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Ary has been a leader of nature-based tourism in Indonesia since 1987. His work In his two decades of fieldwork, Ary has participated in noteworthy ecotourism and community-based tourism initiatives; as well as has involved establishing and supporting ecotourism, community-based tourism, and conservation education programs all over Indonesia. His career history includes tourism enterprise development, program management, site monitoring and evaluation, field research, and tour operations for international agencies; including Conservation International, The Nature Conservancy, the Asian Development Bank, the Japanese International Cooperation Agency, and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (Japan). As a nationally and internationally recognized expert in nature and community-based tourism, he has served on the selection committees for international tourism awards administered by National Geographic Travelers (USA), and the World Travel and Tourism Council (UK). Currently Ary also serves as Director for Indonesia Ecoventure, where he is responsible for program development in eco-adventure, wildlife observation, cultural tourism, community-based tourism, and ecotourism.

In addition to providing training to government officials, tour operators, and local community members, Ary has contributed to a number of ecotourism texts, including co-authoring (with Keith W. Sproule) the book chapter "Guidelines for Community-based Ecotourism Programs: Lessons from Indonesia" (Kreg Lindberg and Donald E. Hawkins, eds., Ecotourism: a Guide for Planners and Managers, Volume 2, International Ecotourism Society, 1998), and writing the forwards to The Natural Guide to Bali (Yayasan Bumi Kita & Equinox Publishing, 2005) and Towards Ecotourism in Bali: A best practices Guide for Small and Medium Enterprises (Anne Gouyon, ed., Bali Fokus & The Natural Guide, 2006)