CORAL CATCH

Our Story: Batch #6

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A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

It’s a wrap! Another four incredible Superwomen have graduated from our Coral Catch Program. Sometimes, I still can't believe that my initial idea has blossomed into a full-fledged project. We've trained 24 incredible Coral Catch Superwomen, restored 676.24 square meters of coral reef, deployed 245 artificial reef structures, and attached 4,164 coral fragments.

Dreaming big and believing that anything is possible is what we love to teach our Coral Catch Superwomen. Our goals in education, conservation, and community outreach are not just aspirations; they are tangible steps toward a future where our oceans thrive and communities are empowered to protect them.

None of this would have been possible without your support! I'm incredibly grateful for our team—the backbone of our efforts—along with all our sponsors, ambassadors, partners, and friends who share my vision of building a network of strong female leaders dedicated to protecting and restoring Indonesia's beautiful coral reefs. While we're not there yet, we're certainly on our way. As Steve Jobs once said, "The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do."

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey with us!

Rose Huizenga

SUPPORT SYSTEMS

SPONSOR BATCH #6

At Coral Catch, each batch of Superwomen is proudly sponsored by a different grant, fund, or company, with some sponsors generously supporting multiple batches. We are truly grateful to our sponsors, who believed in our dreams even when the rest of the world doubted that setting up a coral restoration team with only Indonesian women was possible.

Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation

We are thrilled to introduce our newest ally in the mission to protect and restore Indonesia's coral reefs – The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation. Led by the visionary co-founder of The Home Depot, Arthur Blank, the foundation embodies the values of purpose-driven philanthropy and positive community impact.

> *Family is the most important part of my life. I can't tell you how much it means to me that we share similar values and a commitment to effect positive change in the world. This is a true family foundation. We sit at the table as a family, we make decisions as a family, and we share a calling to make a difference.*
> *- Arthur M. Blank*

In recognition of our shared values and commitment, Coral Catch is honored to have received a generous $25,000 grant from the DreAMBoat Community Fund, an associate-led giving committee of the Arthur M. Blank Foundation.

Thank you, Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, for being a catalyst for positive change in marine conservation. Together, we are changing the world – one woman, one reef, one island at a time.

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MEET OUR NEW AMBASSADORS

We're incredibly proud to have the support of 35 successful women from around the world who are cheering on our Coral Catch Superwomen. Today, we're excited to introduce the newest members of our Coral Catch sisterhood.

Kyra B. Wicaksono
Shark Caretaker
ReShark Project

Coral Catch combines the feminine aspect of fieldwork and education, a blend of what to me is one of the main drivers in conservation practices. Not only giving a chance for the habitats to re-grow, but also empowering the local women and community.

I really hope for initiatives like Coral Catch to expand all across Indonesia.

Dina Janidya
Ocean Guardian
Yayasan Trilogy Ocean Restoration

Who would have thought that starting from being a tourist in Karimunjawa, made me fall in love with the world of Coral and Restoration. I believe the small changes we make to the ocean will have a big impact.

It was proven that I was able to get to know Coral Catch friends, the activities initiated by great women further proved that women can take a role in preserving marine ecosystems. Never get tired of the process.

SUPPORT SYSTEMS

SPONSORS BATCH #1 - #5

We extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors. Their unwavering support has been instrumental in realizing our dream of building a strong network of 100 female leaders protecting the coral reefs of Indonesia.

MĀLAMA
SENSE THE SPIRIT OF NATURE

SUPPORT SYSTEMS

OUR PARTNERS

We are honored to have remarkable partners supporting our efforts in coral reef restoration and ensuring our scholarship candidates receive top-notch training. Together, we are committed to creating a better-protected and healthier ocean.

MEET OUR NEW PROGRAM MANAGER

I'm thrilled to join Coral Catch as the new Program Manager! My passion for marine science began in a busy city (I'm from Surabaya, East Java), fueled by my curiosity about marine life.

During my marine biology studies, I joined a diving club where I learned about coral reef monitoring, marine pharmacology, and seagrass conservation. I also became a certified open water and scientific diver. In 2022, I was honored to receive the Coral Catch Scholarship, which was an incredible opportunity.

Following my scholarship, I engaged in various marine and fisheries projects until I received a phone call from Rose, inviting me to take on a new challenge.

In September 2023, I returned to Coral Catch, this time as the Program Manager. I'm excited to continue my journey here and contribute to empowering women in marine conservation and fisheries.

Outside of work, I have a deep love for photography, especially underwater photography. I believe in the power of visual storytelling and social media to raise awareness for ocean conservation. I look forward to making a positive impact and bringing inspiration to our community here at Coral Catch!

Avicenna

SUPERWOMEN BATCH #6

Rani - 23 years

Bandung

Coral Catch has been a memorable and valuable experience for me. I've always been interested in marine life and diving, and more so after I finished my undergrad study in marine science. What I didn't expect to experience was how great it was to work with these girls, my new friends, with Cenna the amazing project manager, and be inspired by Rose, Bang Cakra, and the whole Coral Catch team.

I wish the Coral Catch project success going onwards, and I look forward to see more Indonesian women getting involved and inspired for marine conservation!

Dania - 19 years

North Lombok

Growing up on this Island I was told that the ocean that I lived co-existed with was not for me, and I was not supposed to dive so I lived with that mindset engraved within me. When I first heard about Coral Catch I knew for sure I could change this stereotype, I can shift my community perspective, I can reach for the stars, I can be more than I thought I can.

The program is exceeding my expectation I felt like I am in a safe box of uplifting women environment in the other hand I am pushing myself to do better on everything I did, It set a clear vission of my intersection of blue medicine and conservation mission and most importantly it is also shifted the community perspective that woman has room in ocean science, I would like to give a shout out for all the Coral Catch team especially kak Cenna our big sister (Coral Catch Manager) she really think above and beyond on helping us to achieve our full potential now as the program has come to an end I would confidently says this program did help me to achieve my full potential!

SUPERWOMEN BATCH #6

Caca - 21 years

Lombok

It is the most amazing program that I could have ever experienced. Through coral catch, I got to experience a lot of stuff that I had never thought I would. This program gave me a lot of knowledge which can help in my future studies. Experiences such as meeting the girls who have always been supportive of me who I can always rely on especially on our team work is a valuable thing to have. Not only for the present but also in the future.

The beauty of it is that, Coral Catch isn't only about conserving marine ecosystems such as coral reefs, it also empowers women. And I am proud of being a part of this program as it serves a higher purpose than just being in the conservation field. I would like to thank Kak Cenna and Bang Cakra for making my dream possible. I hope for the best for the rest of the girls and Coral Catch on their future endeavours!

Tata - 20 years

Jakarta

It's incredible how much you learn when you're given the right tools, resources, and support to do great things. Coral Catch has done exactly that.

At the beginning of the program, we were told to write our goals for the next 9 weeks - be it personal, dive-related, or professional. I can happily say that I've achieved all of the goals that I've set thanks to this forward-looking team of inspiring women. I can't wait to witness this team continue making waves of impact throughout Indonesia.

HIGHLIGHTS BATCH #6

OVERVIEW OF THE MASTERCLASSES

Emma Camp

Team Leader @Future Reefs Team at University of Technology Sydney

"Integrating Science into Reef Restoration Practices"

Elouise Haskin

Director of communications @Daughters Of The Deep

Master Instructor @Conservation Diver

"Coral Taxonomy and Identification"

Dinda Mazeda

co-Founder @21st Century Kartini

"Introduction on Ecological Engineering and Flash Mentoring"

Gabriel Nathania

Research Assistant @Marine Megafauna Foundation

"Get to Know Manta 101"

Ranny R. Yuneni

National Coordinator for Marine ETP Species @WWF Indonesia

"Important Shark and Ray Areas, Identification of Critical Habitat for Sharks"

Dr. Siti NurTahirah Jaafar

Marine Researcher and Lecturer @Universiti Malaysia Terengganu

"Coral Reef Health: from In Situ Observation to Molecular Diagnostic Investigation"

HIGHLIGHTS BATCH #6

Emilia Fulgido

Marine Biologist and Regenerative Leader

"Holistic Approach for Reef Protection"

Dina Janidya

Coral Guardian @Trilogy Ocean Restoration, Radio Announcer @iRadio

"Public Speaking 101"

Elle Wibisono

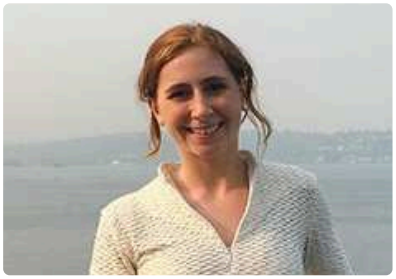
Founder and illustrator @fishtory.co, Fisheries Specialist @Konservasi Indonesia

"Navigating Uncertainty: Fishery Science for Conservation"

Aulia Zeintrinanda

Turtle Research Project Leader @Marine Megafauna Foundation

"Introduction to QGIS and Mapping"



Annie Means

Watson Fellowship Recipient

"Sharing Session & Photo Editing"

Jessica Levy

Reef Restoration Program Manager @Coral Reef Restoration Foundation

"Strategic Planning and Management of Large-Scale Restoration Efforts"

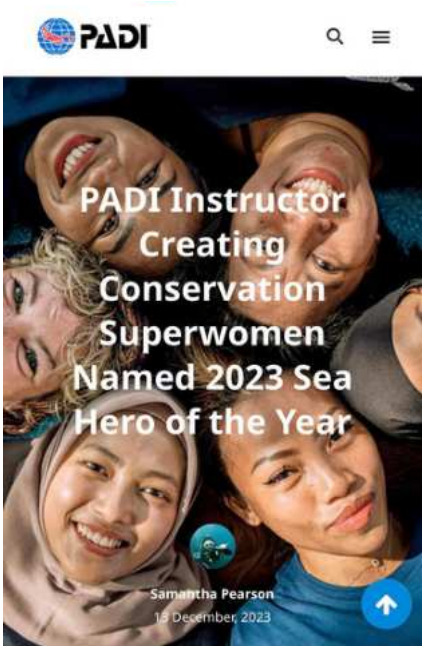
HIGHLIGHTS #BATCH 6

Annie Means is a 2023- 2024 Thomas J. Watson Fellow, studying gender in the marine industry and blue economy. Annie worked with Coral Catch superwomen during their program and captured their stories through photos and publications.

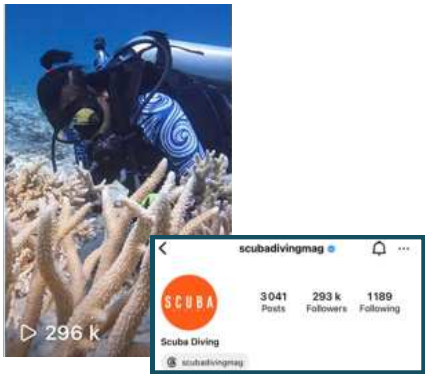
Throughout their scholarship, the Coral Catch Superwomen conducted 54 scientific dives using 12 research methods. Additionally, they completed scientific and conservation courses offered by PADI and Conservation Diver, earning certifications as scientific divers.

HIGHLIGHT BATCH #6

PRESS COVERAGE OF CORAL CATCH



[Rose Huizenga Named 2023 Seiko Sea Hero of the Year]



IMPACT BATCH #6

Coral Reef Monitoring

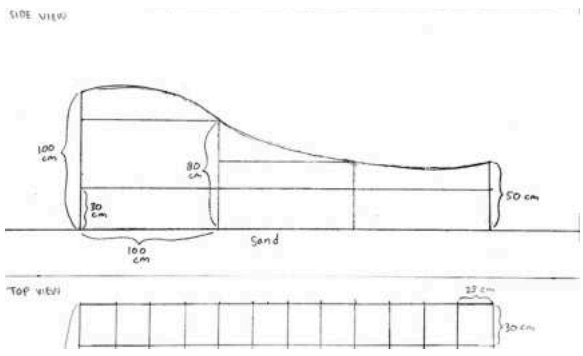
Our Superwomen conduct several monitoring surveys at Gili Matra Reefs to observe the health of the reefs and track any changes affecting corals, fish, and invertebrates.

In addition to collecting written data, the Superwomen use Underwater Photo Transects (UPT) to assess live coral cover and overall reef health through visual documentation.

Wave of Change

With Batch #6, we started our Wave of Change project; every batch of Superwomen is constructing and deploying an artificial reef structure resembling a wave.

Measuring 3.00 meters by 1.50 meters and adorned with 75 corals, these structures symbolize the transformative power of collective action.



IMPACT BATCH #6

Wave of Change

With every new group of women we train, our wave of change grows longer. By 2030, it will stretch 60 meters long with over 1500 corals attached. Despite strong currents, on the 19th of February 2024, the Superwomen successfully placed our first "Wave of Change" structure at a depth of 7 meters at Hans Reef, Gili Air.

Swimming Classses

The Coral Catch Superwomen from Batch #6, have been meeting 10 local women each Sunday in Blue Marlin's pool, helping them to evolve from hesitant swimmers to confident ocean explorers.

The highlight of their journey? The final session took place in the vast ocean, where they embarked on a snorkeling adventure together !

RESULTS #BATCH 6

By March 2023, the Coral Catch program has reached notable milestones in coral restoration. We have restored 676.24 square meters of coral reef, deployed 245 artificial reef structures, and attached 4,164 coral fragments to help revive marine ecosystems.

Including the women of Batch 6, the Superwomen provided appropriate swimwear for 35 local women living in Gili Air and taught them how to swim. Now, these women can safely enjoy the ocean and participate in activities to protect marine life.

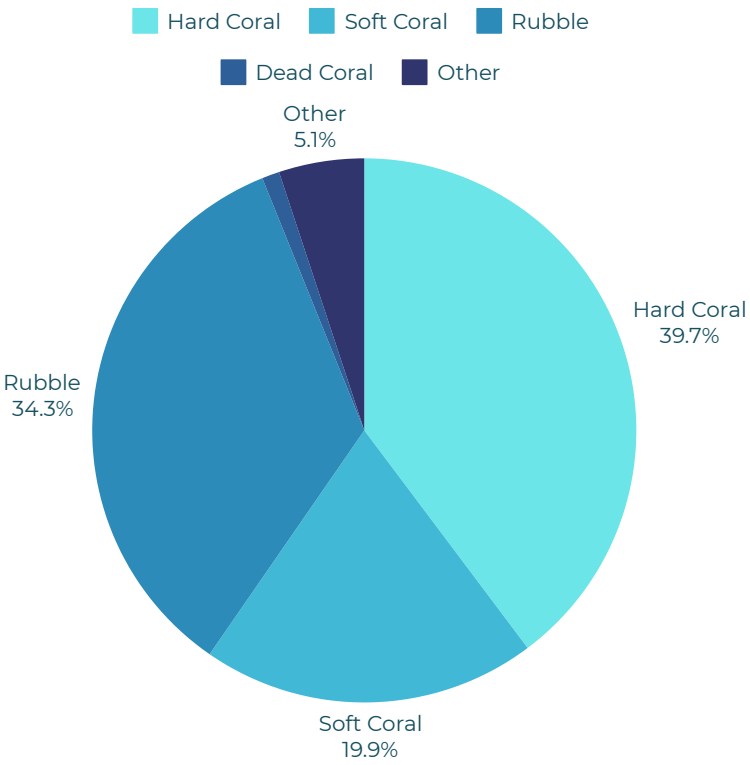
The Coral Catch Superwomen of batch # 6 invited over 150 people to join our weekly beach cleanups over 9 weeks, and together, we collected over 180 kg of trash.

The Superwomen conducted thorough surveys to monitor coral bleaching and assess the overall health of coral reefs in the Gili Matra Marine Park, gathering valuable insights for conservation efforts.

RESULTS #BATCH 6

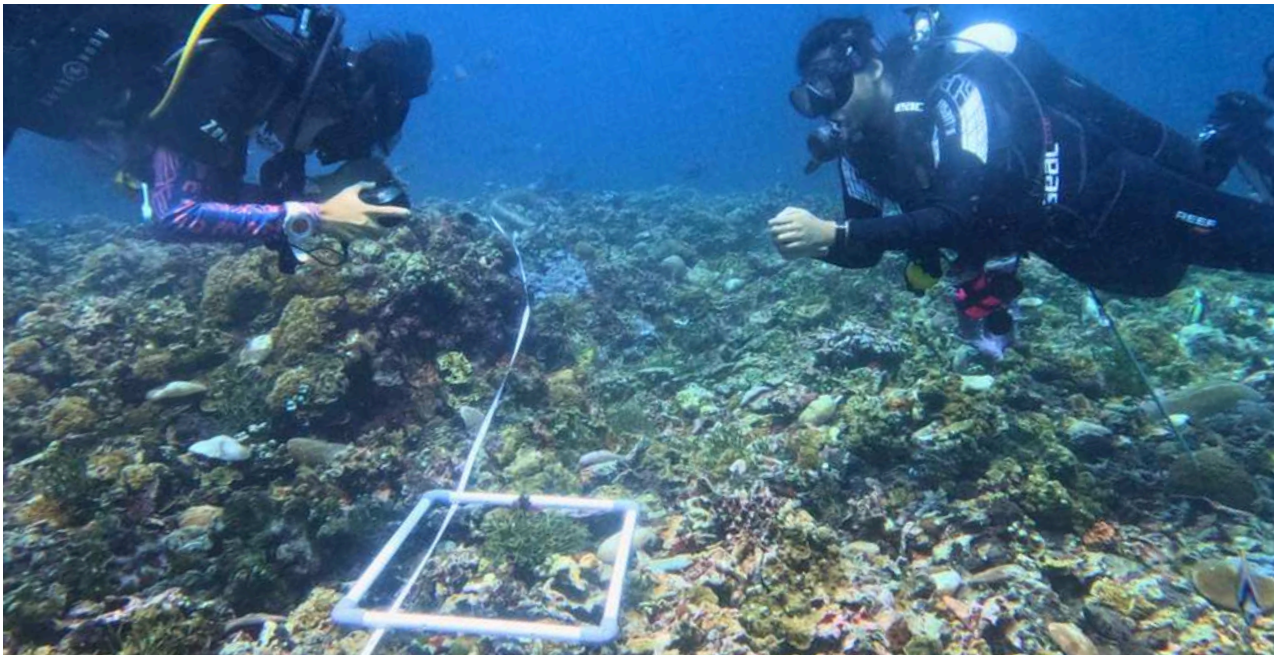
Coral Condition Survey (UPT)

One of the coral reef condition survey methods conducted by the Coral Catch Superwomen is the Underwater Photo Transect (UPT).



The Coral Catch Superwomen used the Underwater Photo Transect (UPT) method to survey the House Reef at a depth of 15 meters north of Gili Air Island. The survey identified substrate conditions dominated by hard and soft corals but revealed **a concerning 34.3% coverage of coral rubble.**

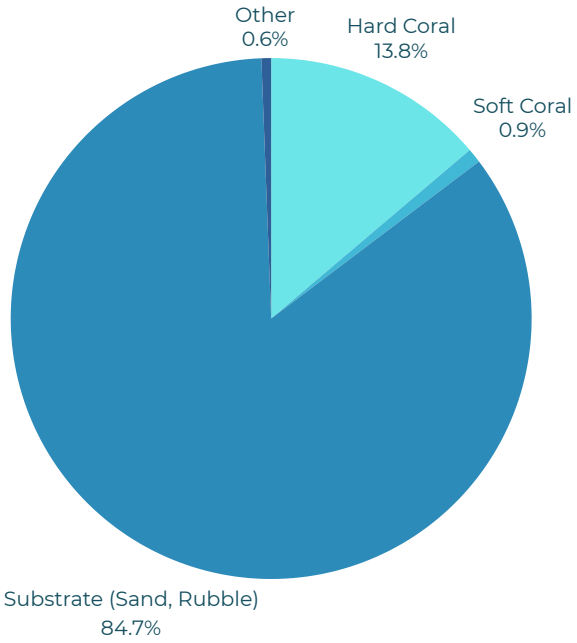
This emphasizes the need for focused conservation efforts to restore and protect the coral habitat in this area.



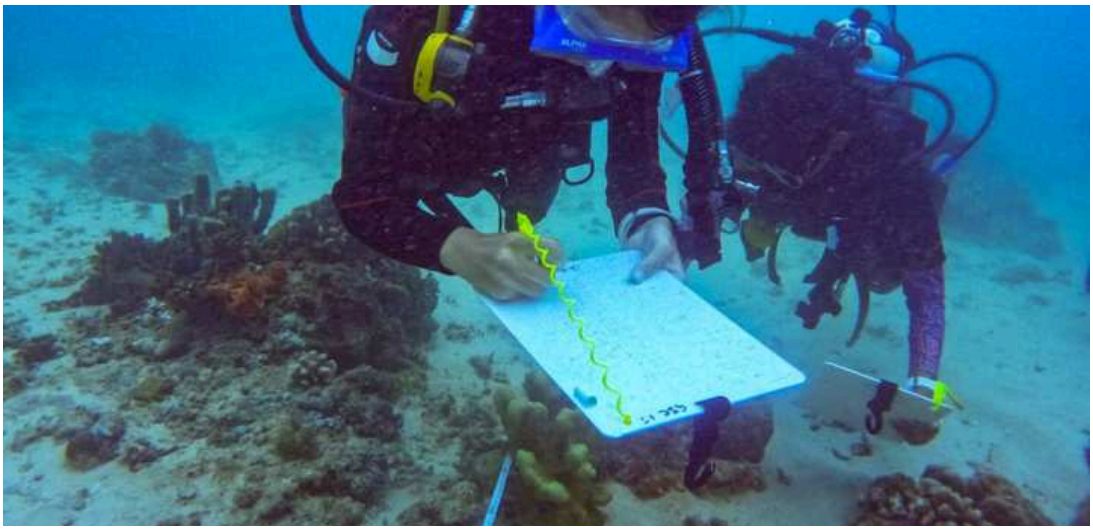
RESULTS #BATCH 6

Line Intercept Transect (LIT)

The Coral Catch Superwomen conducted data collection using the Light Intercept Transect method at Han's Reef, with the following results:



The seabed composition of Han's Reef is primarily sandy with dead coral debris, and it exhibits **a live coral cover of only 13.8%.** These findings suggest that Han's Reef holds promising potential as a coral restoration site, with a focus on increasing live coral cover through targeted conservation efforts.



SPECIAL MOMENTS

RANI

Rani did a sharing session with the nature lovers group
"SCALA" at Kuntum Cemerlang School, Bandung

BRIGITTA

Brigitta attended the Global Citizen NOW: Melbourne Summit
as a Youth Leader Awardee (photo by Lawrence Furzy);

CACA

Caca participated in the MBKM Program of UNRAM University:
'Survey of the Coral Reef Conditions in Gili Matra Marine Park'

DANIA

Dania got offered a Marine Medicine Internship in Cape Town, South Africa

OUR MISSION

The Coral Catch program envisions establishing a network of empowered Indonesian women collaborating with their communities to safeguard and restore the country's coral reefs. We provide comprehensive support, including knowledge, tools, experience, and networks for women to initiate and oversee coral restoration projects. Our award-winning program is more than a scholarship - it's a movement ! Our mission is to cultivate an inspiring environment where women embrace their strengths, develop leadership skills, and form a united community advocating for healthy oceans.

Aligned with the global agenda 2030 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Coral Catch aims to empower 100 Indonesian women to pursue careers in marine conservation through our coral restoration scholarships by 2030.

OUR GOALS

2023 - 2030

EDUCATION

Reducing gender inequalities & empowering women in the marine conservation.

- Provide 100 scholarships in coral restoration for Indonesian women
- Two years after graduating from the Coral Catch Program, 80% of the Superwomen is still active in the conservation field.
- Teach 100 local women how to swim

CONSERVATION

Protecting & restoring coral reefs of Indonesia.

- Build & deploy 25 artificial reef structures
- Establish 1 underwater science lab
- Conduct 200 beach clean-ups
- Organise 100 underwater clean-ups
- Collaborate with minimum 2 universities
- Publish a minimum of five publications

OUR GOALS

2023 - 2030

COMMUNITY

Promoting local stakeholder engagement in ocean conservation.

- Host 50 marine conservation workshops with local schools
- Facilitate 25 workshops to inspire women to start career in marine conservation
- Grow an online community of 100K engaged members
- Have a network of 50 ambassadors
- Ensure 100% of dive shops on Gili Air are trained to include conservation in dive briefings

LIFE AFTER CORAL CATCH

We are immensely proud of the career paths our Coral Catch Superwomen have pursued after completing the program. Each one has continued to contribute to marine conservation, whether through employment in the diving industry, coral restoration initiatives, or further studies in marine conservation. Here are a few inspiring stories:

QINTHAN

Qinthan, one of the pioneers of the program from Batch #1 in 2021, now serves as a Program Coordinator & Marine Biologist for the Indo Ocean Project in Bira. She conducts ecological workshops, collects data, and spearheads an educational project in a kindergarten, teaching children English and marine life.

CENNA

Cenna, who graduated from Batch #2 at 21 years old, returned to Java to work on various marine and fisheries projects. In November 2023, she proudly donned Coral Catch's colors once more, this time as the Lead Scientist and Program Manager for the 2024 cohort of Superwomen !

WIKA

Wika, previously employed in marketing and communications in Jakarta, made a career shift after joining the program. The scholarship fueled her passion for ocean conservation, leading her to work for the NGO Gili Matra Bersama. She's currently preparing to become a dive instructor this year.

LIFE AFTER CORAL CATCH

NATHANIA & AULIA

Aulia (on the left) was part of Coral Catch's first batch. After graduating in 2021, she left Indonesia to pursue her Master's in marine biology at the University of Queensland, Australia. Nathania (on the right) was trained in batch #2 before obtaining her dive master certification in Bali. They are now collaborating on manta ray conservation projects at the Marine MegaFauna Foundation!

AFIFA

Afifa graduated in 2022 from batch #3 and is now working as a marine biologist in the Anambas Islands, a remote region located North-West Indonesia. Not only is she involved in coral restoration projects, but she's also actively engaged in community outreach, particularly with zero waste management initiatives.

CATERINA

Caterina graduated from batch #4 in 2023 and has recently been certified as a dive instructor, sharing her passion for ocean conservation in Nusa Lembongan. She's also Coral Catch Network Coordinator, actively connecting the superwomen from different batches to share knowledge and facilitate opportunities.

OUR SUPERWOMEN

With pride, we present to you our Coral Catch Superwomen.

BATCH #1

Qinthan - 22 years
Marine Biologist at Indo Ocean Project in Bira, South Sulawesi

Aulia - 26 years
Turtle Project Leader in Marine Megafauna Foundation, Nusa Lembongan, Bali

Delya - 26 years
Freelance Divemaster in Labuan Bajo

Cynthia - 28 years
Young Professional in National Aviation Industry and coral restoration diver at , Angkasa Pura Indonesia dive club

BATCH #2

Nathania - 24 years
Research Assistant at Marine Megafauna Foundation Nusa Lembongan, Bali

Evi - 31 years
Co-Founder of Lombok Hidden Trip Tour & Travel in Lombok and coral restoration diver.

Cenna - 22 years
Program Manager, Coral Catch

Mardia - 23 years
Aquarist at Raja Ampat Research and Conservation Center (RARCC)

OUR SUPERWOMEN

BATCH #3

Afifa - 22 years
Marine Biologist in Anambas Foundation

Relis - 23 years
Marine Biologist at PT. SORCE Indonesia, Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara

Sakinah - 29 years
Cruise Director & Marine Biologist in Phinisi Sailing Boat at Indonesian Archipelago

Lyly - 48 years
Tourism Educator & Qigong Teacher

BATCH #4

Ayu - 27 years
Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Banten

Caterina - 21 years
Scuba Dive Instructor at Blue Corner Conservation in Nusa Lembongan, Bali

Ivonne - 22 years
Marine Science student in Mataram University

Yasmin - 22 years
Junior Marine Biologist at Blue Corner Conservation, Nusa Lembongan, Bali

OUR SUPERWOMEN

BATCH #5

Karina - 23 years
Entrepreneur & coral restoration diver in Gili Air

Sera - 22 years
Master student at Padjajaran University

Wika - 28 years
Communication Specialist and research assistant at NGO Gili Matra Bersama

Bella - 19 years
Dive Master Trainee at Raja Ampat

BATCH #6

Caca - 21 years
Student at Marine Science, Mataram University

Dania - 19 years
Marine medicine intern in Cape Town, Africa

Rani - 23 years
Pursuing work in marine conservation industry

Tata - 20 years
BSc scholarship student at Monash University (Melbourne, Australia)

PROJECT PHOTOS

You can find more high resolution pictures here : **http://bit.ly/pictures-coral-catch**

AGENDA & CONTACT

We hope this booklet has provided you with valuable insights into Coral Catch and our mission to empower local women in marine conservation. We invite you to join us on our journey as we continue to break barriers, inspire change, and protect our oceans for future generations. For media inquiries, further information, or to get involved, please contact us using the details provided below.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

21st April 2024 - 20th June 2024	**8th September 2024 - 17th November 2024**
Training Batch #7	Training Batch #8

BRANDING GUIDELINES

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