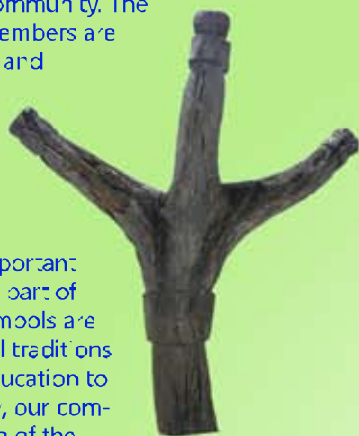


We are part of a traditional community. The majority of our community members are coffee farmers, horticulturists and farmers. We live here in harmony with our nature. We hold our tradition and our heritage through the generations.



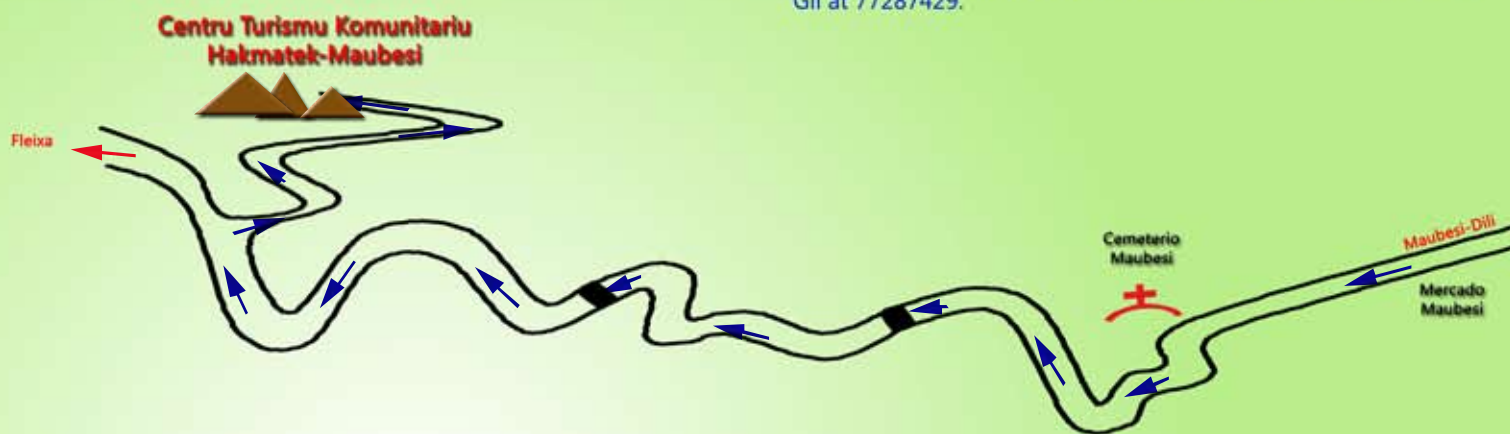
Uma lulik and *hatbosa* are important tangible cultural symbols and part of our societal system. These symbols are part of our rituals, our cultural traditions and our models of cultural education to our young generations. Today, our community has rehabilitated some of the sacred houses (*uma lulik*) and revived the values embedded in each sacred house. Our people are proud to their culture and welcome you to visit some of these sacred houses. They will share with you, some insights and values from their *uma lulik*.

Who we are?

Hakmatek is more than 60 household living in Lekiteni, Tarten and Lekizuku in the mountains of Maubesi. Our villages are surrounded by rolling hills, green pastures, covered by coffee and horticulture gardens. Our cooperative was established in 2003, when we started to organize ourselves to improve our horticulture. *Kooperativa Hakmatek* means *calm or tranquility*, it's reflecting our community goals to have a tranquil society built on mutual respect, respect for the environment and respect for our culture.

The *Kooperativa Hakmatek* consists of more than 40 active members. Our members and our community shares common values and goals and we want to develop this community as a tranquil,

prosperous and green village. As a small community, we know that it is difficult to achieve this mission but every time you decide to visit our project and stay with us, you are supporting us and our joint collective struggle. **Together we all can make difference and create a village more equitable, prosperous and tranquil.**



How you can get there?

If you are interested in visiting our project or want to stay a few days in our accommodation please contact: Cooperativa Natureza, with Ms. Joanninha da Cruz (Aju), phone number: +670 77714410, or to Ms. Santi, phone number: +670 77249388. Email address: turismo_etico@yahoo.com.

If you are leaving from Dili, you may need 3-4 hours to get there. You can choose a number of different transport options. You can get there by the Ainaro, Covalima and Manufahi bus (don't forget to get off at Maubesi!) this option should cost 5 USD.

You can also use an Anguna (open van) to Maubesi which also costs 5 USD.

If you are interested to rent a car, Cooperativa Natureza can help to organise this for you. Please contact the numbers mentioned above.

What we offer you?

a. Our Accommodation and food

Hakmatek has three traditional bungalows each with two double beds and two dormitories that can be shared by 2-3 people. The total capacity is for 9-13 people.

We have a restaurant that can offer you food and if lucky you can help to

Where is our project?

The accommodation of Kooperativa Hakmatek is located in the Suco of Maubisi and the Aldeia of Tarteji. It is about 5 minutes from Maubisi town (in the direction of Ainaro). There is a sign on the right hand side before our accommodation. Please refer to the map below. If you have any difficulties don't hesitate call Gil at 77287429.



harvest green vegetables from the garden around this accommodation. If you are interested you can also try to share your culinary skills and knowledge and explore local dishes with our members.

We offer food for breakfast, lunch and dinner the cost of which will be adjusted depending on the menu. We offer free coffee and tea all day. During your stay, you can visit the horticulture projects managed by our members and we hope that you will try our green vegetable, beans, tomato, pineapples, avocado, and other fruits.



b. Mountain and Clean Rivers

The area of Tartehe is surrounded by the mountains of the Ramelau Range, such as Balibo mountain and Fleixa. Many of the hills are seen by the ancestors and our community as sacred places and are very important in our culture such as Ermatu, Ertama, Lekitehi and other more, which is the hill associated with the ancient history of the discovery of fire. Trekking through the hills and visiting different uma lulik is a great way to interact with local people and enjoy the natural mountain panorama.

Rivers and springs also have a very strong significance in our history and culture. In the spring we have an important 'April Ritual', known in the local language of Mambae as 'fiut besi' and referred to by some as a 'Traditional Easter'. This ritual is connected to the water rituals, agricultural activities, the ritual for seasonal harvest call 'mambiuka'. If you would like to attend this traditional event, please book early your visit via Koperativa Natureza (see: phone numbers above).

If you are staying more than one or two days another beautiful activity is to swim in the clear waters of the Ersaka River. You can also try horseback trekking (with local ponies) or visiting neighboring villages and uma lulik.



c. Our Cultures and Local Knowledge

The Maubisi community is known as a traditional community that still holds strongly to their cultural tradition. Uma Lulik is a centre of our tradition and cultural practices. Around Lekitehi, Tartehe, Teltuku there are many uma lulik, such as the groups of uma lulik in the hills of Tartehe. Others include: Felafu, Hatilu, Liurai, Taut, Ausmeta, Hatudosa and Goufu. All of these uma lulik are located above the hills of Tartehe. Further afield are also other uma lulik such as: Hiutlele, Hautlolo, Maubisi, Airit and Malikusa. All of our cultural activities are related to the cycle of life from the first week after a baby is born (gahasa mat) up to one year after a person has died (keo mate). Our community is very active in horticulture production and managing their coffee plantation. We apply a traditional law called tara bandu to conserve our forest resources, our land,



our water, garden and our property. Our lia nain (traditional customary expert) plays an important role in our societal system. Our Lia nain and traditional leaders also welcome you to visit our project, visit some of the sacred locations which they have agreed to allow tourists to visit. If you are interested in doing combinations of hillwalking, trekking, visiting uma lulik, visiting our horticulture projects, experiencing the coffee harvest and/or visiting the important springs like Ermatu and Ertama, please contact our staff mentioned above.

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We are just in the early stages of learning how to serve and provide a great experience for our guests. If you have any suggestions please don't hesitate to write to us at turismo_etico@yahoo.com.

Don't miss such a great opportunity. Please join us to observe the sun setting over the hills of Maubisi. We wish you a nice experience during your stay and hope that you will take away interesting memories.

Thank you for choosing to stay with us. God Bless You



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The smile of The people and the shadow of The Uma Lulik



*With the soul of our ancestors
that protect our people, the
shadow of the Uma Lulik, the
freshness of our water and our
food, the originality of our coffee,
the smell of our mountain flowers
and the smile of our people we
welcome you and hope that you
have a nice stay with us.
Welcome to Hakmatek-Lekitehi!*