

## Project Update: February 2017

Capacity building and exchange visit for Sandwatch teams, Breuh & Nasi Island.

Teams composed of six teachers, six students, six community (chosen by village leaders) and head of Aceh customary law council for Aceh Island, a total of 37 participants.

2 days of activities included presentations and lively discussions on impact and importance of six topics - weather/climate, beach & coastal litter, mangroves, seagrass, coral reefs and turtle nesting. Participants split into two groups for island specific discussions. Participants have high expectations for the impact of this project especially as community, students and schools will work together.



*Figure 1: Capacity building Group 1, discussions on climate change impact.*



*Figure 2: Exchange visit to Lhoknga High School, group photo with Head of School.*

The exchange visit to Lhoknga High School was very motivating due to excellent presentations from school head and teachers. This school continues Sandwatch launched in 2013 and will support the island teams. A lot of the discussion focused on turtle nesting as teachers want to implement soon as it is now turtle nesting season.

Sandwatch project mentoring will start in the schools (sea conditions permitting) after provincial elections in February 2017.