



# 2023

## ANNUAL REPORT

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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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The Anambas Foundation hit its five-year mark in 2023, and I'm proud to see how much it has grown and its positive impact on the archipelago's communities and ecosystems. Over the past five years, it has evolved from a small, visionary team into a Foundation with more than 20 staff members – most of whom were born and raised in the Anambas.

Their driving passion is to protect and preserve the Anambas Islands through the three main pillars: Above, Below, and Beyond. These pillars are the umbrella for the Foundation's main programmes, along with many other innovative initiatives.

I was especially ecstatic to learn that the turtle conservation project that first began on Bawah Island is being expanded to Jemaja Island, where the Marine Conservation team is working together with a local conservation group to protect the eggs and conduct research. Furthermore, under their Guardians of the Anambas Seas project, they are empowering the Anambas youth to become the next generation of marine conservation leaders in their villages.

The Community Development team has done a remarkable job in expanding the Integrated Waste Management programme from four to 13 villages. They also came up with brilliant initiatives like the Waste Bank and Mobile Waste Bank to collect more waste while economically incentivising villagers. Simultaneously, the team has managed to integrate its waste management efforts with other Foundation programmes; especially the Women's Empowerment project, which utilises textile waste.

In appreciation of all their hard work and many achievements over the past five years, I remain committed to the goals and visions of the Anambas Foundation, and I invite others to do the same. In the year 2024, the Foundation will be introducing new initiatives and aiming for ever-more energetic expansion.

I'm optimistic that by its 10th anniversary, these remarkable achievements may have started to extend even beyond the Anambas Islands.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Hartnoll'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'T'.

**Tim Hartnoll**

*The Anambas Foundation Patron*

## Message from Rizal Malik, Advisory Board Member

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I first heard of the Anambas Foundation back in 2019 when I was visiting Bawah Reserve for a Signing Blue assessment. I was fascinated by its visions regarding sustainability efforts in the Anambas Islands, conveyed through the three main pillars of Above, Below and Beyond.

I share these visions, especially in regard to building long-lasting relationships between humans and ecosystems. I believe that in our conservation and community development work, we should always think of the populations and environments as one in order to create a sustainable future for the planet.

Like many places in Indonesia, Anambas Islands has rich and beautiful natural resources. However, it doesn't have the capacity to manage these sustainably. The remoteness of the island communities is another challenge, as they lack exposure to other ways of doing things. People on remote islands tend to do things that their ancestors have been doing for generations, sometimes in ways that are harmful to environmental ecosystems.

The Anambas Foundation is doing remarkable work in integrating conservation and community development in its programmes. It is very important to introduce to the communities other ways of making a living, while teaching them about sustainable practices that both incentivise behavioural changes and are beneficial for their environment.

As the Foundation is entering its sixth year in 2024, the organisation is now going into its adulthood phase. It's no longer just about initiating and expanding programmes: the challenge is how to maintain the current ones and still make a sustainable impact. It's also important to continue to adapt to environmental challenges due to climate

change, like rising temperatures and sea levels that will affect coastal communities the most.

Lastly, in 2024 I hope to see the Foundation's work getting more exposure, becoming more visible and being increasingly recognised in discussions about conservation work and small island management with other organisations that are doing similar things. Right now is the time to share our knowledge and expertise, and also to learn from others, so that conservation and development work in Indonesia continues to grow for the better.



**Rizal Malik**

*Advisory Board Member*



## Message from Ida Mokhsen, Advisory Board Member

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As someone from the Natuna area, Anambas Islands is the neighbouring regency that I often visit and am very familiar with. So I saw the offer to become a Board Member of Anambas Foundation as an exciting opportunity to contribute to its work of conserving its environment and empowering its island communities.

I remember that during one of my visits to the Anambas, I arrived at the port and saw a lot of plastic waste floating in the sea. It was so upsetting, because the Anambas Regency has some of our country's richest underwater biodiversity, and is known for its beautiful and unspoilt beaches.

The Foundation has come up with a good range of programmes and initiatives that integrate different elements important to the sustainability of their work like the waste banks that provide economic benefits to villagers. Textile waste, for example, will be upcycled into reusable bags by the *ibu-ibu*, giving additional work skills and extra income to these village women.

I also see the good work that the team is doing to abolish fish bombing in the area, from educating the communities to pushing the regional government for better regulations regarding marine conservation.

I look forward to starting 2024 together with the Anambas Foundation as they expand their work to more areas in the Anambas Islands Regency. I also hope their work will be recognised by more individuals and government agencies outside the Riau Islands Province.



**Ida Mokhsen**

*Advisory Board Member*

## Message from our Head of Foundation — Jerry Winata

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2023 was a memorable year for the Foundation. One of the main highlights was we reached the five-year milestone in our journey of working together with the communities to conserve the Anambas ecosystems and empower the society.

I'd like to warmly welcome our new Advisory Board Members *pak* Rizal Malik and *bu* Ida Mokhsen, who bring with them years of expertise in the development sector and experience with island communities in Indonesia.

Our work in 2023 gained recognition from the Anambas government, which awarded our Waste Bank initiative as a pioneer in the region. We also hosted a media trip for representatives of CNN Indonesia, who visited our programme locations and interviewed our team members.

I'm proud of our team for coming up with the brilliant Coral Adoption and Mobil Waste Bank initiatives, and for executing these ideas to achieve great results. The Mobile Waste Bank brought more recyclables to our Waste Banks, and the Coral Adoption project provided us with another source of funding for the Marine Conservation programme.

We were delighted to receive a number of grants from both international organisations and the private sector to fund our programmes. Our gratitude also goes to those generous guests who made donations after getting to know about our Foundation during their stay at Bawah Reserve.

Amid all these achievements, we realise we also face several challenges as we enter our sixth year. The main one is to keep the villagers enthusiastic about our various programmes and initiatives, and to encourage them to maintain their behavioural changes.

This report shows the whole scope of our work throughout 2023, and sets out our goals for 2024. We look forward to sharing many more updates on our achievements in the coming year. Lastly, I'd like to thank all our partners, along with the Anambas government. Without their support, we would not be where we are today.



**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*

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.



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

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.



**ANDI MAULANA.** *Admin & Finance*

Andi studied hospitality and tourism for his diploma and worked in the hospitality industry before joining the Anambas Foundation in 2022. He is in charge of finances, negotiating contracts, and the procurement and distribution of materials, equipment, machinery and supplies for the team on the ground.



**ALVINO DWIE PUTRA (VINO).** *Community Development Programme Officer*

Vino studied Architectural Engineering for his undergraduate studies at Gunadarma University in Jakarta. He worked as a junior architect and an interior designer in Bandung and Jakarta before returning to Riau Islands. He now lives in Tarempa, Anambas where he did freelance projects before joining the Foundation team.



**VANDRIANA ARTIWI (TIWI).** *Community Development Programme Assistant*

Tiwi completed an undergraduate degree in Petroleum Engineering at the Islamic University of Riau in 2020. During that time, she did an internship at PT. Pertamina RU II Sei Pakning. This is her first full-time job.



**RAHMAT HIDAYAT.** *Palamatak Facilitator*

Dayat studied food technology for his Bachelor's Degree, and worked in community assistance for an agricultural programme in Anambas Islands. In 2018, he took part in developing the Foundation's Organic Farming programme in Telaga. In 2022, he officially joined the Foundation in his current position, overseeing the implementation of the Integrated Waste Management (IWM) programme in Palamatak.





**MUHAMMAD HENDRI.** Candi Facilitator

Hendri previously worked as a truck driver for 20 years. He was first introduced to the Anambas Foundation through Dayat, and joined our family as Candi Village Facilitator. Through the IWM programme, his goal is a cleaner Palamatak, where the community is both aware of waste management and financially better off.



**GAYATRI.** Langir Facilitator

Gayatri studied mechanical engineering at Sriwijaya State Polytechnic in Palembang. After graduation, she worked in Jakarta and Matak before joining the Foundation as a facilitator in charge of overseeing the waste management programme and activities at Langir village.



**MUHAMAD HABIBI.** Kuala Maras Facilitator

Habibi grew up in Kuala Maras. After graduating from high school, he worked at Bawah Reserve for three years. It was there that he learned about the Anambas Foundation, and in 2023 he joined the team as the facilitator in charge of overseeing the Community Development programmes at Kuala Maras. In this role, he wants to increase awareness among villagers on healthy ecosystems that benefit the environment and communities.



**HUSNI.** Telaga Facilitator

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.



**NADIANA.** Kiabu Coordinator

Nadiana aims to improve her community service efforts through the IWM programme, and thereby help to keep Kiabu Village clean. In her spare time, she grows organic vegetables at home.



**MUHAMMAD RAZALI (ZALI).** Kiabu Facilitator

Zali studied education for his Bachelor's Degree. As part of the Kiabu community, he wants to bring positive changes to the village, in particular making the community more aware of waste.



**NOVITA PERMATA PUTRI.** Marine Conservation Programme Manager

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.** Marine Biologist

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.



**AFIFA NAFISA WINDIYANA.** Marine Biologist

Afifa studied Marine Science at Diponegoro University and was part of the university's Marine Diving Club organisation. After completing her undergraduate studies, she received a coral restoration scholarship called Coral Catch in Gili Air, Lombok. She aims to improve marine ecosystems and help educate the public via social media.

# 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 being underwater. Having studied Zoology at undergraduate level and with a Masters in Marine Conservation, 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, working in Europe, Africa and Asia. He brings his passions for marine conservation and the underwater world to the task of restoring the coral reefs around Bawah Reserve while educating the public about what can be done to save our reefs.



**CORINA DEWI RUSWANTI.** Marine Biologist - Bawah Reserve

Corina has a degree in Marine Science. With previous professional experience in marine conservation at Taka Foundation and Manta Watch, she is also trained in ecological documentary 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.



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

Sopi was raised in the Anambas and is a native of Kiabu, the closest inhabited island to Pulau Bawah. He joined the Bawah Reserve team in 2018, since when he has developed his scuba diving ability and his marine conservation knowledge exceptionally. He is a qualified PADI Rescue Diver and has a particular interest in coral reef rehabilitation and sea turtle conservation.

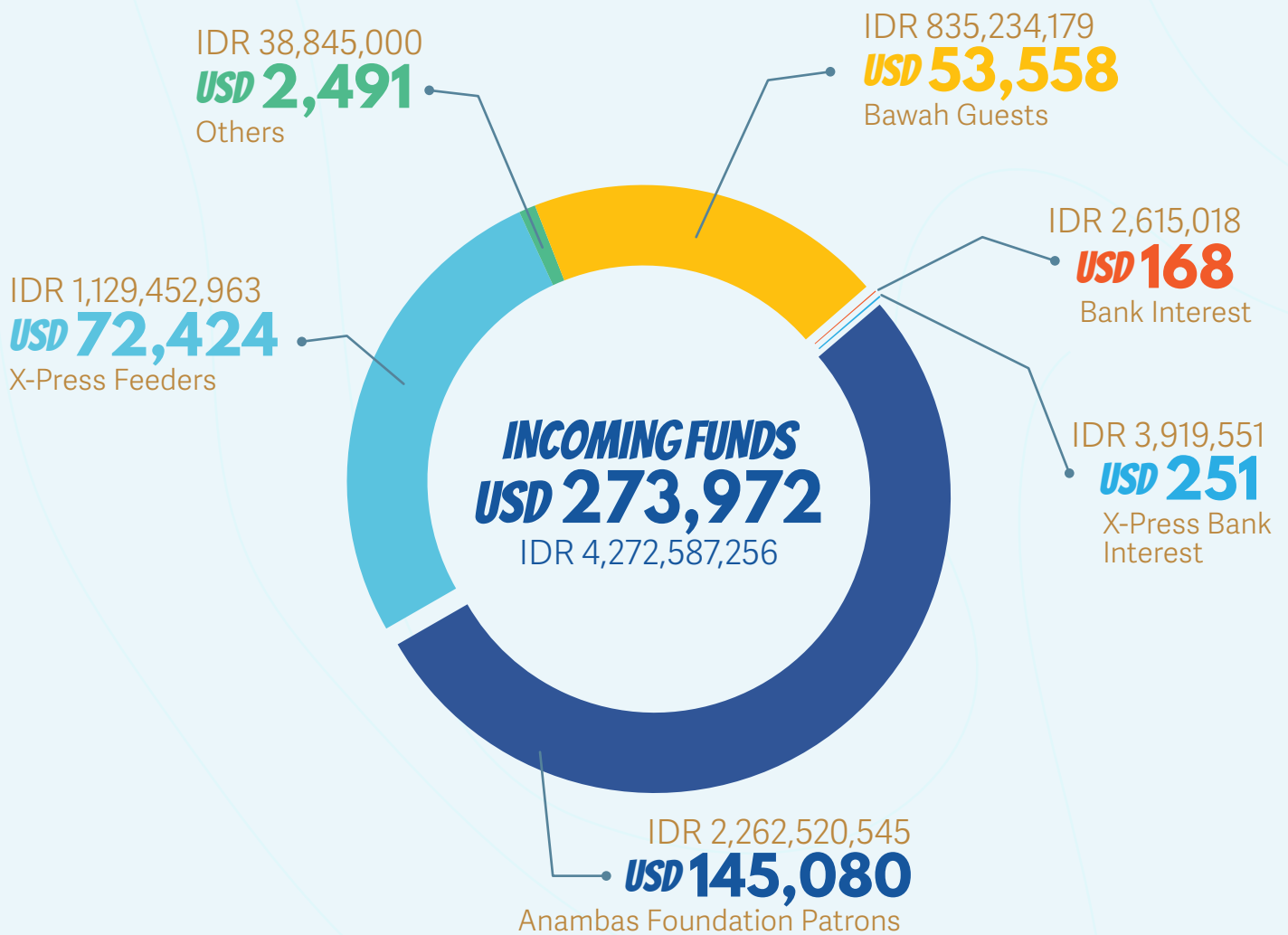


**MARTIN.** Dive Assistant - Bawah Reserve

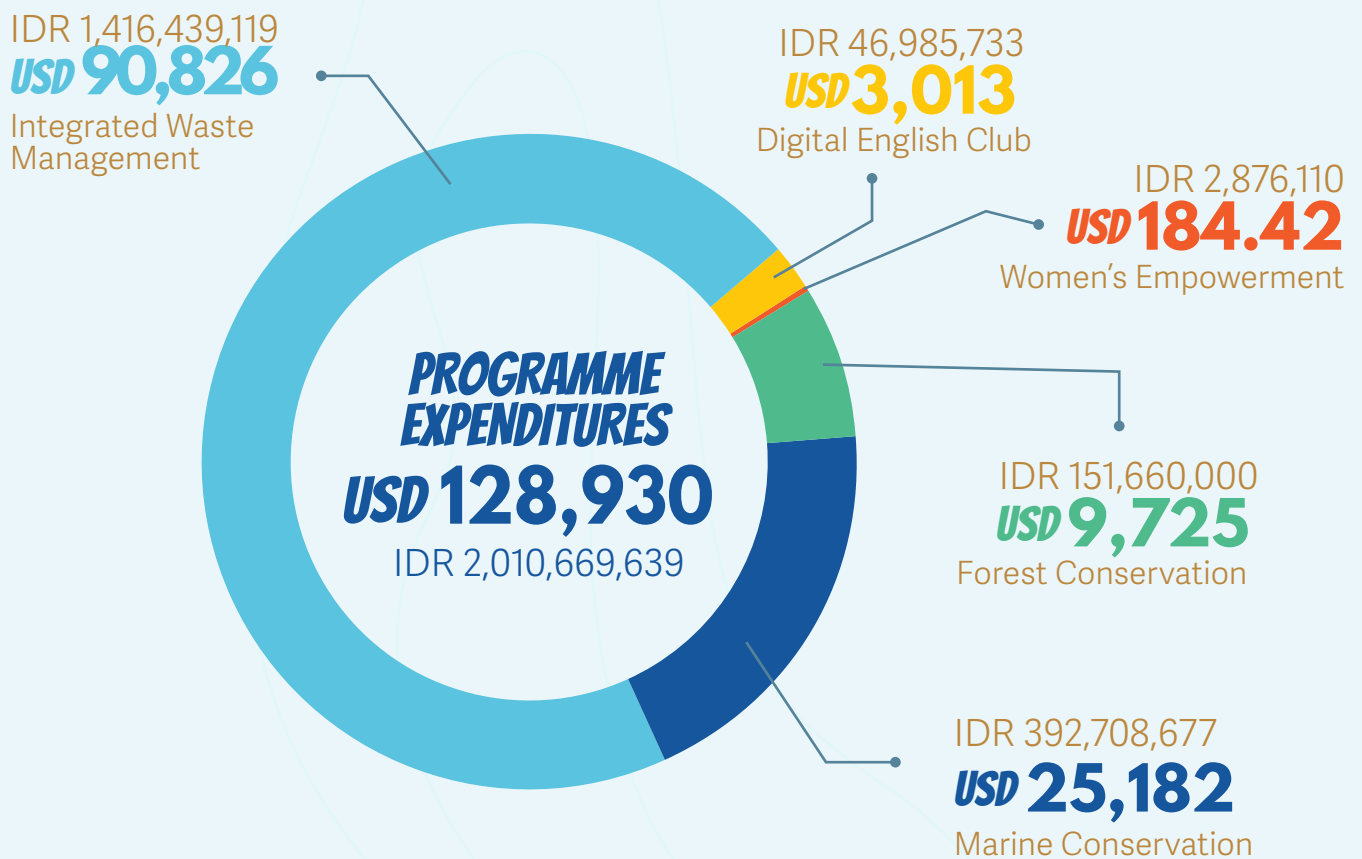
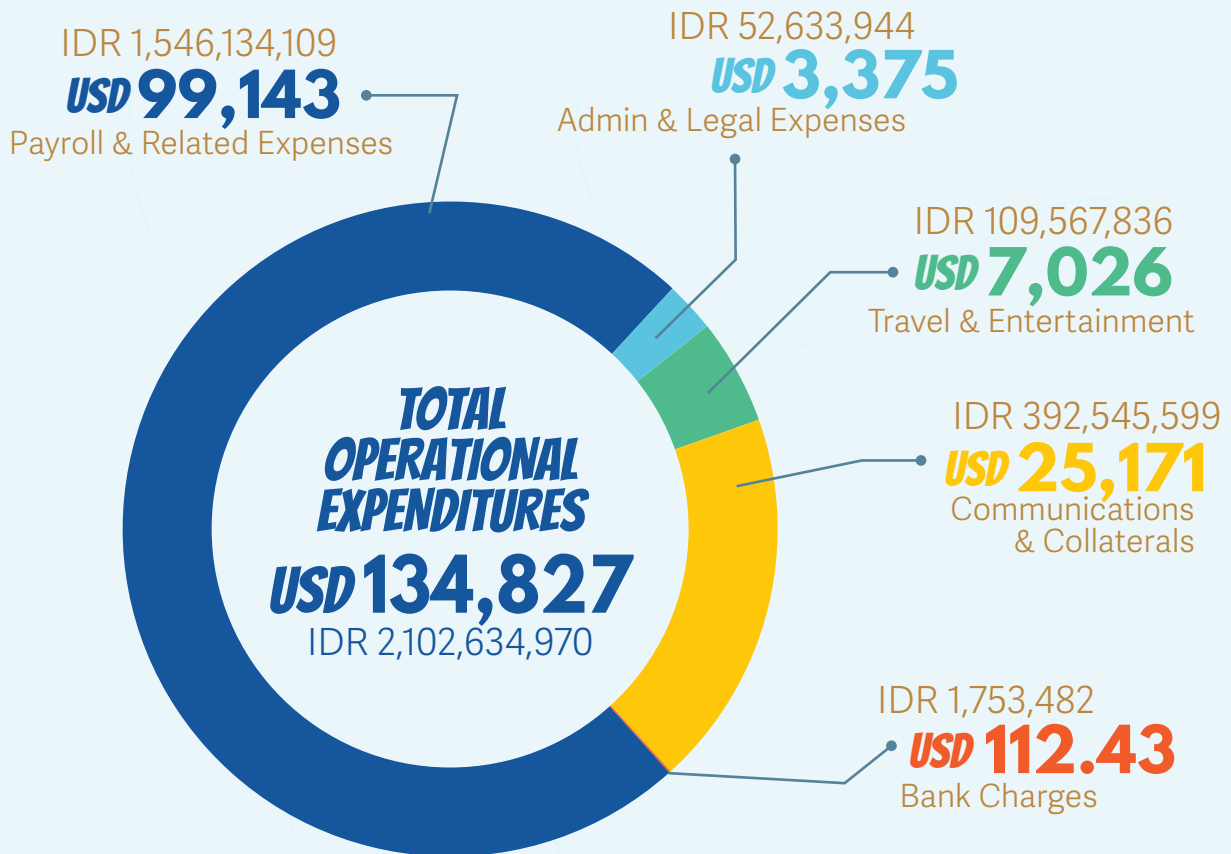
Martin was raised in the Anambas and is from the village of Mengkait. He graduated from the Jakarta Fisheries College and recently qualified as a PADI Divemaster. He has been working for Bawah Reserve since 2018 and enjoys the amazing beauty of the underwater world that surrounds us. He has an interest in marine protection activities and has learnt a lot about marine conservation. He believes that increasing awareness and engagement with the local communities is vital to the success of marine conservation.



# FINANCIAL RECAP



A full 100% of the funds collected from donors is used to support our programme activities. Anambas Foundation patrons are committed to covering our operational expenditures.



# 2023 Highlights

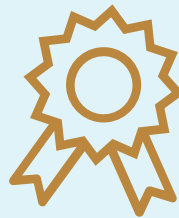
**JANUARY**

Welcomed  
New Marine  
Conservation  
member



**MARCH**

Awarded as  
Waste Bank  
pioneer in  
Anambas by  
the Regent



**MAY**

Launched  
Coral Adoption  
programme



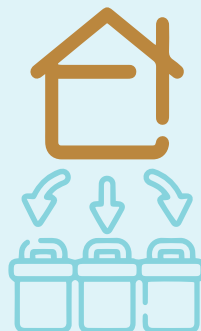
**FEBRUARY**

Received \$9,653 funding from



**APRIL**

Launched Piasan  
Waste Bank

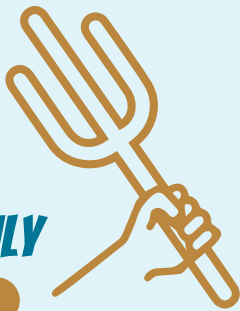


**JUNE**

CNN & Friends:  
Hub media trip  
and two-part  
television show



**JULY**



Graduation of five Guardians of the Anambas Seas

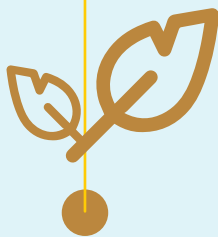
**SEPTEMBER**

World Cleanup Day with LKKPN Pekanbaru



**NOVEMBER**

Annual Meeting



**AUGUST**

World Nature Conservation Day celebration

**OCTOBER**

**CONSERVATION NATION**

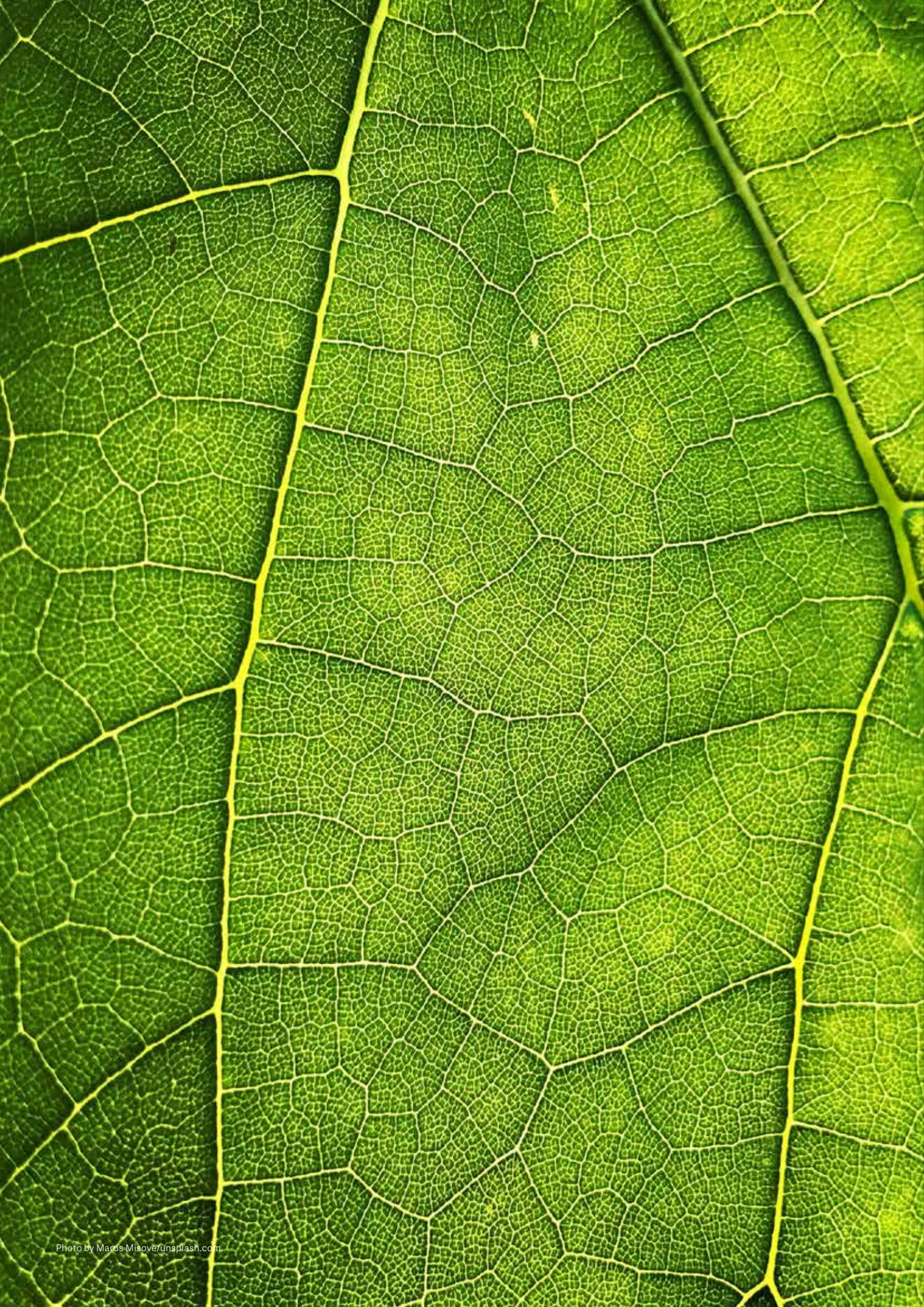
\$9,653 grant from Conservation Nation; \$44,000 from Bawah guests

Adoption of turtle nests



**DECEMBER**

Donations from Bawah Guests



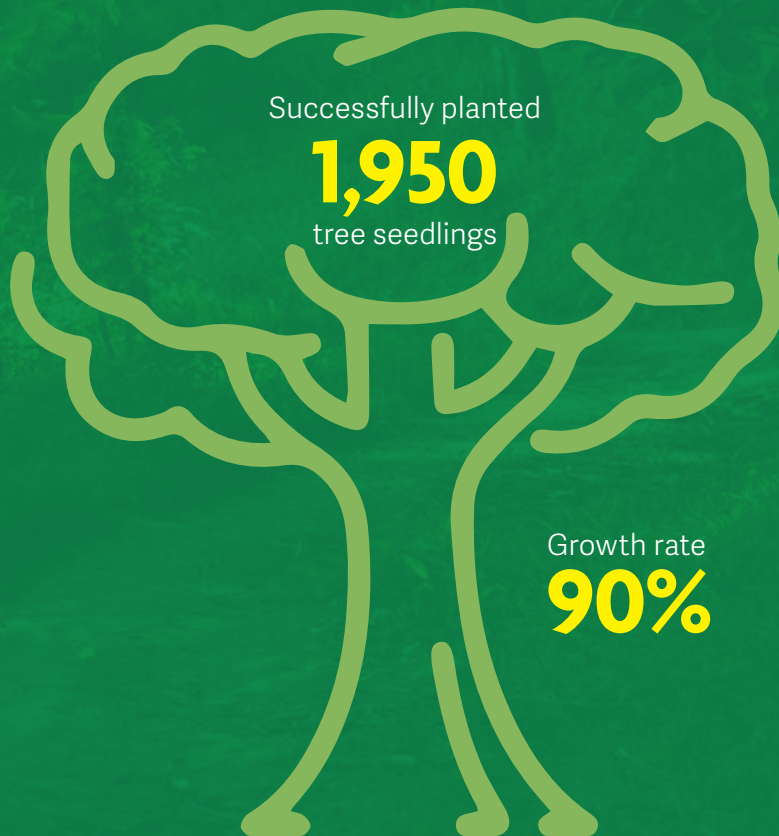


# FOREST CONSERVATION

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Together with the Forest Farmers' Group (KTH), the Foundation is replanting an area in South Tarempa with cash crops. This initiative directly engages the local communities

**TOTAL COST**  
*USD* **9,725**  
*IDR* 151,660,000



# MARINE CONSERVATION

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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 research and clean-up.

TOTAL COST

*USD* **25,182**

*IDR 392,708,677*



## REEF REHABILITATION



**300** coral spiders · **10** coral trees · **7,710** coral fragments transplanted · **600 m2** rehabilitated

### BAWAH ISLAND

**2,359** coral fragments transplanted · **2,192** corals harvested from nursery · **100** coral spiders deployed  
**587** coral stakes deployed · **936** crown of thorns starfish removed · Total area restored **227 m2**

## REEF HEALTH MONITORING



**Data collected from 27 stations** across five locations: Kiabu, Mengkait, Telaga and Bawah Island · Presented the result to LKKPN

## GUARDIANS OF THE ANAMBAS SEAS



**Five** youth graduated from this initiative, one of whom is now a facilitator at the Foundation

## BLUE CARBON



**1,200** Mangrove seeds planted in Kiabu · Mangrove planted with students from SMPN 1 Kiabu



## KELAUT Kelas Alam dan Laut

Outreach to **seven schools** in Anambas Islands · **Artificial reef design competition** for middle school students in Kiabu · Mangrove planting and coral transplantation activities with students

## MARINE MICROPLASTICS



Obtained microplastic samples from three villages: Kiabu, Mengkait and Telaga · Presented the result to Anambas Deputy Regent, LKKPN Pekanbaru and Environmental Agency

## TURTLE CONSERVATION



Adopted **199** turtle nests on Jemaja Island

### BAWAH ISLAND

**75** patrols · **1,788** turtle eggs rescued · **1,390** hatchlings rescued with **77.7% hatching rate**

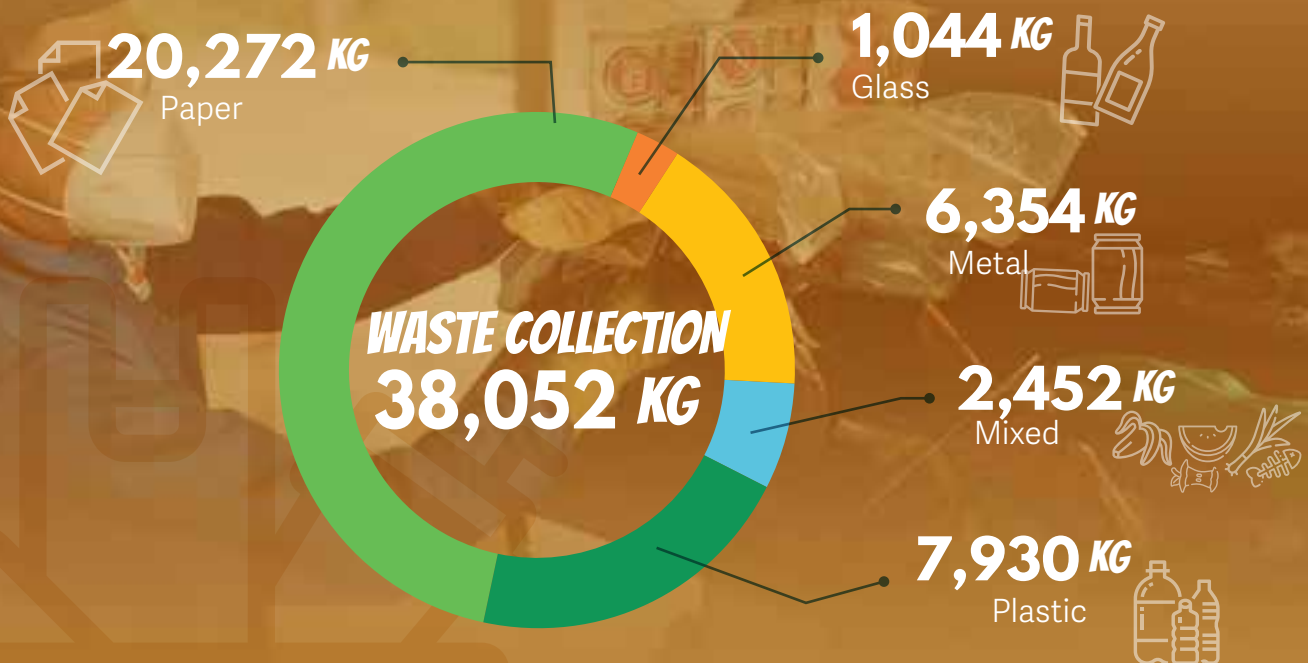
# INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

Initiated in 2018, the Foundation's Solid Waste Management programme in 2018 was later incorporated into our IWM along with waste upcycling. The main priorities of IWM are: educating local communities on waste issues and how to manage waste responsibly, running the Waste Bank and BALING (Mobile Waste Bank) initiatives and waste management facilities in Kiabu, Candi and Langir, and providing upcycling training.

## TOTAL COST

USD **90,826**

IDR 1,416,439,119



**50 tons** of waste processed · Serving **12,788** community members across 13 villages ·  
Launch of BALING (Mobile Waste Bank)

# WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

We work 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 training them to upcycle waste into products that have economic value.

**TOTAL COST**  
**USD 184.42**  
*IDR 2,876,110*

**100**

Reusable bags from textile waste produced



**98kg**

organic produce harvested through the Demonstration Plot initiative

# DIGITAL ENGLISH CLUB

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We collaborate with Cakap, an online language-learning platform, to provide English lessons for elementary and middle school students under the DEC programme. As online spaces are limited and demand is high, we also provide offline classes. Moreover, as a way to educate villagers from a very young age about conservation, the Foundation combines education about environment conservation and waste management with the English lessons.

**TOTAL COST**  
**USD 3,013**  
IDR 46,985,733

DEC is available in **4** Villages  
**SOUTH TAREMPA, GENTING PULUR, TIANGAU, BATU BELAH**

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**71**  
Total students  





# 2024 GOALS

## New year, New resolutions.




### MARINE CONSERVATION

-  We plan to **expand the total rehabilitated reef area in Anambas to 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>**
-  **Our team will relocate to Telaga Village** in order to set up reef rehabilitation and Guardians of the Anambas Seas activities there
-  **Five new Guardians** will graduate from their training
-  Coral Adoption aims to have at least **40 new adopters** by the end of 2024
-  We are **launching a community-based Turtle Conservation initiative** on Jemaja Island
-  Our Blue Carbon initiative will **create mangrove ink for the Ecoprint initiative**
-  KELAUT will be providing **marine conservation education to children** in seven villages

### WASTE MANAGEMENT

-  We are **expanding the programme coverage to 19 more villages**, bringing the total to 32 villages  
BALING will be **covering 16 villages across Jemaja Island and three villages in Central Siantan**, where 90% of streetside stalls will deliver their waste regularly
-  We are launching a **new upcycling initiative**

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

-  Through our Women's Empowerment programme, women from various villages will **produce 20 tote-bags** and **20 pouches made of textile waste** from the waste banks and donated sheets
-  An **Ecoprint activity will be launched** in collaboration with the Marine Conservation team
-  The Digital English Club programme will hold **classes for students in Palmatak**





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