

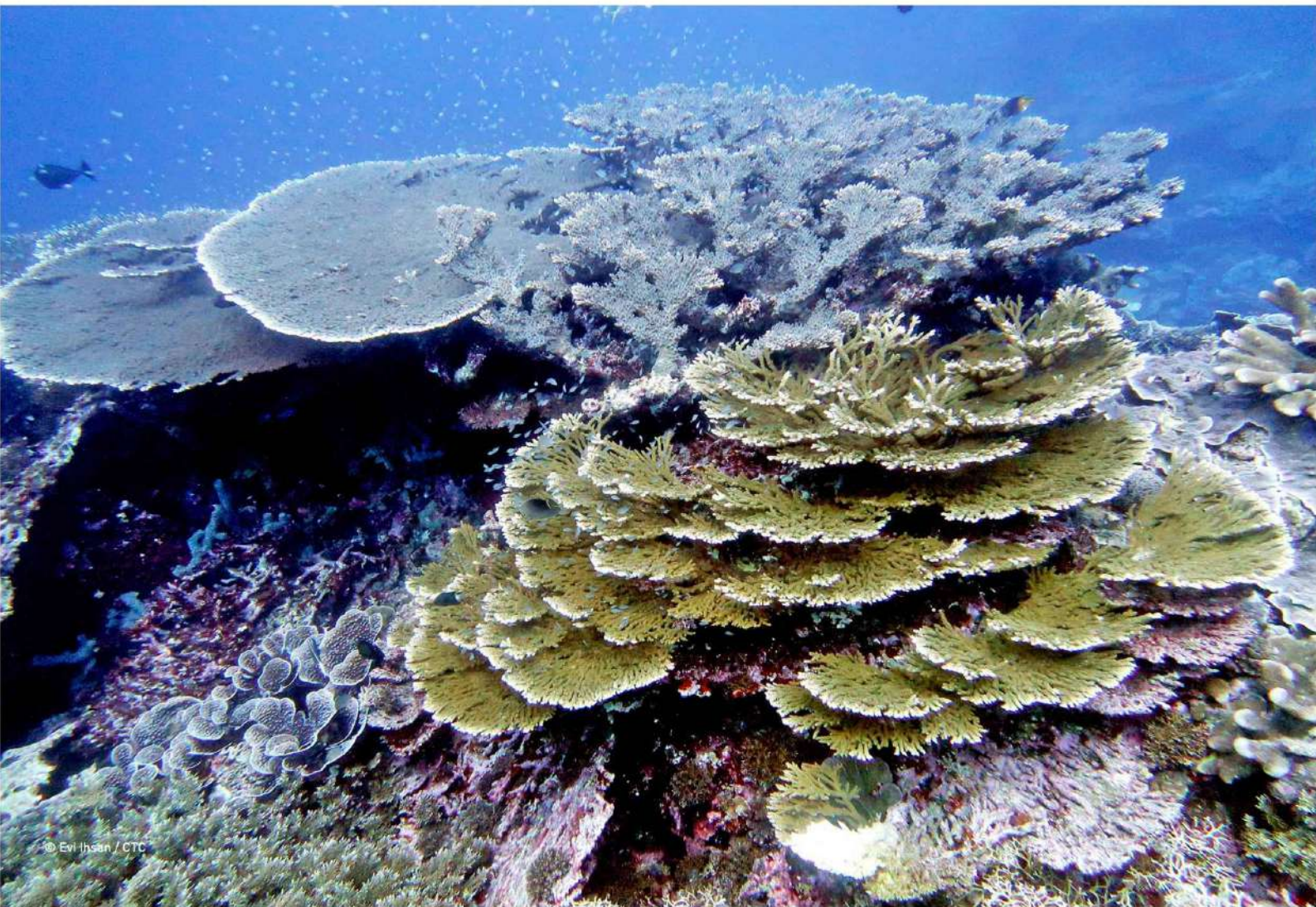


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# ABOUT US

## CORAL TRIANGLE CENTER

A center of excellence in tropical marine resource management:  
Building local leadership for long-term conservation in the Coral Triangle



Inspiring People Saving Oceans

## VISION

Healthy seas that enrich people and nature.

## MISSION

To inspire and train generations to care for coastal and marine ecosystems.

## VALUES

### Excellence

In the quality of our teaching. In the performance and integrity of our staff.  
In our commitment to being a world-class center of tropical resources management.

### Local Stewardship

Based in the heart of the Coral Triangle, we maintain strong roots in the field and close ties to stakeholders at all levels. We value traditional knowledge and practices, and promote local ownership of our projects.

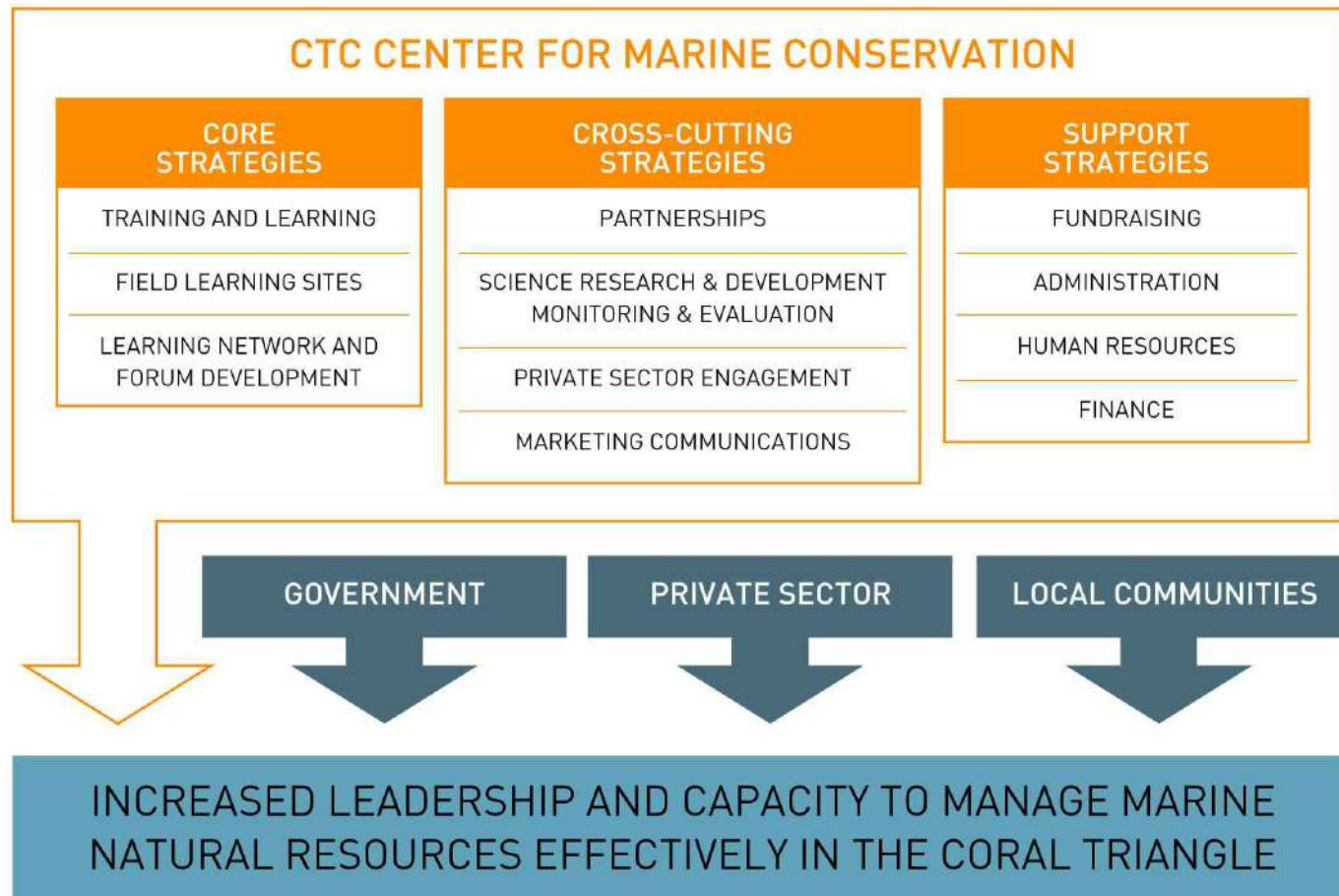
### Collaboration

We build partnerships among leaders in government, communities, NGOs, education, and the private sector because only by engaging all constituencies can solutions be effective.

### Result

We provide trusted information, are transparent in our actions, and hold ourselves accountable for the quality of our programs, changing our strategies as necessary and measuring our impact over time.

# CORAL TRIANGLE CENTER STRATEGIES



CTC is an official development partner of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) - a government-led initiative of the six countries of the Coral Triangle region namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste. CTC supports the CTI-CFF in cross-cutting activities such as capacity building, women empowerment, local government leadership, sustainable tourism and private sector engagement. CTC is also a member of the International World Conservation Union (IUCN) and the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI)

# FOREWORD

On June 8, we joined the United Nations and the global community in celebrating World Oceans Day with the theme "Revitalization - Collective Action for the Ocean." On June 9, we also marked Coral Triangle Day, celebrating the world's epicenter of marine biodiversity, containing 76% of the world's coral species, 37% of the world's reef fish species, and supporting millions of people by providing their food and livelihoods.

However, our ocean and marine biodiversity are at a point where urgent help is needed, if they are to continue nourishing us for generations to come. Ocean health hangs in the balance and we need big, bold, collective actions to reverse the damage that has already been done, aid the ocean's recovery, and strengthen its resilience against future shocks and disruptions. Ocean revitalization through collective action is an important call to make this year because global leaders are on track to make important policy decisions that will affect the future of our planet and ocean. Indonesia, as the world's largest maritime country and the current president of the G20, has the opportunity to take a leadership role in charting the future of our ocean and has the platform to shape courageous actions on ocean protection.



Although the G20 was initially formed as a forum to discuss global financial systems, it has also become a crucial platform for discussing environmental policy. Sustainability and environmental issues now occupy a larger seat at the table. Together with commitments on economics and trade, critical environmental policy statements have been included in the G20 communique in recent years. Last year in Italy, the G20 leaders reaffirmed their support for global climate financing commitments and also affirmed their support for the post-CBD 2020 goal to halt biodiversity decline by protecting 30% of the global land and global ocean by 2030. It is in this context that Indonesia can shine the spotlight, push for concrete commitments, and inspire other countries to take action for ocean protection. Indonesia is currently on track to achieve its Marine Protection Area (MPA) Vision to protect 32 million hectares of its waters by 2030. Having already set aside 28 million hectares as MPAs in 2022, Indonesia is on its way to making a substantial contribution to global ocean protection. Through the establishment and expansion of its MPAs, Indonesia is also protecting the Coral Triangle, considered the most diverse underwater ecosystem on the planet. By protecting its waters, Indonesia is not only ensuring ocean health for its people, but also setting an example as a good caretaker of global marine heritage.

Through its MPA Vision Roadmap, Indonesia is making sure that MPAs are established with solid science and stakeholder inputs. Management measures have also been put in place to help ensure that MPAs are effective in supporting resilient marine ecosystems and providing inclusive benefits for fishers and coastal and small island communities. The MPAs will be designed with an approach that is based on stakeholder input and science to support resilient ecosystems, sustainable fish resources and prosperous local and national economies. Indonesia has also put in place policies on the ground to deter illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and to mobilize resources to stem the tide of ocean plastic pollution, which has spurred collective cross-sectoral action from the local to the national level.

The challenge then is for Indonesia to scale up and galvanize international support for the sustainability of our environment and ocean. At the helm of this year's G20, Indonesia can play a role in ensuring that sustainability and ocean issues remain high on the G20 agenda and that world leaders continue to address these as urgent issues and commit to providing solutions going forward. The goal of protecting 30% of our global ocean will require an unprecedented level of innovation, collaboration, and commitment across a broad spectrum of stakeholders. Transformative approaches to governance and management are essential to expand protected areas. At the recently concluded 2nd Asia Parks Congress in Malaysia in May 2022, conservation practitioners and scientists also underscored the need to support MPAs with much needed resources so that these can be effective in achieving conservation goals and socio-economic benefits. The Covid-19 pandemic showed us with lethal force how connected we are on this planet and that no one should be left behind. Governments should reflect on the past two years and replace 'business as usual' with a bold approach that positions protected and conserved areas at the forefront of not just global biodiversity and climate change, but also economic and finance policy deliberations.

**Rili Djohani**  
Executive Director

# ON-THE-GROUND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

## Establishing New Marine Protected Areas and Strengthening Marine Resource Management in Timor-Leste



From June 7 to 14, 2022, the CTC team visited Timor-Leste to present the results of biophysics and socioeconomic surveys to support the establishment of a new marine protected area (MPA) in Manufahi District, as well as to identify capacity-building needs at the community and governmental levels to further support effective MPA management.

The CTC team visited the Manufahi District in the southern part of Timor-Leste and conducted a workshop attended by 36 people representing local fishing groups, community conservation groups, village leaders, and municipality/central government representatives. The team presented the first draft of the outer boundaries for the proposed MPA in Manufahi as well as results of the biophysical survey findings from March 2022. The survey showed healthy coral coverage and abundance of fish biomass inside the proposed MPA including large groupers and red snappers with bodies longer than 100 centimeters. The team also found Napoleon wrasse, sea turtles, and other charismatic marine animals like manta rays, whales, and sharks. In addition, the team presented findings from the socioeconomic survey, which highlighted the need for a sustainable finance strategy to help the local economy and the sustainability of local fisheries, which are still dominated by environmentally harmful methods. In general, community representatives gave their support for the establishment of Manufahi MPA. However, the CTC team will further discuss the integration of the MPA regulation with traditional marine tenure systems as well as alternative livelihood programs for local fishers.



Our team also had the opportunity to visit the Nino Konis Santana protected area (NKS PA), situated at the eastern most point of Timor-Leste. The team engaged with stakeholders from Com, Tutuala, and Laurei Villages, as well as from Lautem Municipality. Community representatives provided recommendations, such as the need to update conservation data, increase local capacity, and determine the legal, management and sustainable financing mechanisms for the NKS PA.



After the community consultations, the CTC team conducted a training needs assessment on June 23 -29, 2022 with 47 respondents, including personnel and managers from the Nino-Konis Santana, Atauro, and Liquica MPAs. According to the team's assessment, there is high demand for training and capacity building activities focused on the protection of endangered, threatened and protected marine animals, fundamentals of MPA management, MPA formation and zoning processes, and coastal ecosystem ecology. CTC will further discuss the technical aspects of delivering capacity-building activities with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Timor-Leste.



## Evaluating Coral Restoration Sites in the Nusa Penida MPA



On May 24-25 2022, the Coral Restoration Task Force visited the Nusa Penida Marine Protected Area (MPA) to assess the status of the ongoing coral restoration programs using the Mars Assisted Reef Restoration System (MARRS), managed by Bali Hai Cruise (BHC) and Kelompok Nuansa Pulau (KNP). As the second time that the Task Force visited the two sites within a five to six-month period, the team was able to observe coral growth on the Reef Stars at the restoration sites. The coral fragments at the relocation site the BHC Pontoon grew well and rapidly. This indicates that the site selected with the Task Force last year is a suitable one that is protected from the surrounding reef.

The BHC team also carried out routine maintenance and ensured that the program kept up with the standards of the MARRS method. Meanwhile, KNP which is CTC's community partner in its Adopt a Coral program, has expanded their project to an estimated 100 square meters of restored area. The youth group also remains determined and intends to further expand the site during the course of the year. A section of the restoration site is dedicated to promoting both CTC and KNP's support of the "30x30" movement, a global commitment to conserve 30% of the world's reef by 2030 through the establishment and management of Marine Protected Areas (MPA).



## Coral Bleaching Monitoring in the Nusa Penida MPA



During this quarter, the threat of coral bleaching spread throughout the world, including Indonesia. The NOAA Coral Reef Watch (CRW) quarterly reports on coral bleaching indicated that heat stress could trigger coral bleaching in the Nusa Penida MPA from June to September. Based on the preliminary information, CTC, in collaboration with Bali MPA Management Unit Team, Siren Dive Lembongan, World Diving Lembongan, and Pure Dive Nusa Penida, monitored the MPA throughout May 2022 to determine the current situation of coral reefs in Nusa Penida MPA. Coral reef monitoring was conducted in nine locations.

Results indicated that potential coral bleaching was found in two locations: Toya Pakeh Village and a coral restoration site in Ped. The increase in temperatures of the Nusa Penida MPA waters caused some corals to become pale to white but had little effect on mass coral bleaching.

CTC has committed to continue monitoring bleaching incidents in the Nusa Penida MPA and support the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries' (MMAF) program to monitor coral bleaching in Indonesia. All the data collected will provide an overview of the presence and absence of coral bleaching.



# BUILDING CAPACITY IN MARINE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

## CTC Kicks-Off New Project to Support Sustainable Fisheries in the Banda Islands



CTC has begun implementing a capacity-building project to strengthen fish catch monitoring in Banda Islands, Maluku. The Banda Islands Snapper Fisheries Pilot Project will help establish a baseline of the deep-water snapper's status to improve fishing practices and sustainability.

The project is an opportunity to demonstrate the importance of involving local stakeholders in the monitoring and management process in fisheries management and provide a working model on how to develop structure within the community of resource users and create additional valuable roles for fishers. Initial studies show that working directly with local fishers to monitor their fish catch can provide more accurate and detailed information compared to what was previously available, which enhances the quality of stock assessments and actionable management advice. Further, the implementation of the territorial use rights for fishing (TURFs), combined with no-take reserves, are potentially the only feasible ways to effectively manage small-scale demersal fisheries at remote sites in Indonesia. The project is funded by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, is being implemented by CTC in collaboration with Yayasan Konservasi Alam Nusantara (YKAN) and the People and Nature Consulting.

As one of the initial activities under the project, CTC conducted a two-day fish identification training for its staff and government institutional partners in Ambon, Maluku. The training took place from May 30 to June 1, 2022, in Ambon, and was attended by 23 participants from CTC staff and representatives of the Fish Quarantine and Quality Assurance in Maluku, the Fisheries Extension and Training Center in Ambon, the Marine Affairs and Fisheries Agency of Maluku Province, the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science of the Pattimura University in Ambon, the Deep-Sea Research Center of the Indonesia National Research and Innovation Agency, the Coastal and Marine Resources Management Unit in Sorong, the Archipelago Fishing Port and Landing in Ambon, and local government staff of Banda Sub-district.



The participants learned how to identify 100 deep-sea fish species that are most frequently seen in Indonesia throughout the training, particularly those belonging to the family of Lutjanidae (snappers), Epinephelidae (groupers), Lethrinidae (emperors), and Carangidae (jacks). By being familiar with these fish species, participants can improve the deep-sea fisheries database in eastern Indonesia by assisting small-scale fishers in the Banda Islands in identifying their catch.

## New Certification Schemes for Effective MPA Management in Indonesia

CTC delivered a workshop from March 20 to April 1, 2022 to finalize new certification schemes for capacity-building for marine protected area (MPA) managers and personnel in Indonesia. These schemes will support the implementation of the MPA Personnel Capacity Building Roadmap 2020-2024 in Indonesia, while complimenting three certification schemes for MPA professionals that have existed since 2015. The workshop was held for five days in Bogor and was attended by 13 participants from various organizations, such as the Directorate of Marine Conservation and Biodiversity of Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (KKHL MMAF), Indonesian Marine Professional Certification Institute (LSP K), TERANGI Indonesia, WWF Indonesia and Flora Fauna International (FFI).

With the availability of these new seven certification schemes, CTC has made its contribution to the implementation of the national MPA Capacity Building Roadmap as a Competency Assessment Center (TUK) in Indonesia.



Officially published in 2020, the roadmap aims to achieve the optimum quantity and quality of MPA personnel in Indonesia through training or competency assessments, development of competency-based modules, and development of certification schemes.

## Mapping Women's Role in BSC Fisheries in Central Java

From July 20 to 30, 2022, CTC conducted a preliminary survey in the district of Pati, Rembang, Jepara and Demak in Central Java to assess the socioeconomic conditions of women involved in Blue Swimming Crab fisheries. The CTC team toured 10 BSC fishing villages and interviewed 60 people (including fishers, business actors, local governments, and other stakeholders) about the existing situation of BSC fisheries along with challenges and opportunities for women empowerment in the future.

According to the initial results of interviews and field observations, women typically play significant roles in the preparation and post-capture phases of BSC fisheries, which also includes processing BSCs and other by-products.



A number of female respondents also said that they usually process the remaining boiled water and carapace from the crabs to create edible products, such as crackers and crab paste. Although some women fishers have been successful in making creative by-products, further capacity-building will enhance their skills and knowledge, particularly in marketing, business planning, and financial literacy. CTC will elaborate on these findings in a technical report to be presented to the local governments and other key stakeholders. The analysis results will also serve as the foundation for CTC's selection of the pilot site to implement the program of capacity-building and network strengthening for women fishers in BSC fisheries in Central Java.

## Women Fishers to Support Sustainable Blue Swimming Crab (BSC) Fisheries in Lampung



Women fishers in Lampung play a strategic role in the supply chain of BSC fisheries. However, they are often not involved in many empowerment and decision-making activities in the community. To address this issue, CTC and Photovoices International (PVI) held a photo exhibition and learning network session to highlight women fishers in encouraging sustainable BSC fisheries in Lampung.

The exhibition was held from 23-25 May 2022 at Sheraton and Amalia Hotel, Lampung and attended by the Governor of Lampung Arinal Djunaidi as well as representatives of women fishers and various stakeholders from Central Lampung, East Lampung, and Tulang Bawang Districts, where the majority of BSC industries in Lampung Province are located. The photo exhibit also provided an inspiring platform for women to bring positive changes in the sustainable management of BSC fisheries. The event also enabled the women to exhibit creative edible snacks using BSC processing byproducts as an alternative income to support their families. Previous studies show that women fishers in Lampung are heavily involved in the all processes of BSC production, from preparing fishing gears, post-harvesting, trading, to processing BSC meats at industrial level as an export commodity.

They make significant contributions to support their family's economy. Unfortunately, they have been adversely affected by unsustainable BSC fisheries management and practices due to various social and economic disparities in society, which places them in a vulnerable position.

Since 2020, the Committee of Sustainable BSC Fisheries in Lampung (KPPRB) has partnered with NGOs such as CTC and PVI to increase the capacity of women fishers in Central Lampung, East Lampung, and Tulang Bawang Districts. Various activities that have been carried out include workshops and training about business canvas model, participatory photography, financial literacy, and processing BSC waste. One of the participants, Sumarni from Sungai Burung Village, Tulang Bawang, said that she has gained a lot of knowledge and skills from PVI and CTC, such as taking thematic pictures using camera and BSC ecology and supply chain, as well as entrepreneurship using the business canvas model. "The capacity building helps me, and other women fishers, understand better how to protect BSC and its ecosystem for future sustainability," explained Sumarni.



# INTERNATIONAL LEARNING NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIP

## CTC Executive Director Receives ICRS World Reef Award in Bremen, Germany



CTC Executive Director Rili Djohani was selected for this year's International Coral Reef Society's World Reef Award "in recognition of her substantial conservation achievements." She received her award at the closing session of 15th International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS) held in Bremen, Germany from July 3-8, 2022.

The International Coral Reef Society was founded in 1980 and is the principal association to which coral reef scientists, managers and enthusiasts from across the world belong. The group's mission is to promote the acquisition and dissemination of scientific knowledge to protect coral reefs for future generations. Its vision is to be a leader in coral reef scientific discovery, contribute to the education of future coral reef scientists, and to be a strong voice for science-based informing policies that protect coral reefs.

According to Dr. Carly J. Randall, Chair of the ICRS Honors and Awards Committee, Ms. Djohani's nomination embodies the spirit of the World Reef Award, which is given "in recognition of scientific or conservation achievement by an individual who is a member of an under-represented demographic in the field of reef science or management."

The ICRS World Reef Award is recognized with automatic ICRS Fellow status for life, a certificate and monetary award of US\$2,500 to be spent at the awardees' discretion on coral reef related activities. It was presented by ICRS Chair, Dr. Andréa G. Grottoli who is currently a full Professor and Chair of the Promotion and Tenure Committee in the School of Earth Sciences at the Ohio State University, a Fellow of the International Society for Reef Studies as well as a AAAS Fellow, and the Director of the NSF-funded Coral Bleaching Research Coordination Network.

"During the pandemic, it was hard to recognize these people [who made significant contributions to coral reef ecosystems]. Our award is in recognition in scientific or conservation achievement by an individual who is a member of an underrepresented demographic in the field of science or management," said Dr. Andréa G. Grottoli.

In response, Ms. Djohani noted that she feels honoured to receive the award and thanked Dr. Rod Salm for nominating her. "I worked closely on coral reef conservation the past few decades in Indonesia. The award means a lot to me and my team representing the Coral Triangle Center, a local NGO based in Indonesia which I co-founded in 2010," she said. She added that CTC's aim is to use the latest science and develop customized training programs to build local capacity for long term conservation in the Coral Triangle region, an epi-center for marine biodiversity. "Our focus is on marine protected areas, sustainable fisheries and climate change, and with partners we develop mechanisms to scale up and accelerate capacity building in the region to support the 30 x 30 global initiative that is 30% of the oceans protected by 2030. For example, through learning networks connecting MPA managers, local government executives and women leaders."

Another CTC team member, CTC Conservation Science Advisor, Marthen Welly also made an oral presentation at the 15th ICRS in Bremen on the topic entitled "Enhancing Capacity for Coral Restoration in Indonesia by Implementing Scientifically Based Standards and Protocols." Mr. Welly's presentation focused on lessons learned in building local capacity for the enactment of scientific standards in coral restoration in Indonesia through the Indonesian coral reef restoration task force which CTC is implementing in collaboration with Mars Sustainable Solutions. Meanwhile, CTC Program Manager Hesti Widodo presented her conference paper online entitled Minimizing the competency gap for effective coral reefs management: lessons learnt from the Sunda Banda Seascape.



## CTC Goes to the 2nd Asia Parks Congress in Kota Kinabalu



CTC Executive Director Rili Djohani and Marine Conservation Adviser Marthen Welly attended the 2nd Asia Parks Congress held in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia from May 24-28, 2022. The Congress was a gathering of Asia's protected area practitioners and brought together leaders and decision-makers from government, civil society, Indigenous Peoples, business, and academia from Asia and around the world. The conference's theme was "Parks for Nature and People," emphasizing the relationship between nature and society.

Ms Djohani presented on the Coral Triangle Initiative for Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (history, challenges, and opportunities) during the plenary on 'Connectivity & Transboundary Conservation' while Mr. Welly and Ms Djohani jointly presented at the 'Effective Protected & Conserved Areas' Working Group, focusing efforts to scale up capacity building in the Coral Triangle towards the 30 x 30 goal. They also presented about strengthening management effectiveness in Nusa Penida and Atauro Island MPAs in the Lesser-Sunda Seascape.

Dr. Kathy MacKinnon, Co-Chair of the 2nd APC International Steering Committee, and CTC's scientific advisory board member, was also at the conference. Apart from chairing a plenary session, she also participated in a side event that discussed other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs). OECMs are expected to allow a wider variety of human land-uses and interactions with the natural environment than are found in many parks and other protected areas.

Over 1,250 delegates from 49 countries participated in the Congress which was jointly convened by Sabah Parks, Malaysia and IUCN, in one of the most diverse natural and cultural regions of the world. It was one of the first large, environmental gatherings to be held in Asia since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Congress identified the priorities for the next decade to strengthen systems of protected and conserved areas across the region, and to contribute to the achievement of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework being negotiated under the Convention on Biological Diversity.



## Green Fins Indonesia Members: Persevere through the Pandemic



As tourism slowly opened up in Bali, CTC was on the ground again to assess existing Green Fins members Abyss Ocean World in North Bali and Ceningan Divers and Resort in Lembongan Island. Easy Divers in Pemuteran was also assessed and became a new member. The Green Fins Program, supported by the UN Environment Program and the Reef-World Foundation, empowers the tourism industry to protect our oceans through responsible tourism. During the assessment period, the crew and staff of the dive centers were given a short course by CTC's Green Fins assessors regarding the Green Fins initiative and Code of Conduct. Every process of the operation and the execution of dive trips were evaluated in detail. The end of the process included discussion with the assessors, where challenges were identified and encouraging feedback were given and steps on how to improve certain aspects were worked out together. The evaluation aside, it was pleasant to reconnect with everyone. All three dive centers were able to complete their assessment and are now back to an active member status. We're also very happy to welcome Easy Diver to the family of Green Fins Indonesia. Our golden trio has committed to continue improving their effort and ensure awareness training for members of their staff for another assessment next year.

## Coral Triangle Day 2022: Celebrating Women in the Sustainable Blue Economy



On June 9 every year, CTC marks Coral Triangle Day, celebrating the world's epicenter of marine biodiversity, containing 76% of the world's coral species, 37% of the world's reef fish species, and supporting millions of people by providing their food and livelihoods. This year's Coral Triangle Day theme was "Sustaining the Coral Triangle Ecosystem through Blue Economy", which aligned with the International UN World's Oceans Day celebration on June 8.

CTC, in collaboration with the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat and the WWF Coral Triangle Program, organized a webinar entitled Coral Triangle Day: Celebrating Women in the Sustainable Blue Economy, which was held on June 13, 2022. The webinar highlighted innovations and actions being undertaken by women leaders across the Coral Triangle, with case studies from Indonesia, Philippines, and Solomon Islands in sustaining marine resources through Blue Economy innovations.

Highlighting lessons learned in the last two years of the pandemic, it aimed the spotlight on successful women-led initiatives linked to sustainable marine resource management in the view that these can inspire others to take similar action for ocean revitalization.

The webinar was moderated by CTC Executive Director Rili Djohani and the speakers included Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat who highlighted the CTI-CFF Gender Equality and Social Inclusion strategy as a way to strengthen equality in decision making in the CTI-CFF. The panel also included Susan Roxas, the Sustainable Finance and Fisheries Lead, WWF Coral Triangle Programme, who talked about the definition of a Blue Economy and regional investments in Blue Economy. CTC Senior Program Manager Hesti Widodo talked about innovations in Blue Economy through case studies of seaweed farmers in Nusa Penida Marine Protected Area (MPA) and the women who process blue swimming crabs (BSC) in Lampung, Indonesia. Meanwhile, Rindah Melsen, the President of Nusatuva Women Savings Club showed how women in the Solomon Islands have formed saving clubs as a way to sustain their marine resources. Suzette Villano, from the Sagnay Tuna Fishers Association in Lagonoy Gulf, Philippines showed how active women leaders have taken the helm of tuna fishing sustainability efforts in their area.



## World Ocean Day: Revitalization: Collective Action for the Arafura Timor Seas

To mark this year's World Oceans Day, on 8 June 2022, CTC Executive Director Rili Djohani participated in webinar organized by the Arafura Timor Seas Action (ATSEA) Program Phase 2, Indonesia Ocean Pride, and UNDP Timor-Leste. The webinar, which was attended by more than 150 people, shed light on the communities, ideas, and solutions that are working together to protect and revitalize the ocean in the ATS region and everything it sustains.

The Arafura and Timor Seas (ATS) region, which is shared by Australia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Timor-Leste, borders the southern edge of the Coral Triangle and lies at the intersection of the Indian and Pacific Oceans. Both are parts of an area designated as the North Australian Shelf Large Marine Ecosystem (LME), which supports coral reefs, fish populations, a quarter of the world's mangroves, seagrass beds, large marine fauna, shorebirds and seabirds. This region therefore provides important ecosystem services for communities in littoral nations bordering the ATS, while also contributing to economic and ecological wellbeing in the wider world.



# PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITION DEVELOPMENT

## CTC Ocean Keeper Engages Indonesian Students in Marine Conservation

The CTC Ocean Keeper Club, which launched on March 14, 2022 has engaged more than a hundred students in ocean conservation. CTC's Ocean Keeper Club is an exciting club for young people between 9-11 years old to learn about the beauty of our ocean and its unique inhabitants, as well as the challenges they are facing today. The members of CTC's Ocean Keeper Club get the chance to join interactive learning activities together with the three main characters of Max, Mindy and Octa, where they can find out how to take part in keeping our ocean and planet healthy.

Since its launch in March this year, 154 children from all over Indonesia have joined the club's monthly event with an equal composition of boys and girls. The majority of participants came from local elementary schools in Sanur, Bali but also engaged students from East Kalimantan, West Java, Jakarta and East Java who have been active members since the very beginning.

To date, our team has also received donations from numerous individuals and partners. These funds will secure the running of Ocean Keeper Club for the projected upcoming two years. In the future, the club will explore more themes to be discussed and learned together on a monthly basis, including key marine and coastal ecosystems, particularly on coral reefs, and the rich biodiversity in the Coral Triangle region. Some anticipated themes are about manta rays, whales, sea turtles, and coral reefs.



## Future Ocean Defenders: Mission Continues!

In May, CTC once again collaborated with Sanur-based dive operator Joe's Gone Diving to host an educational outreach with Green School students on coral reef biology and restoration. The event we shared knowledge with eight inquisitive junior Advanced Open Water divers from Green School.



On May 4, 2022, we had a fun classroom session of theories and a dry run of tying coral fragments onto a Reef Star, the structure used in the MARRS method.

The following week, the whole group went to Tulamben in north Bali to dive at the shallow reef to observe the reef and add two Reef Stars at a previous restoration site. This activity was followed by the children's first shipwreck dive! The beauty of the surrounding reefs pulled us all in and never ceases to amaze us. And as usual, we love spending time with these high-spirited children! With this second session of the outreach program, we hope to grow awareness and a sense of belonging to the ocean for these young ocean defenders. We look forward to having a continuation of such opportunities in the future, reaching far and wide and spreading love for the ocean that connects us all.

## Developing an Ocean-Themed Children's Story Book with the Asia Foundation's Let's Read Program

CTC is collaborating with the Let's Read Program of the Asia Foundation to develop children's books focused on marine conservation. As part of this project, we recently hosted a writing and illustration workshop on April 9-12, 2022 at our Center for Marine Conservation in Sanur, Bali. There were a total of 10 participants who joined the workshop, including three writers from CTC. The writers and illustrators worked together in the development of an ocean-themed children's book. The workshop explored methods of developing a children's story book in detail. The writing workshop was facilitated by the Litara Foundation. Through the development of children's story books that tell engaging stories about marine life and conservation, we hope to be able to inspire children to save our oceans.



## CTC's Center for Marine Conservation Welcomes Post-Pandemic Increase in Visitors and Field Visits



This quarter, CTC received an influx of visitors to our Center for Marine Conservation. We received 1,091 visitors during the first six months of the year, compared to only 605 for the entire 2021. Some of the group visitors are mentioned in detail below.

On April 13, 2022, we received a group of visitors from the Rotary Club of Bali Seminyak to explore possible collaborations on education, environment and other social movements. During the visit, the group went for a tour around the center and listened to a presentation by CTC Executive Director Rili Djohani about CTC's programs in Indonesia and the Coral Triangle as well as our fun learning programs and upcoming exhibitions at the Center for Marine Conservation. The members were very engaged and keen to support our work, particularly our Adopt-a-Coral program and community-based coral rehabilitation project in Nusa Penida.

On May 19, 2022, a team from Microsoft Asia-Pacific region visited us for half a day of fun learning activities as part of their social program in Bali. Apart from the tour of the Center, the group had the chance to learn more about marine ecosystems and conservation through the Aquatico board game which they played during the visit. They capped off their visit by challenging each other in our Escape Rooms SOS from the Deep and SOS Plastic Danger.



On May 10 and 11, Resonance Global hosted a meeting at our Center for Marine Conservation to launch the second phase of the Indonesia Tuna Consortium. The two-day activities started with a fun learning trip to our learning site in the Nusa Penida MPA. The activity engaged the local community to learn about MPAs from the perspective of locals. The group, composed of Indonesian and international fisheries management experts, visited temples, experienced coral transplantation, and also snorkeled in the MPA.

On May 9-12, CTC hosted a three-day hybrid meeting between the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat and partners from WWF, USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia, USAID SUFIA Project, as well as from the Conservation Finance Alliance. The group, discussed priorities for the year and various ways to support the CTI-CFF's mission and activities at the regional and international level including scaling up capacity to manage MPAs, establishing a regional trust fund, and leveraging networks to highlight the CTI-CFF amongst global and international platforms and communication channels.



As a follow up to that meeting, USAID Asia Mission Director Dr. Steven G. Olive visited us and met with CTC Executive Director Rili Djohani, and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Executive Director Dr. Mohd Kushairi, key regional stakeholders May 14, to discuss various ways to promote common goals such as sustainable fisheries and marine biodiversity conservation in the IndoPacific. Dr. Olive emphasized the importance of partnerships in solving the region's complex transboundary issues and reaffirmed USAID's support and partnership in safeguarding the region's fisheries and marine resources.



In May, we welcomed our Science Advisory Board Member, Dr. Rodney Salm with his wife and friends to our Center for Marine Conservation. They noted the progress of our facilities and upcoming exhibits, as well as of our programs during the presentation by CTC's Executive Director, Rili Djohani. The group was particularly inspired by the Wayang Samudra (Ocean Puppets). By using this centuries old tradition, CTC is reaching out to local communities to discuss threats to the ocean and marine conservation activities.

In June, we hosted 32 members of Marine Buddies from Surabaya, Jakarta, Yogyakarta, Kupang, Labuan Bajo, Ambon, Jayapura, Balikpapan, Jambi, and Bali for half a day of fun learning activities. Marine Buddies is a community youth group supported by WWF Indonesia that campaigns on marine issues and engages the wider community to take part in marine conservation. Their visit to CTC is part of their Youth Summer program in Bali. They visited various organizations, including CTC, to learn and be inspired by various programs that they can adapt to engage a wider audience to play a role in taking care of the marine environment.

In June, we were delighted to have Celly Catharina and her friends at our Center for Marine Conservation. The Senior Marine Program Specialist for USAID took a two-day Open Water Diver Course at the Coral Dive School. The Open Water Diver Course consists of in-class training for theory and an examination on open water with practice in the pool and the ocean. This course will ensure a student has the skills to become truly comfortable underwater.



## Fun Learning Activities for School Children to Celebrate Earth Day 2022



Earth Day is celebrated around the world to promote awareness about environmental issues. On April 25, CTC, in collaboration with the Nuansa Pulau Community Group, celebrated Earth Day 2022 with fun learning activities as an outreach event with local children in the Ped villages in Nusa Penida. The theme was "Invest in Our Planet, Let's Protect Our Coral Reefs".

The event was supported by the Nordic Green Run and attended by students from SDN 1 Ped, SDN 2 Ped and SDN 3 Ped. Throughout the event, the kids learned about coral reef ecosystems and restoration processes. They also had the opportunity to practice hands-on restoration by attaching coral fragments on a Reef Star structure. They were very attracted to the materials and games provided by the CTC team.



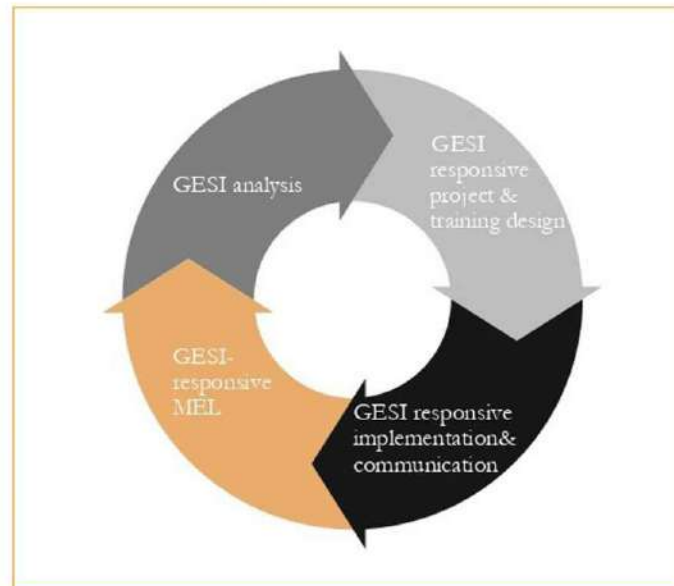
"I really support this event. Through this event, the kids learned new things about coral reef ecosystems, both their functions and benefits for us. I hope that in the future the kids will become more aware of the importance of this ecosystem and can contribute by doing small things such as not destroying coral reefs and not throwing garbage into the sea." said Ni Made Martini, the teacher from SDN 1 Ped. This activity aims to inspire young generations and raise their awareness of the importance of protecting coral reef ecosystems. CTC ensures that the knowledge transfer will empower the kids to take steps to protect their environment.

# INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

## CTC Strengthens Gender, Equality and Social Inclusion Principles Institutionally

During this quarter, CTC completed and finalized its Gender, Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) strategy, strengthening its commitment to further promote GESI principles institutionally and across all its programs across the region. Through this strategy, CTC recognizes that promoting GESI is key to achieving its mission to inspire generations to care for oceans - through improved marine resource management - and to ensure sustainable livelihoods and food security.

CTC's GESI Strategy was developed in collaboration with GESI Consultant Sally Yacoub through funding from the David and Lucille Packard Foundation's Organizational Effective Program. The strategy is based on the findings of a GESI assessment conducted earlier this year, in close consultation with a broad range of stakeholders, and which aimed to review of CTC's practices, processes, achievements, opportunities, and challenges in relation to GESI. With the implementation of the GESI Strategy, CTC seeks to achieve its mission through a GESI-responsive approach and to contribute to promoting GESI in the region. The objective of the GESI Strategy is to provide overall direction for CTC's GESI interventions and investments. It encompasses a summary of CTC's GESI commitments and overall approach along with guiding principles. It is intended for a diverse audience including CTC's staff, partners, and other stakeholders.

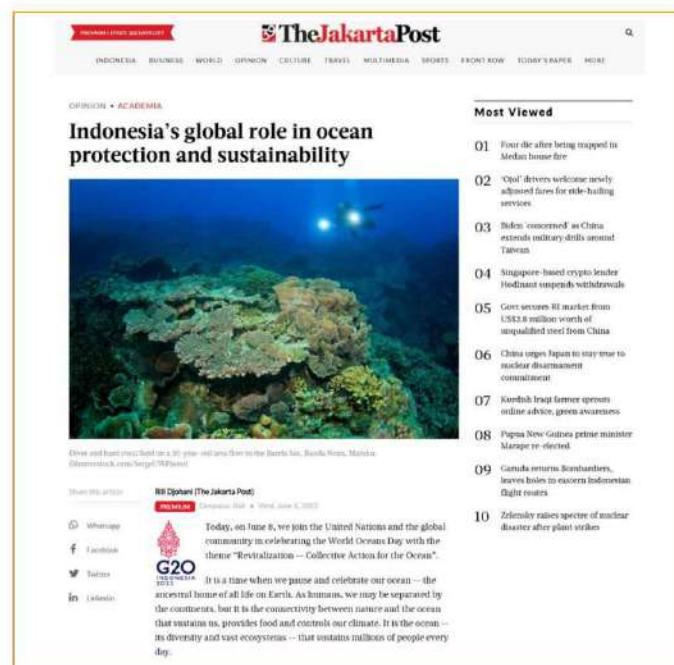


CTC's GESI Strategy is well aligned with and complements the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) - one of CTC's key strategic partners. Moreover, it would contribute to international conventions and commitments including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## CTC Outreach and Media

To mark World Ocean Day, CTC Executive Director Rili Djohani advocated for Indonesia to take a bigger role in catalyzing collective action for the ocean at the global level in an Op-Ed piece published in the Jakarta Post on June 8, 2022. She posed "The challenge for Indonesia is to scale up and galvanize international support for the sustainability of our environment and ocean. At the helm of this year's G20, Indonesia can play a role in ensuring that sustainability and ocean issues remain high on the G20 agenda and that world leaders continue to address these as urgent issues and commit to providing solutions going forward. The goal of protecting 30% of our global ocean will require an unprecedented level of innovation, collaboration, and commitment across a broad spectrum of stakeholders. Transformative approaches to governance and management are essential to expand protected areas," she noted. Her article can be read via the link: [bit.ly/CTCWorldOceanDay2022](https://bit.ly/CTCWorldOceanDay2022)

CTC was also featured by various local media in Lampung highlighting our work with women in Blue Swimming Crab Fisheries in Lampung.



## Wellness Activities at CTC

In late May, the CTC team officially started a weekly yoga class for our staff that takes place in the front yard of our office. The session, which begins after work hours, was led by a yoga instructor named Komang Desiani, a certified yoga teacher from One World Ayurveda. The team is enthusiastic about this activity as a space to relax their bodies and calm their minds.

In July, we started weekly table tennis activities in our office. It is a great way to bring CTC's staff together and foster a sense of community. Everyone who participated had a great time and enjoyed the chance to engage in friendly competition while also getting some exercise.

These two activities are a great way to build team spirit and provide wellness activities and opportunities for our team members.



## NEW TEAM MEMBER



**Aditya Adam Putra, Junior Communications Officer**

Adam joined CTC in May 2022. As Junior Communications Officer, he is responsible for ensuring the development of high quality and technically sound communications materials for external and internal audiences. He works closely with the Regional Communications and Program Coordinator to ensure that CTC's communication products support the overall mission and vision of the organization while catering to the specific audience and stakeholders of each department. In addition, Adam is responsible for managing CTC's social media platforms to expand the organization's social media presence. He supports CTC's outreach and community activities to further spread the message of marine conservation to a wider audience. Before joining CTC, Adam worked at Yayasan Reef Check Indonesia as a Design, Communication, and Campaign Consultant. There he assisted in the creation of a communication strategy, managed social media, and developed communication products, including press releases, brochures, posters.

# VOLUNTEER



**Florence Lui, Grant Writer**

Florence joined CTC as a volunteer under the Australian Volunteers International (AVI) program supporting the organization in grant and proposal writing activities. She developed an interest in how living organisms form minerals (including coral skeletons) during her graduate studies and she found the opportunity to contribute to CTC's mission highly attractive. Florence holds a Ph.D. from the School of Materials Science and Engineering at UNSW Sydney, Australia. She was a Fulbright Scholar at Cornell University, USA during this time and did an exchange semester at The University of Toronto, Canada. Prior to this, she completed a M.Sc. at The University of Tokyo, and worked in the investment and development sectors across the Asia Pacific region.

# INTERNS



**Ayla Huisman**

Ayla is a student from the Netherlands, studying International Tourism Management at NHTV Breda University of Professional Education. She has a big passion for sustainability, scuba diving and the ocean. During her one-month internship at CTC, she worked with the Communications team to develop social media content, promote the escape room amongst hotel and tourism operators in Sanur, and conduct research for CTC's exhibitions.



**Catherine Aisha Moerler**

Cathy is a sophomore student studying Bachelor of Arts in Marine Biology at Occidental College in California. She is interested in the intersection of environmentalism and biology. During her two-month internship at CTC, she worked with the Communications team. She developed social media content, conducted research used to design posters to create public awareness on endangered and threatened marine animals in the Nusa Penida MPA, and organized a beach clean-up for plastic free July, among others.



**George Colaco**

George is a fourth-year student at UCLA studying Mechanical Engineering and Conservation Biology. He is interested in conservation technology as he looks to pursue a master's degree that integrates engineering solutions to tackle ecological and environmental challenges. During his three-month internship at CTC, he researched on how to integrate underwater technologies into coral monitoring methods using low cost materials and integration of hyperspectral imaging systems. He helped design an exhibit using 3D prints of mangrove roots to visualize pneumatophore gas exchange.



**Mia Dwi Lestari**

Mia is a third-year Indonesian student majoring in Biology at Dhyana Pura University in Bali. Her love for nature inspired her to contribute to nature conservation. As a student, she conducted research on mangroves and their medicinal properties. During her five-month internship at CTC, she supported the implementation of our conservation programs in the Nusa Penida MPA, which included mangrove rehabilitation.



**Sahil Gosain**

Sahil is a third-year student at UCLA studying Mechanical Engineering. During his three-month internship at CTC, he researched on improved methods for coral reef monitoring including devising a project plan and report for the development of a low-cost underwater remotely operated vehicle for coral reef monitoring. He also designed system to replicate mangrove root structure and function in educational exhibit using 3D scanning software and CAD techniques



**Simona Hamilton**

Simona recently graduated from James Cook University in Australia with a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Science. She was awarded the New Colombo Plan Scholarship, a program to enhance knowledge, capability and connections between Indo-Pacific nations and Australia's future leaders. During her internship at CTC, Simona supported CTC's learning sites team in data collection and reporting for the Nusa Penida MPA.



**Yesha Ainesis Pelupessy**

Yesha is a third-year Indonesian student at Dhyana Pura University in Bali pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She has been constantly arming herself with all the information required to comprehend the science and state of Bali's coral reefs on a deeper level. She is also a skilled English instructor and tutor. During her five-month internship at CTC, she contributed significantly to the execution of our conservation initiatives in the Nusa Penida MPA which included mangrove rehabilitation and coral restoration.



# COLLABORATION

## National Governments in the Asia Pacific Region

01. Coral Triangle Initiative for Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat and National Coordinating Committees
02. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Timor-Leste
03. Center for South China Studies of Ministry Foreign Affairs
04. Department of Marine Parks, Malaysia
05. Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)

## Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) of the Government of Indonesia

01. MMAF Human Resources & Community Development Agency (BPSDM-KP)
02. MMAF DG KP3K, Directorate KKJI
03. MMAF Directorate Marine Biodiversity Conservation Area (KKHL)\*
04. MMAF Fisheries Training Center in Banyuwangi
05. MMAF Fisheries Training Center in Tegal
06. MMAF Fisheries Training Center in Ambon
07. MMAF BPSPL Denpasar
08. MMAF Balai Kawasan Konservasi Perairan Nasional (BKPPN) Kupang
09. MMAF Pengawas Sumberdaya Kelautan Pos Banda

## Provincial Governments and Agencies

01. Bali Provincial Government (Dinas Kelautan dan Perikanan)
02. NTT Provincial Government (Dewan Kawasan Konservasi Perairan Nasional - DKKPN)
03. Maluku Provincial Government (Bappeda and Dinas Kelautan dan Perikanan)
04. Klungkung District Government (Bupati, Bappeda, Dinas Peternakan- Perikanan dan Kelautan, Dinas Pariwisata)
05. Klungkung Regency Government (Pemerintah Klungkung)
06. Central Maluku District Government (District Planning and Marine-Fisheries Office)
07. Seram Timur District Government (Dinas Kelautan dan Perikanan)
08. Certification Institute for Marine Core Competencies - LSPK (Lembaga Sertifikasi Profesi Kelautan)
09. Pusat Pelatihan Mandiri Kelautan dan Perikanan (P2MKP)
10. Balai Teknologi Industri Kreatif Keramik (BBPT-BTIKK)
11. Balai Pengelolaan Hutan Mangrove Wilayah I

## Non Government Organizations

01. International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI)
02. Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC)
03. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
04. The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
05. World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
06. Conservation International (CI)
07. RARE Conservation
08. Conservation Strategic Fund (CSF)
09. Pusat Pendidikan Lingkungan Hidup (PPLH) Bali
10. Yayasan Bahtera Nusantara - Bali
11. Yayasan Nusa Wisata, Nusa Penida
12. Friends of National Park Foundation - Nusa Penida
13. Yayasan Warisan Budaya Banda Naira - Kepulauan Banda
14. Aquatic Alliance Foundation
15. Yayasan Masyarakat dan Perikanan Indonesia (MDPI)
16. Mission Blue
17. Plastic Pollution Coalition
18. Reef Word Foundation
19. Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)
20. Starling Resources
21. Oceanic Society
22. Lembaga Partisipasi Pembangunan Masyarakat (LPPM)
23. eL SiL Kie Raha
24. Yayasan Baiteo
25. Role Foundation
26. Australian Volunteers International (AVI)
27. Studio Gelombang
28. Seattle Aquarium
29. Mars Sustainable Solutions

## Academic Institutions

01. Australian Tropical Marine Alliance (ATMA)
02. Murdoch University - Australia
03. Georgia University - USA
04. Wageningen University - Netherlands
05. Western University of Australia
06. Victoria Shanghai Academy - Hongkong
07. Indonesian Institute for Science - LIPI
08. Institut Pertanian Bogor - IPB
09. Brawijaya University - UNIBRAW
10. Udayana University - UNUD
11. Hasanudin University - UNHAS
12. Diponegoro University - UNDIP
13. Pattimura University - UNPATTI
14. University Warmadewa in Bali
15. Sekolah Tinggi Perikanan - STP
16. Universitas Pendidikan Ganesha Singaraja - UNDIKSA
17. University of Khairun
18. Sekolah Tinggi Perikanan Hatta Syahrir
19. University of Darussalam

## Private/Corporates/Agencies

01. World Ocean Council
02. Young Presidents Organization
03. National Geographic Society
04. Asian Geographic Magazines Pte Ltd
05. The Body Shop Indonesia
06. Jenggala
07. Grand Luley Resort
08. Kummara
09. GummyBox
10. OceanBeltz
11. PADI
12. Hotels in Bali (Hard Rock Hotel Bali, Fairmont, Mercure, Sudamala, Prama, Sanur Paradise, Tandjung Sari)
13. Dive Operators Community Komodo (DOCK)
14. GAHAWISRI Bali
15. GAHAWISRI Maluku
16. Smiling Tours
17. Buffalo Tours
18. Tierra Mar
19. Sustainable Solutions
20. Studio JvG

## Bali and Nusa Penida

01. Lembongan Marine Association
02. Nusa Lembongan World Diving
03. Lembongan Dive Center
04. Lembongan Dive Operator Association
05. Blue Corner Dive Center
06. Big Fish Dive Center
07. Two Fish Dive Center
08. Bali Hai Cruise
09. Crystal Dive Center
10. All4diving
11. Ena Dive Center Marine Adventures
12. LivingSeas
13. Bali Diving Academy
14. Ceningan Divers Resort
15. Reef Seen Resort

## Maluku and North Maluku

01. Blue Motion Dive Center
02. Mahu Lodge
03. Pari Dive

## Community Based Organizations (CBOs)

### Bali & Nusa Penida

01. Satya Posana Nusa
02. Celagi Buana Putra
03. Majelis Alit
04. Forum Krama Muda
05. Mangrove Tour Jungut Batu
06. Forum Petani Rumpun Laut
07. Forum Nelayan
08. Karang Taruna Sanur Kajah
09. Yayasan Pembangunan Sanur
10. Kelompok Nuansa Pulau

### Banda

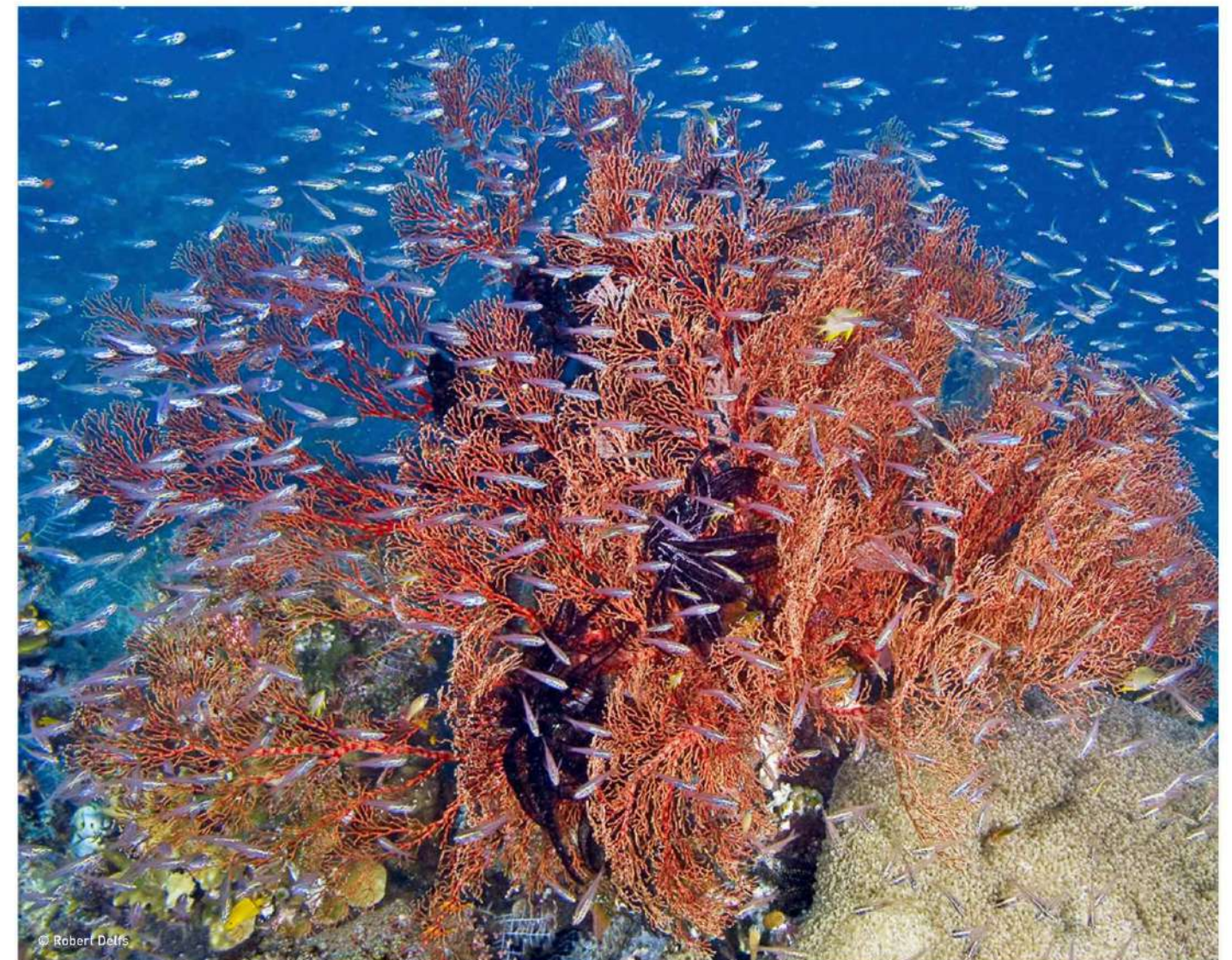
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02. Kelompok Konservasi Masyarakat Pulau Rhun
03. Kelompok Konservasi Masyarakat Pulau Hatta
04. Kelompok Kreatif Anak Banda (KKAB)

### Lease, Sula and Buano Islands

01. Moluccas Coastal Care (MCC)
02. Happy Green Islands (HGI)
03. Klasis Gereja Protestan Maluku
04. DPD Komite Nasional Pemuda Indonesia (KNPI)

## Donors

01. SymAsia Foundation
02. Rainbow Foundation
03. David and Lucile Packard
04. Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies
05. Walton Family Foundation
06. Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund (CEPF)
07. Waterloo Foundation
08. National Geographic
09. Hard Rock Hotel Bali
10. USAID Sustainable Ecosystems Advanced (SEA) Project
11. USDO (United States Department of Interior)
12. Australian Government (Department of Environment & Energy)
13. AusAid (Australian Consulate-General Bali)
14. UN Environment Programme
15. Arafura and Timor Seas Ecosystem Approach (ATSEA)
16. Bloomberg Philanthropies



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