

ABOVE BELOW BEYOND

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An aerial photograph of a coral reef in clear, turquoise water. A large, dark, irregularly shaped coral formation is prominent in the upper center. Several smaller, circular coral patches are visible in the lower half of the image. The water's surface shows gentle ripples and reflections of light.

**Bawah Anambas Foundation
is an Indonesian Foundation
that aims to improve the overall
ecosystem in the Anambas, both
underwater and terrestrial, as
well as sustainably lifting the
community's welfare.**

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Hello from BAWAH

From day one, our plans have been created with sustainability and the environment in mind

I remember the first time I saw Bawah like it was yesterday. Its lush forested hills, turquoise blue waters and white sandy beaches left such a mark on my heart. That vision is what prompted me to create a resort for guests to experience that same sense of awe and wonder, as if stepping back in time to a bygone era of unspoilt nature and beauty.

As pristine as Bawah looked from the surface, we noticed signs of destructive fishing practices, especially from dynamite fishing, even though the area had been designated a Marine Protected Area. From a very young age, I've always had a strong connection with the ocean and been passionate about protecting marine life. So when it came to developing Bawah Reserve, I was committed to making it sustainable in every way possible, starting from the way it was built to a minimal carbon footprint once it was fully operational.

I knew that to truly develop a sustainable resort, we had to go beyond protecting the environment around our islands. To ensure the area thrived as a whole, we had to pay as much attention to social responsibility towards the local Anambas community.



To that end, Bawah Reserve is proud to partner with the Bawah Anambas Foundation (BAF), an Indonesian non-profit organisation working at the grassroots level with the community as well as the local government. In less than two years, BAF has improved the quality of life of the community by developing sustainable agricultural practices, which have positively affected the livelihoods of the area people, while working with them to address waste management issues.

It is encouraging to see the impact that the partnership between Bawah Reserve and BAF is making to the Anambas Archipelago. I am proud to have served as the patron of BAF since April 2018. On behalf of Bawah Reserve, I would like to applaud what it has achieved in such a short amount of time.

I look forward to improving the ecosystem and developing the Anambas district through the long-term partnership between Bawah Reserve and BAF.

A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair, smiling. He is wearing a short-sleeved button-down shirt with a dark, intricate pattern. The background is a light blue gradient with faint white circular lines.A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Hartnoll'.

Tim Hartnoll

BAF Patron - Owner of Bawah Reserve

Hello from BAWAH

Located in the northeast of Batam, the Anambas archipelago is a haven for hundreds of coral species and sea creatures living in the North Natuna Sea. It's also home to more than 45,000 people who rely heavily on the ocean for their livelihood.

Having served in the Indonesian Navy, I have braved through the North Natuna Sea and experienced how ferocious it can be. The extreme weather poses significant logistical challenges for the people in Anambas many of who live on remote islands. Lack of connectivity is causing limited access to good quality education, electricity, telecommunication and internet connection, even basic household items which often we take for granted when living in big metropolitan cities.



“ **Save
future**

During my time working for the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, I got very familiar with many unsustainable fishing practices that are happening across Indonesia, including in the Anambas. It broke my heart each time I came across remnants of what used to be a lush coral garden with rich marine biodiversity, and all I could see was just rubbles as the result of dynamite fishing.

Those experiences are the reasons for me to form Bawah Anambas Foundation with the support of our generous patrons. The vision of the Foundation is to protect and rehabilitate the ecosystem of the Anambas archipelago while ensuring the communities' welfare is elevated. Our vision is in line with the Anambas district government objectives, and our programmes are designed to support the government achieving their development goals.

Bawah Anambas Foundation was established in April 2018, so we have been operating for less than two years. As a young foundation, we are fully aware that there is much to learn still, and we learn a great deal each day. We are entering a new decade equipped with a better grasp of the realities on the ground, and we look forward to continuing our work in preserving the environment and serving the community better.



Dr. Aji Sularso

Co-founder of Bawah Anambas Foundation

our ocean for e generations



Hello from BAWAH

Bawah Anambas Foundation (BAF) passed the one-year mark in 2019, and what a year of learning it had been! We took a prudent approach with our program implementation on the ground to ensure we had strong foundations to build our programs on. Along the way, we learned many important lessons and saw with our own eyes how our works had helped empower the community and preserve the environment of the Anambas District.

When we started this foundation overfishing, and illegal fishing practices were common in this region, however through our marine conservation initiative by the end of 2019 we managed to protect and return the population of fish and coral reefs to normal.

It was such a proud moment when our organic farming program had inspired the community in Telaga village to develop the second farm using their budget. Not only



that, but the women in the village also came up with an idea of growing vegetables using recycled materials. The last part is extra special for us, with women having their farm it helps in reducing gender inequalities in the area and improve the economy in a family by having two sources of income.

Our Digital English Club (DEC) initiative also had a positive impact on the community that went beyond teaching English to children. It also increased children's enthusiasm for knowledge and their confidence in speaking English. As a result, these children were always so excited whenever foreign guests came over to their place as they got to practice their English skills!

Yet despite all these amazing achievements, we also had to learn the hard way of things through setbacks and obstacles that we faced while running our programs. But from these challenges, we learned and improved. In the end, we are glad that we overcame all the obstacles that came our way because now we are more equipped for the year 2020.

We will enter 2020 with much better clarity and humility in what we do. Together with the local government, communities and valuable stakeholders, we will continue our effort in protecting the environment and elevating communities' welfare of Anambas District.



Jerry Winata
Head of Foundation

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MEET OUR FAMILY

We are a group of individuals with different sets of skills and expertise who share the same passion for community development and environmental conservation in Anambas district.



Jerry Winata

Head of Foundation

"You can't talk about conservation to hungry people."

Based on the findings during Jerry's stay in a few villages around Anambas and conversing with numerous local communities and government officials, we have identified a series of programs and activities to assist and complement what had been initiated by the local government. If managed properly with the environment and the local empowerment in mind, it will not take long before Anambas becomes Indonesia's major eco-tourist attraction.



Asri Aldila Putri

Programme Manager

"Education is the key to increase awareness, change people's habit, and save the environment." For the past few years, Asri has been dedicating her life to educate people about waste issues. At BAF she manages all programmes across the three visions: above, below, and beyond. She is implementing an eco-friendly lifestyle as much as she can in her daily life. She hopes that through living by example, people will be inspired and more aware on the importance to protect the environment.



Rodial Hudha

Programme Assistant

"If the waste management program is successful, it will benefit the community." Ridho had to let go of his dream of becoming a fisherman and realised that his true calling was working in a field that could help communities. He believes that the people of Anambas can improve their livelihood if they are able to utilise the region's potential such as fishery and tourism in a sustainable manner. Furthermore, he believes that waste management is the one of the main solutions to improve the sustainability of the area.



Lilian Dewayani

Admin and Finance

"Good works is giving to the poor and the helpless, but divine works is showing them their worth to the One who matters." Lilian's passion in humanity has led her career and her interest to work with the foundation. She has been with BAF since August 2018 as an admin and finance officer. Her responsibility is negotiating contracts and formulating policies with suppliers and partners, directing and coordinating activities of personnel engaged in buying and distributing materials, equipment, machinery, and supplies.

“We help nature to restore and grow to a more sustainable future”



Fadli Jaka

Marine Biologist

“I wanted to learn about the underwater world and I want to be the expert of it.” Jaka graduated from Diponegoro University in Semarang, Central Java focusing on Marine Science. Before working at BAF, he worked as an Aquarist in a public aquarium in Jakarta that served not only for recreational, but also educational purposes. He is also involved in several reef health monitoring activities under Indonesian Institute of Science, The Nature Conservancy, and Reef Check Indonesia from Sumatra to Papua.



Dennis Kurniawan

Marine Biologist

“To protect the marine ecosystem is my biggest passion.” Dennis started his career as a temporary staff member at World Wildlife Fund in Komodo National Park. He has great interest in the field of marine conservation. As Marine Biologist at BAF, his responsibilities are to design, execute, and monitor marine conservation programmes, such as coral reef conservation and restoration, sea turtle conservation, improve the integrated environmental management, and solid waste management in Bawah Island.



Geri Susanto

Village Facilitator

“People at the village have to be more open minded and developed.” In 2010 Geri studied Sociology to learn about community life and social interaction. He has a dream to develop the village by changing the mindset of the people who are not yet used to accepting new ideas and changes. Now, as a village facilitator, he is responsible for monitoring the digital english club's programme implementation and solid waste management. He will also be responsible for the upcycling waste and run the recycling centre in Kiabu.



Husni

Village Facilitator

“I want to contribute changing my village to be better.” Husni grew up in the remote area and studied there until he left the village to study Information Technology in Tanjung Pinang. He joined BAF in 2018 as village facilitator at Telaga Village. His responsibility is to monitor the implementation of organic farming, women empowerment, and solid waste management programme, as well as bridging the communication between BAF and village government.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are important in keeping the foundation running smoothly. Get to know them and learn about the work they do at BAF.



Alanna Bergman

Artist & Educator

While studying illustration at Rhode Island School of Design, Alana became most passionate about using waste to create useful and beautiful new designs, a process known as “up-cycling”. This interest led to volunteering for the Bawah Anambas Foundation. She collaborated with the women and children of the island Kiabu to design new beautiful products from waste. They are planning to expand this project and add new ones next summer in Anambas. Her hope is to raise awareness and engagement with the environment and the environmental movement through art.



Allysha T Fatima

Law Student, Jentera

Alix is passionate about volunteering for causes such as the environment, animal welfare, and social justice. She’s interned at Transformasi Untuk Keadilan, an NGO that focuses on finance, corporate accountability, human rights, and the environment. Alix provides valuable contribution in drafting and copy-editing the Bawah Anambas Foundation’s periodic report and continues to increase her support in providing various communication material.



Sakti Nashuka

Artsy Creative Soul

Sakti has a strong interest in art and architecture. Her major interest shifted when she discovered that the beauty of the nature of the reserve and the islands around were threatened due to years of human irresponsibility. Choosing a planet-conscious lifestyle, Sakti will continue to support The Anambas Foundation voluntarily at every possible opportunity, especially in community outreach activities, up-cycling projects and creative environmental programmes for children.

I volunteer for the greater good of the environment and society

-Tasha Praharsacitta



Tasha Praharsacitta

Communication Expert

Tasha runs the business that is coherent with her values of life, to do good to the environment and give more to the people. Tasha used to work for multinational agencies responsible for developing communication strategies. Tasha also dedicated her time to run Generasi Peduli Sampah, a passion project concern towards environmental issues, especially on waste and community welfare. This interest led her to volunteer for the Bawah Anambas Foundation's community development and waste management programmes.

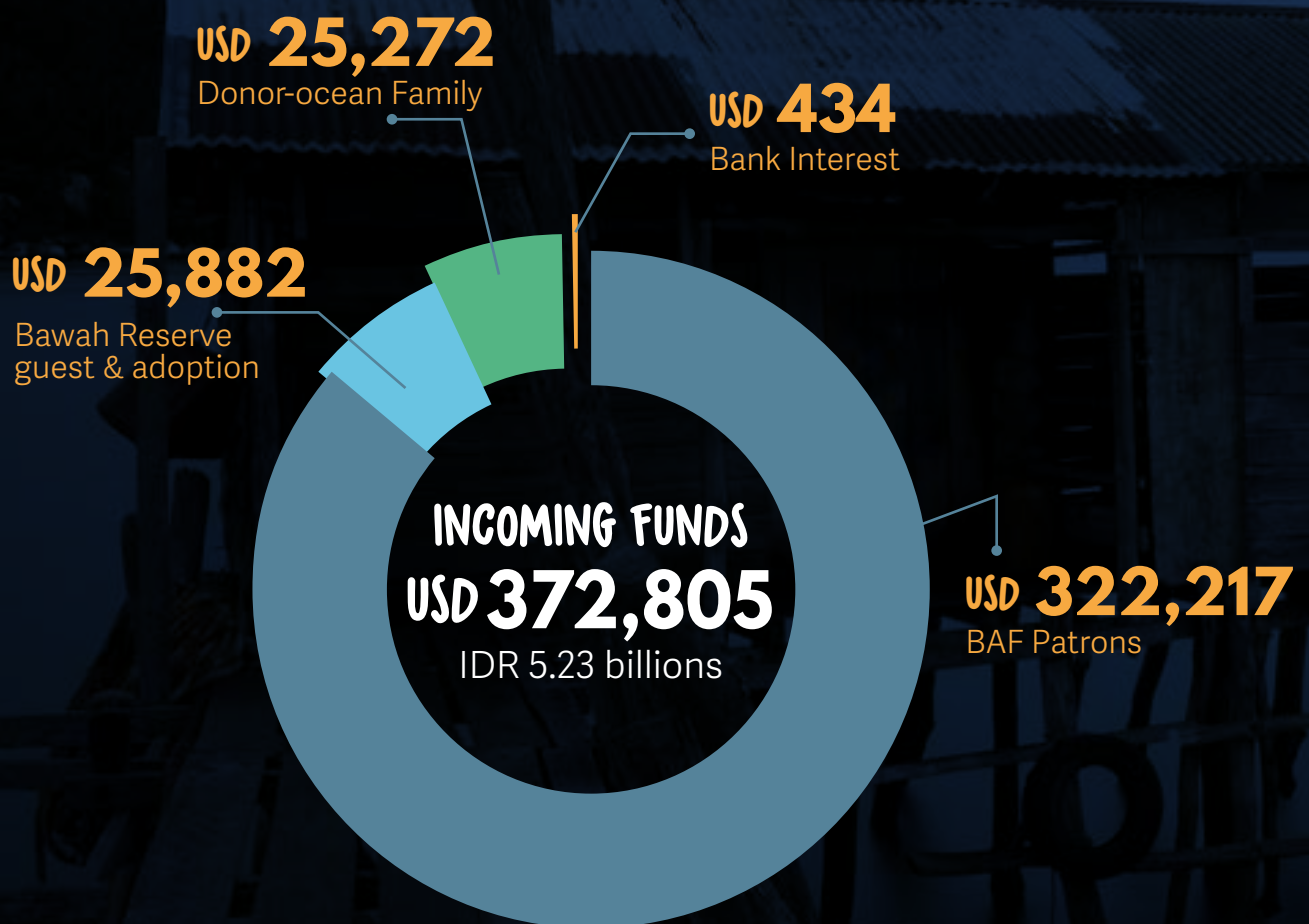


Sulaiman

Activist

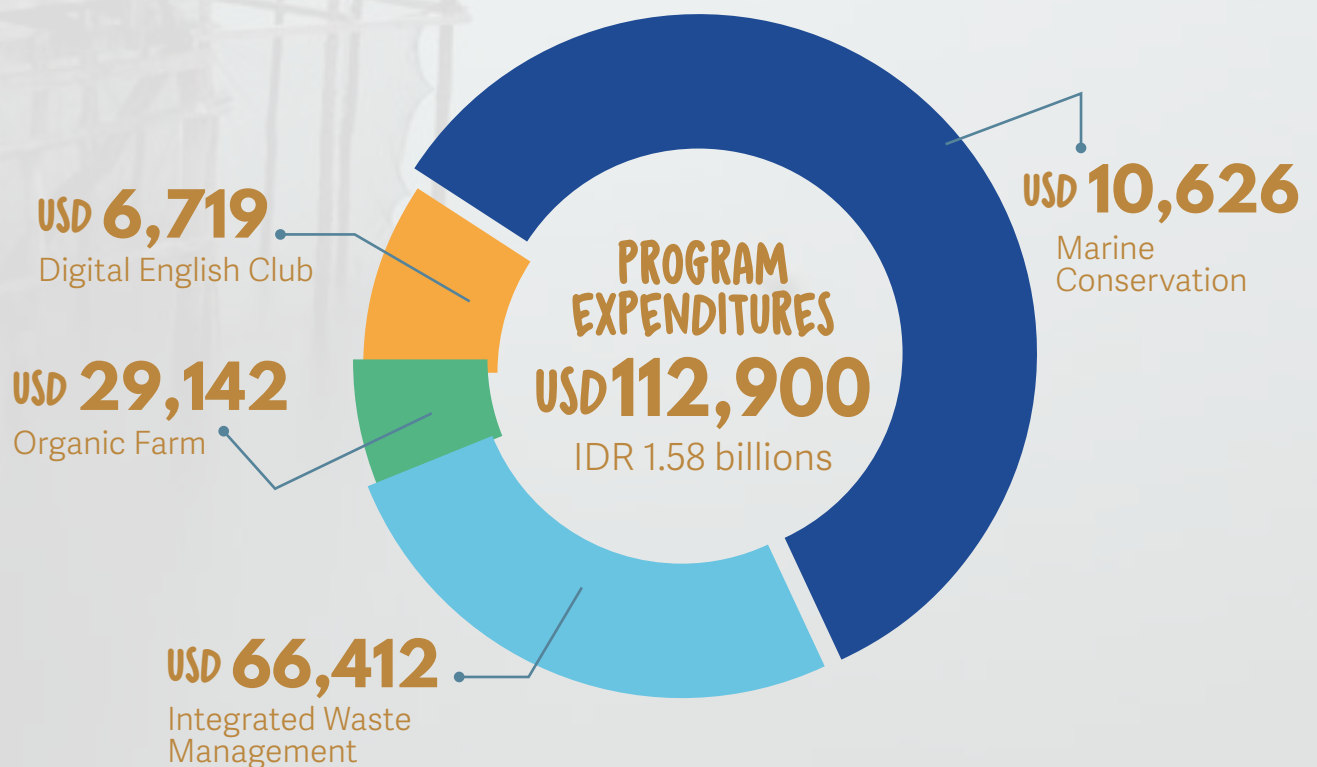
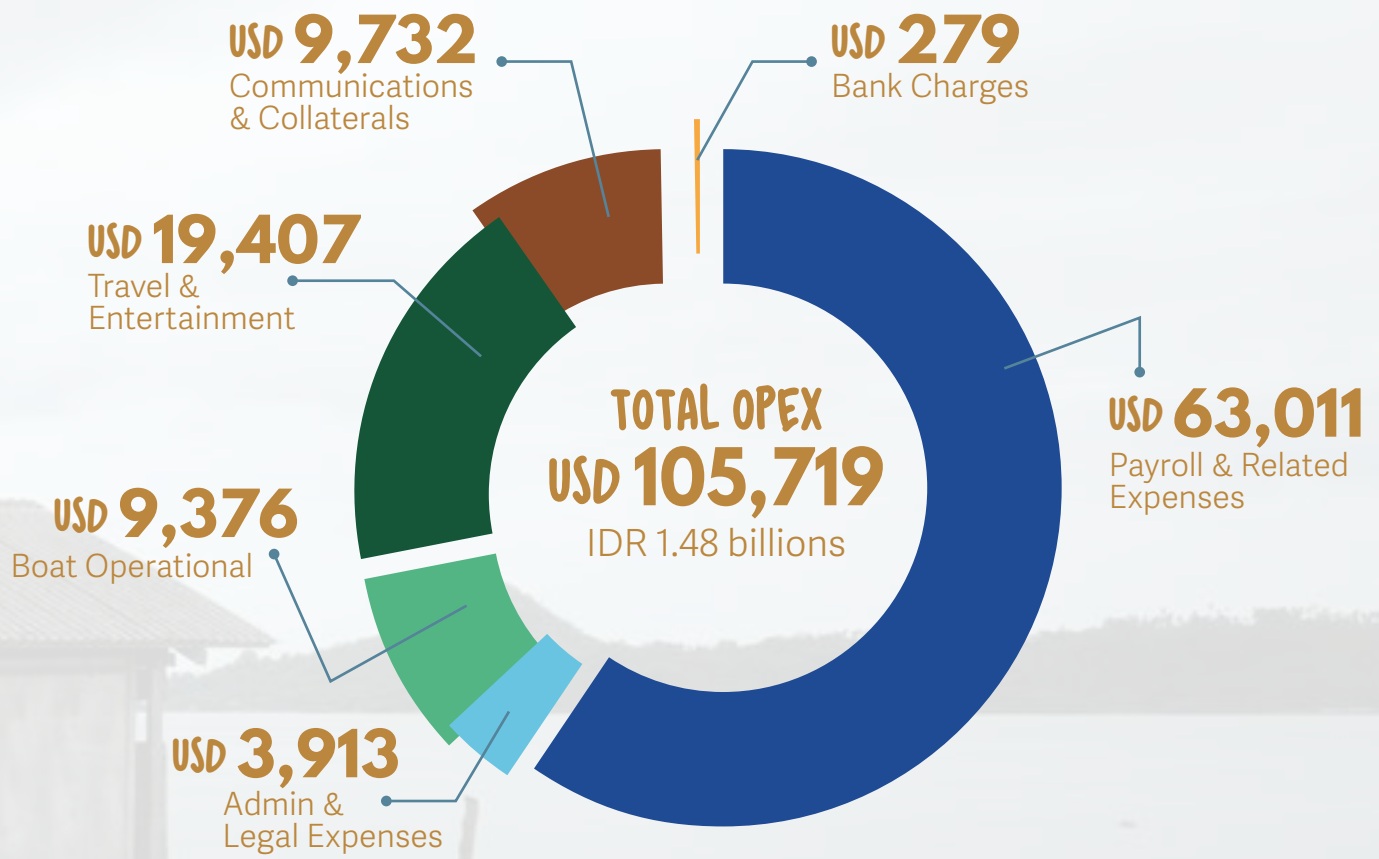
Sulaiman's passion for the ocean took him to learn about Marine Engineering at Jakarta Fisheries University. He understands that it is important to protect the environment for the future. Sulaiman actively reminds the people in Mengkait and general Anambas about the importance of protecting the environment and implementing waste management, as well as teaching local fishermen to fish in a sustainable way. He believes that preserving the marine ecosystem in Anambas is vital for the people in the area.

FINANCIAL RECAP



100% of the funds collected from donors are used to support our programme activities.

BAF patrons and Bawah Reserve committed to cover the Foundation's operational expenditures. The balance of the 2019 budget from BAF patrons is carried over to 2020 to cover the Foundation's operational expenditures.







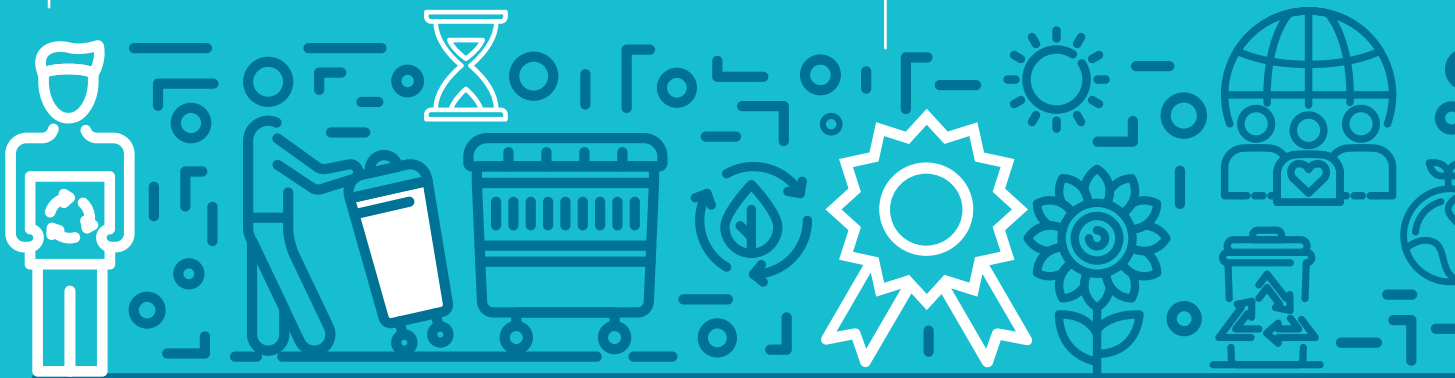
2019 Highlight

Gained more credibility and trust from our stakeholders through our work

Presented our Integrated Waste Management Programme concept note to the Ministry of Village Development

BAF achieved OOC commitment ahead of time and exceeded the target

Telaga Received an Adipura Desa Award for Best Village for Waste and Environmental Management due to BAF programme



JANUARY

JULY

AUGUST

Our programmes and initiatives were getting more visibility

Featured in various international media. Digital English Club in Kiabu was featured in one of the national media

Invited as keynote presenter by Ministry of Tourism

Inspired the community to take initiatives

They opened the second plot of land independently with minimal support from BAF

Women's group in Telaga initiated organic farming activities using recycled material



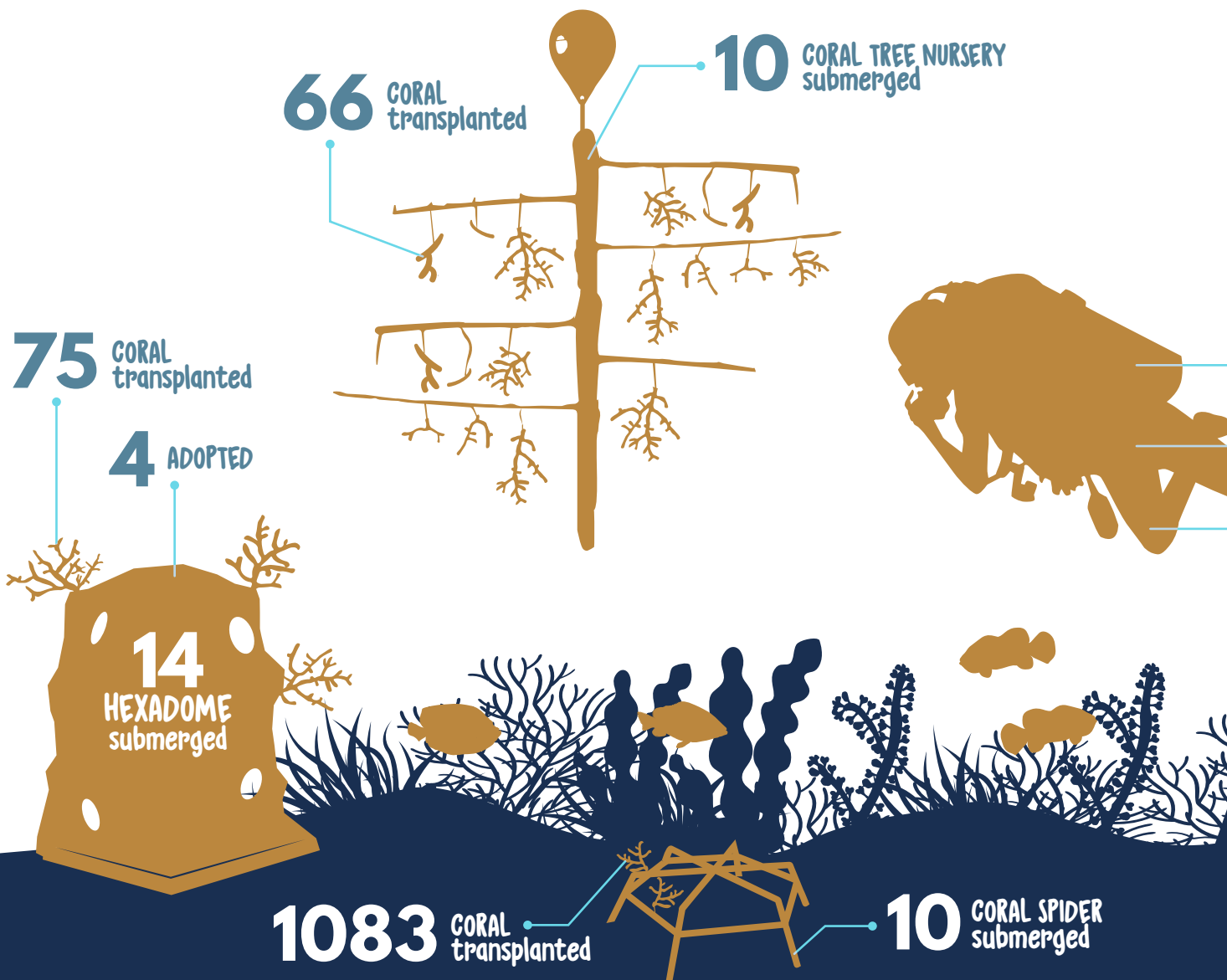
“ We are using resources as if we had two planets, not one. There can be no Plan B because there is no planet B.

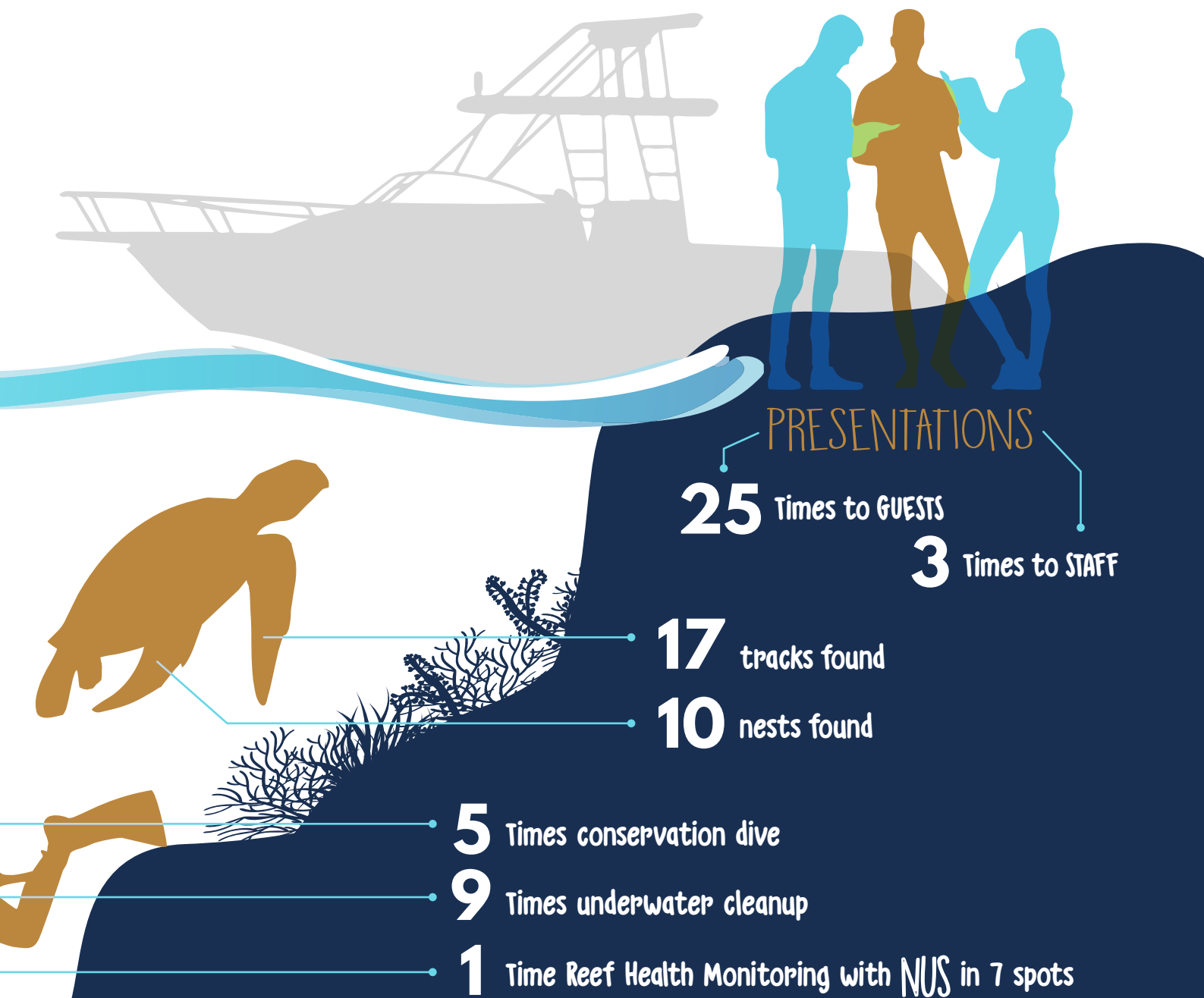
- Ban Ki-moon





MARINE CONSERVATION





TOTAL COST
USD 10,626
IDR 148.76 million

Bawah waters and its surrounding area are part of the Marine Recreational Park Anambas Islands (MRPAI), one of the largest conservation areas in Indonesia, with an area as large as 1.2 million hectares. Bawah has suffered from destructive fishing practices, including dynamite fishing or booming, and it causes damage in several areas. The Foundation focuses its Marine Conservation efforts on three main activities including Coral Restoration, Turtle Protection, and MRPAI Management Support.



***It's only waste
because we waste the
opportunity to turn it
into something else.***

- Will.i.am



INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

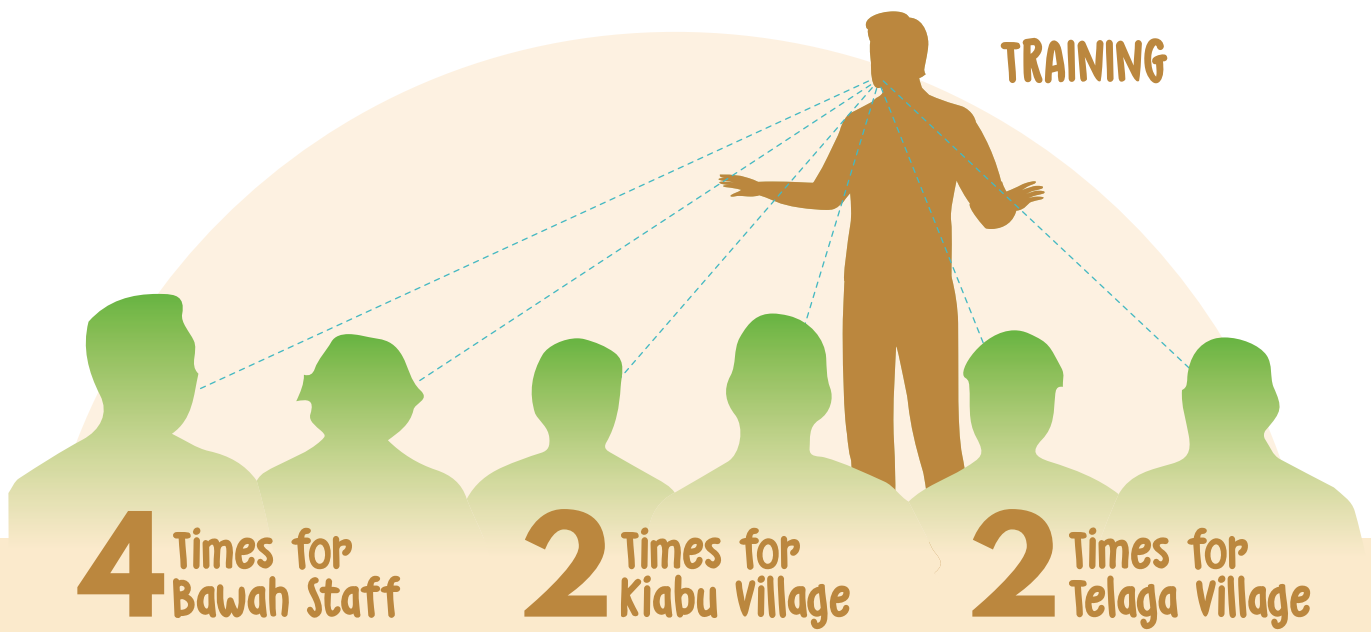


TOTAL COST
USD 66,412
 IDR 929.77 million

Nestled between the Malaysian Peninsula and Borneo, the Anambas Archipelago is located on the edge of Indonesia's water. Facing the wide-open seas, the Anambas provide a panoramic view of blue seas with azure lagoons. Sadly, though the Anambas is a massive waste

contributor to the oceans in Indonesia when instead, it could be a tropical paradise. To combat this problem, the Anambas Foundation has developed and implemented waste management on the islands of Bawah, Kiabu, and Telaga with the primary objective to educate the locals and staff to manage their waste responsibly and keeping the ocean clean. The programme has effectively increased awareness and changed the habits of the people who live in those three islands. The programme was a success that the district government has reached out to expand the programme into other areas.









Organic farming delivers the highest quality, best-tasting food, produced without artificial chemicals or genetic modification, and with respect for animal welfare and the environment, while helping to maintain the landscape and rural communities

- Prince Charles



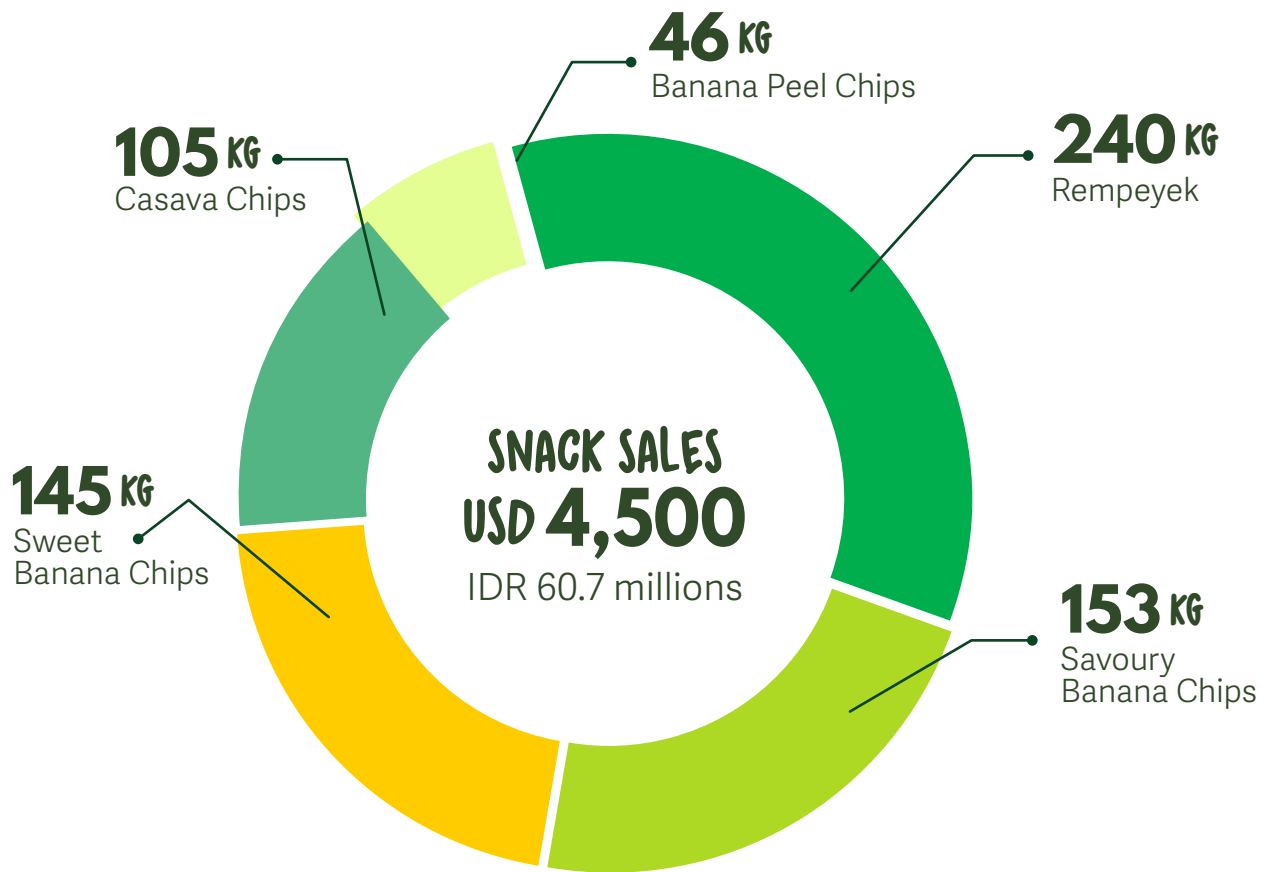
ORGANIC FARM & WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

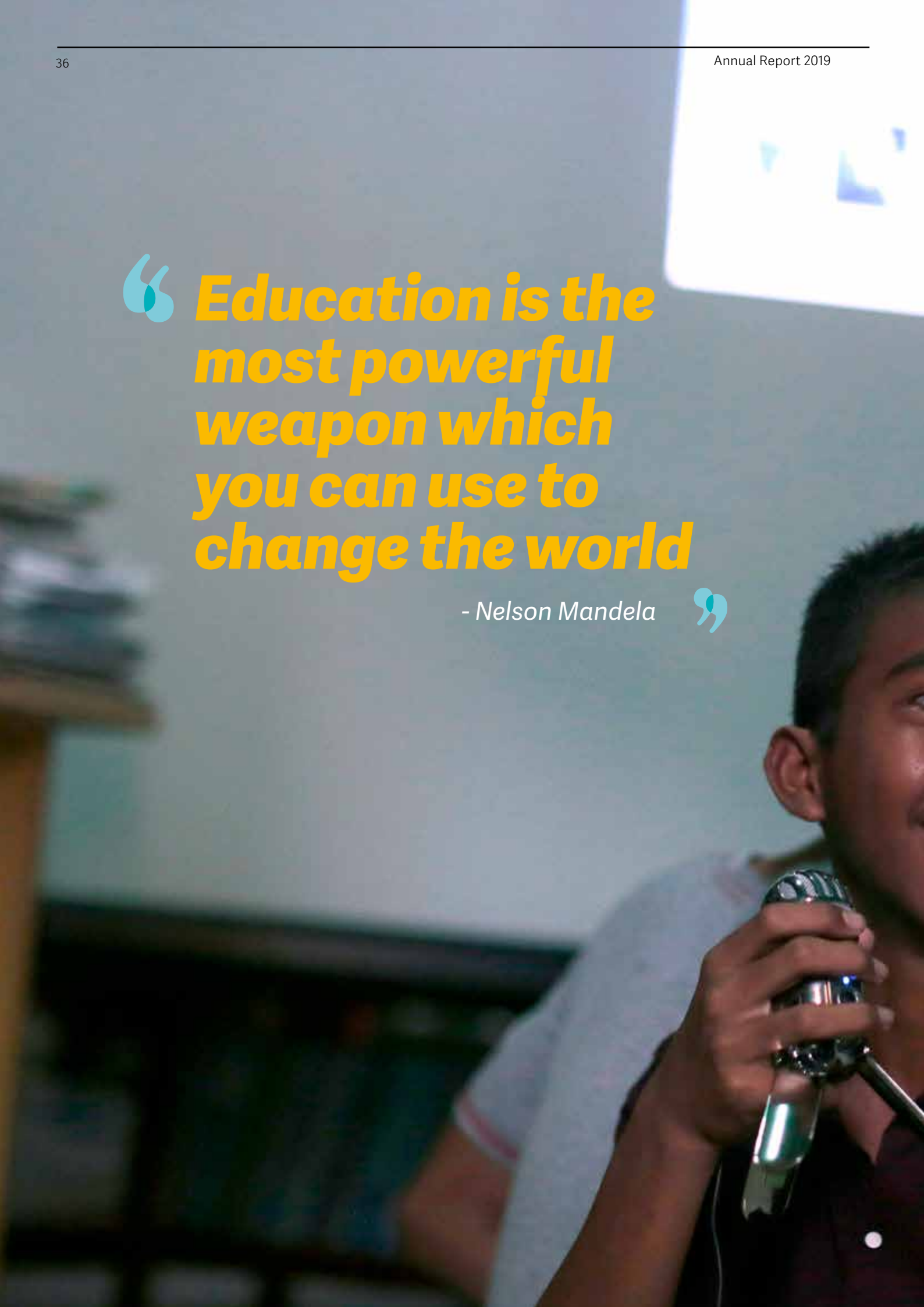


TOTAL COST
USD 29,142
IDR 407.99 million

Anambas Archipelago houses around 45,000 people, and almost 80% of the population heavily rely their livelihood on the ocean, making overfishing one of the most critical development challenges in the area. The Foundation has identified exciting new areas that can serve as a sustainable alternative livelihood for the communities in the Anambas, including Organic Farming.

Organic farming is a production system that sustains the health of the soil, ecosystems, and people. It relies on ecological processes, biodiversity, and cycles adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse effects. We provide training as well as infrastructure for the community, allowing them to grow organic fruits and vegetables. Also, the Foundation guarantee 100% purchase of the harvest.



A young man with dark hair, wearing a dark shirt, is shown from the chest up, holding a silver microphone and singing. He is smiling and looking slightly to the right. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a white wall and a window showing some blue light. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**“ Education is the
most powerful
weapon which
you can use to
change the world**

- Nelson Mandela





DIGITAL ENGLISH CLUB



31 boys
PARTICIPATE

TOTAL COST
USD 6,719
IDR 94 million

For the past few years, many tourists, both local and foreign, have been coming to Anambas. As a result, plenty of resorts and homestays have been established thus creating more job opportunities for the locals. However, one of the main requirements to work in this industry is the ability to speak English. The local people understand how important it is to learn English and they've shown great interest in improving their skill. However, due to their remoteness, bringing an English teacher to live in such a small village would be challenging. The foundation is collaborating with CAKAP, an online language learning platform, to conduct English lessons for elementary and middle school students under the Digital English Club programme. Due to the limited seats for the online class, the Foundation also provide an offline class to accommodate the learning interest from the rest of the children.



31 girls
PARTICIPATE

28
Sessions

95%
Attendance

DEC OFFLINE

192
Sessions
95%
Attendance

DEC ONLINE










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