ATR IDENTIFIES DEMAND FOR 209 NEW DOMESTIC AIR ROUTES IN INDONESIA

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ATR identified 209 new domestic air routes in Indonesia that would be economically viable if served by regional turboprop aircraft. Total demand for these routes is 16 million passengers per annum and the airport infrastructure already exists. There is enormous scope to develop new domestic air routes in Indonesia, because 70 of the country's 180 airports, with paved runways, currently have no scheduled passenger services.

ATR discovered the new economically-viable air routes using its proprietary MobilityMonitor platform which identified the travel patterns of 35 million Indonesian residents. This group – a representative sample of the broader Indonesian population – did 780 million inter-city journeys in a year. These journeys involved various types of transport, including: cars, motorbikes, buses, ferries, trains and planes. Around 90% of these journeys were 100 to 800 kilometres, a range perfectly suited to turboprops like ATRs.

By overlaying the most popular journeys with Indonesia's airport network, and then extrapolating the representative sample data to ascertain the total market size, ATR identified 209 potential air routes. Interestingly, 88% of the potential air routes – accounting for 14 million passenger volume

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per annum – are intra-island routes. Also, 90% of the new potential air routes are on islands other than Java, namely: Sumatra, Sulawesi, Kalimantan, Papua and Maluku.

Java has good road infrastructure whereas the other islands have fewer and slower roads. Java represents only around 7% of Indonesia's land area, but contains approximately 58% of the country's motorway network. Kalimantan, by comparison, is four times larger than Java but has only around 5% of the motorway network.

ATR's MobilityMonitor data shows a big difference in mobility across the archipelago. Average surface travel speeds for Java is around 65 km/h, due to the more extensive road and rail network, but travel speeds fall to between 26km/h and 37km/h elsewhere. The average distances travelled on these larger islands are often much longer, frequently exceeding 350 kilometres and reaching nearly 480 kilometres in parts of Papua.

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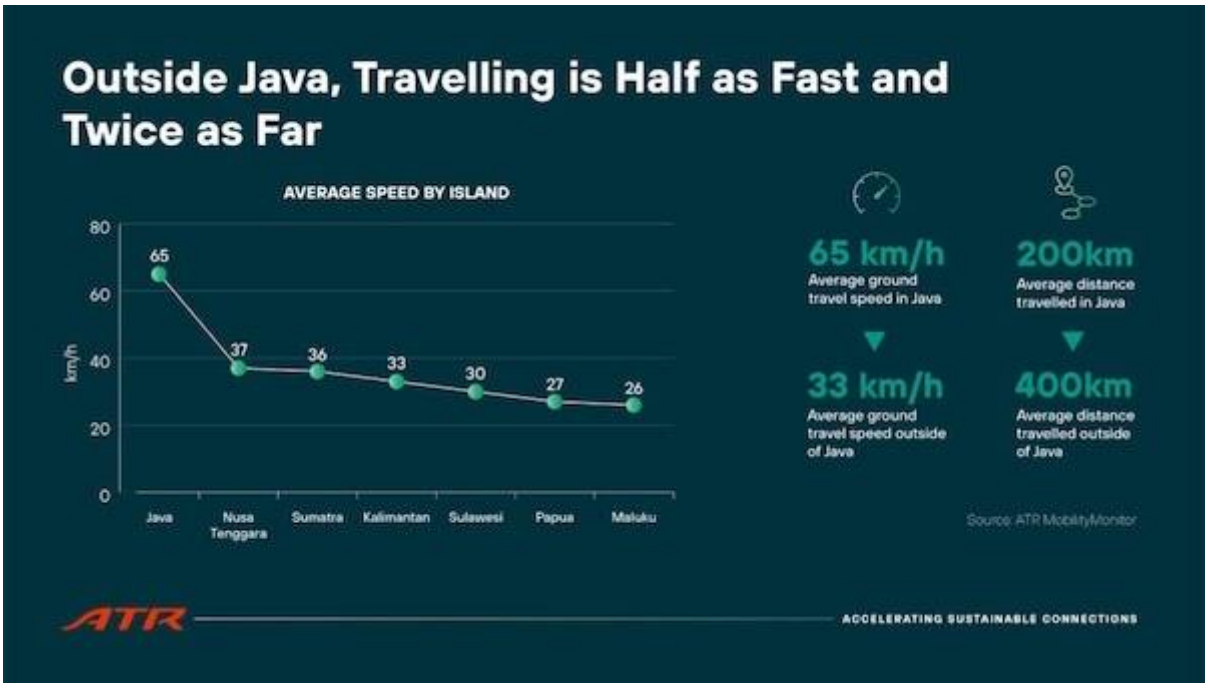

An example is Bengkulu–Pekanbaru (BKS–PKU) in Sumatra. The road journey can take more than 18 hours, while a direct fligh

Alexis Vidal, ATR's Senior Vice-President, Commercial commented:
"What we've identified there is a large untapped market. The demand is there, as is the airport infrastructure. What is needed n

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