

TURTLE MONITORING TRAINING

University of Papua (UNIPA) on **June 11-13, 2019** held a Turtle Monitoring Training in Jeen Yessa Beach, Kab. Tambrau. This training aimed to generate trained conservationist to carry out turtle monitoring activities in their respective areas.

The training was opened by Deputy Regent of Tambrau, Mr. Mesakh Yekwam, and attended by 33 participants, consist of: 11 members of the UNIPA Turtle Protection and Nest Monitoring team, 8 UNIPA local patrol workers, 2 representatives from the Nazareth Papua Foundation, 2 representatives from community group of KUMEP Yenbekaki, 1 person from WWF, 8 people from UPTD Taman Pesisir Jeen Womom, 1 representative of the beach owner.

With speakers who are experts in their fields, namely Dr. Manjula Tiwari, Dr. Fitryanti Pakiding, and Dr. Deasy Lontoh, in this training, the participants learned about the biology and ecology of sea turtles, the identification of turtles, the monitoring protocol for turtles on the beaches of nesting, fisheries and by-catches, as well as community and stakeholders participation in turtle conservation effort. During the practice session, participants conducted night patrols and morning patrols by directly

protecting the nest from the threat of predators and high temperatures, transfer of the nest threatened, and evaluating the success of hatching.



Measuring turtle's carapace

This four-day training was closed by the Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Dr. Zita Sarungallo. In general, training participants, especially the BAF grant partners, greatly appreciated the increased technical and practical capacity gained from this training.

This training activity is part of the BAF cycle 2 proposal with LPPM UNIPA, yet, some of the funding came from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as in-kind contributions from NOAA.



Participants & Resource Persons of Turtle Monitoring Training

AUDIENSI LPPM UNIPA

As directed by the Science and Conservation Advisory Committee (SCAC) on UNIPA's Center of Excellent (CoE) continuation in BAF Cycle-2 Grants, on **June 26, 2019**, the Administrator along with and Mr. Lukas Rumatna (SCAC) and Mr. Yulianus Thebu (LRC) conducted courtesy visit to Mr. Alexander Yaku (Deputy Rector IV of UNIPA Planning & Cooperation).

In this meeting, it was conveyed that since the UNIPA CoE was dissolved as of April 1, 2019, the collaboration between BAF and UNIPA will be directly managed under the LPPM UNIPA and a board consists of fisheries and marine experts will be established in LPPM UNIPA to monitor and direct the program implementation.



Courtesy visit to Deputy Rector IV of UNIPA di Manokwari

PENINGKATAN KAPASITAS PENGELOLAAN DANA HIBAH BAF SIKLUS-2

As a follow up to BAF 2nd cycle grant signing, the Administrator in collaboration to TNC Sorong, CI Fakfak and WWF Wondama, carried out a capacity building workshop for Cycle-2 BAF Grant recipients on program implementation and reporting as well as financial management and administration. To ensure lessons effectiveness, the training was conducted in 2 cities, **Manokwari**, on **June 24-26, 2019** and **Sorong**, on **June 27-29, 2019**.



Introduction on BAF by Bp. Lukas Rumatna (SCAC)

This activity was attended by 5 grantees out of a total of 8 approved organizations to received

Primary Grant; and 9 grantees out of a total of 12 approved organizations to received Inovasi Grant. Those, who have not participated in these trainings, will have the opportunity to attend training/assistance from Administrator.



Review and discussion on grantees' financial report

At the end of the training, the Administrator facilitates a consultation session for grantees, who have completed their draft of first quarter progress implementation and/or financial reports.



Participants, resource persons and SCAC member in BAF Cycle-2 Capacity Building in Sorong

TRAINING OF THE TRAINER FOR MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS

On **June 17-19, 2019**, the Papua Nazareth Foundation (YNP) conducted a Training of the Trainer (ToT) for prospective marine environmental educators (PLH) in 9 villages in North Misool. The training aimed to expand the impact of the PLH program, since in the beginning of the program, YNP only conducted

PLH in 2 villages in North Misool. Thus, considering the agreement of the North Misool Indigenous MPA throughout the villages in North Misool, it is hoped that through the ToT, the environmental educators in each village can be implemented PLH program effectively and sustainably.



Representative of environmental educators from 9 Kampung in Misool Utara

RELEASE OF HATCHLINGS

As part of community efforts to preserve nature, the Community of Turtle Conservationists in Yenbekaki Village, Kab. Raja Ampat, released 504 hatchlings to the sea in **beginning of June 2019**. The hatchlings released consisted of 110 hatchling of Hawksbill turtles and 394 hatchlings of Lekang turtles that hatched at Warebar Beach, Yenbekaki Village.



As chairperson of Yenbekaki Village Turtle Conservation Community Group, Mr. Yusuf Mayor ensured that during the period of the turtles lay their eggs, the community guarded the nests in the Warebar Coast area from predatory attacks. Then, after the turtle eggs hatched, the community take care the hatchling captivity before they were released to the sea.

The following is the news link by Antara News:
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