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With the start of the new year, we're thrilled to share with you the first edition of our new quarterly newsletter. In this first edition we look back on highlights of YPL's journey so far. Future editions will be shared with our partners and supporters quarterly.

ABOUT YPL

Yayasan Pesisir Lestari is a new Indonesian marine conservation organisation. Founded in February 2019 and based out of our national coordination office in Bali, we're dedicated to catalysing and strengthening locally led approaches to marine conservation and fisheries management across this archipelago nation.

We support communities to protect and restore coastal ecosystems – which include globally important biodiversity and blue carbon – working alongside Indonesia's fishermen and women to rebuild the fisheries underpinning our coastal livelihoods and cultures.

We work with local partners across Indonesia, and are building a network of progressive locally-led organisations supporting human rights-based marine conservation. We're dedicated to sharing what we learn and building local capacity to conserve Indonesia's marine environment.

OUR NETWORK

We're proud to support 16 partner organisations, who in turn are supporting coastal communities involved in conservation and fisheries management across 66 villages. This network of organisations has grown steadily over the last five years.

Before YPL's creation this partner network was supported by our international partner organisation Blue Ventures, whose work supporting community-led marine conservation in other countries aligns closely with YPL's approach.

Blue Ventures and YPL's partnerships supporting community-led fisheries management and conservation in Indonesia

- Key improvement initiatives**
-  Octopus Fisheries Management
 -  Crab Fisheries Management
 -  Broader Management Plan
 -  Health-environment Approach
 -  Participatory Fisheries Monitoring
 -  Scoping
 -  Forest Management
 -  Livelihood
 -  Community Governance



1 FORKANI
FORUM KALIEDUPA TODDANI

Forkani
Darawa Village, Kaledupa Island,
Wakatobi, Southeast Sulawesi



2 LINI

Yayasan LINI
Banggai Laut & Banggai Kepulauan,
Central Sulawesi



3 YAPEKA

Yapeka
Bulutui & Gangga Satu Village,
North Minahasa, North Sulawesi



4 PLANET INDONESIA

Yayasan Planet Indonesia
Nibung River Village,
Kubu Raya, West Kalimantan



5 FONEB

Foneb
Cia-cia area, Binongko Island,
Wakatobi, Southeast Sulawesi



6 KOMANANGI

Kapota area, Wangi-wangi Island,
Wakatobi, Southeast Sulawesi



7 JARI

JARI
Labuhan Lombok Village,
East Lombok & Poto Tano
Village, West Sumbawa,
West Nusa Tenggara



8 TANANUA

Yayasan Tananua Flores
Raporendu and
Tetandara Village,
Ende, East Nusa Tenggara



9a

Baileo
Nusalaut Subdistrict,
Central Maluku



10 AKAR

AKAR
Merpas Village,
Kaur, Bengkulu



11 JAPESDA

Japesda
Uwedikan Village,
Banggai, Central Sulawesi



12a

Yayasan Hutan Biru
Sembilang National Park,
Sumatera Selatan



12b

Medan Mas Village,
Batu Ampar, Kubu Raya,
West Kalimantan



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Yayasan Citra Mandiri
Mentawai
Mentawai, Mentawai Islands
Regency, Sumatra



14 ECOSYSTEM IMPACT

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Aceh

15 MITRA INSANI

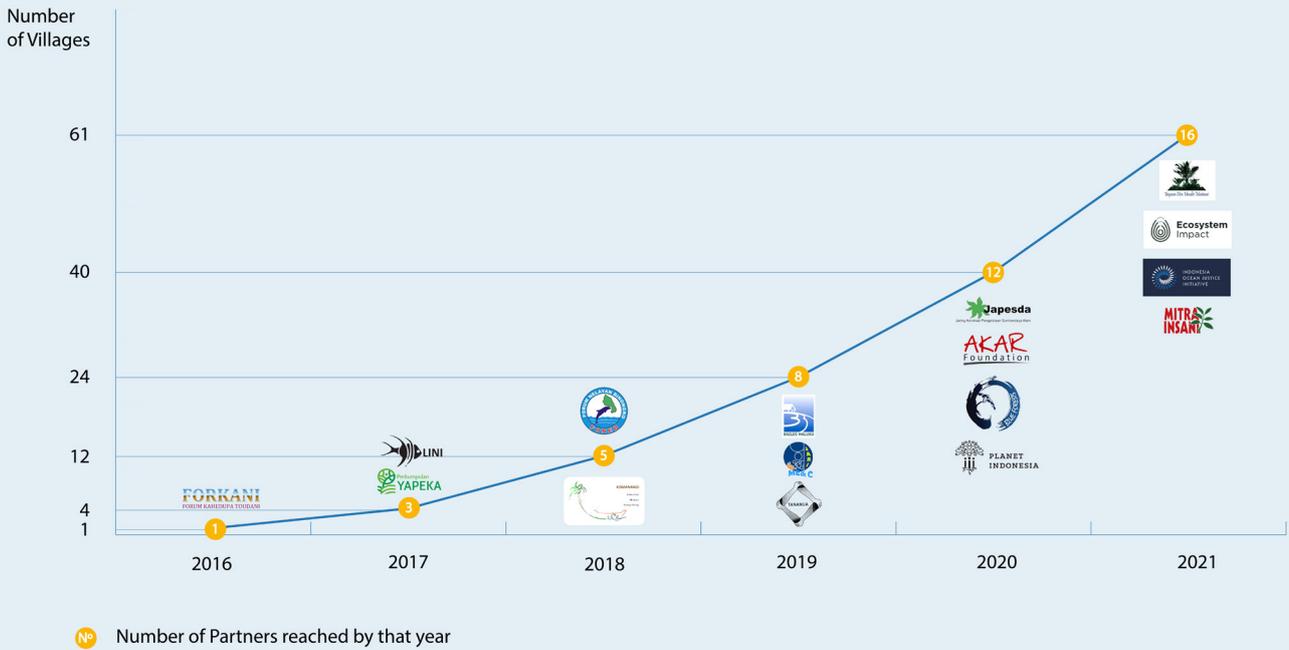
Yayasan Mitra Insani
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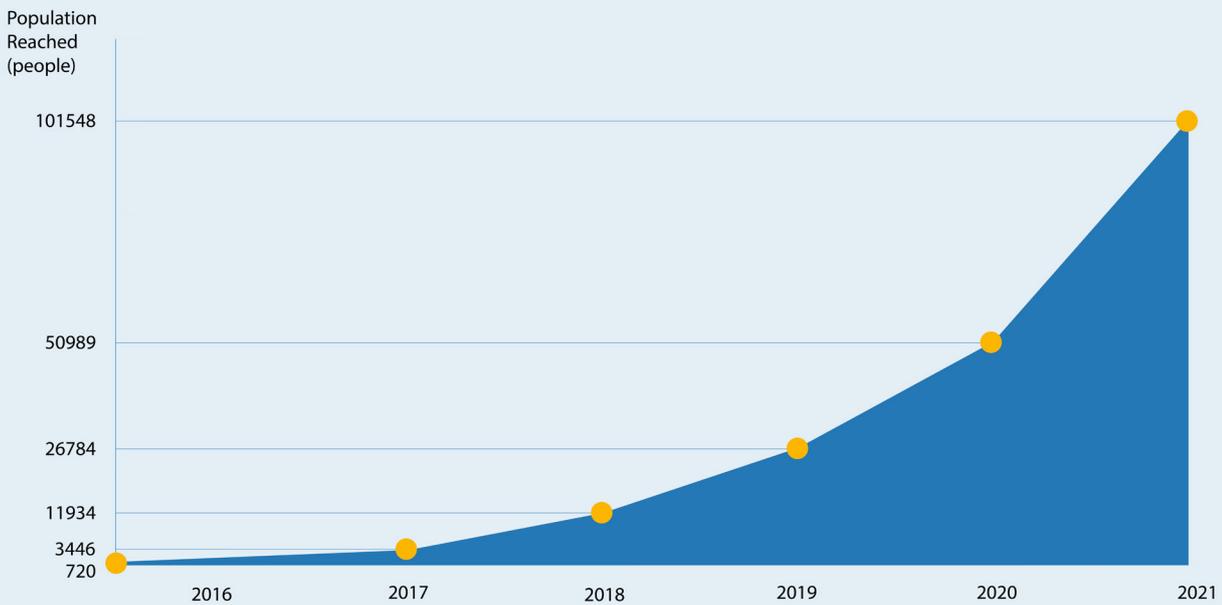
16 INDONESIA OCEAN JUSTICE INITIATIVE

Indonesia Ocean Justice Initiative
Jakarta

Number of partners and villages reached



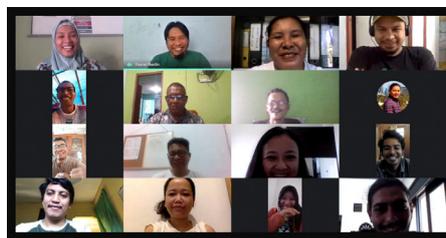
Population reached



COMMUNITY CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS

KUMPUL MITRA

Networking between communities is a key priority for YPL, however community learning exchanges have been constrained by the pandemic. Protracted travel restrictions have necessitated finding new ways of sharing learning across our growing partner network. We've developed an online knowledge exchange platform known as "Kumpul Mitra" (meaning 'partners' hang out' in Indonesian), enabling communities and partners to continue to share their experiences virtually during lockdowns. These Kumpul Mitra sessions have seen a tremendous response, stimulating participation from over 400 participants in 12 convenings.



Kumpul Mitra attendees.

2021 ANNUAL PARTNERS' FORUM

In November we brought together representatives of all our Indonesian partner organisations, for the first in-person gathering of our partners since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. The week-long meeting in Bali convened 40 leaders from 17 organisations. These partners are collectively supporting local marine conservation and fisheries management efforts across 49 villages, from as far afield as Aceh and Maluku. The meeting, also attended by colleagues and representatives from Government, academia and the fishing industry, shared experiences and lessons learned from the different management models now being adopted by dozens of coastal communities across Indonesia.

The forum was planned and designed by the participant organisations, and identified three priority themes: capacity building of local organisations supporting communities in fisheries management in Indonesia; knowledge sharing and development; and advocacy for improved recognition of the important role that communities can play in stewarding ocean resources sustainably. Moving forward, each priority theme is being led by an active local partner, to ensure the network's continued engagement in these priority issues. We're looking forward to seeing this forum continue to evolve and to strengthen the role of local Indonesian organisations in supporting community-led fisheries management across Indonesia.





FISHER LEARNING EXCHANGES

Key fisher learning exchanges taking place in 2021

- Objectives of the learning exchanges
-  Octopus Fisheries Management
 -  Crab Fisheries Management
 -  Broader Management Plan
 -  Health-environment Approach
 -  Participatory Fisheries Monitoring
 -  Closures
 -  Mangroves Management
 -  Livelihood
 -  Financial Management



Order and location of community learning exchanges and forums

1  
 Forkani + Japesda
 Darawa, Wakatobi

2  
 LINI + AKAR
 Bone Baru & Popisi, Banggai Laut

3   
 Forkani + LINI + Yapeka
 Darawa & Ambelu

4  
 Balleo + Forkani
 Haruku, Nusa Laut

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 Yayasan Pesisir Lestari + JARI + AKAR + Yapeka + Yayasan Tananus Flores + Japesda + LINI
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Despite the travel restrictions, we've been able to seize opportunities to bring together communities to share their experiences of locally led fisheries management. Over the course of 2021, we supported five community learning exchanges, known as 'Anjangsana Mitra' (or partners' exchanges in Indonesian), engaging 11 partners and 60 participants from across Indonesia.

These exchanges have enabled our partners and local communities to come together and share their success stories, challenges and perspectives. Participants have included fishers, customary leaders and elders, seafood buyers, village government and staff of local supporting organisations.

You can read about an exchange between our partners in South Sulawesi and Sumatra on Blue Ventures' Beyond Conservation blog [here](#). Early last year, the community from Ende in East Nusa Tenggara, travelled to North Minahasa to learn about local experiences in sustainable fisheries management. This [blog](#) describes some of the community members' experiences from the visit. Another exchange between communities from Maluku and Southeast Sulawesi was featured in an [article in Mongabay](#), where you can read more about what happened.

MOBILE FISHERIES MONITORING

Since 2019 we've been busy developing mobile-based fisheries catch monitoring tools that can help communities understand the status of stocks, and their responses to local management efforts. As part of this work we've built a simple and robust digital tool for collecting community-based fisheries data, replacing traditional paper-based catch monitoring. Pilot mobile catch monitoring systems have been trialled by ten of our partners across Indonesia, with five adopting this for regular catch monitoring. This approach will save time and enable us to feed results back to communities rapidly.



Photos: Data Interpretation and community data feedback session.

The data collected are analysed and visualised using an app called [Tableau](#). We work with our partners and communities to interpret the data, and return it back to communities through quarterly community data feedback sessions. With the help of our local partners, communities can use the data feedback sessions to discuss possible locations and times for temporary closures, evaluate the results of fishery management efforts and adapt future management measures based on experiences.



Photos: Data Interpretation and community data feedback session.

COOPERATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF MARINE AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

In March, in collaboration with our partners [LINI](#) and [Sustainable Fisheries Partnership](#) (SFP), we held discussions with the government to share experiences and learning from our work supporting community-led fisheries management across Indonesia.

Following these meetings, the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) endorsed our objective to recognise octopus as a priority strategic fishery to be managed under national plans. Octopus is targeted by small-scale fishers throughout Indonesia, and catches can respond quickly to local management efforts such as temporary fishery closures. The fishery is often targeted as an entry point for local fisheries management by communities supported by YPL partners. Getting recognition for the importance of this fishery is an important step in increasing government awareness and recognition of village-level fisheries management efforts.

In December we signed an agreement with the Marine Fisheries Research Center (MFRC) of MMAF, in partnership with LINI and SFP for octopus fisheries research in Indonesia. We're now working to develop an approved octopus monitoring protocol with the government to analyse gaps in octopus fisheries monitoring data, and to organise a training of trainers on octopus fisheries monitoring in collaboration with MFRC of MMAF.

Representatives of MMAF's Directorate of Customary Communities attended our November partners' forum to meet with YPL's partners and discuss the diverse local fisheries management models underway across different contexts, provinces and jurisdictions. This is an important milestone for recognising locally-managed marine areas (LMMA) as part of the marine spatial management strategy.

MEET OUR PARTNERS

Y A Y A S A N M I T R A I N S A N I



We're excited to introduce [Yayasan Mitra Insani](#) (YMI), one of our newest partners (since July 2021). YMI is a local environmental organisation based in Indragiri Hilir regency on the island of Sumatra. Working to support mangrove-dependent communities, YMI has a locally-led approach to conservation and harnesses local knowledge of communities living in and around mangrove forests to design and develop conservation efforts.

YMI's participatory approach empowers communities to take an active role in the conservation and management of coastal resources, from training in mudcrab fisheries monitoring, to strengthening the governance of the village-level forest management associations. Our work with YMI over the next three years will develop and integrate community-based forest and fisheries management plans to help safeguard vast areas of critically important mangroves.

LEADERS ON THE FRONT LINES



Meet Mursiati (Nusi), a driving force of FORKANI, a community-based environmental organisation in Southeast Sulawesi's Wakatobi archipelago. After graduating from Sulawesi's Haluoleo University, Nusi returned to her home village on Kaledupa island, where she joined local FORKANI in 2007. Known for her dynamism and creativity, Nusi brings a passion and creative flair for community engagement that has helped make waves in marine conservation across the Wakatobi Archipelago, and brought global attention to Kaledupa Island's marine conservation struggles.

Since 2016, Nusi has spearheaded efforts to strengthen traditional fisheries management practises in Kaledupa and further afield. This includes the creation of new temporary fishing closures to safeguard critical small-scale fisheries. Through learning exchanges and support to organisations across Indonesia, Nusi has become a prominent advocate for community engagement in marine management and conservation. The model she pioneered in Kaledupa is now being replicated by communities and local organisations at 35 sites across Indonesia.

Nusi has written a book on preserving marine ecosystems, including seagrass beds, which has become a valued learning resource in schools throughout the region. In 2019, our partner Blue Ventures featured her work in a blog on [building confidence through communication](#) with communities. In 2019, Nusi's work also saw her selected as one of the awardees of the [Women Earth Alliance](#). In January 2021, Nusi was a speaker at our partner Blue Ventures' Toko Telo event, [How data can empower communities in marine management](#).

MEET THE YPL TEAM

We are a lively team of 19 Indonesian conservationists, coming from diverse backgrounds that span fisheries, law, human rights, conservation and logistics. Each quarter we will introduce new members of the team.



Indah Rufiati - Fisheries Lead

Indah has spent the last eight years dedicating her time to working with small-scale fishing communities across Indonesia, from Sumatra to Papua. As YPL's fisheries lead, Indah works alongside communities to provide technical assistance in fisheries monitoring and management. Her work focuses on developing strategic partnerships with fishers, government, NGOs and the private sector to improve the sustainability of small-scale fisheries. Indah is also an artist, and her love of the marine environment inspires her paintings (see next page).



Lugas Hakim – Monitoring and Evaluation Lead

Lugas has a passion for working with local organisations and communities and leads our work developing monitoring and evaluation systems. When he's not working, Lugas loves music, so if you need someone to sing or dance with, don't hesitate to reach out.



Maman Cornsmith – Health, Environment and Gender Coordinator

As an enthusiast and professional in rural development, Maman leads YPL's work to strengthen human rights based-approaches to marine conservation through health-environment programming, gender mainstreaming and financial inclusion with coastal communities. Maman is also passionate about equality-diversity-inclusion, participatory program design and management, and cross-sectoral partnership for development and conservation.

MEET OUR BOARD

Our team is overseen by a board of patrons, who are responsible for the organisation's governance, and for providing strategic oversight.



Dina Kosasih

With a background working for startups in big data analytics, artificial intelligence, and corporate services marketplaces, Dina has broad experience of supporting innovative organisations and startups through growth, with a particular interest in solving systemic challenges in the fisheries and plastic waste sectors. Dina currently leads the Open Innovation Hub (OiHub), which works to help organisations solve business, social and sustainability challenges.



Dr. Tukul Rameyo Adi, MT

A multidisciplinary social scientist and ecologist, Dr. Tukul Rameyo Adi joined YPL's board of patrons in November 2021. He has worked for the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs as an advisor to the Minister for Socio-Anthropology since 2017. He previously directed the Research Centre for Marine and Fishery Socioeconomics (RCMFSE), Agency for Marine and Fishery Research and Development. He has also directed the Center for Maritime Studies at the University of Nahdlatul Ulama (UNU), served as President of IMFISERN (Indonesia Marine and Fisheries Socio-Economic Research Networks) from 2016-2020, and advised Maritim Muda Indonesia and Perkumpulan Wangsamudra.



Barakalla Robyn

Barakalla is Business Development and Partnership Lead for Earthworm Foundation, working on sustainable supply chains, responsible sourcing, regenerative agriculture and local community livelihoods. With environmental science degrees from Sydney's University of Technology and Gadjah Mada University, Barakalla previously held roles as Conservation International's Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Director, and Blue Carbon Science Director for the Asia Pacific region. Barakalla has also held senior roles with World Resources Institute's Low Carbon Development Program and Sustainable Ocean Initiative.

REMEMBERING NISA



Nisa Syahidah

Despite the growth and progress we saw in 2021, the year was marked by profound sadness for the YPL family following the tragic death of our colleague Nisa Syahidah in November. Nisa was YPL's communications manager and led our work documenting community experiences of marine conservation. We remember Nisa for her enormous contribution to our mission, and particularly her passion and creativity. Her gift for supporting compassionate, human-centred storytelling made a huge impact in sharing the experiences of communities involved in marine conservation across Indonesia.

IN THE MEDIA



In November the community of Maurongga in Flores carried out its first temporary fishery closure at three sites and was featured in this [article by Publiknnt.](#)



In August, fishers from the East Nusa Tenggara communities of Arubara, Tetandara and Maurongga visited communities in Northern Minahasa for an octopus fisheries management workshop, which led to them forming a new LMMA working group. This success story was captured in this [Mongabay article.](#)



This article published in Antara Sulteng celebrated the success of a [three month fishery closure](#) by Uwedikan Village in Central Sulawesi.



[In this article for Sangalu,](#) Nurain Lapolo, the director of JAPESDA, explores the benefits of working with communities to establish fishery closures.

This [article by Zonautara](#) documents the improved catches following multiple temporary fishery closures in Boboca House, an established marine conservation area.



As part of celebrations for World Octopus Day, news outlet Tempo highlighted our [annual celebrations for World Octopus Week](#). Our partner JARI and the Poto Tano community in West Sumbawa celebrated World Octopus Day in October through a week of activities to raise awareness about the importance of managing local reef fisheries sustainably called 'Pekan Gurita'.

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In October, a workshop we organised on [community-based sustainable management of mangrove ecosystems](#) was run in Indragiri Hilir and featured in local news.



In a guest blog on our partner Blue Ventures' website, Budi Susanto reflects on the work of [six Indonesian communities who are working together to conserve their mangrove forests in Sumatra's Kubu Raya](#).



Blue Ventures also highlighted the success of our [community learning exchange](#) attended by representatives of the Akar Foundation, Yayasan LINI and Yayasan KALI in this blog.



Lensa Timur featured our work with the Tananua Foundation working to [improve fisheries management and marine protection](#) in the Ende region of Flores.



Our work training community members to record their catches features in this blog that explores how we are [helping communities transition from paper-based data collection to mobile monitoring](#).



Our work has also inspired other NGOs in the region. The Yayasan Konservasi Laut (YKL) is now [working with fishermen on Langkai and Lanjukg Island to help them manage their octopus fishery in a sustainable way](#).



And this Blue Ventures blog explores how the village of [Darawa in southeast Sulawesi has shifted away from destructive fishing practises](#) to become leaders in community-based conservation.