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## INTRODUCTION

We are delighted to share with you the second edition of our new quarterly newsletter, which looks back at some of our highlights and key developments alongside our partners', in the first quarter of 2022.



*We provided training on how to observe the gonad maturity of *Octopus cyanea* to the participants of a workshop we conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF/KKP), SFP & LINI  
Credit: LINI*

# COMMUNITY CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS

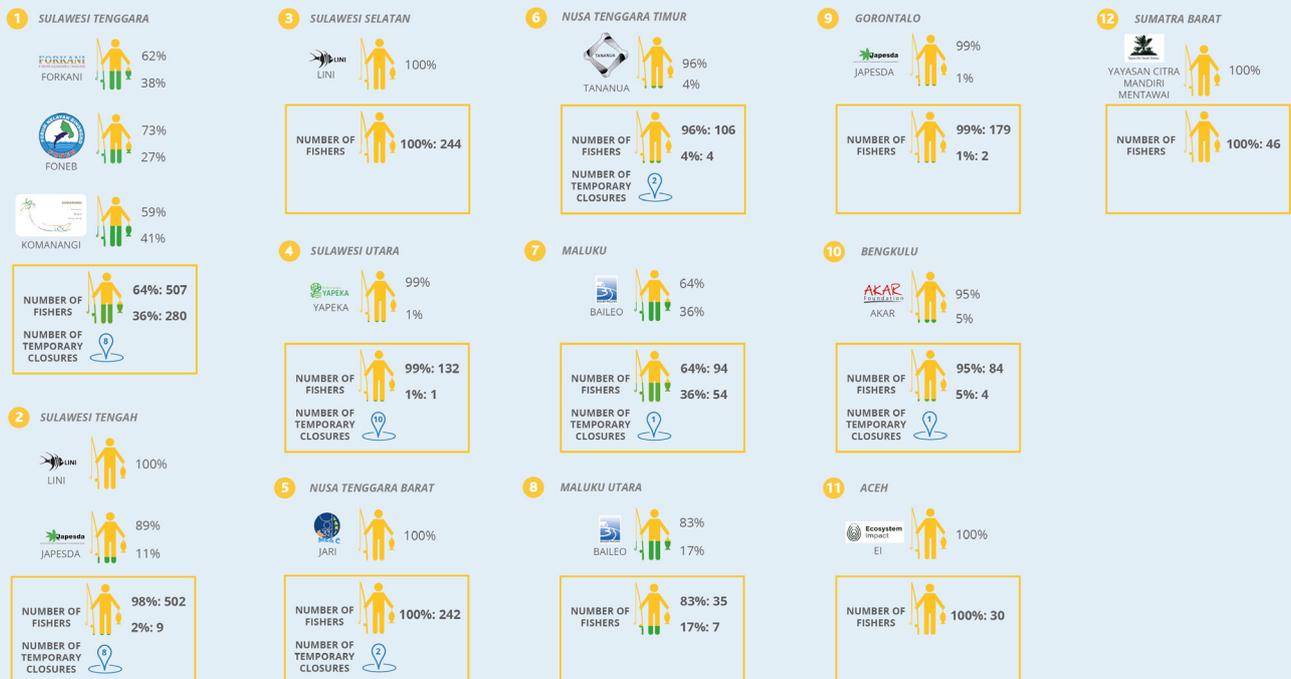
## TEMPORARY OCTOPUS FISHERY CLOSURES

With our partners, we support the implementation of temporary octopus fishery closures, managed by fishing communities. Temporary fishery closures can [help build local support and confidence](#) for larger and longer-term fisheries management and conservation measures, including permanent no-take zones. They are an important way for us to engage with communities and partners. Since 2018, we have supported 29 temporary fishery closures across 13 villages, working with eight partners.

The number of male and female fishers and the number of temporary octopus fishery closures

**Legenda**

-  Number of temporary closures
-  Number of male fishers
-  Number of female fishers



## PARTNER SUCCESS STORY: YAPEKA

We received exciting news in March from our partner [YAPEKA](#) in North Minahasa. YAPEKA has supported communities in and around Bulutui village to run their fifth temporary fishery closure in Bulutui waters, called Rumah Boboca. Bulutui is a beautiful village in North Sulawesi, whose community decided to extend the most recent closure period from three to five months, leading to a marked increase in octopus sizes in the area.



*An octopus fisher holds up his octopus catch in Bulutui village  
Credit: Efra Wantah/YAPEKA*

**“ The result of the catch in Rumah Boboca [temporary closure area] during the fifth cycle is a significant increase – it is 300 percent greater than the catch in previous closures. It’s become clear to us that a longer closure period will positively impact the total catch. ”**

**– Aswadi Sahari, the leader of Napo Ila Indah Fishers Group**

This is just one story of many from our network across Indonesia, showing how successful temporary octopus fishery closures can be. We hope that it will encourage other partners and communities to keep strengthening community-led fisheries management.

## SAFETY AT SEA

Destructive Fishing Watch (DFW) Indonesia [recorded](#) 83 missing fishers, 42 accidents and 14 confirmed fatalities in Indonesian seas between December 2020 and June 2021. These incidents mostly involved fishing vessels of a similar size and type used by small-scale fishers, and reflect the high level of risk fishers face to make a living each day. Many fishers in Indonesia, and especially small-scale fishers, work without safety equipment or insurance.

YPL carried out Safety at Sea training with three of our partners ([JARI Foundation](#), [JAPESDA](#) and [Yayasan Tananua Flores](#)) between September 2021 and January 2022 in collaboration with the Indonesian Navy, National Search and Rescue Agency, fishing communities, local stakeholders and partner representatives. In total, 72 fishers have received skills training that we hope will improve health and safety awareness, and increase fishing safety.



*Safety at Sea training for small-scale fishers in Poto Tano, West Nusa Tenggara  
Credit: Indra Ganeza/JARI*

## COOPERATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF MARINE AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

In January, we partnered with the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership ([SFP](#)) and [LINI](#) to hold a three-day workshop with the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF/KKP) on drafting the first official data collection protocol for octopus fisheries to use across the archipelago. This exciting initiative is a huge step towards strengthening the management of small-scale octopus fisheries at a national level.

We will continue to collaborate with MMAF through regular meetings to discuss data collection carried out by partners and communities, to collaborate on integrating this data within the MMAF database, and to develop a document profiling octopus fisheries and fishing methods in Indonesia.



*Octopus fisheries workshop, conducted by the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF), YPL, SFP and LINI  
Credit: LINI*

We also look forward to discussing our plans to launch an octopus [Fishery Improvement Project](#) (FIP) with the new Director of Capture Fisheries at MMAF. FIPs are a rigorous, transparent, international standard of best practice recognised by conservation organisations, governments, philanthropic organisations and the private sector. They are used to align multiple initiatives, so a FIP launch would strengthen coordination of the many ongoing efforts by partners to improve sustainability of the Indonesian *O. cyanea* fishery, our partners' investment in sustainable fisheries, good governance and recognition and protection of fisher rights.

## SCUBA DIVING TRAINING

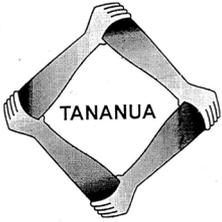
Our partner, [JARI Foundation](#), is providing scuba diving training to the community fishery management group in Poto Tano village in West Nusa Tenggara province. Members of the management group are trained to regularly monitor coral reef health and biodiversity using underwater transects whilst diving. The aim for this training is to enable the management group members to survey the habitats in the marine areas that they manage, and to use this information to inform future management measures and decision making.



*Scuba diving training through partner JARI Foundation with the temporary closure management group in Poto Tano Village, West Nusa Tenggara province  
Credit: Hani Nusantari/JARI*

# MEET OUR PARTNERS

## YAYASAN TANANUA FLORES



We are excited in this edition to introduce [Yayasan Tananua Flores](#) (YTF), an organisation supporting communities to improve their welfare, enhance biodiversity conservation and promote inclusivity, equality and community empowerment. YTF focused its early work on Sumba Island and then began working in West Timor and Flores Island, where its office is based. Since 1989, YTF has supported 104 communities across these regions.

YTF initially focused on the terrestrial sector, but in 2019, with partner organisation Blue Ventures (BV), YTF staff started helping octopus fishers from Mourongga and Tentadara villages in South Ende to monitor their octopus catches and manage fisheries. Since then, YPL and YTF have worked closely together to identify new sites and communities and help them to establish community-based octopus fisheries management.



Pius Jodho, Marine & Fisheries Programme Coordinator, Yayasan Tananua Flores  
Credit: Christopher Giordano/Blue Ventures

“ YPL and octopus have brought Tananua from land to sea. We are grateful to have met and worked with YPL and BV to recognise octopus as one of the potential marine resources that has economic value with extraordinary nutrient contents.

This potential needs to be maintained. The open and closing system for fisheries management is also a new lesson and experience for both of us and the communities we work with.

Hopefully this collaboration will continue to strengthen Tananua in empowering coastal communities in managing their important resources for generations to come. Thank you YPL and BV for the continued support.

Take some, save it for tomorrow, the sea is sustainable, fishers will be happy. ”

- Pius Jodho, Yayasan Tananua Flores



Adrianus Dosa, Field staff of Marine & Fisheries Programme, Yayasan Tananua Flores  
Credit: Indah Rufiati

“ In the villages where we work, fishers are not only the sea users, but they are also guardians of marine and fisheries ecosystems. Sovereignty of the sea can be achieved if fishers are empowered to manage their natural resources so it will be sustainable.

The process of assisting fishers in protecting the sea takes a long time, but we are glad that we are supported by YPL, BV and our network so that we can work together on making fisheries sustainable in Indonesia. ”

- Adrianus Dosa, Yayasan Tananua Flores

## MEET THE YPL TEAM

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We are a lively and passionate 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 our team.



### **Istiyarto Ismu - Community Organisation Specialist**

Ismu has worked in community organising since the end of 1999. He joined YPL in 2019 as a Community Organisation Specialist and provides technical support to partners on how to promote behaviour change in communities to manage coastal and marine resources sustainably. Ismu's expertise and significant experience have really strengthened YPL's ability to work closely with communities and partners.

"For me, the management of coastal and marine resources must start from how the community is able to manage itself. Therefore, understanding the community must start from listening, not being heard," said Ismu.



### **Rayhan Dudayev - Policy, Advocacy and Governance Specialist**

Rayhan started his career in 2014 as an environmental lawyer to advocate for policy reform and empower communities in environmental and human rights protection. He joined YPL in September 2019 as a Policy, Advocacy and Governance Specialist. Rayhan is a specialist in coastal community marine tenure rights, and provides direct technical support and training to our partners. So far, our work with partners in this area has resulted in seven coastal communities obtaining legal recognition and financial support from the government to manage their marine resources. In his spare time, Rayhan entertains himself by having culinary adventures, reading and freediving.



### **Rini Hanifa - Conservation Programmes Manager**

Rini started her career working to restore the livelihoods of coastal communities affected by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami. Her work now focuses on supporting community-led mangrove restoration. Working from YPL's Denpasar office, Rini provides direction and support needed to team members based in Indragiri Hilir, Riau and Kubu Raya, West Kalimantan. Rini is passionate about nature and spends her free time canoeing and mountain hiking.

## PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA



Read our story about how [participatory mud crab monitoring is paving the way to sustainable mangrove management](#). Many Indonesian coastal communities, like the Perigi Raja and Sapat communities of Indragiri Hilir Regency of Riau Province, depend on mud crab fisheries for food and income. The extensive mangrove forests are a key habitat for crabs, catfish and shrimp.



Check out our blog about [improving the health status of coastal communities through health-environment partnership forums](#), following a lively learning and knowledge-sharing forum we hosted to build a health-environment framework in Indonesia.



Read the third part of our blog about [promoting the use of customary laws to improve community fisheries in Indonesia](#). This is the final part of a series about the use of customary laws called *sasi* by some communities in the Maluku archipelago to make the relationship between man and nature more sustainable and help rebuild fisheries.



YPL signed an [open letter](#) to signatories to the Convention on Biological Diversity on the UN's 30 by 30 target. The letter is an urgent call to recognise and respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities ahead of COP15.



The Binongko Fishermen's Forum (FONEB) held a [focus group discussion](#) in March to document the culture of natural resource management. This activity provided support for various programs related to natural resource management, particularly the Octopus Fishery Management programme led by our partner FONEB in collaboration with FORKANI and YPL.



Read about our partner [Yayasan LINI](#)'s recent trial using cultured clownfish from their breeding centre in northern Bali to [restock cultured clownfish into reef restoration areas](#). They began breeding marine aquarium species in 2015 as part of their efforts to offer new skills to marine aquarium fishers that they have worked with since 2010.



Our partner [Planet Indonesia](#) provided this update on [preserving West Kalimantan mangroves](#) with the help of villagers in Sungai Nibung planting red mangrove seedlings in Tanjung Burung.



Another update from Yayasan Tananua Flores explains how [octopus fishery management in Maurongga](#) village is becoming an important source of income for fishers, who are using more sustainable octopus fishing practices.



Hear how our partner YAPEKA is working with local communities to design [community-based marine ecotourism packages](#) in East Nusa Tenggara.



Check out this storybook by [JARI Foundation](#) called Laut Sahabat Kita (The Sea is Our Best Friend) published in English and Indonesian for their school partners. They are inviting pupils from Indonesia and Australia to [submit illustrations](#), and including prizewinning illustrations in the book.



Our partner JAPESDA [interviewed octopus fishers](#) in Uwedikan Village, Central Sulawesi, about carrying out patrols, collecting data and the impact temporary closures are having on the community, and their work featured in [Mongabay Indonesia](#).