



ANNUAL REPORT

**2021**

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**The Anambas Foundation  
is an Indonesian foundation  
that aims to improve  
the overall ecosystem  
in the Anambas, both  
underwater and on land,  
and sustainably lift the  
community's welfare.**







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## Message from our Patron — Tim Hartnoll

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As I write this, we are entering the third year of the pandemic – with its end now in clear sight, thankfully. Early 2021 saw the start of the global rollout of COVID-19 vaccination, bringing with it the promise of eventual recovery. As vaccination rates increased day by day, the world slowly began to reopen, communities emerged from lockdowns, travel gradually started again and the global economy took its first steps toward rebuilding.

Throughout the pandemic, the Anambas Foundation has shown resilience, perseverance and admirable flexibility in its efforts towards conserving the Anambas environment and supporting its island communities. As the patron of the organisation, it's wonderful to see that, even during challenging times, the team has managed to creatively move programmes forward, expand its scope of work, and even secure international grants. These achievements will continue to serve the Foundation and our programmes, well into 2022 and beyond.

The collaborative partnership between the Foundation and Bawah Reserve remains strong. For example, I was pleased to hear that in 2021 the resort's scuba and marine team and the Foundation's marine conservation team held two joint Reef Health Monitoring (RHM) activities, one in Bawah and the other at Kiabu Village.

Some of the best marine conservation news we've had recently is that more female turtles are coming ashore during the nesting season, allowing us to rescue more turtle hatchlings. Apparently, the closure of Bawah to guests has caused the islands to become quieter, and so the turtles feel safer laying their eggs here. As an Earth-first resort that is deeply sensitive to environmental issues, we take this as strong encouragement to continue to improve the way we run our pristine Bawah Reserve.

As we move into 2022 and the world steadily continues to open up, I feel hopeful that countries worldwide will soon recover and that their economies will be restored. And as international travel resumes, there's little doubt that the global hospitality industry will rebound.

I'm also looking forward to seeing what new initiatives the Foundation will undertake this year, and what new milestones it will achieve – particularly with regard to the planned expansion in our Integrated Waste Management programme and the Digital English Club project.

It remains my goal that we continue to preserve, enhance and promote the Anambas islands and their communities, so that the world will come to know more about this magnificent part of Indonesia.



**Tim Hartnoll**

*The Anambas Foundation Patron*



## Message from our Head of Advisory Board — Dr. Aji Sularso

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For Indonesia, 2021 was a year filled with many ups and downs. Early in the year, the country started to deploy COVID-19 vaccines to its citizens. Frontline medical workers were first in line to get the jabs, and the rest of the population soon followed.

Indonesia faces great challenges when it comes to vaccination; this archipelagic country has remote regions that are hard to reach, including the Anambas Islands. Yet the dedication of the frontline workers made it possible for the vaccines to be administered in small villages in Anambas, where a number of the Foundation's team members received their shots back in September.

Pandemic conditions and government regulations are constantly developing here, and adjusting to these rapid changes is another thing that we have to grapple with. There have been times when our work on the ground was delayed because of travel restrictions; new programmes and activities have had to be rescheduled to next year, and important meetings with government officials postponed.

Despite these difficulties, last year saw several accomplishments on our part. We presented our work in front of the Anambas Head of District, and the Anambas Head of Education paid a visit to our Digital English Club programme in Tiangau Village. The acknowledgement and support of the local government and agencies are very important to us, because all our programmes are designed to promote the development of Anambas Islands in a sustainable way.

Though 2021 was a difficult year for Indonesia, it opened up opportunities for development and growth. We are thankful to the Anambas government and agencies for their unwavering support during this time, and we hope that in 2022 we can continue to sustain and build these relationships as we expand our programme outreach within the Anambas region.



**Dr. Aji Sularso**

*Co-founder of the Anambas Foundation*





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## Message from our Head of Foundation — Jerry Winata

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**From our communities,  
with our great partnership  
with the Anambas government, is  
one of our endeavours.**



The good news is that we managed to survive yet another pandemic year. Despite high hopes of a return to normality last year as the vaccine was distributed throughout the country, it unfortunately didn't happen at the speed that we had initially hoped for.

2021 was a year of adjusting expectations and refocusing our work. As a non-profit organisation, one of our key challenges is that we can't work on our own. Support from our communities, together with our great partnership with the Anambas government, is the backbone of our endeavours.

Because of the pandemic, the government had to shift its primary focus to COVID-19 mitigation, and this unfortunately meant the postponement of some of the new activities and programmes we had planned for last year. Consequently, we then re-evaluated our goals and strategies in line with the current circumstances.

One of several key adjustments involved teaching village women how to make cloth masks from old fabric, as part of our women's empowerment programme. We also required all Digital English Club (DEC) students to wear a mask in the classroom and to wash their hands before entering.

Not only did we survive despite the setbacks, but we even managed to launch new initiatives. One of these was the waste bank in Kiabu, where the community is financially rewarded for collecting and sorting their waste. Another is KELAUT (Kelas Alam dan Laut), our Nature and Marine Class for students in Kiabu. In recognition of the resilience we showed throughout the year, we received international grants for our marine conservation programme from two organisations: Sustainable Ocean Alliance and Seastainable Co.

As we enter the new year, we have set bigger and more targets for 2022. From what we've learnt during the past two years, we now have a clearer purpose and direction for our work here in the Anambas Islands. There will be numerous challenges ahead, but I believe that with great teamwork and support from the Anambas government and communities we will not only get through this, but come out stronger.

**Jerry Winata**

Head of the Anambas Foundation







# MEET OUR FAMILY

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



**JERRY WINATA.** Head of Foundation

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

Jerry spent a big part of his professional career in development work, ranging from lifting people out of poverty with the World Bank, to improving the nutrition of impoverished children and pregnant mothers with the United Nation's World Food Programme. Before joining the Anambas Foundation, he consulted major corporations in Indonesia to strengthen their sustainability strategy and make their practices safer for the environment, in line with the Indonesian Government's ambition to reduce its carbon emission. Jerry also helps private sector companies to establish foundations focusing on forest and peatland conservation and restoration.



**ASRI ALDILA PUTRI.** Programme Manager

*"Environmental conservation needs to be implemented first through education and community empowerment to improve community welfare."*

Asri loves to travel and discover the natural wonders this country has to offer. She is passionate about sustainability and wants to tackle environmental issues in Indonesia. She is dedicated to educating the wider community on environmental issues, especially waste problems. At the Anambas Foundation, she is responsible for all conservation and community development programmes. She is implementing an eco-friendly lifestyle as much as she can in her daily life. She hopes that living by example will inspire people and make them more aware of the importance of protecting the environment.



**DIAN ARTHEN.** Communications & Public Affairs Manager

*"When you empower a woman, you empower a whole community."*

Prior to joining the Anambas Foundation, Dian worked as a lifestyle journalist for two different English-language publications in Indonesia. She is passionate about gender equality and is currently trying to practice an eco-friendlier lifestyle. Besides managing all the communications and public affairs at the Foundation, she and Lilian are currently in charge of the Women's Empowerment programme.



**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 for humanity has guided her career and her work with the Foundation. She has been with BAF since August 2018 as an admin and finance officer. She is responsible for negotiating contracts, formulating policies, and directing and coordinating the procurement and distribution of materials, equipment, machinery and supplies as well as co-managing the Women's Empowerment programme.



**RODIAL HUDHA (RIDHO).** Programme Assistant

*"If the waste management programme is successful, it will benefit the community."*

Ridho let go of his dream of becoming a fisherman and realised that his true calling was to help communities. He believes that the people of Anambas can improve their livelihood if they are able to harness the region's potential, such as fishing and tourism in a sustainable manner. Furthermore, he believes that waste management is one of the main solutions to improve the sustainability of the area.





**DENNIS KURNIAWAN.** Marine Conservation Programme Manager

*"We can learn from the ocean about symbiosis, and we can choose mutualism as part of our character."*

Dennis started his career as a temporary staff member at World Wildlife Fund in Komodo National Park. He has a great interest in the field of marine conservation. As the Marine Conservation Programme Manager at AF, his responsibilities are to design, execute, and monitor marine conservation programmes such as coral reef conservation and restoration, sea turtle conservation, integrated environmental management, and marine debris database.



**CORINA DEWI RUSWANTI.** Marine Conservation Programme Assistant

*"See together, learn together, and preserve our ocean together."*

Corina has a degree in Marine Science With previous professional experience in marine conservation at Taka Foundation and Manta Watch before joining Anambas Foundation. She is also trained in Ecomentary Filmmaking. Working in a new and challenging environment has never been a problem for her, and she always tries to push herself a little bit further. In her spare time, she loves to explore new places and things.



**NOVITA PERMATA PUTRI.** Junior Marine Biologist

*"Knowing something is one thing, but experiencing it live is a completely different thing."*

Novita Permata Putri studied Marine Science for her undergraduate degree. During her college years, she assisted elasmobranch baited remote underwater video system (BRUVS) surveys and manta monitoring on Rote Island, a project by Indonesian Manta Project. By working at the Anambas Foundation, she wants to make a difference in marine conservation in Anambas Islands and Indonesia.



**RAHMAN RITONGA.** Junior Marine Biologist

*"Working directly with the local communities for marine conservation motivates me to learn new things every day."*

Rahman Ritonga graduated from Raja Ali Haji Maritime University with a degree in marine science, and began his career in conservation as an assistant to his college teachers. He has a strong passion for marine conservation, and is skilled in geographic/spatial analysis and reef monitoring activities.



**GERI SUSANTO.** Kiabu Village Facilitator

*"People in the village have to be more open minded."*

Geri studied Sociology to learn about community life and social interaction. He is realising his dream of helping develop villages by opening up the minds of villagers to new ideas. As a village facilitator, he is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Integrated Waste Management programme. He is also responsible for the upcycling waste programme and managing the recycling centre in Kiabu.



**HUSNI.** Telaga Village Facilitator

*"I want to help my village change for the better."*

Husni grew up and studied in a remote village until he left to study Information Technology in Tanjung Pinang. He joined the Anambas Foundation in 2018 as village facilitator in Telaga Village. He is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Organic Farming, Women's Empowerment, and Integrated Waste Management programmes, as well as bridging the communication between The Foundation and the 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 AF.



**JOHN NOLAN.** Dive Centre Manager - Bawah Reserve

John is a PADI dive instructor and marine biologist who loves to be underwater. Having studied Zoology at undergraduate level and Marine Conservation to Masters level he is passionate about the environment and what we can do to protect it. He has been a professional diver for six years and an instructor for four years, working in Europe, Africa and Asia. He directs his passion for marine conservation towards restoring the coral reefs around Bawah Reserve and educating the public about what can be done to save our reefs.



**FADLI JAKA.** Marine Biologist - Bawah Reserve

Experienced in marine conservation since 2017, Jaka graduated from Diponegoro University in Central Java with a degree in Marine Science specialising in coral reef conservation and ecology. He is a certified PADI Divemaster who has been working with the Anambas Foundation in Bawah Island since 2018. From 2020, he has been working directly for Bawah Reserve, continuing the marine conservation efforts around Bawah Island. He is eager to support the Anambas Foundation programme wherever possible, especially its marine conservation programme, such as the reef health monitoring survey.



**SAKTI NASUKHA.** Head of Environment & Activities Team - Bawah Reserve

Sakti has a strong interest in art and architecture. Her major interest shifted when she discovered that the beauty of nature around the Anambas was threatened due to years of irresponsible human behaviour. Choosing a planet-conscious lifestyle, Sakti is currently responsible for managing and implementing the forest and environmental conservation programmes, including waste management at Bawah Reserve. At the same time, she continues to volunteer for the Anambas Foundation at every possible opportunity, especially in community outreach activities, upcycling projects and creative environmental programmes for children.



**MARTIN.** Dive Assistant - Bawah Reserve

Martin was raised in the Anambas and is from our local Mengkakit Village. He began as a cadet who graduated from the Jakarta Fisheries College and has recently qualified as a PADI Divemaster. He has been working for Bawah Reserve since 2018 and enjoys the amazing beauty of the underwater world that Palau Bawah is home to. He has an interest in marine protection activities and, since working at Bawah, has learned a lot about various marine conservation activities. He believes that increasing awareness and engagement with the local communities is vital to the success of marine conservation in the Anambas.



**SOPHI SUSANTO.** Dive Assistant - Bawah Reserve

Sopi was raised in the Anambas and is from Kiabu Village, the closest inhabited island to Pulau Bawah. He has been working for Bawah Reserve since 2018 and over that time has developed his scuba diving ability and marine conservation knowledge exceptionally. He is a qualified PADI Rescue Diver and has a particular interest in coral reef rehabilitation and sea turtle conservation.



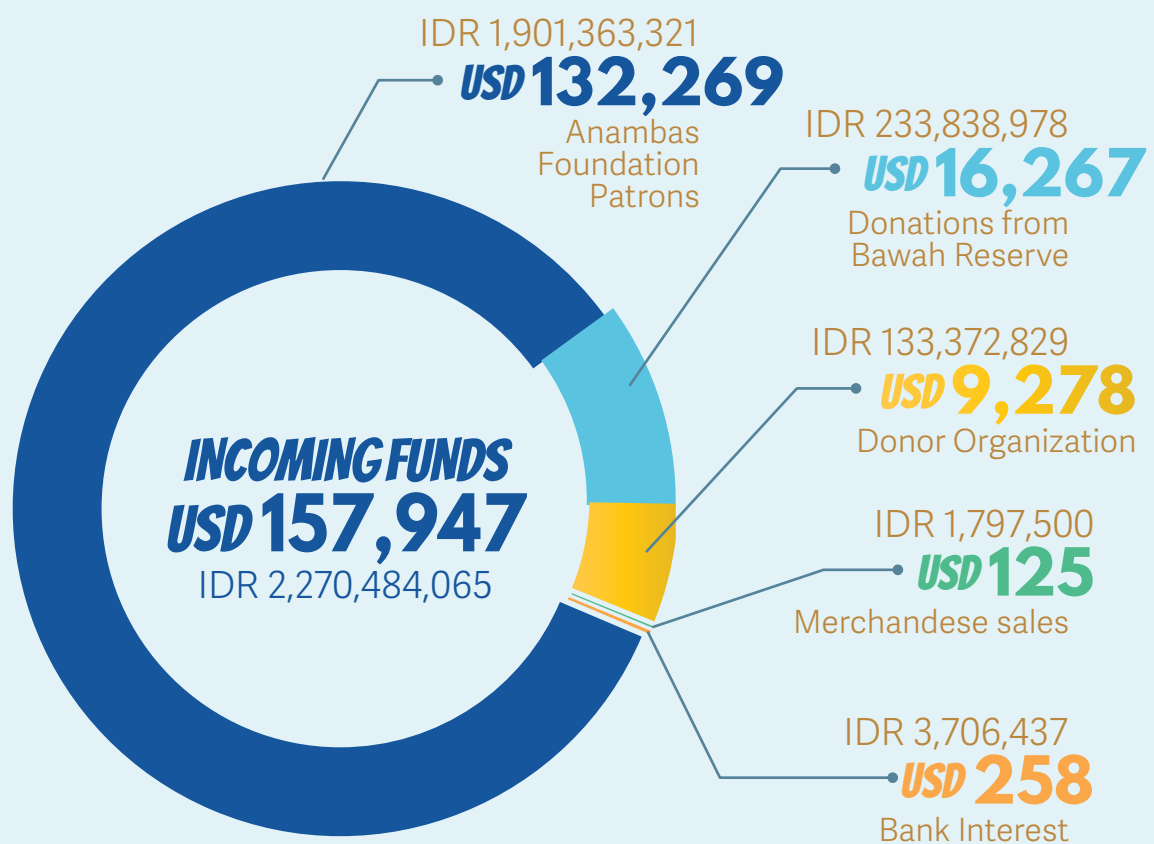
**RAMON PRASETYO.** Dive Instructor - Bawah Reserve

Ramon is a professional PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer (MSDT) who has worked in dive operations all over Indonesia. He has worked for Bawah Reserve for extended periods between 2018 – 2022. He has a real passion for diving and marine conservation and has had the opportunity to greatly expand his knowledge regarding marine conservation activities since working for Bawah Reserve. He enjoys engaging with the local community to teach more people about the beauty of scuba diving and the protection of the underwater environment.



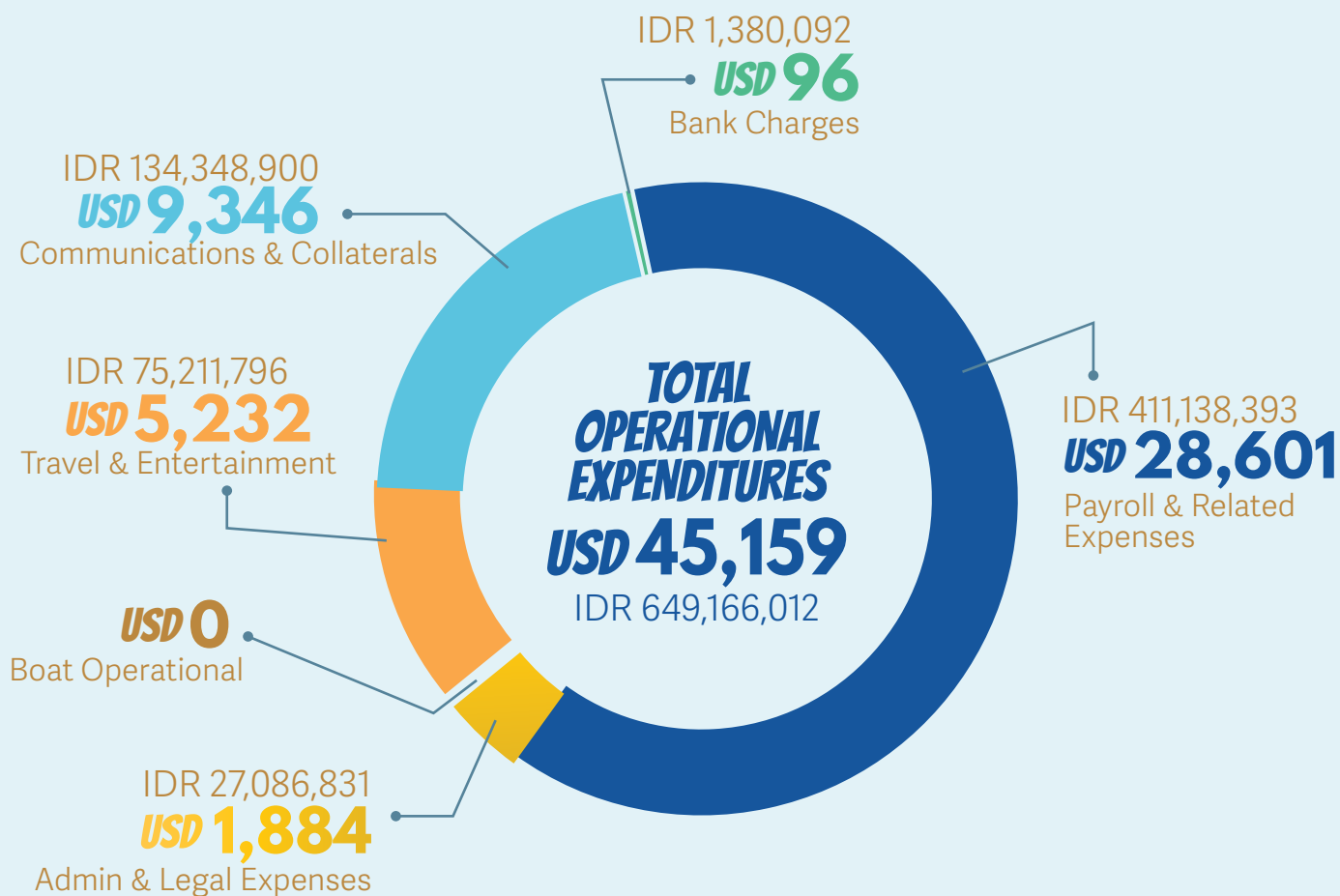


# FINANCIAL RECAP



A full 100% of the funds collected from donors are used to support our programme activities. The Anambas Foundation patrons and Bawah Reserve are committed to cover the Foundation's operational expenditures.





# 2021

## ***JANUARY***

Received grant from Seastainable Co. for rumpon project



## ***MARCH***

Presentation to the Anambas Government



## ***APRIL***

First Reef Health Monitoring in Kiabu



## ***MAY***

Waste Bank in Kiabu launched



## ***JUNE***

Received grant from Sustainable Ocean Alliance





# Highlights

## JULY

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## AUGUST

Reusable  
bags  
buyback &  
distribution



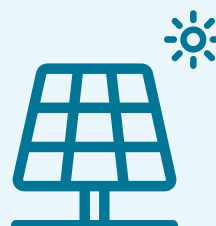
## SEPTEMBER

Participated  
in World  
Cleanup  
Day 2021



## OCTOBER

Solar panel  
installation  
at the  
Recycling  
Centre



## NOVEMBER

The first  
KELAUT  
(Nature  
and Marine  
Class) in  
Kiabu



# MARINE CONSERVATION

The Marine Conservation programme started on Bawah Island in 2018, focusing on reef health monitoring, coral transplantation, artificial reefs, turtle conservation, and education. In 2020, the team expanded this programme to Kiabu island. The main activities of marine conservation are: reef restoration and rehabilitation, reef health monitoring, mangrove conservation and marine debris clearing.



**“ IT IS THAT RANGE OF BIODIVERSITY THAT WE MUST CARE FOR - THE WHOLE THING - RATHER THAN JUST ONE OR TWO STARS. ”**

- Sir David Attenborough



**TOTAL COST**  
**USD 19,417**  
 IDR 279,113,520



### Coral Conservation

**3,330** corals transplanted. **10** new coral trees. **5** new coral tables.  
**766** bored pile corals deployed. survival rate **92%**



**55**  
hexadomes



**44**  
bottle reefs

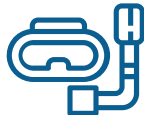


**104** coral spiders deployed

**40%** of the area has been restored



Reef Health Monitoring:  
**twice** at Bawah  
 Reserve, **once**  
 in Kiabu



**KELAUT**  
 Nature and  
 Marine class  
**one** in Kiabu.  
**40** participants.



**805** Mangrove seeds planted



**14** survey, **57%**  
 blacktip reef  
 shark appearance  
 in Bawah Island



Baited Remote  
 Underwater Video  
 Surveillance Survey

**16** survey, **50%**  
 blacktip reef shark  
 appearance in  
 Kiabu area

**Marine  
 Debris**



**700KG** were collected  
 on Bawah Island

**38.35%** of hard plastics, **23.66%** of fishing gears, **13.94 %** of soft plastics  
 were found on Hiu Island, Mandi Pasir Bay and Marung Kecil Bay

# INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Foundation initiated its Solid Waste Management programme in 2018. This programme, with the addition of waste upcycling, was later incorporated into our Integrated Waste Management (IWM) initiative. The main priorities of IWM are educating local communities on waste issues and how to manage waste responsibly, running the newly established Waste Bank initiative and Recycling Centre in Kiabu Village, and providing upcycling training.

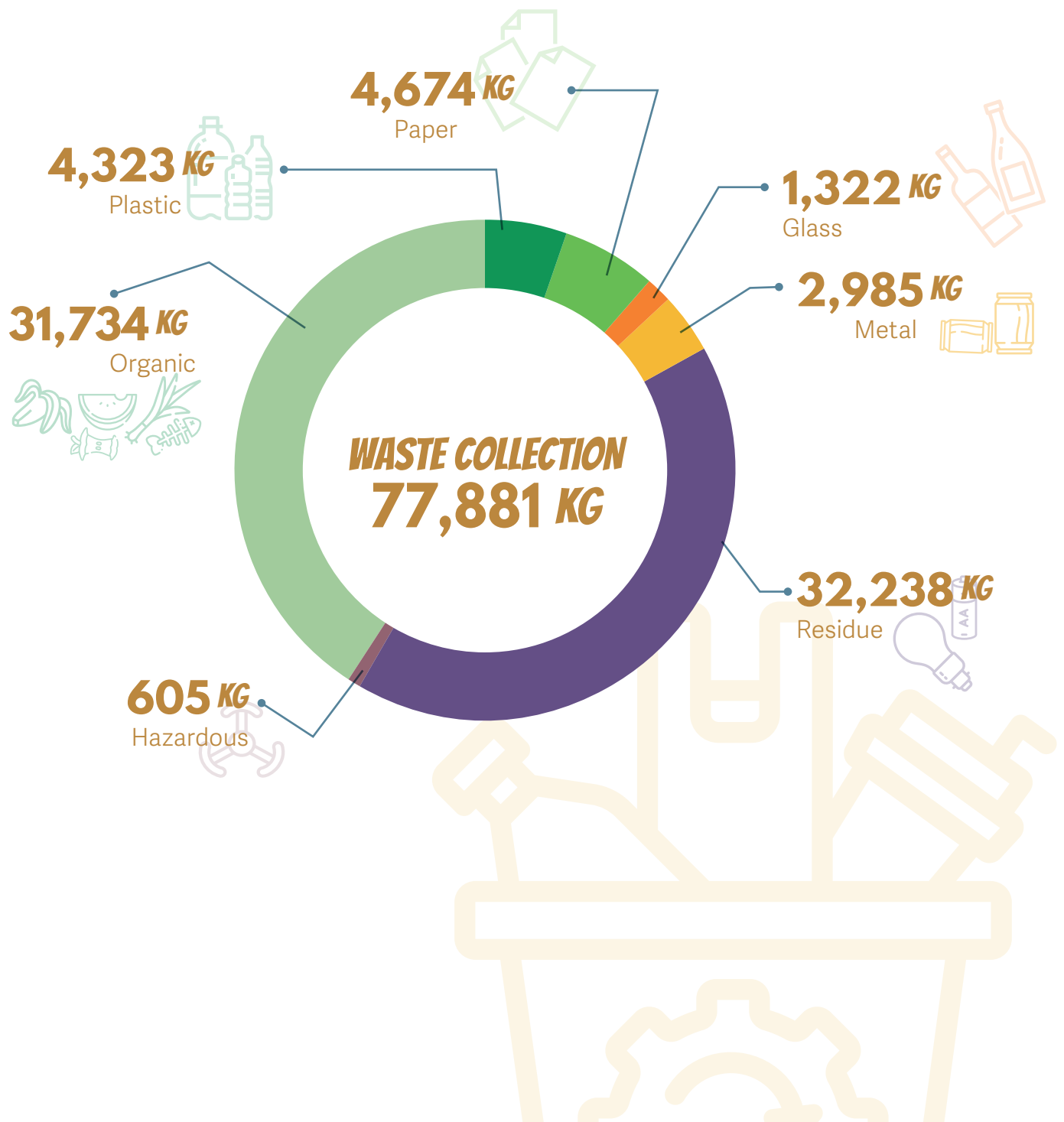


**“ PLEASE, WHEREVER YOU ARE, TAKE YOUR CIGARETTE BUTTS AND ALL PLASTIC HOME WITH YOU. THE BIRDS AND THE FISH AND THE HUMANS WILL BE GRATEFUL. ”**

*- Dame Helen Mirren*



**TOTAL COST**  
**USD 26,882**  
IDR 386,425,676

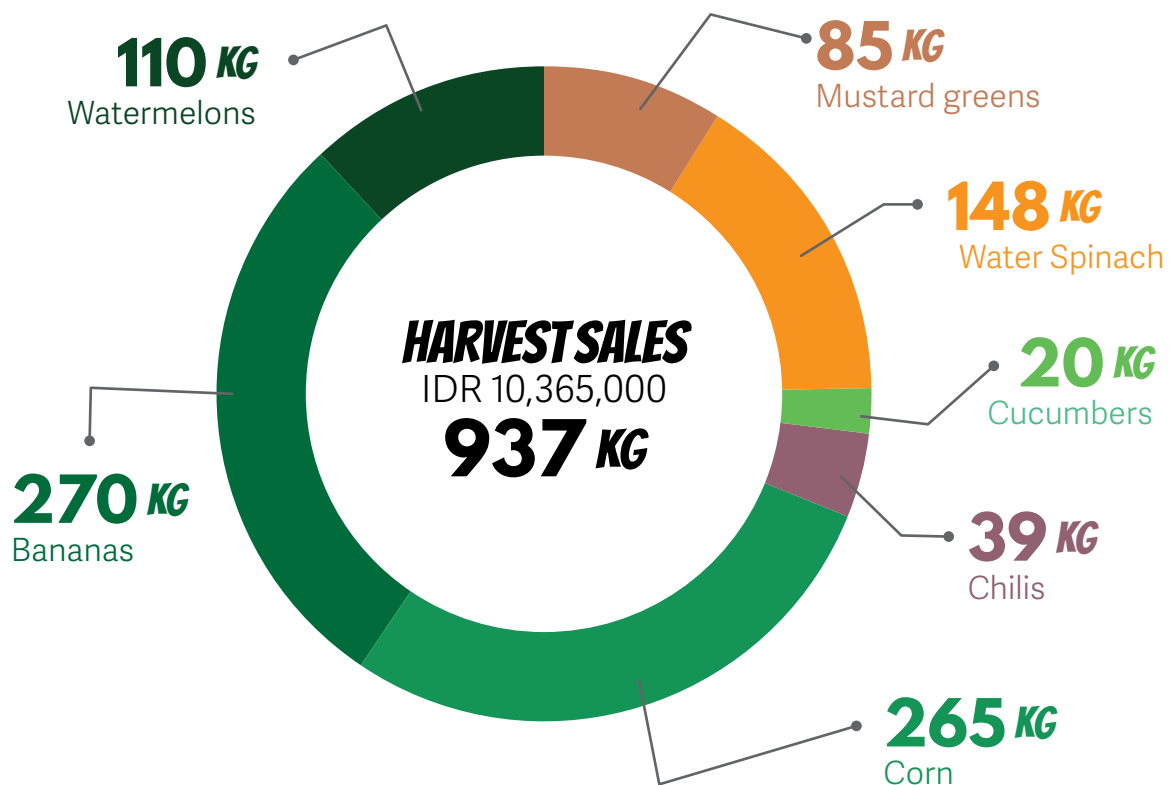


# ORGANIC FARMING

The Organic Farming programme in Telaga Village is managed by local residents who are members of the village's farmers' group. With support from the village government, the farm was developed on land that is owned by the village. The Anambas Foundation provides agricultural equipment and seeds, while emphasising the avoidance of chemical fertilisers and pesticides. We have also built a traditional greenhouse to protect the farm from pest attacks and have hired an expert in organic farming to facilitate the programme and teach the locals how to grow their produce organically. What's more, we also teach housewives how to grow organic vegetables at home through an initiative called Organic Home Farming. Its main goal is to provide more diverse and nutritious food sources for the community.



**TOTAL COST**  
**USD 5,506**  
IDR 79,144,977



***I WOULD LIKE TO SEE PEOPLE MORE AWARE OF WHERE THEIR FOOD COMES FROM. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SMALL FARMERS EMPOWERED.***

**- Anthony Bourdain**




# WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

We aim to empower and educate the women of the Anambas Islands by strengthening their home businesses that sell traditional snacks, teaching them organic home farming, and providing them with upcycling training to create products that have economic value. After our first upcycling training in 2021, village women in Kiabu made reusable shopping and trash bags from donated fabrics. Later in the year, we held a training in the village to show women how to grow organic fruit and vegetables at home.

**TOTAL COST**  
**USD 7,721**  
**IDR 110,986,256**





**“EVERY WOMAN'S SUCCESS  
SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION  
TO ANOTHER. WE'RE  
STRONGEST WHEN WE  
CHEER EACH OTHER ON.”**

- Serena Williams



# DIGITAL ENGLISH CLUB



We collaborate with Cakap, an online language-learning platform, to provide English lessons for elementary and middle school students under the Digital English Club (DEC) programme. However, due to the limited places for the online class, not everyone can be admitted; so we also offer offline classes to accommodate the high demand. Moreover, as a way to educate communities from a very young age about conservation, the Foundation is combining education about environment conservation and waste management with the English lessons.





**TOTAL COST**  
**USD 6,595**  
IDR 94,808,000

**27**    
STUDENTS 18 females, 9 males.  
DEC  
Tiangau  
Attendance rate  
**75%-90%**

**20**    
STUDENTS 11 females, 9 males.  
DEC  
South  
Tarempa  
Attendance rate  
**50%-80%**

**“THE TASK OF THE MODERN  
EDUCATOR IS NOT TO CUT  
DOWN JUNGLES BUT TO  
IRRIGATE DESERTS.”**

- C.S. Lewis



# 2022 GOALS

**NEW YEAR, NEW RESOLUTIONS.**



## MARINE CONSERVATION



Expand our **coral restoration** efforts by **21%**.



Educate more school students on marine conservation through our **KELAUT programme** by expanding it to Tarempa, the district capital of Anambas archipelago.



Continue our **marine debris data collection** and publish one research finding by the end of year.



## WASTE MANAGEMENT



Expand our waste management initiative to **two new villages** in Palmatak sub-district.



Build **two temporary waste storage units**, complete with the appropriate facilities such as plastic shredder, glass crusher, and thermal machine.



Educate and train **361 additional households** on sustainable waste management, totaling **683 households**.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Further **empower the women's group** by improving their skills to produce marketable products such as foldable reusable bags.



Expand our **Digital English Club** program to a new site and provide English lessons to **20** additional students, totaling **67 students**.



Improve our organic farming production by **training more community members** to grow organic vegetables at home.



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