

News Letter

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1. Celebration of the 3rd Annual Coral Triangle Day in Buleleng

Coral Triangle Day is envisioned to be an annual, open-sourced event that brings together individuals, non-profit organizations, private enterprise and government organizations on one special day of the year to focus on ocean conservation and the numerous ways to protect and conserve Coral Triangle resources.

The date of June 9 has been designated as Coral Triangle Day as agreed in the 4th ministerial meeting of member countries of CTI (Coral Triangle Initiative) in Kuala Lumpur in 2012. The 2014 Coral Triangle Day celebration was held simultaneously in six CTI member countries - Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste, to raise public awareness of ocean, coastal and fisheries conservation issues.

In Indonesia the event was celebrated in several places, such as Jakarta, Buleleng, Nusa Penida, Raja Ampat, North Minahasa, Alor, Masela, Wetar, Maratua, Kakarotan, Anambas, Marore, Bepondi, Panambulai, Manterau, Sebatik, and many more with numerous activities including workshops, general lectures, the declaration of Nusa Penida Marine Protected Area, under water and beach clean-ups; exhibitions, bazaars, movie screening and beach parties that involved more than 4,000 people, all carrying the messages of ocean conservation under the overall banner of the Coral Triangle Day. A workshop on Coordination of the Central-Local Government was held in Banyu Alit Hotel, Lovina, Buleleng on June 9, 2014. This event was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Forestry, Representatives of Local Government, the Country Executive Director of CI-Indonesia, WWF-Indonesia, the Interim Regional Secretariat and the National Secretariat of the CTI-CFF Indonesia.

Mr. Putu Agus Suradnyana, the Regent of Buleleng given a welcoming remarks that in accordance with mandate of the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia, local governments have the authority to control and manage their own administrative affairs according to the principles of autonomy and assistance. The granting of wide-ranging autonomy to the regions aimed to accelerate progress in the field public welfare through improved delivery of services, empowerment and community participation. He also added that the local governments fulfill their obligatory governmental duties which are also the responsibility of the central government, in particular as regards the authority to manage marine resources in the region up to 12 miles measured from coastline to open sea and /or archipelagic waters.

Mr. Muhammad Marwan, the Director General of Development Coastal Areas of the Ministry of Home Affairs, in his opening remarks said that central government had commitment to support the CTI-CFF's program and activities and would include the program in its Strategic Plan for fiscal 2015-2019.



Participants at workshop on Coordination of the Central-Local Government at Banyu Alit Hotel, Lovina Buleleng, Bali.

Professor Rokhmin Dahuri from Bogor Institute of Agriculture delivered his presentation on the development strategy and the role of Local Government in the management of coastal, marine, and small islands in Indonesia. He mentioned that planning for coastal, small islands and marine affairs should be based on the paradigm of sustainable development (Blue Economy). Meanwhile, Mr. Hugua of Wakatobi Regency conveyed his vision to make Wakatobi as the "Center of Underwater Paradise" and the Center for Marine Biodiversity in the World 2025.

The Executive Secretary of CTI-CFF Indonesia, which on this occasion was represented by the Director of Spatial Planning, Marine and Small Island MMAF, who also serves as the Coordinator of the Working Group CTI-CFF Seascape, expressed hopes of support from local governments in the CTI -CFF area as well as the importance of a Coastal Zone Planning and Zoning Small Islands (RZWP3K), by making a system framework with seascapes first. At the same session, representatives from the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Forestry also had the opportunity to deliver their presentation about the development of their respective activities in the implementation of the CTI-CFF Indonesia.

This workshop produced a joint "Declaration of Buleleng". It proclaimed that the local governments in the region of CTI-CFF Indonesia agreed to support and maintain the conservation of coral reefs and their associated marine ecosystems. It also declared to establish a forum to strengthen the commitment and cooperation of networks throughout the Coral Triangle. This forum is intended as the mechanism to develop programs to implement CTI-CFF at each location in order to achieve goals of NPOA.

At the end of the workshop a Blue Print of Bali Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network was launched. This network is a collection of agency networks of marine protected areas on different scales and different levels of protection area and managed jointly and synergistically to meet management objectives that cannot be achieved through management individually.

There were 2 field trips arranged for this event on June 10, 2014. The first field trip was a visit to the Gondol Reasearch Institute Mariculture to learn more on grouper hatchery production, and the second one was a visit to the Pemuteran Village to learn more on Biorock (a technology that uses low voltage electrical current on artificial underwater structure to stimulate growth of corals and other reef life). More information on Biorock in Pemuteran Village : <http://www.pemuteranbay.com/biorock-pemuteran-bali.html>



Bali dancers performed at the welcoming ceremony of workshop on Coordination of the Central-Local Government at Banyu Alit Hotel, Lovina Buleleng, Bali.



From left to right: Ms. Triwidayati, Mr. Agus Budisutito, Dr. Subandono, Mr. Hendra Siry delivered their presentation, moderated by Mr. Nyoman Sutrisna (second from right side)



A signing up of Blue Print Bali Marine Protected Area Network by the stakeholders.





A Gondol Research Institute Mariculture officer, Mr. John Hutapea (with name tag) explaining at the grouper tongseng breeding facility (photo credit: Arwandriya Rukma).



With Biorock method, we restore the reefs by using steel frame structure or plastered seed coral reefs and low-power electrical flow in the surrounding water. As the result, coral reefs grow 5 times faster than ordinary coral reefs," said trainer marine conservation activator in Pemuteran village, Buleleng. (photo credit: Arwandriya Rukma)



Participant doing fish restocking at the "Undersea Garden of the Gods" (photo credit: Arwandriya Rukma)



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