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*Our Vision*

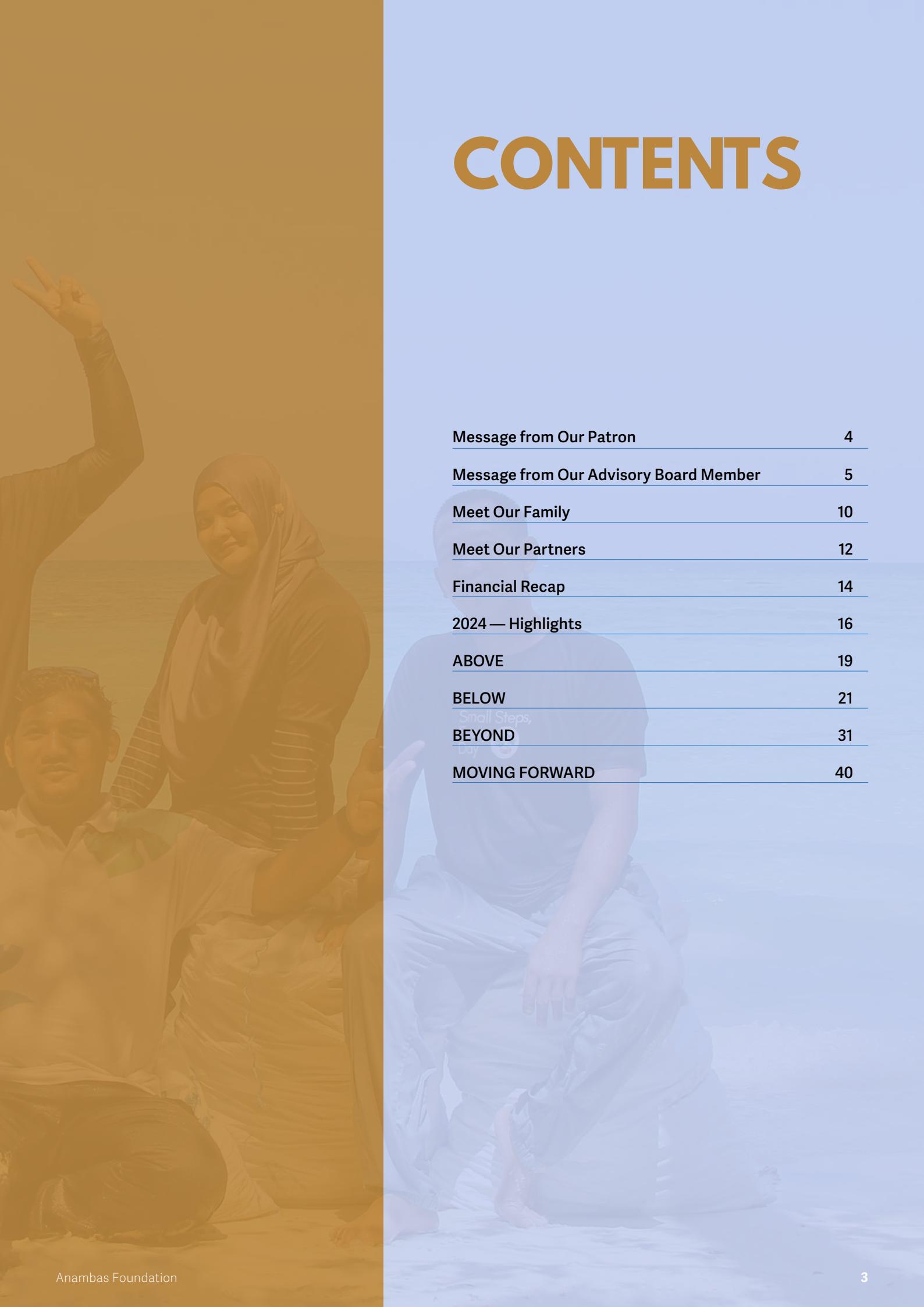
**A sustainable Anambas islands where healthy ecosystems support resilient, thriving communities.**

*Our Mission*

**The Anambas Foundation is an Indonesian foundation that aims to improve the overall ecosystem in the Anambas islands, both underwater and terrestrial, as well as sustainably lifting the community's welfare**

*Our Pillars*

**Above • Below • Beyond**



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# TIM HARTNOLL



As Patron of the Anambas Foundation, it continues to be an honor to witness the transformative work the team is doing for the communities and ecosystems of the Anambas Islands. Over the past year, the Foundation has taken significant strides in expanding its reach and impact, and I am excited to see its growing reputation both nationally and internationally. Our vision for the future is clear: we aim for the Anambas Foundation to become a recognized leader in environmental conservation and community development, inspiring others to follow our example.

Marine Conservation has been a cornerstone of the Foundation's work, and this year, we are particularly focused on furthering research in the Anambas Islands. The protection and rehabilitation of our coral reefs and sea turtles have already yielded valuable insights, and we believe there is tremendous potential for this work to contribute to the wider field of marine research. The Foundation's turtle conservation efforts, which began on Bawah Island, are now expanding to Jemaja Island. By collaborating with local conservation groups, we are ensuring the protection of sea turtle eggs and gathering vital data for ongoing research. I am excited to see how these projects continue to enrich our understanding of marine ecosystems and contribute to global conservation efforts.

Equally important is the Foundation's work to empower the women of Anambas. Through initiatives like the Women's Empowerment program and the Mangrove Ecoprint project, we are creating opportunities for women to engage in meaningful, sustainable livelihoods while promoting environmental stewardship. These projects not only provide women with essential skills but also give them the platform to become leaders within their communities. I am deeply passionate about the role women can play in shaping the future of Anambas, and it's inspiring to see the positive impact these programs have had on women and their families.

As we continue to grow and expand our initiatives in the coming year, I remain committed to the mission of the Anambas Foundation. With each new project, we take a step closer to achieving lasting, meaningful change in Anambas, and I am confident that the impact of our work will continue to grow. Looking ahead, I envision a future where the Foundation's efforts extend far beyond the islands, serving as a model for other communities striving to protect their environment and empower their people.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this journey. Together, we are building a brighter and more sustainable future for the Anambas Islands.

MESSAGE FROM  
ADVISORY BOARD  
MEMBER

# RIZAL MALIK



Anambas Foundation has steadily built a strong reputation regionally for its commitment to conservation and community development, working to tackle environmental challenges while supporting local livelihoods.

As we enter our seventh year, this is a good time to reflect on our journey, evaluate our impact, and plan for the future. Conservation and community development require long-term dedication. While we have made great progress, the world around us continues to change which means we must regularly review our strategies to stay relevant.

The next phase for the Anambas Foundation is not just about growth but about building resilience. We need to refine our strategies, strengthen our initiatives, and prepare for the uncertainties ahead.

Now is the time to consolidate our successes, adapt to new challenges, and create a plan that will ensure the Foundation's work continues to make a difference for years to come.

# IDA MOKHSEN



Coming from the Natuna area, I see my involvement as a meaningful way to contribute to conservation efforts and support island communities.

The Anambas Foundation has taken a well-rounded approach to conservation, blending environmental protection with community-driven initiatives. Programs like waste banks don't just reduce pollution—they also create economic value by repurposing materials, such as transforming textile waste into reusable bags and equipping local women with new skills and income opportunities.

What makes the Foundation's work particularly impactful is how its early initiatives in Pulau Bawah, which laid the groundwork for its establishment in 2018, can now serve as a model for sustainable conservation across other islands. By showcasing effective strategies, these efforts provide valuable insights for local governments looking to scale up conservation and protect Anambas' rich ecosystems.

As we enter 2025, I look forward to seeing the Foundation's work continue to grow—ensuring not only the success of conservation in Anambas but also inspiring greater recognition and support from individuals and government agencies beyond the Riau Islands.

MESSAGE FROM  
ADVISORY BOARD  
MEMBER

# JERRY WINATA



Seven years ago, I could not have imagined the significant progress the Anambas Foundation has made. The expansion of our waste management program from two villages to a network of 19 villages is a clear reflection of the team's dedication and hard work.

Our work in marine conservation has also made notable strides. We've not only rehabilitated extensive areas of damaged coral reefs but have also seen encouraging growth in the sea turtle population. These achievements highlight our ongoing commitment to protecting the marine ecosystem that supports our community.

At the heart of our success is our strong collaboration with the local community and government. Their insights, cooperation, and active involvement have been essential in shaping and implementing our programs. The continued support from our generous donors has also been key to turning our vision into reality.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, we recognize that challenges remain. The needs of the community are always evolving, and we must remain flexible and innovative to ensure our programs stay relevant and effective. Our focus now is on improving the quality of our initiatives, refining our strategies, and strengthening our partnerships to further benefit the people of Anambas.

We are dedicated to fostering a culture of continuous learning and improvement within our organization. By using data-driven insights, and investing in capacity building, we aim to enhance our operations and maximize our impact.

Looking ahead, we are optimistic about the future. With the continued support of our partners, donors, and the community, we are confident that we can build on our progress and create a lasting impact in Anambas.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. Together, we can continue to build a brighter future for Anambas and its people.

# DEVINA MARISKOVA



When I looked at the numbers: 19 villages, 234 tons of waste, 32 underwater sites, 9,500 coral fragments, and many more, I saw not just what Anambas Foundation accomplished in 2024, but also how it has shaped the Anambas Archipelago. These figures reflect real changes, real progress, and real impact.

Joining the Foundation in October 2024, I was immediately struck by the strength of its foundation and the dedication of its team. Their unwavering commitment to creating lasting change is evident in every program and initiative. The Financial Recap highlights the Board's steadfast support in facilitating meaningful transformation in the Anambas Islands. Every expenditure reflects the Foundation's responsibility in assisting villages and communities to restore ecosystems and improve livelihoods.

The past year's highlights go beyond the numbers. International recognition through grants and awards, as well as the Indonesian government's support in technical assistance and equipment, affirm the value of the Foundation's work. Seven years after its establishment, Anambas Foundation stands at a pivotal moment—ready to embrace new challenges in environmental conservation and community empowerment.

To ensure lasting impact, we must invest in our greatest asset: our

team, most of whom are local people. By equipping them with the right skills and knowledge, they will become agents of change in their respective villages. Strengthening our team's capacity will encourage innovative thinking and adaptability, enabling us to refine and expand our programs for greater reach and effectiveness. At the same time, promoting the Foundation at both national and international levels will open doors to new partnerships and resources, amplifying our efforts. Beyond that, building stronger collaborations with organizations beyond our immediate surroundings will bring fresh perspectives and shared solutions.

Anambas holds immense potential in conservation-based tourism, offering opportunities for sustainable economic growth while protecting its natural treasures. By leveraging this potential, we can further support local communities and reinforce the balance between environmental preservation and economic resilience.

As we move forward, our mission remains clear: to protect and restore Anambas' natural environment while empowering its people. By staying adaptable, fostering innovation, strengthening partnerships, and embracing new opportunities, we will ensure that the Foundation's impact continues to grow for years to come.



# MEET OUR FAMILY

Behind every coral planted, every waste pickup, and every child learning English is a group of passionate individuals who make it all happen. The Anambas Foundation is powered by a team of local and national professionals who bring heart, dedication, and a deep love for the islands to everything they do. From field staff working directly with communities to the support team that keeps operations running smoothly, each member plays a vital role in turning ideas into action. Our shared belief in a better future for Anambas are what make this journey possible.

 <p><b>DEVINA MARISKOVA</b> Head of Foundation</p> <p>Devina has over 20 years of experience in education and international development, with a focus on sustainability, capacity building, and community-driven change. Prior to joining the Anambas Foundation, she worked with various organizations to expand access to education and build partnerships across sectors. She holds an MBA in Sustainability from ITB and a degree in Economics from the University of Indonesia, and is passionate about aligning conservation with community resilience.</p>	 <p><b>DIAN ARTHEN</b> Communications &amp; Public Affairs Manager</p> <p>Prior to joining the Anambas Foundation, Dian worked as a lifestyle journalist for two different English-language publications in Indonesia. She is passionate about gender equality and is currently trying to practice an eco-friendlier lifestyle. Besides managing all the communications and public affairs at the Foundation, she and Lilian are currently in charge of the Women's Empowerment programme.</p>	 <p><b>ANDI MAULANA</b> Admin &amp; Finance</p> <p>Andi studied hospitality and tourism for his diploma and worked in the hospitality industry before joining the Anambas Foundation in 2022. He is in charge of finances, negotiating contracts, and the procurement and distribution of materials, equipment, machinery and supplies for the team on the ground.</p>
 <p><b>ALVINO DWIE PUTRA</b> Community Development Program Manager</p> <p>Vino studied Architectural Engineering for his undergraduate studies at Gunadarma University in Jakarta. He worked as a junior architect and an interior designer in Bandung and Jakarta before returning to Riau Islands. He now lives in Tarempa, Anambas where he did freelance projects before joining the Foundation team.</p>	 <p><b>VANDRIANA ARTIWI</b> Community Development Program Officer</p> <p>A Petroleum Engineering graduate from the Islamic University of Riau, Tiwi has long been active in various organizations. In Anambas, she focuses on education, women's empowerment, and promoting a circular economy. Her work includes supporting language learning for children, skill-building for women, and improving local waste management.</p>	 <p><b>RAHMAT HIDAYAT</b> Community Development Program Coordinator</p> <p>With a background in food technology, Dayat worked on agricultural community programs in the Anambas Islands. He helped develop the Foundation's Organic Farming program in Telaga in 2018 and officially joined in 2022 to oversee the Integrated Waste Management program in Palmatak.</p>
 <p><b>NADIANA</b> Community Development Program Coordinator</p> <p>Nadiana aims to improve her community service efforts through the IWM programme, and thereby help to keep Kiabu Village clean. In her spare time, she grows organic vegetables at home.</p>	 <p><b>GAYATRI</b> Community Development Program Facilitator</p> <p>Gayatri studied mechanical engineering at Sriwijaya State Polytechnic in Palembang. After graduation, she worked in Jakarta and Matak before joining the Foundation as a facilitator in charge of overseeing the waste management programme and activities at Langir village.</p>	 <p><b>MUHAMMAD RAZALI</b> Community Development Program Facilitator</p> <p>Zali studied education for his Bachelor's Degree. As part of the Kiabu community, he wants to bring positive changes to the village, in particular making the community more aware of waste.</p>

**MUHAMAD HABIBI**

Community  
Development  
Program Facilitator

Originally from Kuala Maras, Habibi worked at Bawah Reserve for three years before joining the Anambas Foundation in 2023 as a community facilitator. He leads development programs in his village, aiming to raise awareness about the importance of healthy ecosystems for both the environment and local livelihoods.

**HUSNI**

Community  
Development  
Program Facilitator

Husni grew up in a remote village and later studied Information Technology in Tanjung Pinang. He joined the Anambas Foundation in 2018 as a facilitator in Telaga Village, where he oversees Organic Farming, Women's Empowerment, and Waste Management programs, while serving as a liaison with local government.

**MUHAMMAD HENDRI**

Community  
Development  
Program Facilitator

Hendri previously worked as a truck driver for 20 years. He was first introduced to the Anambas Foundation through Dayat, and joined our family as Candi Village Facilitator. Through the IWM programme, his goal is a cleaner Palamatak, where the community is both aware of waste management and financially better off.

**RIO MUNARKO**

Community  
Development  
Program Facilitator

Rio studied mechanical engineering at PLN Jakarta Technical

High School, inspired by his passion for the automotive field and his family's background. After working as an Electrical Network Inspector at a PLN subsidiary, he joined the Anambas Foundation in 2024 as a facilitator in Landak Village. He is committed to contributing positively to the community and making a meaningful impact through his work.

**SYAIRUL**

Community  
Development  
Program Facilitator

Syairul has a background as a nature lover and enjoys outdoor activities such as mountain climbing, beach cleaning, and tree planting. Since joining the Anambas Foundation in 2024 and being assigned as a Facilitator for Kuala Maras Village, I have been determined to help educate the community about the waste management issues in Kuala Maras Village and the Jemaja Timur area.

**IRWANTO**

Community  
Development  
Program Facilitator

Irwan spent 14 years working in the oil and gas industry in Anambas

before shifting his focus to environmental sustainability. With support from the Anambas Foundation, he established a waste bank in Piasan Village and joined the foundation in 2024. He now dedicates his efforts to promoting circular economy practices and environmental education in North Siantan, turning waste into community value.

**NOVITA PERMATA  
PUTRI**

Marine Conservation  
Program Manager

Novita is a marine conservationist with a Marine

Science degree from Diponegoro University. She blends ecological preservation with community empowerment, supporting local leaders in shaping shared visions for marine restoration. Committed to inclusive, collaborative leadership, she promotes conservation efforts that benefit both coastal ecosystems and local economies.

**RAHMAN RITONGA**

Marine Conservation  
Program Officer

Rahman Ritonga graduated from Raja Ali Haji Maritime University with a degree in marine science, and began his career in conservation as an assistant to his college teachers. He has a strong passion for marine conservation, and is skilled in geographic/spatial analysis and reef monitoring activities.

**RAHMAT CAESAR  
HIDAYAT**

Marine Conservation  
Program Officer

A Conservation Biology graduate from the National University, Caesar has a strong background in conservation management and community engagement, including work at the Tuanan Orangutan Research Station. At the Anambas Foundation, he promotes environmental sustainability through science-based, community-driven efforts to protect biodiversity.

**AFIFA NAFISA  
WINDIYANA**

Marine Conservation  
Program Staff

Afifa studied Marine Science at Diponegoro

University and was part of the university's Marine Diving Club organisation. After completing her undergraduate studies, she received a coral restoration scholarship called Coral Catch in Gili Air, Lombok. She aims to improve marine ecosystems and help educate the public via social media.

**FAUZAN MAULANA**

Marine Conservation  
Program Staff

Fauzan Maulana holds a degree in Marine Science from Syiah Kuala University, specializing in turtle conservation. He has interned with the Aroen Meubanja Turtle Conservation Group and was awarded a research scholarship by the Wildlife Conservation Society. Currently, Fauzan serves as a Marine Conservation Program Staff member at the Anambas Foundation, where he combines scientific expertise with community empowerment to protect biodiversity for future generations.

**MIZAN**

Marine Conservation  
Village Facilitator

Mizan was a small-scale fisherman since he was in elementary school before working with the Anambas Foundation. After participating in the Guardians of the Anambas Seas program for about a year, he joined the Anambas Foundation as a village facilitator, where he coordinates marine conservation programs on Kiabu Island with local heroes. By joining the Anambas Foundation, he hopes to enhance the beauty of the underwater ecosystem in the Anambas archipelago.

# MEET OUR PARTNERS

The marine conservation team at Bawah Reserve plays a vital role in our fieldwork. From monitoring coral reefs to safeguarding turtle nests, they are on the frontlines of protecting the ocean's health. Their steady commitment helps keep Bawah's marine ecosystem thriving. We're grateful to have them alongside us in this important work.



## **JOHN NOLAN**

*Dive Centre Manager,  
Bawah Reserve*

John is a PADI dive instructor and marine biologist who loves being underwater. Having studied Zoology

at undergraduate level and with a Masters in Marine Conservation, he is passionate about the environment and what we can do to protect it. He has been a professional diver for six years and an instructor for four, working in Europe, Africa and Asia. He brings his passions for marine conservation and the underwater world to the task of restoring the coral reefs around Bawah Reserve while educating the public about what can be done to save our reefs.



## **CORINA DEWI RUSWANTI**

*Marine Biologist,  
Bawah Reserve*

Corina has a degree in Marine Science. With previous professional experience in marine conservation at Taka Foundation and Manta Watch, she is also trained in ecological documentary filmmaking. Working in a new and challenging environment has never been a problem for her, and she always tries to push herself a little bit further. In her spare time, she loves to explore new places and things.



## **SOPI SUSANTO**

*Dive Assistant,  
Bawah Reserve*

Sopi was raised in the Anambas and is a native of Kiabu, the closest inhabited island to Pulau Bawah. He

joined the Bawah Reserve team in 2018 and has since greatly improved his scuba diving skills and marine conservation knowledge. He is a qualified PADI Rescue Diver and has a particular interest in coral reef rehabilitation and sea turtle conservation.



## **MARTIN**

*Dive Assistant,  
Bawah Reserve*

Martin was raised in the Anambas and is from the village of Mengkait. He graduated from the Jakarta Fisheries College and recently qualified as a PADI Divemaster. He has been working for Bawah Reserve since 2018 and enjoys the amazing beauty of the underwater world that surrounds us. He has an interest in marine protection activities and has learnt a lot about marine conservation. He believes that increasing awareness and engagement with the local communities is vital to the success of marine conservation.



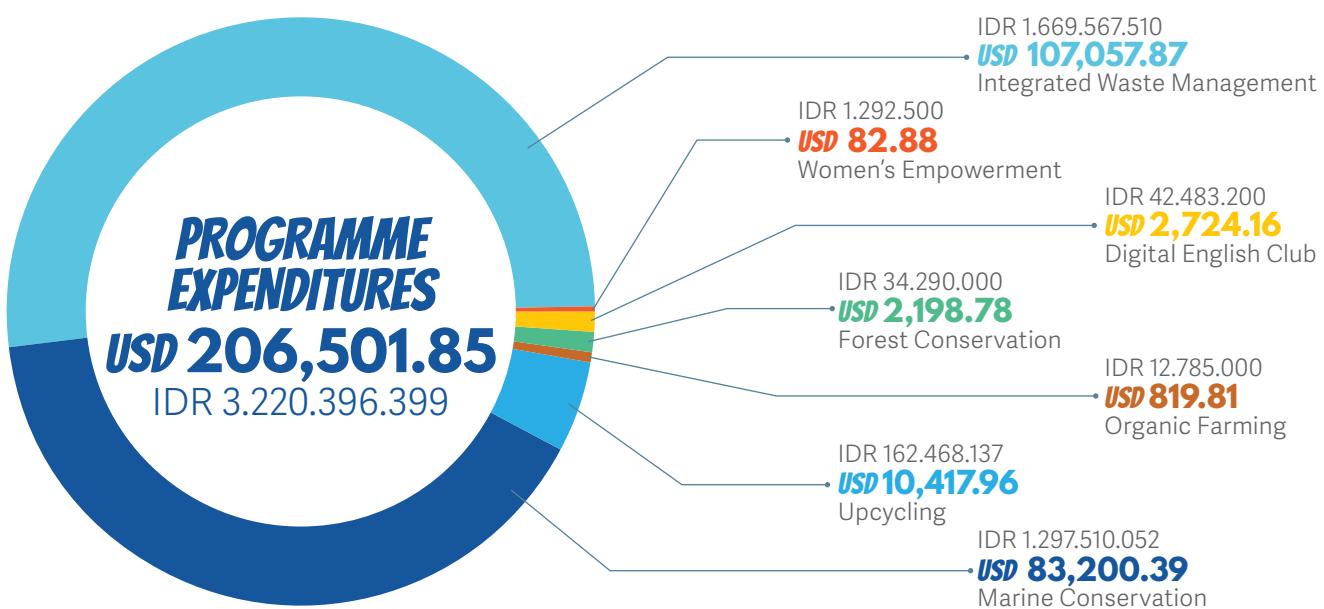
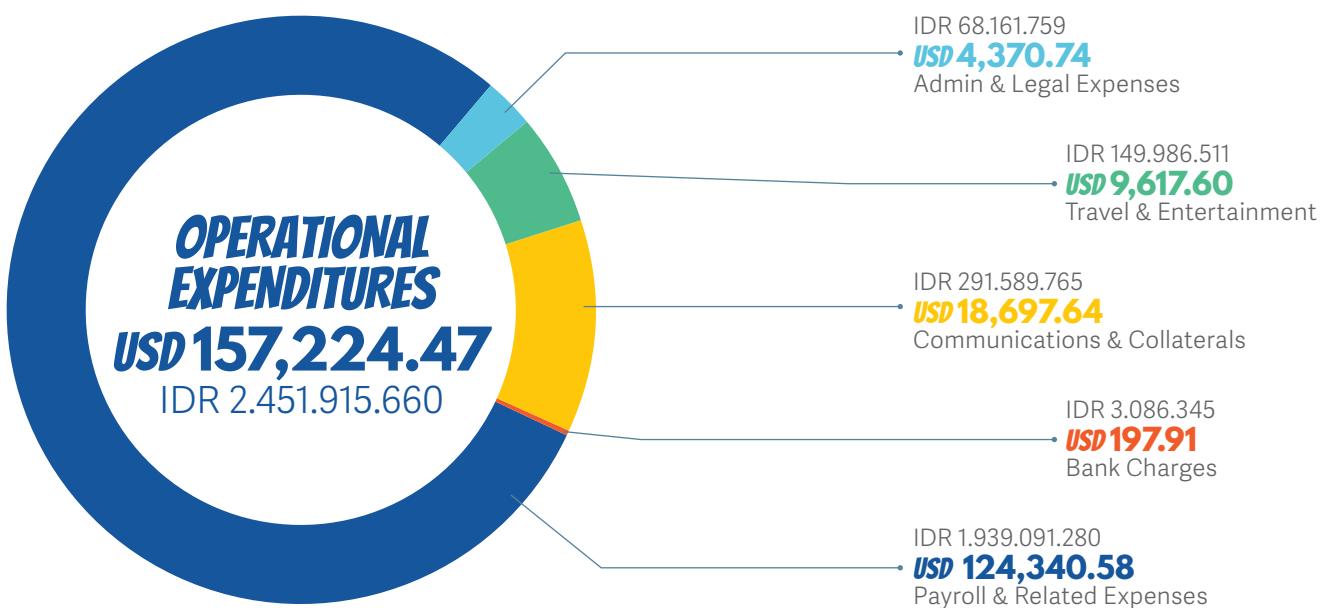
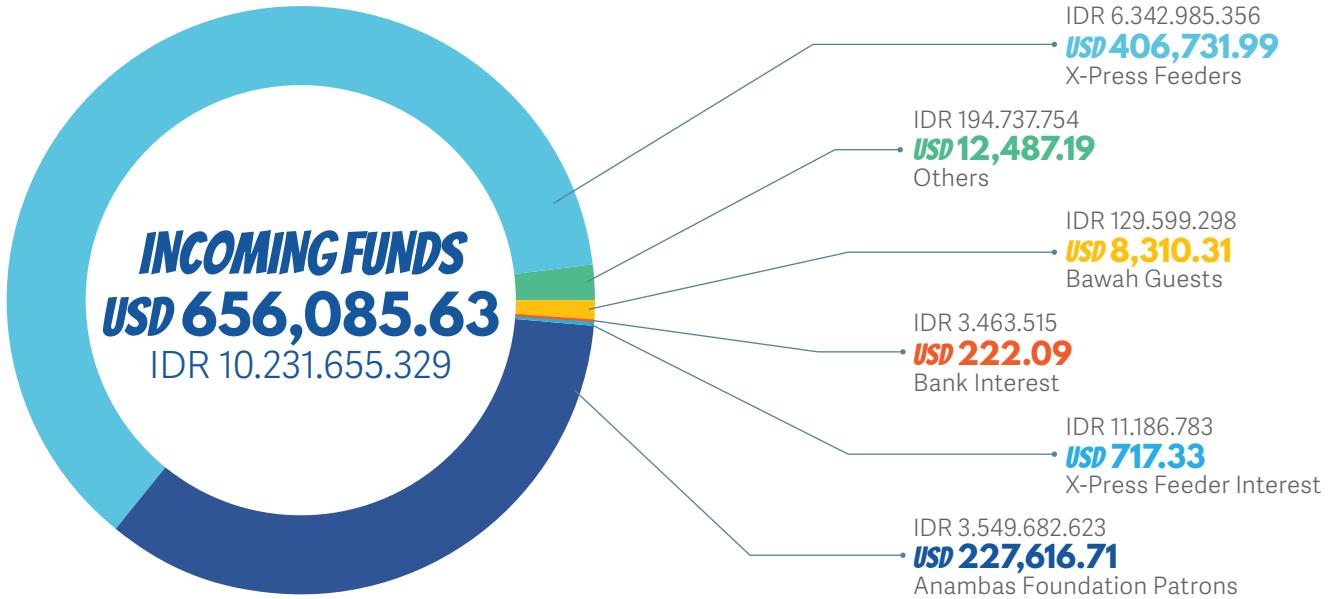
# FINANCIAL RECAP

At Anambas Foundation, we ensure that every contribution is put to work where it matters most, which are protecting nature and supporting communities. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and supporters, 100% of program-designated funds were used directly for conservation and community initiatives, while operational costs were fully covered by our dedicated patron.

## 2024 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Our financial model allows us to maximize resources for on-the-ground action while maintaining full transparency and accountability. As we move into 2025, we remain committed to using every donation efficiently to drive meaningful impact in Anambas Archipelago.



# 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

This year was filled with moments of progress and pride, strengthening our impact across conservation, community development, and beyond.

We started the year by improving our integrated waste management efforts, with our team participating in waste sorting training in Tanjung Pinang alongside a new waste collection partner. By the end of the year, we had successfully installed waste management facilities in three villages, ensuring more sustainable waste practices for local communities.



In March, the Anambas Foundation was invited to the International Sea Turtle Symposium in Pattaya, Thailand, reinforcing our commitment to marine conservation on a global stage. By May, the waste bank group in Candi village, supported by the Foundation, secured IDR 200 million in government assistance, while LKKPN Pekanbaru contributed SCUBA equipment worth IDR 127.95 million, critical resources to further our conservation work.

July marked a significant milestone for sustainable farming in Kiabu village, where the first home farming harvest using organic compost not only provided food for the community but also generated income through surplus sales in Tarempa, demonstrating how conservation can drive a circular economy. Just a month later, one of our team members was named Youth Ambassador of the Coral Triangle Initiative, highlighting the Guardian of the Anambas Seas project (GOTAS) as a model for sustainable coastal livelihoods and youth empowerment.



Since September, the Digital English Club (DEC) has partnered with an international college group to run offline classes in Putik village, expanding access to education. Meanwhile, in coral conservation, we restored 1,000 square meters of reef after bleaching affected 50% of Anambas' coral ecosystems. Our forest conservation efforts continued through partnerships with local farmers to promote agroforestry, and our Turtle Conservation program secured grants totaling IDR 282.72 million.



The Foundation's achievements over the past three years were formally recognized in an evaluation by the National Marine Conservation Area Agency Pekanbaru (Loka Kawasan Konservasi Perairan Nasional or LKKPN), leading to the extension of our collaboration MoU from 2025 to 2028, a testament to the impact of our work.

Beyond conservation, we strengthened our financial and resource base, receiving support from a variety of sources, including government equipment donations, grants, and contributions from individual donors. Our team's expertise was also recognized nationally and internationally, with staff invited to speak at several key events, expanding our networks and showcasing our programs. A particularly exciting development was our Mangrove Ecoprint project being chosen as a sister project to the Women Fisherfolk Leadership Corps in the Philippines, fostering knowledge exchange and cross-border collaboration.



To close the year, following our Annual Meeting in November, our teams conducted comparative studies at the WASTE4CHANGE facility in Bekasi and the Seribu Islands marine conservation park, further strengthening our knowledge and approach to sustainable conservation.

Each of these moments is a reflection of our collective commitment: to nature, to communities, and to a more sustainable future for Anambas Archipelago.



ABOVE

# FOREST CONSERVATION

Our Forest Conservation efforts took deep root this year, quite literally, in Gunung Timur, South Tarempa. Here, we partnered with the local farmer group to plant a mix of hardwood and fruit trees, restoring the land while creating future economic opportunities for the community. The commitment didn't stop at planting because we conducted regular tree health monitoring, ensuring each sapling had the best chance to thrive.

One of the most rewarding moments was seeing our seedlings achieve an **80% success rate, exceeding our 70% target**. It was a proof of the dedication of both our team and the farmers who nurture these trees daily. Every six months, we measured the growth of the trees, and each time, we saw the impact of our collective efforts when trees reached their target sizes, slowly transforming the landscape.

While we had planned to expand our reforestation efforts to Telaga Village this year, we made the strategic decision to postpone until 2025, ensuring stronger preparation and execution. This will also allow us to host a stakeholder event in 2025, where we can showcase the tangible progress of our forest restoration work and inspire even more collaboration.

**TOTAL COST**

**USD 2,115**

**IDR 34.290.200**



# BELOW

## MARINE CONSERVATION

The Foundation's Marine Conservation program focuses on Reef Health Monitoring, Reef Rehabilitation, Coral Adoption, Mangrove Batik & Ecoprint, Blue Carbon, the Guardians of the Anambas Seas project, Turtle Conservation, Nature and Marine Classes (KELAUT), and marine conservation in Pulau Bawah.

### TOTAL COST

USD

**83,200.39**

IDR 1.297.510.052

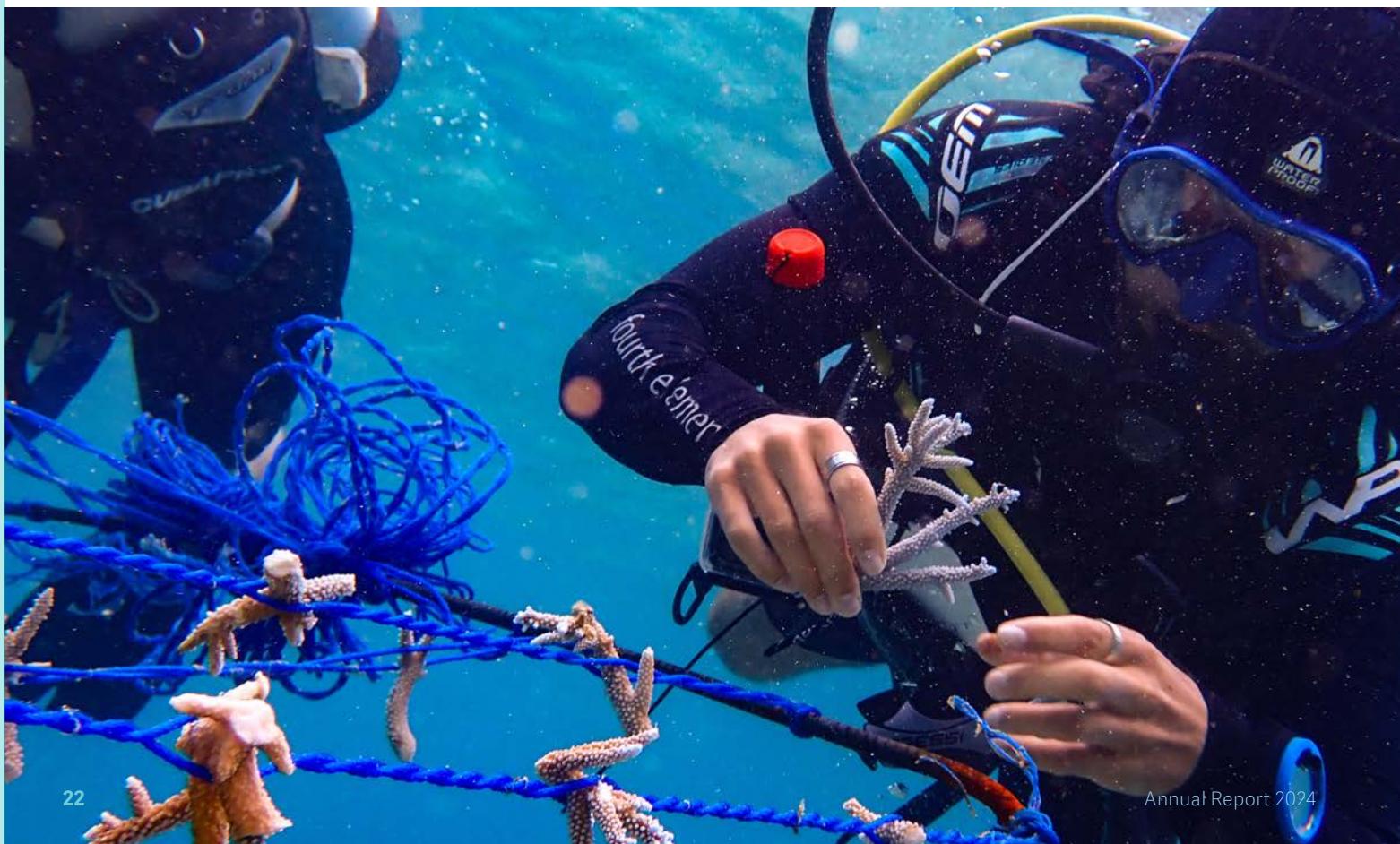


# REEF HEALTH MONITORING

2024 was a year of both sobering challenges and determined action for our marine conservation efforts. We monitored across **32 sites in five islands**, gathering crucial data on coral conditions and reef fish biomass. These insights were regularly submitted to LKKPN Pekanbaru and shared with government stakeholders to inform better marine protection policies.

However, our monitoring revealed a troubling reality when coral bleaching was observed in all sites, including Kiabu, Telaga, Mengkait, Sunggak, and Bawah Island. Coral cover and reef fish biomass continued to decline annually, signaling the urgent need for stronger conservation measures.

Despite these challenges, our response remained strong and adaptive. The dedication of **local heroes**, community members who are actively engaged in conservation, allowed us to reduce operational costs while maintaining consistent monitoring. Their involvement meant fewer external trips were needed, proving that **empowering local communities is not only sustainable but also essential for long-term marine protection**.



# REEF REHABILITATION

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Restoring coral reefs is a long-term commitment, and this year, our reef rehabilitation efforts in Kiabu and Telaga villages made important strides despite significant challenges. Our approach combined artificial reef installations, coral transplants, and the establishment of coral nurseries, aiming to rebuild marine habitats and strengthen ecosystem resilience.

By December, we saw remarkable success in Telaga village, where coral fragments achieved a **98% survival rate**. In contrast, Kiabu's reefs struggled, with only **40% survival**, primarily due to the widespread coral bleaching observed throughout Anambas islands. Despite these setbacks, we **rehabilitated a total of 1,000 square meters** of reef area, bringing new life to degraded sites.

Our work was not without obstacles. Coral bleaching posed a major threat, particularly in Kiabu village, and logistics delays affected the project timeline. However, we responded with practical solutions:

- Selecting climate-resilient coral species to improve survival rates amid rising ocean temperatures.
- Empowering local communities to construct artificial reefs on-site, reducing dependency on external logistics and speeding up implementation.

## KEY MILESTONES IN 2024

**500** units of artificial reefs installed

**10** coral trees and **2** coral tables set up

**1,000** square meters of reef area rehabilitated

**739** coral fragments nurtured in our coral nursery

**9,500** coral fragments planted, with an overall survival rate exceeding **81,76%**

# GUARDIANS OF THE ANAMBAS SEAS

Ensuring marine conservation is sustainable requires more than just protective measures because it demands active participation from the very people who depend on the ocean for their livelihood. The Guardians of the Anambas Seas (GOTAS) project was designed with this in mind: to train and empower local youth as stewards of the sea, while also opening up economic opportunities.

Since its launch in Kiabu village in 2023, the program has evolved to maximize impact. One key adjustment was shifting activities from Tarempa to Kiabu and Telaga villages, which significantly reduced costs while keeping progress on track. These refinements, along with the dedication of our local participants, have led to remarkable achievements.

The success of GOTAS caught the attention of LKKPN Pekanbaru, which stepped in to support and strengthen the initiative:

- In Kiabu village, they donated **five sets of SCUBA equipment valued at IDR 127.950.000**, enhancing the capacity of our local divers.
- Two GOTAS members were trained and completed their Advanced Open Water Diver certifications in Padang.
- In Telaga village, five local participants earned diving certifications, equipping them with the skills needed to support marine conservation programs.
- In Batam, four participants, three from Kiabu and one from Telaga, achieved national certification as snorkel guides and trained in social media management, opening new doors for them in marine tourism.



*By investing in young people, we are not only protecting Anambas' marine ecosystems but also creating a future where conservation drives sustainable livelihoods.*

# CORAL ADOPTION

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The coral adoption project thrives on the awareness of adopters, fueled by engaging social media campaigns that connect people to marine conservation.

This year, the project exceeded expectations. With a target of 30 adopters, we were thrilled to welcome **50 individuals** who chose to support coral restoration, raising a total of IDR 9.450.000. Through consistent updates across all social media platforms, we kept our adopters engaged, showing them the direct impact of their contributions. Their support not only helps restore coral reefs but also strengthens the message that anyone, no matter where they are, can play a role in protecting our oceans.



# MANGROVE BATIK AND ECOPRINT

The Mangrove Batik and Ecoprint project is designed to create a self-sufficient income source by training local people, especially women, in Air Nangak village, with the skills to produce batik and ecoprint fabric using natural dyes from mangroves. This project also serves as a platform to promote mangrove conservation.

In 2024, we **trained 10 local artisans**, empowering them with new skills and opportunities. The project gained wider recognition **through participation in the Padang Melang Festival and the Tanjung Pinang Festival**, showcasing their handcrafted fabrics to a broader audience.

Looking ahead to 2025, we plan to refine the project model and adjust its location to enhance its impact, ensuring it continues to provide meaningful benefits to both the community and the environment.



# BLUE CARBON

BELLOW

The Blue Carbon project evolved through careful assessment, ensuring that our efforts are directed where they are truly needed. Initially planned for Palmatak, the project was redirected after studies confirmed that the area's mangrove ecosystems remained largely intact, requiring no immediate intervention. This outcome highlights the importance of data-driven decision-making, allowing us to focus resources effectively.

Two additional sites, Air Nangak and Kiabu, were considered. While Air Nangak was ultimately excluded due to low community interest and stable mangrove conditions, Kiabu emerged as a promising location for intervention. Here, over **270 mangrove seedlings were planted**, with 202 successfully taking root which achieved a 75% survival rate. While slightly below the initial target of 80%, this effort provided valuable insights into site conditions, including challenges such as large waves and the use of the area as a temporary docking site for *bagan apung* (floating fishing platforms).



# TURTLE CONSERVATION

The Turtle Conservation project has been an incredible journey of teamwork between the Foundation and local communities. At the heart of this effort are the **local turtle rangers**, who are dedicated individuals trained to protect nesting sites and give baby turtles a better chance at survival.

Throughout the year, seven rangers patrolled key beaches, **rescuing 593 nests** and **relocating 56,522 eggs** to safer areas. As a result, **31,287 hatchlings** made it safely to the sea by the end of 2024. Meanwhile, **64 sea turtles** were metal tagged this year.

The project also expanded beyond patrolling. In three villages, Keramut, Impol, and Sunggak, community members joined a **Citizen Science Program** where villagers were involved in conservation activities.

A major milestone was securing three key beaches, Sadang, Ubi, and Siak, as safe zones where turtles can nest undisturbed. With program expenses fully funded by grants from the State of the World's Sea Turtles, Conservation Nation, Rufford Foundation, and Express Feeders, the initiative continues to grow.



# KELAUT

## KELAS ALAM DAN LAUT

BELOW

The KELAUT project is designed to nurture conservation awareness from an early age, fostering a deep connection between young people and their marine environment. By engaging students in hands-on activities, we aim to inspire future guardians of Anambas' rich ecosystems.

One of the highlights this year was the **Artificial Reef Design Competition**, held at Telaga High School. The winning concept, the '**Coral Umbrella**,' will be incorporated into our reef rehabilitation efforts in 2025, to show that fresh ideas from young minds can contribute to real-world conservation solutions.

Beyond the competition, educational activities were conducted in **six schools**, helping students understand the importance of marine conservation. To further spark interest, we introduced a **Discovery Diving Class**, where students explored the underwater world firsthand to identify potential future conservation leaders among them.



# CONSERVATION ON BAWAH ISLAND

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Pulau Bawah continues to be a living example of how dedicated conservation efforts can restore and protect marine ecosystems. Throughout the year, the team worked tirelessly, taking action to safeguard coral reefs, sea turtles, and marine biodiversity.

In the ongoing reef restoration work, the team in Pulau Bawah submerged **20 coral trees, 23 coral spider frames**, and **241 coral stakes**, while securing rubble areas with wire mesh to stabilize the reef. A total of **3,400 corals were planted** in the nursery, and **1,156 corals were transplanted** onto artificial reefs, giving damaged areas a chance to recover. Encouragingly, **14 instances of coral spawning** were recorded from 23 surveys which are signs that the reef is healing.

Protecting sea turtles remained a priority, with **15 nests rescued** and **934 eggs relocated** to safety. By the end of the year, **303 hatchlings** had made their way to the ocean. The team also successfully completed the first satellite tagging of a turtle, marking an important step in tracking their movements and behavior.

To keep the reef healthy, 306 Crown of Thorns starfish and 706 Drupella snails, both known coral predators, were carefully removed. In addition, dedicated clean-up efforts resulted in the **removal of 319.4 kg of marine debris**, keeping the waters around Bawah pristine.

Each of these efforts reflects the commitment to ensuring Pulau Bawah remains a thriving marine sanctuary.



# BEYOND



# INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

BEYOND

In many small island communities, waste is an ongoing challenge, piling up with no clear disposal system and often ending up in the ocean. Since its establishment in 2018, Anambas Foundation has taken significant steps forward in tackling this issue through the Integrated Waste Management (IWM) program.

At the heart of this initiative, Anambas Foundations works to raise awareness, increase community participation, and build a system that not only manages waste but also provides economic benefits to the community. At the same time, these efforts help prevent waste from harming both marine and terrestrial ecosystems. With strong support from local government stakeholders, the program has continued to grow, proving that sustainable waste solutions are possible in small island settings.

In 2024, IWM **processed 77 tons of waste**, keeping it out of landfills and waterways from 19 villages. Even more importantly, the program **prevented over 234 tons of waste from reaching the ocean**, protecting marine life and preserving the pristine waters of Anambas.

To expand its impact, the Foundation completed the **construction of three new waste management facilities** in the villages of Landak, Piasan, and Telaga Kecil. These facilities help organize waste management while also serving as places where locals can learn and get involved in keeping their environment clean.

**TOTAL COST** **USD 87,810**

**IDR 1.423.404.104**

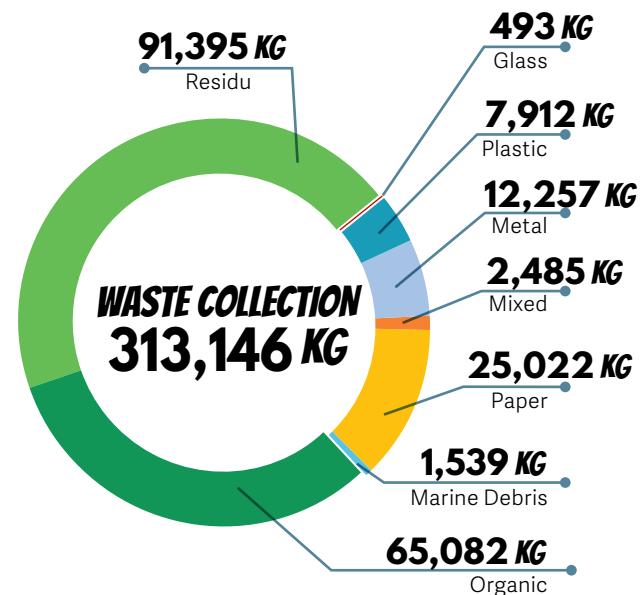


# MOBILE WASTE BANK (BALING OR BANK SAMPAH KELILING)

Waste management is not just about disposal. It is also about changing how people think. The Anambas Foundation has teamed up with communities to address waste from the start, making a real difference in reducing pollution and improving everyday life. The Mobile Waste Bank, known as Baling (short for *Bank Sampah Keliling*), helps tackle waste at its source while changing how people see and manage it. Inspired by the concept of a savings bank, the Anambas Foundation encourages residents to sort their household waste, deposit it at the mobile waste bank, and earn money in return.

Our waste collection service travels between villages and visits all customers. In 2024, we **collected over 21 tons of waste** directly from households and local businesses, preventing it from piling up in the environment. To better understand waste patterns and find practical solutions, we also **conducted a waste audit in three sub-districts on Jemaja Island**.

Meanwhile, on Matak Island, our waste collection service continues to grow, now **serving 430 customers across 12 villages**. This growing participation shows that more local people are seeing the value of proper waste management, taking an active role in keeping their surroundings clean.



# PLASTIC UPCYCLING

In 2024, the upcycling project laid the groundwork for turning waste into something valuable. The team focused on **research**, ensuring the right tools and space were in place before moving to full production.

To prepare for the next phase, we identified potential risks and community needs, finalized the purchase of three upcycling machines, and secured a dedicated workspace. With these key steps completed, trial processing and production are set to begin in 2025 which will bring us closer to transforming discarded materials into useful products while creating new economic opportunities for local communities.

**TOTAL  
COST**

**USD 10,021**

*IDR 162.468.137*



# WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT



BEYOND

Women in the Anambas Islands dedicate much of their time to caring for their families, but many also look for ways to earn extra income and put their skills to use beyond their daily household responsibilities. Through this program, the Anambas Foundation helps turn those aspirations into reality by providing training, mentorship, and opportunities to develop new skills.

Anambas Foundation **trained women** in Air Nangak village in the art of ecoprint, allowing them to transform natural materials into unique fabric products while promoting mangrove conservation. They successfully produced **10 ecoprint samples** and later showcased their work at **two exhibitions** in Padang Melang and Tanjung Pinang festivals. In another initiative, we guided a group of women in crafting **130 handmade pouches** for Bawah Reserve, an effort that generated IDR 3.900.000 in sales.

Beyond just creating products, these women are building confidence and discovering new possibilities for themselves. With each training session and market opportunity, the Foundation continues to support them in finding ways to earn additional income while balancing their roles at home.

**TOTAL COST**  
**USD**  
**79.73**

*IDR 1.292.500*



# HOME FARMING

The Home Farming program is an extension of the Anambas Foundation's waste management system, showing how waste can be transformed into something valuable. By using household waste as compost, families reduce waste while creating nutrient-rich soil to grow their own vegetables. This approach makes home farming both cost-effective and environmentally friendly, reinforcing the Foundation's commitment to sustainability.

With limited land available in the Anambas Islands, the Foundation trains and supports local people, most of them are women, to turn small spaces such as yards, balconies, and shared village plots, into **productive gardens**. Beyond providing fresh, healthy food for their families, these local people also have the opportunity to earn extra income by selling surplus harvests.

The program also extends to village school, where **students learn about farming and sustainability** through hands-on activities. In 2024, villagers produced **a surplus of 100 kg**, supplying Kiabu village and selling harvest excess in Tarempa, generating IDR 10.000.000 from a single harvest. Organic farming activities and a harvest event at Kiabu school gave students hands-on experience in growing their own food, ensuring that the next generation carries this knowledge forward

**TOTAL COST**

**USD 2,904**

**IDR 47.075.000**



# DIGITAL ENGLISH CLUB

B E Y O N D

The Digital English Club (DEC) is more than just an English program since it is an investment in the future of Anambas youth. Parents in the islands recognize that tourism is growing, and they want their children to be equipped with practical skills that will open doors to new opportunities. To meet this need, the Anambas Foundation collaborates with an online language-learning platform to provide English lessons for elementary and middle school students.

As demand for DEC classes continues to grow, we have expanded beyond online sessions to offer offline classes, ensuring that more students can participate. DEC also goes beyond language learning. The Foundation integrates conservation education into the materials, helping children understand the importance of protecting their environment while developing essential communication skills.

In 2024, the program saw engagement:

- **82%** attendance rate in Tiangau and Putik.
- **80%** attendance from trained volunteers at SMA Tarempa.
- A partnership with Danish's Højskoleøen group to hold offline classes in Putik village.

By providing access to quality education and weaving conservation awareness into the lessons, DEC is shaping a generation that is not only better prepared for the future but also deeply connected to the land and sea that sustain their communities.

**TOTAL COST**

**USD 2,621**

**IDR 42.483.200**



# MOVING FORWARD

## OUR FOCUS FOR 2025



As we step into 2025, our vision remains clear: **conservation efforts must not only protect nature but also bring real benefits to the people** who call these islands home. With this in mind, our work will center around four key areas of impact.



First, we will **continue to strengthen conservation and ecosystem health** by helping local communities develop alternative income sources that align with environmental protection. Ecotourism, food security, small-scale enterprises, and waste management will be at the heart of these efforts, ensuring that conservation is not just a responsibility but also an opportunity for economic growth.



**Community empowerment will remain a driving force** in our work. By investing in local capacity, we are ensuring that conservation is not an outside effort but something owned and led by the people of Anambas. Through training, collaboration, and direct involvement, we aim to foster long-term commitment to protecting the region's forests and seas.



Internally, **organizational growth will be a priority**. Developing the technical expertise of our team, sharpening public speaking skills, and encouraging innovative thinking will allow us to strengthen advocacy and deliver more impactful community campaigns. A skilled and motivated team is essential for translating ideas into action.

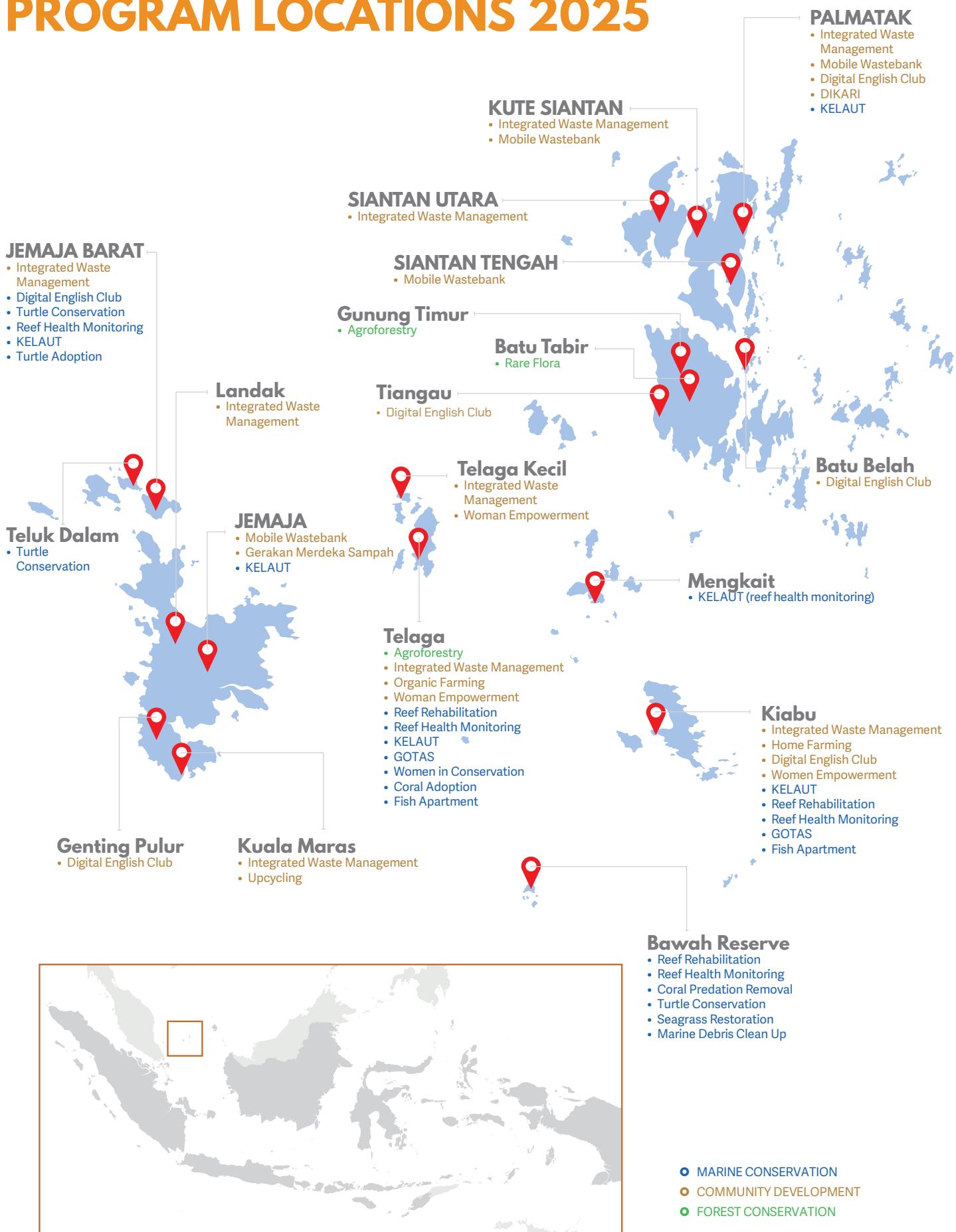


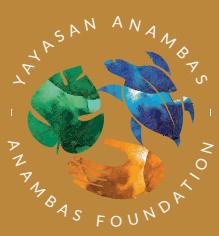
Lastly, public recognition will be key in expanding our reach. By **increasing national visibility and credibility**, we hope to build stronger partnerships that can amplify our work. Whether through government collaborations, media engagement, or strategic alliances, we aim to position the Anambas Foundation as a leading force in conservation and sustainable community development.



With these goals guiding us, we step into 2025 with a clear purpose to **strengthen our impact, address challenges, and open new opportunities** for the people and ecosystem of Anambas Archipelago.

# PROGRAM LOCATIONS 2025





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