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Geoheritage and geotourism potential of the Baginda Hill, Belitung Island, Indonesia

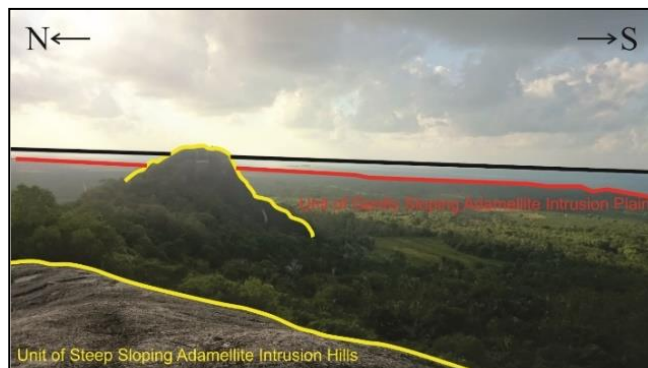
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Belitung Island is known for its unique geological aspects, which are actively mined, and also as a tourism island. It is located on the western part of Indonesia. On the south part of the island, there is an interesting hill that is called Baginda Hill.

This research gives a brief overview about Baginda Hill in terms of mythological aspects, geological characteristics, and geomorphological conditions. Baharuddin and Sidarto [1] showed that the main composition of this 110 meters high hill is I-type granite. In scientific terms, it is called Baginda Adamellite, with an absolute age of 216 ± 6 Ma [2]. Some regional lineaments have NE – SW and NW – SE trends [1].

Although the scenery from Baginda Hill (as seen in the Figure 1) is as pretty as a picture, Baginda Hill is still not developed as well as other tourist destinations in Belitung Island. Lack of research, infrastructures and publications about this hill are some of the obstacles ahead.



On the other hand, there are many myths behind the hill, and local residents frequently hold culture-related celebrations on it.

Consequently, it could be the main attractions of Baginda Hill that might be promoted, so that the hill may be known as well as other tourist destinations in Belitung Island.

Figure 1: The scenery from Baginda Hill, Belitung

Island, Indonesia

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