

## Project Update: July 2017

Aceh Islands Festival, initiated by Lamjabat Foundation collaborated with Provincial Aceh Culture, Tourism agency, Aceh Besar (District) Department of Culture, Tourism, Youth and Sports & Fisheries, Ministry of Education and Culture, Friends of the Sea and IPPELMAPA, Aceh Islands student network.

The new District Head and Provincial Head of Culture, Tourism attended and co-funded the events. Sandwatch project senior high school students performed Island traditional dances, exhibited recycled handicrafts, participated in beach clean-up with 100 or so volunteers and planted 500 mangrove seedlings with another 500 mangroves and 50 coconut seedlings to plant another day. Seedlings donated to us by Watershed Protection Centre, Environment & Forestry Ministry. On 1 beach 115 kg of plastic waste was collected originating from Thailand, Malaysia, India and Indonesia and taken to a recycling centre in Banda Aceh.

The District Head has asked to see the coral reefs in the marine protected areas of Peukanbada and Aceh Islands and promised to hold an annual Aceh Island festival.



Left: Sandwatch school students planting mangroves with the help of other youth volunteers and Lamjabat mangrove team. Right: Sandwatch school students and volunteers after one beach clean-up near the festival site.