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CLOSING SASI SIGNS COMMITMENT TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY IN RAJA AMPAT

The Traditional Ceremony of Closing Sasi marks the commitment of the Kawe community from Selpelle and Salio Villages to protect their surrounding area. "We hope that everything the Kawe Customary Community do is for the future of their children and grandchildren. They should not only be the spectators, but they must take roles as managing actors, who capable of managing the Wayag area," said the Chairman of the Raja Ampat Maya Customary Council, Kristian Thebu, on the sidelines of the event.

On **November 3, 2020**, with the support of USAID through the Blue Abadi Fund Program, the Kawe Customary Community held the Traditional Ceremony of Closing Sasi on Wayag Island. Sasi is a local wisdom that has been carried out from generation to generation to maintain the balance of nature in an area. This term refers to the periodization of the use of biodiversity in the area. When the community agrees to close the Sasi, no one may take certain marine biota in the agreed area. In the context of the Raja Ampat region, important biota include turtles, lola, clams, sea cucumbers and lobsters.

KSDA, NGOs, traditional and religious leaders from Selpelle and Salio villages, as well as the communities of Selpelle and Salio villages.



Procession of releasing biota into the sea that was received from traditional leaders of Selpelle and Salio villages, Wayag Island.

In his remarks, the Acting Regent of Raja Ampat, Manuel Piter Urbinas said that the Traditional Ceremony of Closing Sasi signals all parties to respect the steps of the Kawe Customary Community to protect their marine potential, so that when the Sasi is opened, it will provide abundant results.

The event, which was attended by approximately 200 people, was opened with a short service by the Head of the Klasis, and was continued with the symbolic handover of the biota to be SASI from the Traditional Leaders to the Government (Acting Regent of Raja Ampat), the Church (Chairperson of the GKI Klasis Raja Ampat), Law Enforcement (Kapolres Raja Ampat), Management of MPA (BKKPN Satker Raja Ampat Region) and BLUD UPTD KKP Raja Ampat Islands to be released into the sea (lola, kima, sea cucumbers, and lobsters) or buried on the beach (turtle eggs).

The Closing Sasi Ceremony was attended by the Chairman of the Maya Customary Council, the Regent of Raja Ampat, the Raja Ampat Police Chief, the Head of the Raja Ampat Water Police, BKKPN Kupang Wilker Raja Ampat, PSDKP Wilker Raja Ampat, BLUD UPTD KKP Raja Ampat Islands, West Papua Balai Besar

Masyarakat Adat Lindungi Sumber Daya Alam Dengan Sasi dan Peraturan Adat



Wayag, 03 November 2020. Masyarakat adat Kawe di Raja Ampat melaksanakan upacara penutupan Sasi sebagai bentuk komitmen untuk melindungi sumber daya alam. Upacara ini dihadiri oleh berbagai pihak, termasuk pemerintah daerah, kepolisian, dan masyarakat adat. Upacara ditutup dengan doa dan pembacaan deklarasi.

The Sasi procession was confirmed by the signing of the sasi minutes by the village government, traditional leaders, and religious leaders from Selpela and Salio Villages.



The participants signed their support for Sasi Closure and the Customary Regulations Initiative

Simultaneously with the Closing Sasi Ceremony, a customary regulation that regulates the protection of marine biota ecosystems on Wayag Island and surrounding islands was also stipulated. The community through the Customary Council and Religious Leaders realizes and agrees that existing local wisdom needs to be strengthened by Customary Regulations, so that they have the

power to regulate the community in efforts to protect and use a conservation area and become a guide for community members who routinely conduct patrols in the waters of the SAP West Side of Waigeo Islands.

The Head of the Raja Ampat Satker, M. Ramli Firman, representing the Director General of Marine Spatial Management, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, we warmly welcome the community initiative. "The spearhead of all these activities is the community, while we will continue to provide assistance and conduct supervision with reference to the regulations."

For further information, the Closing Sasi Ceremony was covered by Sorong News, RRI, and West Papua BBKSDA with the following link:

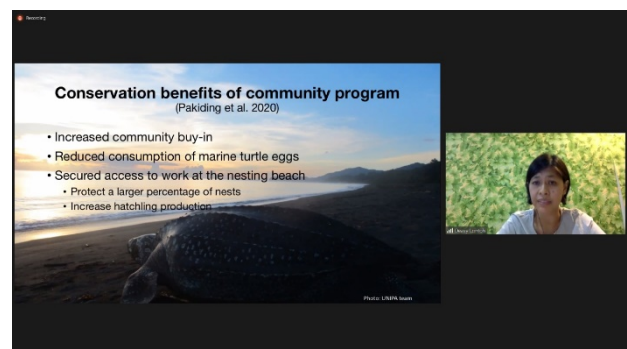
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SHARING ON TURTLE PROTECTION EFFORTS IN SITKA WHALEFEST

On **November 7, 2020** Alaska Time (or November 8m 2020 05.15-05.45 Eastern Indonesia Time), Tim LPPM UNIPA had participated in **Sitka WhaleFest** organized by Sitka, Alaska, A.S. (<http://sitkawhalefest.org/>)

Sitka WhaleFest is an annual festival held in the city of Sitka lies along the coastal edge of Baranof Island, in Southeast Alaska. It aims to celebrating marine life through science education, community and storytelling as well as raises awareness, educates, and creates enthusiasm for the marine environment. However, due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, this year's Festival is being held virtual. With the theme of "Ocean Connection: Culture and Communication", Sitka WhaleFest 2020 tries to explore various forms of culture and communication that are tied to the marine environment, both through the indigenous knowledge and scientific discoveries.

In this festival, the LPPM UNIPA Team represented by Mrs. Deasy Lontoh gave an online presentation entitled "Leatherback Turtles: Ancient Mariners of the Pacific" to approximately 130 participants, consisting of the community, high school students and university students in the US.



Knowledge sharing about turtle protection efforts at Jeen Womom, West Papua on the 3rd day of Sitka Whale Fest

POKMASWAS NUSA MATAN: PATROL IN FAKFAK AND FGD ON VILLAGE REGULATION

After the Nusa Matan Pokmaswas signed the off-cycle grant agreement on 7 October 2020, the Jaga Laut Team immediately conducted patrols and surveillance in the areas of KKP Berau Bay Coastal Park and KKTP Nusalasi Bay - Van den Bosch. As of mid-December 2020, the Jaga Laut Team has conducted 8 (eight) patrols with 1 (one) infringement note.

As a follow-up to the agreement to draft the Village Regulation draft, in early November 2020, the Nusa Matan Pokmaswas assisted by CII conducted a coordination meeting with legal practitioners and Community Empowerment and Village Government Agency (BPMPK). This meeting was followed by a "Focused Discussion" which was held on November 11, 2020, at the invitation of the Regional Secretariat of Fakfak Regency in order to initiate assistance for the preparation of Village Regulations (PERKAM). This meeting was attended by the Head of the Village Community Empowerment Service, Head of the Legal Section of the Regional Secretariat of the District. Fakfak, Head of Regional Research and Development Planning Agency (BP4D), Head of Districts and TA P3MD Kokas, Arguni, Karas, and CI.



FGD on Draft Village Regulations (PERKAM)

In this Focus Discussion, there were two (2) drafts Village Regulations that were discussed out of four (4) draft Village Regulations, namely (1) Authority Based on Origin Rights and Village-Scale Local Authorities, and (2) Village-Owned Enterprises (BUMKAM). At the end of the discussion, these two Village Regulations were agreed to be revised according to inputs provided. The districts that were the focus of the implementation of these two Village Regulations for 2020-2021 were Kokas, Arguni, Karas Districts.

Meanwhile, the discussion on the draft Village Regulations on (3) Utilization and Management of Natural Resources, and (4) Village Levies were postponed for further review by the technical Regional Apparatus Organization (OPD).

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR CUSTOMARY MPA MANAGEMENT TEAM OF MISOOL UTARA

In addition to regular patrol in the area of North Misool Customary MPA, Yayasan Nazaret Papua Barat (YNPB) acknowledges the importance of strengthening the capacity of patrol and management team. Thus, on **November 24-26, 2020** YNPB conducted capacity building for the Management and Patrol Team of North Misool Customary MPA, which was held at the Tanjung Kasim Post. This training was attended by 11 participants from two patrol sectors, namely the Folley sector and the Tanjung Kasim sector.

The training material presented by 4 resource person from CI and 1 resource person from BLUD UPTD KKP Raja Ampat Islands were include:

- Use of GPS and GPS data entry to computer,
- Filling out the patrol & monitoring form, including handling infringement,

- Taking good pictures for documentation and reporting.

Participants were very enthusiastic and actively participate in this training as it strengthen their knowledge and skills in managing the customary MPA.



The training held in Tanjung Kasim Post



GPS Use Practices, Use of Patrol Forms and Data Entry

PATROL AND SIGNBOARDS INSTALLATION IN NORTHERN MISOOL MPA

Starting on **28 October to 18 December 2020**, Tim Jaga Laut YNPB has conducted 14 patrols in the Folley sector and the Tanjung Kasim sector of the North Misool Customary MPA, as well as joint patrols with District and Security Apparatus towards Aduwey Village. During these patrol activities, there were no infringement found around the area.



North Misool Patrol Team in action

Furthermore, in order to ensure public awareness on do and don'ts in the area of the Customary MPA in the Northern Misool area, YNPB with the support of CI designed signboards to be installed in both sectors of the North Misool Customary MPA.

Then, on **23-25 November 2020**, the Patrol Team installed the signboards in Foley village, after previously coordinating with the Local Government, as well as the Head and Customary Leaders of Matbat. The Patrol Team together with BABINSA and traditional elders installed a signboard at Tanjung Waponta, a cape that is very strategic and easily visible.



Signboard installment in Tanjung Waponta

Furthermore, on **November 27, 2020**, the Patrol Team along with BABINSA and Customary Leaders of Salafen and Waigama installed a signboard on Nampale Island with consideration that Nampale Island and its surroundings are very prone to illegal fishing. And on **December 1, 2020**, YNPB and the Patrol Team continued the installation of the signboards on Pulau Tiga Aduwey.



Signboard installment in Nampale Island

COORDINATION ON EKKP3K/EVIKA

On **September 7, 2020**, the Director General of Marine Spatial Management had issued a Decree No. 28 of 2020 on Technical Guidelines for Evaluating the Management Effectiveness of Conservation Areas. It is an updated evaluation tools of EKKP3K that was established in 2012. The key improvement of this new tool is that while EKKP3K evaluates the management effectiveness by using a building block system, EVIKA evaluates the management effectiveness by using adaptive management principles.

Considering the update above, LPPM UNIPA Team conducted coordination online on **November 23-29, 2020** with related agencies, namely the Papua Province Marine and Fisheries Service (DKP) Barat, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (KKP), Loka

PSPL Sorong and CI regarding the plan to conduct the EKKP3K Workshop.

This coordination agreed on the following matters:

- The Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries will provide technical guidance regarding the EVIKA guidelines in early 2021, so the Loka PSPL Sorong, which is the verifier of the EKKP3K assessment results also has not received this technical guidance;
- The possibility of using EKKP3K as a guideline for assessment cannot be carried out, because evaluation of the effectiveness of conservation area management carried out after November 2020 must use a new guideline, namely EVIKA.

TURTLE MONITORING AND TURTLE NEST PROTECTION IN TAMBRAW

As the leatherback turtle nesting season approaching in October – March, the LPPM UNIPA Turtle Monitoring Team since early September 2020 has implemented various methods to protect leatherback turtle nests on the nesting beach of Jeen Syuab, Tambraw Regency. One of the protection method carried out is by moving the nests to simple relocation cage for nests under threat of erosion due to tidal waves and standing water.

To date, the Turtle Monitoring Team has relocated 87 threatened turtle nests to Relocation Cage 1 (with a capacity of 33 nests) and Relocation Cage 2 (with a capacity of 54 nests). Considering both cages are now full, the Turtle Monitoring Team with community support are in the process of building the 3rd Relocation Cage with a capacity of 60 nests.

In general, with this method of nest reallocation, it can be said that from early September to mid-December 2020, the Turtle Monitoring Team has succeeded in protecting more than 60% of the leatherback turtle nests found.



Successful Hatching of Sea Turtles in Reallocated Cages (top), a method of protecting turtle nests on the beach without reallocating the nest (bottom)

DISCUSSION ON THE JOINT PATROL PLAN OF SAP WEST WAIGEO MPA



Joined meeting of YPP, BKKPN and PSDKP on joint patrol plan

On **December 10, 2020**, at the BKKPN office of the Raja Ampat Satker in Waisai a coordination meeting was held to discuss plans for the Joint Patrol in the West SAP Waigeo Marine Conservation Area. The meeting was attended by YPP, BKKPN Satker Raja Ampat and Ferdinand I.P. Bata, and the Raja Ampat Satker PSDKP.

The agreed results are as follows:

- The patrol will be conducted for 5 days, namely 17-21 December 2020.
- The stakeholders that will be involved in the joint patrol are PSDKP Satker Raja Ampat, BKKPN Satker Raja Ampat, Pol Air Raja Ampat, PPNS, KLHK/BBKSDA, BLUD UPTD Raja Ampat Islands, community leaders, and YPP.
- The joint patrol will use YPP's Speedboat and the team will be departed from Waisai.
- The Basecamp for Patrol Team will be on either on Sayang or Piaia islands, depending on weather conditions.
- Patrols will be conducted every day with the main target of Sayang Islands.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN IN NORTHERN MISOOL



PLH in the classroom

As part of the environmental awareness raising for children in Northern Misool, on **December 14-17, 2020**, YNPB carried out an Environmental Education (PLH) activities in 6 villages out of 9 YNPB assisted villages, namely Foley, Audam, West Limalas, Limalas Timur, Atkari, Solal, Salafen, Waigama, and Aduwey. The PLH team could not reach the remaining 3 villages due to bad sea weather conditions.

With the theme of PLH "Cleanliness and Waste" the children were reminded to keep themselves clean and their environment clean. These PLH sessions were attended by approximately 148 elementary school students from grade 3 to grade 6 from six villages. Overall, the PLH were successful and the children were very active and happy to participate in the whole PLH activities.



Happy faces learning and receiving a poster on key marine species in West Papua