

Abstract

The aim of this work is to summarize all the important points in the history of Indonesian spice trade led by Europeans. In the introduction is geographical definition, as well as a general description of the various kinds of spices exported from Indonesia. Following a major part devoted to the history of the trade with this commodity, from early Portuguese business contacts to the Dutch Golden Age spice trade. Then the focus are the Dutch, who consequently held a leadership role in trading. The conclusion of the work summarizes the reasons of the decline in demand for spices in the 19th century and thus concludes the period of prosperity and profit from the sale of this trading article.