

Project Update: March 2017

Sandwatch project mentoring on the islands took place over 5 days from 24th-28th February 2017, 2 full days on each island. The Pulau Aceh student network led on the presentations and discussions in the schools supported by the teachers. YL team attended all sessions and were on hand to give guidance where necessary. The field activities with the community representatives included measuring and identifying mangrove species, beach use and biodiversity (plants and animals), setting up a turtle nesting protection area, identifying impacts of seasonal weather and beach changes, collecting, analysing and weighing trash separating into local and international. They also observed corals and sea grass at low tide. The school students were enthusiastic and motivated by the enthusiasm of the university students and teachers. Indonesian Ocean and Fisheries Director General for Spatial Planning and budgets and the Director of Conservation Marine Species Sumatra came to see the project in the field and are now considering replicating this project in other locations.

Photos: Sandwatch project.



Left: Breuh island school students collect and analyse the trash on one of the beaches. Right: Nasi Island school students survey and identify mangroves.