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Activity 1.3 Public consultation 3.1 Capacity Building

We held 3 days of meetings with 12 Panglima laots (PL). The increased number of attendees was possible through collaboration with other agencies. Various speakers were invited from government, non-government bodies and universities to discuss the survey results and what areas could be protected. In total, 15 coral reefs along the west coast have been identified along with areas of mangroves and sea grass on Aceh Islands.

Panglima's all expressed commitment to protect areas crucial for regeneration of marine life. They were also very vocal on the need to stop fishermen using destructive methods. They asked for help from various responsible government agencies although they seemed unable to help for various reasons. As a result the P.Ls will identify the areas fisherman are using these methods and name the villages the fishermen come from. This will be passed on to police.



Left: 3 days meetings, consultation and capacity building with Panglima Laots and other stakeholders, Academia, Government, International and local NGOs, District and Provincial Panglima Laot's. Right: Mangrove forests surveyed on Pulau Nasi, one of the Aceh Islands.