elderly (Table 2).

Based on the results, the parts of the Kasturi plant that are widely used by the community include 58% fruits, 37% stems, and 5% leaves (Figure 3). The morphology characteristics show that the fruit flesh is dark orange, has a sweet and delicious taste. Moreover, the exceptional properties of the plant are evident in the fragrant fruit aroma, leading to the high preference by the majority population in South Kalimantan. Local people consume Kasturi fruit fresh and as a complement to fruit iced drinks. During the fruit season (November-January), the plant bears abundant fruit, with bunch prices ranging from IDR 20,000 to 25,000. Although the fruit flesh has a high water content (87.2%), acid levels (4.7%), and carbohydrates (12%) several other chemical components are low, such as protein (0.3%), fat (0.04%), starch (1.4%), total sugar (2%), and calories (9.6 cal/100g). The Kasturi fruit is a source of medicine due to its useful phytochemicals, including saponins, tannins, triterpenoids, flavonoids, polyphenols, and phenolics (Darmawan 2015).

Harvesting *Kasturi* fruit when ripe is crucial for maintaining aroma and color quality. When harvested prematurely, the thick and hard skin of the fruit cannot be stored for more than six days, experiencing weight loss from 5 to 17%. Furthermore, a decrease in texture is observed during storage, leading to a wrinkled appearance (Antarlina 2009). Another part used by the community is the stem (wood), serving as building material and containers. According to the informants, the wood quality is not excellent for building materials due to its softness, leading to rapid decay. Additionally, only 5% of informants identified the Banjar tribe's use of the leaves as medicine for treating gout.

Every component of the Mangifera tree, including flowers, leaves, bark, fruit, peel, pulp, and seeds, possesses vital nutrients that can be utilized. Moreover, Mangifera peel comprises minerals, fiber, and antioxidants (such as phenolic compounds like mangiferin, kaempferol, quercetin, and anthocyanins), while the mango seed kernel contains starch, fiber, lipids, sterols (like campesterol, stigmasterol, and \beta-sitosterol), and tocopherols (Jahurul et al. 2015). Mangifera has been used extensively in traditional medicine for the treatment of conditions such as, diabetes, diarrhea, dysentery, rheumatism, high blood pressure, and various skin diseases (Parves 2016). Table 2 demonstrates that Kasturi is not only a source of food and materials, but its parts also have medicinal potential. Several previous studies have publicized the potential of Kasturi derived from several parts of the Kasturi as antioxidant, anticancer, antifungal, and anti-inflammatory properties (Table 3).

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Table 1. Characteristic of informants

Characteristics	Data	Total	Percentage (%)
Sex	Male	77	36.7
	Female	133	63.3
Age	10-18	35	16.7
	19-59	110	52.4
	60+	65	30.9
Formal education	No educations	20	9.5
	Elementary	48	22.8
	school		
	Secondary school	60	28.6
	High school	76	36.1
	University	6	3
Marital status	Single	27	12.9
	Married	167	79.5
	Widower	16	7.6
Occupation	Farmer	75	35.7
	Trader	25	11.9
	Laborer	46	21.9
	Employee	15	7.2
	Housewife	29	13.8
	Unemployed	20	95

Table 2. Part use and fidelity level of Mangifera casturi

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Fidelity Level (FL) %

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		Teenagers	Adults	Elderly	Bark	Construction	51.34	89.54	87.23
Fruits	Food	100	100	100		materials			
Leaves	Medicine	-	-	5					
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Skin	Saponins, flavonoids, tannins, and steroids (Mutia and Wati 2018Zulfina et al.2021), distearil phosphite,	Anti-infectives, such as antiseptics, antibiotics, chemotherapy, contraception, antiasthmatic, bronchodilator, and medicine for
	Trans-13-octadecenoic acid, Heptadecane (Zulfina et al. 2021)	bladder system illness (Zulfina et al. 2021)
Fruit	Methyl gallate (Sutomo et al. 2017), alpha hydroxy acid (Zulfina et al. 2021)	Antioxidants, Speed up the exfoliation of dead skin cells to promote soft and blemish-free skin
Leaf	Terpenoid and polifenol (Darmawan 2015); alkaloid, terpenoid, flavonoid, saponin (Rahim et al. 2017)	Antioxidants and tannins exhibit antibacterial, antiviral, and antitumor activities, antioxidants (Sutomo et al. 2017)
Bark	Terpenoid steroid and saponin (Rahim et al. 2017)	Antioxidants (Ramadhan et al. 2021)

Hypercholesterolemia, antioxidants, hyperglycemia, anticancer, antifungal, and anti-inflammatory properties



Figure 3. A. Percentage part used of Kasturi, B. Percentage useful of Kasturi by Banjar tribe



Figure 4. Way to get Mangifera casturi by Banjar tribe

Root Saponin and tanin (Darmawan 2015)

The Banjar tribe has not extensively cultivated *Kasturi*, with only a small population planting the seeds in gardens. *Mangifera casturi* ('Kasturi'), *M. caesia* ('Binjai'), *M. foetida* ('Hambawang'), and *M. odorata* ('Kueni') have been cultivated by local farmers. In contrast, others are wild in the forest to obtain the stems and fruit (Ariffin et al. 2015). According to the survey, the Banjar tribe obtained *Kasturi* fruit through planting, inheritance, and purchasing at traditional markets, as well as from wild plants, as shown in Figure 4. The majority of informants reported obtaining the fruit from wild plants in their gardens, while trees were typically passed down from parents to children. The fruit-

bearing capacity was cited as the reason for the *Kasturi*'s existence, with many informants selling the fruit to collectors. Specifically, buyers would climb the trees, and harvest the fruits, which are transported to the local market. **Conservation strategies of** *Kasturi*

Kasturi is a fruit plant endemic to South Kalimantan, that faces the threat of extinction due to the absence of local cultivation efforts and loss of *Kasturi's* natural habitat due to land conversion to plantations and residential areas. Based on the survey conducted on several owners of *Kasturi* trees, it was discovered that most of these fruits were left over from their parents and have been growing wild without cultivation technology for approximately 50 years. However, there has been no effort from the owners to conduct rejuvenation or seeding. The cultivation is only carried out by plant collectors, causing a decline in the *Kasturi* and affecting both individual counts and genetic diversity. According to informants, the lack of cultivating *Kasturi* is attributed to the long fruiting period and thin flesh.

Kasturi has been assigned a classification in the IUCN Red List categories. The World Conservation Monitoring Center assessment team decided that *Kasturi* should be listed in the category extinct in situ of extinct in the wild (EW) category. Endemic fruit plants that are wild or have not been cultivated are often threatened by various human activities, such as the expansion of agricultural land, fires, conversion to plantations, and selective harvesting (Suwardi

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et al. 2020). In the case of Indonesia, mainly in the Kalimantan area, the depletion of forests can be attributed to the conversion of land for agricultural purposes (Busch and Ferretti-Gallon 2017), such as oil palm plantations, and mining. Restoration should be performed for the recuperation of forest ecosystems (Sofiah et al. 2018). According to Yang et al. (2013) habitat degradation, fragmentation, over-exploitation, and a growing human population, are critical factors responsible for species loss wordwide.

Conservation strategies are essential to protect species from extinction. Based on research results, several efforts that can be made to protect the *Kasturi* from extinction include:

Network development and collaboration

These conservation efforts require collaboration from various parties, including academics, government companies, private companies, related agencies, and local governments. The success of conservation really depends on the role of each of these parties. Through collaboration, land conversion can be reduced

Ex-situ conservation

The development of regional botanical gardens will greatly assist conservation efforts. botanical gardens are not subject to land conversion, they can protect endemic species that are already highly endangered or extinct in their natural habitat.

Socialization and publication the benefit of Kasturi

Socializing the benefits of *Kasturi* as a food source, building material, and medicine to the local community will increase the local community's knowledge and information about *Kasturi*. Increased knowledge and information about *Kasturi*. Increased knowledge and communities to plant *Kasturi*. Socialization can be conducted by the local government or related agencies.

Environmental education

Environmental education can be carried out starting from elementary school, junior high school and senior high school levels. This will increase knowledge and the importance of biological resources for human interests, as well as the importance of conservation efforts towards biological resources, include *Kasturi*.

This study presents insights into the ethnobotanical knowledge of the Banjar tribe regarding the utilization of *Kasturi*. The findings contribute to advancements in science and technology, shedding light on the potential of tropical plants in Borneo, Indonesia. Furthermore, these results serve as a foundation for sustainable conservation efforts, aiming to empower the local community. Traditional knowledge can be used as a means for in-situ conservation. Some site that identified as having *Kasturi* can be protected from logging and prioritized for conserving *Kasturi* in its native habitats.

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