

Project Update: June 2017

Activity 2.5 Mentoring Sandwatch

Monitoring and evaluation of Sandwatch project took place in May 2017 to get direct feedback from participants. Teachers want to incorporate Sandwatch into school curriculum. School students created action plans based on results from field activities. Below are a couple of examples.

- 1- Turtles: Many predators of eggs on land / turtles caught as bycatch and tangled in nets in shallow water/ trash on beach makes nesting difficult. Action plan - set up hatchery/ socialise turtle bycatch concerns to fishermen, limit use of shallow nets in turtle nesting season, clean up nesting beaches.
- 2- Trash: This damages corals, seagrass, mangroves, marine life eat plastic bags, negative impact on tourism. Action plan - regular beach clean ups/sort plastic and non-organic waste, recycling waste into handicrafts/ rubbish bins on beaches. Signs to stop littering.

Aceh Islands Festival is in July and each school will have an exhibition stand to promote their Sandwatch activities and action plan. Preparation for decoration and information has already begun with the help of the Aceh Island University students.



Left: Breuh Island- Donating life jackets, masks and fins to senior high school for reef checks. Right: Nasi Island high school, YL team, university students and senior high school students completing Sandwatch activities.