

Pendalungan



Quick Facts

Pop. in Indonesia: 6,500,000

Religion: Islam

Religious Subgroups:

Ha'kikat: 2,275,000

Abangan: 1,950,000

Tarekat: 1,950,000

Ma'rifat: 325,000

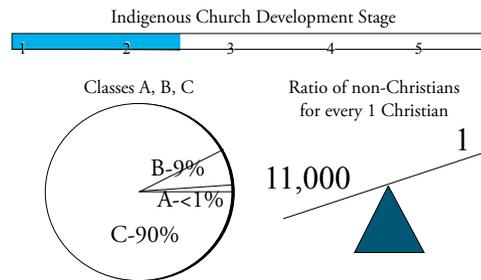
Believers: 0.009%

Scriptures: NT, OT

Ministry Tools: RJT

C Status: 2 **M Status:** 2

MS Subgroups: 6



Class A- Are members of a Culturally Relevant Church
 Class B- Have close access to a CRC, but have not yet joined
 Class C- Have no reasonable or close access to a CRC

Identity: The Pendalungan are a bridge group between the Jawa and the Madura, resulting from intermarriages between the two ethnicities, and Jawa which have adopted the Madura language and Pendalungan culture. The result has been the creation of a new ethnic and cultural identity within the Madura speaking cluster of peoples.

Lifestyle: Around half of the Pendalungan population is landless and largely impoverished. These find employment as traders, agricultural laborers, and wood craftsmen. Those who have land are generally subsistence wet-rice cultivators. Their homes are made of woven bamboo and usually have a dirt floor. The cycle of poverty continues unabated with few young people able to finish high school. The introduction of mechanized farming in some areas has left many unemployed.

Customs: The Pendalungan are famous for their unique blends of food,

including *rujak cingur* (salad with beef snout) and *suarsuwir* (fermented rice taffy). They are also well known for their Batik production, a process of dying and painting cloth using wax. Wherever the wax is applied the dye cannot penetrate. Though the process requires a series of dying, it results in complex designs that can be produced quickly and efficiently.

Religion: The majority of the Pendalungan are conservative, or even fundamentalist Muslims. However, about 30% identify themselves as *abangan*, which give only nominal ascent to Islam, and are more animistic than Islamic. Around 5% call themselves *Ma'rifat*, which is a mystical Islam frowned upon by the more orthodox Pendalungan. A further 10% are supporters of *Pancasila*, which calls for a more moderate application of Islamic laws and principles in Indonesia.

Christian Outreach: There is increased response among the Pendalungan to the gospel, and several fellowships have

been established. However, there are still many believers which remain scattered and isolated. Concern for evangelizing the Pendalungan is growing among neighboring Jawa believers, and a movement to see them adopted for prayer and ministry is bearing fruit.

How to Pray:

🙏 Pray for creative ministries to reach out to the incredible social needs of the Pendalungan, especially in the areas of education and livelihood projects, and that these efforts in the name of Christ would result in whole families and villages embracing His love and salvation.

🙏 Intercede for those Jawa believers which are now proclaiming the gospel among the Pendalungan. Pray for cross-cultural sensitivity, Christ-like humility, and patient sowing of the gospel.

🙏 Pray for spiritual breakthrough among the more resistant conservative Muslims. Ask God to turn their passion for orthodoxy, into a passion for the freedom and truth found in the cross.

🙏 Pray for deliverance in the lives of those bound by the traditional practices of spiritism and witchcraft.

**Every year 60,000
 Pendalungan die
 without Christ.**