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The training that has been successfully conducted with 20 (ten of them are senior high school students coming from fishermen community) selected participants. In indoor activities, we discussed about basic ecosystem concept, coral reef biology and threats, and media analysis. Key speakers were from Natural Resources Conservation agency, Fishery and Marine Agency, and Gaung NTB (Local Newspaper).

In outdoor activities, participants observed good and bad coral reefs and discussed what causes the differences. Short written reports and drawings were produced. They also discussed about how land-based debris enters rivers, coast, and the sea.

In live-in with fishermen community, participants explored the social economics of fishermen by observation and interview. And of course, they built good relationship with the community. Here, we held a discussion on documentary film with Benang Merah Production followed by watching movies together with the community.

The closing ceremony was attended by all participants, school officials, participants' parents, key speakers, and some other government agencies representatives. Participants presented two short theatrical performances about coral reefs conservation in Sumbawa Island. Next update will contain major outcomes from the training.



Left: Sharing thoughts about environmental news in Media. Right: Watching movies together with fishermen.