

Project Update: March 2018

Activities

Turtle and dugong conservation stakeholder meetings have taken place. Stakeholders attending: Provincial, district government for species protection, fishing commanders, academics, active student and community groups, International and local NGOs. Discussions focused on identifying threats and actions to mitigate threats to dugongs and turtles in coastal waters. Recommendations and conclusions were produced with responsibility for taking action by stakeholders agreed including:

- Establishing Aceh Province Turtle Conservation Group and Network (ATCN) to support new community conservation groups by existing community conservation groups.
- Establish legality of ACTN by decree from Governor of Aceh.
- Data collection of turtles nesting, hatchlings, dugong sightings at source, collated by PKSL (Centre for study of wildlife) at province level. Data held at Syiah Kuala University.
- Conservation efforts to focus on protection of ecosystems where species feed and nest.

Outcomes this turtle season

- Increase in community turtle protection groups and numbers of hatchlings released
- Indonesia National Seagrass, Dugong Conservation visited Aceh to collect data on sea grass and dugongs. This is new data for Indonesia at national level.



Left: First stakeholder meeting on conservation management of turtles and dugongs.
Right: New Location on Aceh Islands community based release of turtle hatchlings.