CORAL CATCH

Batch #7

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A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

I am overwhelmed with pride and gratitude as we celebrate the completion of batch #7. This milestone brings us closer to my mission of empowering 100 local women to protect and restore the coral reefs of Indonesia. With four more Superwomen graduating, I am thrilled to share that we now have a small army of 28 Coral Catch Superwomen, each passionately working to conserve marine ecosystems across Indonesia.

At Coral Catch, our theory of change centers on empowering women to strengthen ecosystem and community resilience. I believe that bridging gender disparities and cultivating youth involvement are essential for sustainable progress.

Our inclusive strategy recognizes that gender equality is fundamental to a sustainable future. By enabling women to lead marine conservation efforts, we ensure that diverse voices are not only heard but valued. This community-driven and comprehensive approach lays the groundwork for a sustainable and resilient future where coastal communities thrive in harmony with nature.

None of this would be possible without your unwavering support. Your belief in our mission and dedication to our cause have been instrumental in our success. Together, we are reviving coral reefs, safeguarding livelihoods, and empowering women to become leaders in marine conservation.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey!

Rose Huizenga

Founder of Coral Catch

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

Growing up in a busy city (Surabaya, East Java), my first time snorkeling in the ocean sparked my passion for marine conservation. I studied marine science, joined a diving club, learned about the wonderful marine ecosystem, and discovered marine microbiology.

In 2022, I was honored to receive the Coral Catch Scholarship. A year later, I returned to Coral Catch as the Program Manager. I'm excited to continue my journey here and contribute to empowering women in marine conservation and fisheries.

Through running Batch #6 and #7 , I've learned a lot about what it takes to run a successful program. One of my favorite parts is tailoring it so Coral Catch stays true to its vision — empowering women to pursue careers and studies in marine conservation.

Working closely with eight amazing superwomen has been an absolute joy. I'm grateful to be part of their journey, to be someone's safe space, teacher, friend, role model, and reliable support. Watching them grow from day one to the final week of Coral Catch fills me with pride. Seeing them dive, collect data, present their findings, and inspire other women makes me beyond happy!

I'm excited to see the next batch and embark on the next journey ahead!

Avicenna W.

Coral Catch Program Manager
Alumni of Coral Catch Batch #2

SUPPORT SYSTEMS

SPONSOR BATCH #7

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.

The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation proudly sponsored the four scholarships for batch #6 and also sponsored the four scholarships of batch #7. 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*

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.

SUPPORT SYSTEMS

MEET OUR NEW AMBASSADORS

We're incredibly proud to have the support of 38 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.

Annie Means
Multi-Media Maritime Journalist and Filmmaker

When women lead, everyone benefits. Now more than ever, we need strong, compassionate leaders in the marine science industry. The Coral Catch program not only cultivates these essential leaders but also supports them long after they graduate.

I am grateful to contribute to this initiative and connect with the inspiring Superwomen who emerge from the program.

Carissa Cabrero
Founder of FutureSwell

I'm honored to be a small part of supporting women empowerment in the ocean conservation world. We've seen the data, everyone benefits when more women hold leadership positions.

I'm thrilled to lend my support to Coral Catch, dedicated to restoring corals in the Coral Triangle, and reshaping representation within restoration.

Danni Washington
TV Host & Ocean Advocate

Coral Catch authentically champions the transformative power of community, knowing that true success is woven from the connections we nurture.

Coral Catch Ambassadors and Superwomen exemplify this, proving that through shared wisdom and support, we empower each other to make waves of positive change.

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.

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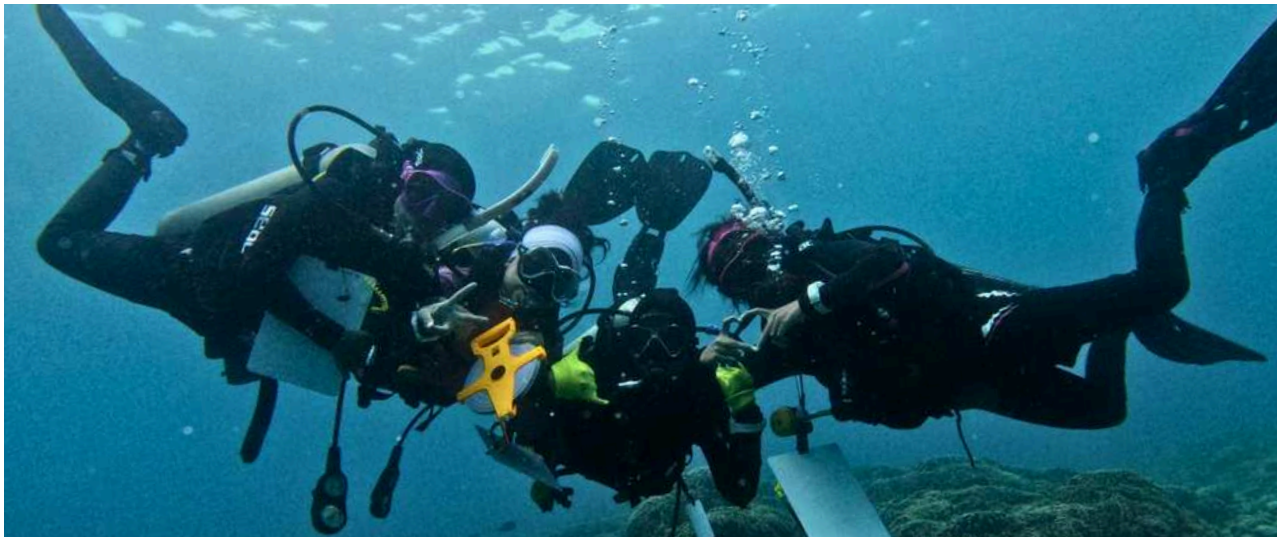
SENSE THE SPIRIT OF NATURE

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.



SUPERWOMEN BATCH #7

Kanya - 23 years

Bekasi

Coral Catch has been an amazing journey for me. I have always loved marine ecosystems and diving, and this experience became even more meaningful after I completed my undergraduate studies in Aquaculture. I didn't expect how rewarding it would be to work with such wonderful people—my new friends, led by our great program manager Cenna, and inspired by the Gili Matra Bersama team.

I wish the Coral Catch initiative continued success and look forward to seeing more Indonesian women get involved and inspired in marine conservation!

Dilla - 23 years

Makassar

When I dived before coming here, I noticed that most of the divers were men. However, when I was on the boat with Coral Catch and looked around, I was pleasantly surprised to see that most of the people on board were women. It made me feel happy, safe, grateful, and proud to be a woman. We carried our tanks ourselves, set them up ourselves—it was super cool. This was also my first time carrying my own tank. My journey with Coral Catch has truly changed my perspective. Women can do a lot of things. We can do everything, regardless of gender, especially in the world of marine conservation.

I'm super proud to be part of Coral Catch and contribute to a coral restoration project for Gili Air, Indonesia. I can't wait to see the other Coral Catch Superwomen in the future, continuing this positive impact for Indonesia.

SUPERWOMEN BATCH #7

Riska - 21 years

Semarang

Coral Catch is a very beneficial program for the future, especially for someone who wants to continue to maintain the health of the Indonesian oceans and even the world. This program enriches our understanding of the efforts we can do.

Here, there is no competition; everyone supports and shares knowledge with each other.

I am delighted to be part of such an amazing program, and I hope more Superwomen will be inspired to contribute to the marine health of the Indonesian oceans!

Nabila - 22 years

Bekasi

As a marine science student, Coral Catch has been more than just practicing scientific and diving skills—it has felt like a spiritual journey. The women's circles, held twice during the program, touched me in a way that's hard to describe. They helped me know myself more deeply, let go of the past, and find peace with the present and future.

Working in a predominantly female environment made me realize there is a future for women in diving. My love for the ocean is so deep that I used to fear having to stop working in the field due to traditional roles like pregnancy. However, Coral Catch showed me that women can thrive in this space. I knew Coral Catch was the right place for me, and I was right.

A SPECIAL COLLABORATION

During the scholarship program for Batch #7, we received a very special email from Coral Gardeners. They expressed their wish to support our Superwomen with their ReefOS geospatial dashboard and the coordinating technologies developed by CG Labs.

Were we interested? Absolutely! While empowering women and coastal communities is at the heart of our mission, coral restoration is also a fundamental part of our program.

During their visit, Coral Gardeners generously donated 4 iPhones with underwater housing cases and trained our Superwomen how to use their ReefApp. With the technology and support from Coral Gardeners, we will be able to monitor the growth of our corals in our coral nursery and enhance our research on coral resilience. This cutting-edge technology will provide us with real-time data and valuable insights, enabling us to make more informed decisions.

It will also make monitoring much easier, as the software is incredibly user-friendly! Instead of using slates to write down our findings, we can now use underwater computers! How cool is that? Ultimately, this collaboration will strengthen our efforts in preserving and restoring vital marine ecosystems.

It's truly magical to collaborate with a team that shares our vision and speaks the same language of conservation. It was an absolute pleasure to host the Coral Gardeners team twice in the last three months, we can't wait to share our future plans with you.

A SPECIAL COLLABORATION

Pictures by the talented Megan Hassa for Coral Gardeners.

HIGHLIGHTS #BATCH 7

Our amazing Superwomen organized a two-day conservation program for 14 students from the National University of Singapore (NUS). Over these two days, the students learned how to conduct Coral Watch Surveys and collect seagrass data. Additionally, they participated in a sharing session and organized a beach clean-up. This program was a wonderful opportunity to inspire and empower the next generation of environmental stewards.

During their scholarship, the Superwomen got trained as a PADI Scientific Diver, followed the Conservation Diver Ecological Monitoring Program and Shark Ecology & Population Studies Course. Furthermore they did 47 scientific dives using the following methods: Roving and Survey Dives, Fish & Benthic Survey dives, Mapping and Search Pattern, Coral Restoration, Coral Health Index, Point Intercept Transect, and Dive Against Debris

Definitely a highlight, but not in a good way: unfortunately, our Instagram account got hacked and we lost access to it. We are in the process of rebuilding it with renewed energy and would really appreciate it if we could reconnect with you at www.instagram.com/coralcatch.

HIGHLIGHTS BATCH #7

OVERVIEW OF THE MASTERCLASSES

Alley Dragozet
Founder of SeaGoingGreen
Sustainable Tourism Advisory
"Sustainable tourism consultancy"

Maria Satwika
Gili Matra Bersama Communication Specialist, Coral Catch Batch 5
"Social Media"

Geertruidha L
Fisheries Research Consultant at YKAN, founder Fishclopedia
"Fisheries, Art and Entrepreneurship in Harmony "

Dina Janidya
Radio announcer, Ocean Guardian at Yayasan Trilogy Ocean Restoration"
"Public Speaking 101"

Nancy Caruso
Founder of Get Inspired, Marine Biologist, Tedx Speaker
"Importance of Kelp Forest and Restoration"

Nadia Fani
Founder of Coastruction, 3D Print Powder Bed Artificial Reefs Specialist
"3D Printed Artificial Reef"

Aulia Zeinntrinada
Turtle Research Project Ldeader @Marine Megafauna Foundation
"Introduction to QGIS and Mapping"

Gabriela Nathania
Researcher at marine megafauna foundation, Coral catch superwomen Batch 2
"Manta Identification 101"

Paige Studwick
Postdoctoral Research Associate of University of Technology Sydney
"Integrating Science Into Reef Restoration Practices"

HIGHLIGHTS BATCH #7

Nurul Fajri

Maritime sociology, peace and conflict Resolution, and Defense studies lecturer at Syiah Kuala University

"Conflict Management"

Annie Means

Watson Fellowship Awardee, Film maker and Editor

"How to write an interesting Article?"

Elle Haskin

Part of Daughters of the deep

"Coral Taxonomy""

Danni Washington

Tv Host, Science Communicator

"Sharing your ocean Story"

Dr. Siti Nurtahirah Jaafar

Lecturer at University of Malaysia Trengganu

"Coral Disease Monitoring and Management"

IMPACT BATCH #7

Coral Reef Monitoring

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

Wave of Change

With Batch #7, we continued our 'Waves of Change' project; every batch of Superwomen is constructing and deploying an artificial reef structure resembling a wave. This structures symbolize the transformative power of collective action.

Swimming Classses

Batch #7 have been meeting 16 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 ocean and embark a snorkeling adventure together!

RESULTS #BATCH 7

EDUCATION

The Superwomen of Batch #7...

- ... visited the local school on Gili Air on 4th June 2024 and educated **27 local children** about coral restoration and what they can do to be part of our mission.
- ... ran a two day conservation program for **13 students** of National University of Singapore (NUS).
- ... taught **16 local women** how to swim and educate them on the importance of the ocean, as well as actionable steps they can take to protect it
- ... planned their final presentation which **minimum 40 local women** will attend to share their journey and inspire them to become ocean advocates.

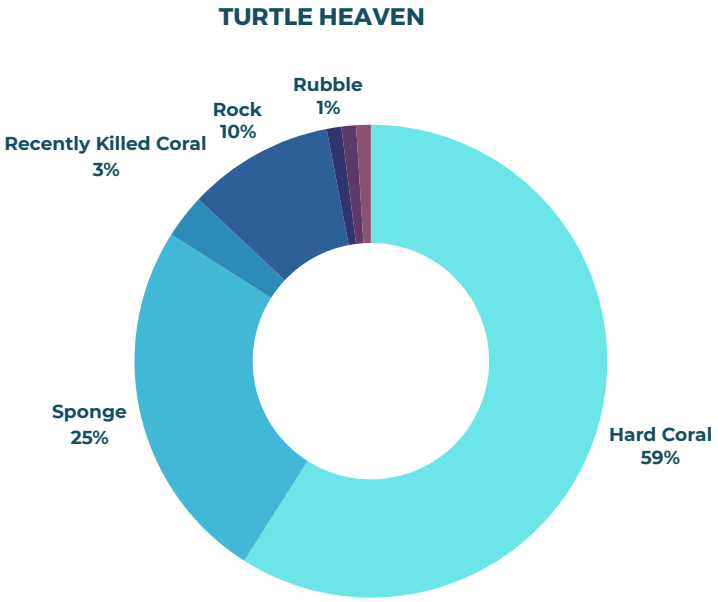
COMMUNITY

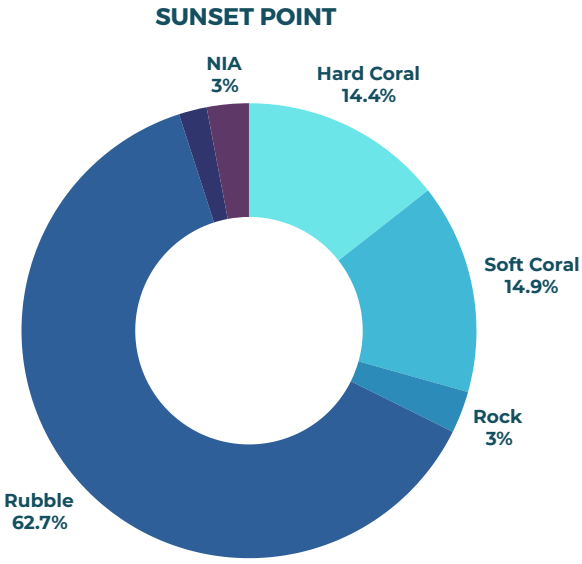
- Coral Catch was **one of the three finalists** for The Ocean Awards in the category 'Local Hero'.
- During Batch #7, three more women became **an Ambassador** and joined our Coral Catch sisterhood.
- The Superwomen of Batch #7 organized 9 beach cleanups, during which they removed **176 kg of trash** with the help of **124 participants**.
- To date, **338 local women** have applied for our Coral Catch Scholarship Program.

RESULTS #BATCH 7

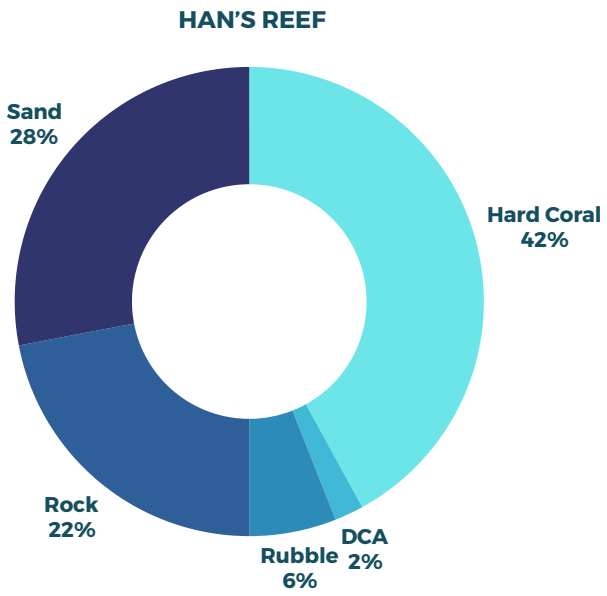
RESEARCH AND RESTORATION

The condition of live coral cover at Turtle Heaven shows a different situation compared to Sunset Point. The condition of live coral cover at Turtle Heaven, based on COREMAP CTI, falls into the high category, whereas at Sunset Point, it falls into the low category.





Based on the live coral cover categories from COREMAP-CTI, the condition of live coral at Sunset Point is categorized as low, with a percentage of 6%. The benthic cover at Sunset Point is predominantly rubble, **making up 84%.** Therefore, further assessment is needed to determine steps for the **recovery of coral cover at Sunset Point.**



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

Based on the live coral cover criteria from COREMAP-CTI, the percentage of hard coral at Hans Reef falls into the **high category at 42%.**

Although this is a high category, reassessment at different depths is needed to compare coral conditions at various depths.

RESULTS #BATCH 7

RESEARCH AND RESTORATION

By June 2024, the Coral Catch program has achieved significant milestones in coral restoration. We have restored 680.74 square meters of coral reef, deployed 246 artificial reef structures, and attached 4,333 coral fragments, all contributing to the revival of marine ecosystems.

Coral Catch consistently undertakes the maintenance and monitoring of our previously deployed nurseries and artificial reefs media on a weekly basis.

Measuring 3 meters by 1.5 meters, Batch #7 successfully transplanted over 70 coral fragments onto the newly deployed 'Waves of Change' structure.

Each coral represents a step towards restoring the vibrant marine ecosystems that are crucial for biodiversity. By 2030, it will stretch 60 meters long with over 1500 corals attached.

During Coral Gardener's training visit, Batch #7 refurbished one of the nursery tables using a mesh wire method and transplanted new corals of opportunity, adding a total of 105 coral fragments.

Furthermore the Superwomen assisted the research team of NGO Yayasan Gilia Matra Bersama in relocating and securing all the hexdome structures from zones 1 and 2 to what we call Zone X in the Gili Matra Marine Reserve.. This effort will facilitate easier future maintenance and more accurate calculation of the restored area.

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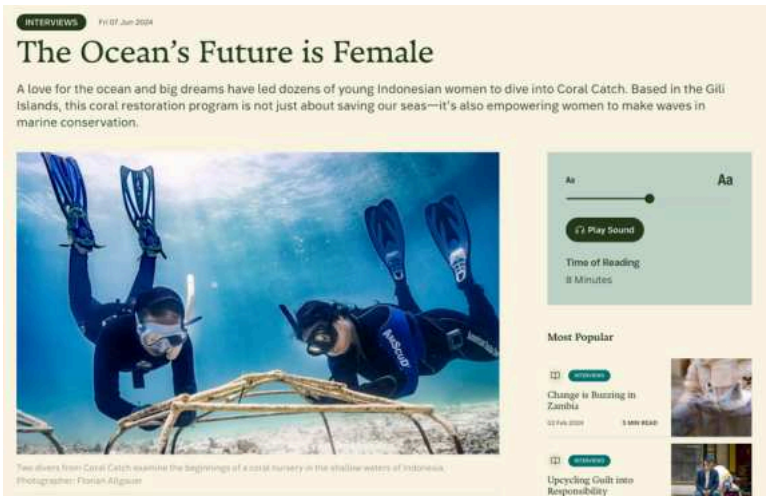
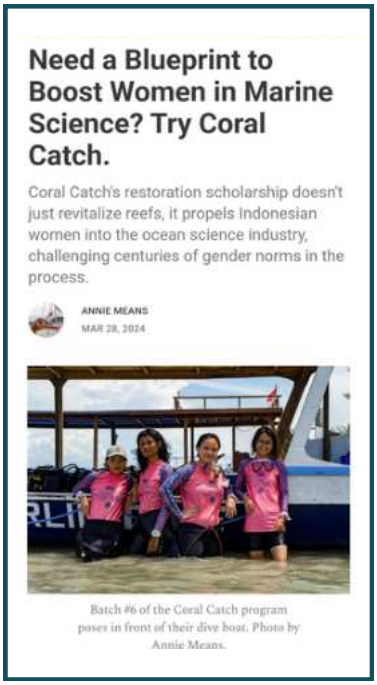


BLUE MARINE FOUNDATION

Rose Huizenga has been nominated for the Ocean Awards by the Blue Marine Foundation in the category 'Local Hero'

an Interview by The Climate Tribe



Need a Blueprint to Boost Women in Marine Science? Try Coral Catch.

Coral Catch's restoration scholarship doesn't just revitalize reefs, it propels Indonesian women into the ocean science industry, challenging centuries of gender norms in the process.

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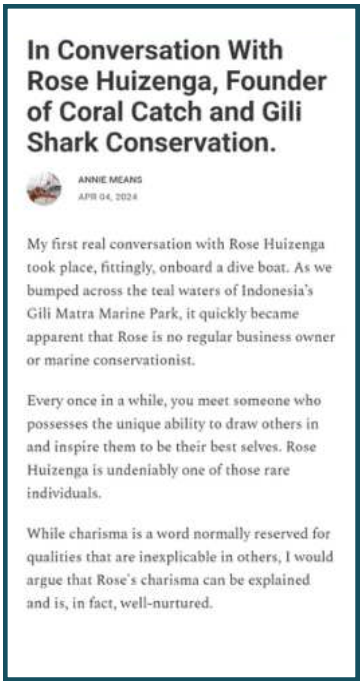
MAR 28, 2024

Batch #6 of the Coral Catch program poses in front of their dive boat. Photo by Annie Means.



In Conversation With Rose Huizenga, Founder of Coral Catch and Gili Shark Conservation.

ANNIE MEANS
APR 04, 2024

My first real conversation with Rose Huizenga took place, fittingly, onboard a dive boat. As we bumped across the teal waters of Indonesia's Gili Matra Marine Park, it quickly became apparent that Rose is no regular business owner or marine conservationist.

Every once in a while, you meet someone who possesses the unique ability to draw others in and inspire them to be their best selves. Rose Huizenga is undeniably one of those rare individuals.

While charisma is a word normally reserved for qualities that are inexplicable in others, I would argue that Rose's charisma can be explained and is, in fact, well-nurtured.

article featured written by Annie Means, Watson J. Fellowship

Joined global movement to celebrate Ocean Week at Coralpalooza

PRESS COVERAGE

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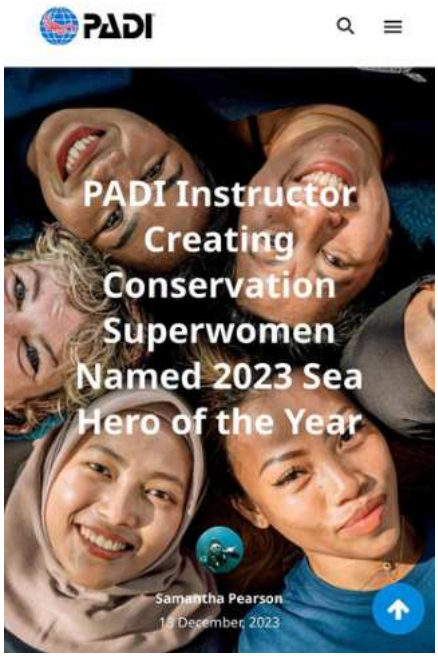

Raising the voices of Indonesian women to restore their homeland's coral reefs

seavoice.

Written by Mélissa Bergeron, slow explorer and gender equality advocate

As the world witnesses the alarming global decline of coral reefs, a surge of restoration projects has emerged worldwide. While the growing commitment to protecting the ocean's biodiversity is vital for preserving this precious environment, the increased involvement of individuals

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Empowering Women Through Marine Conservation: Coral Catch's Impact in Indonesia

Avicenna Wijayanto / Coral Catch - A CRC Storytelling Hub Film

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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

BATCH #2

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

Evi - 31 years
Co-Founder of Lombok Hidden Trip Tour & Travel in Lombok

Cenna - 22 years
Program Manager, Coral Catch in Gili Air, Lombok

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

BATCH #3

Afifa - 22 years
Marine Biologist in Anambas Foundation

Relis - 23 years
Marine Biologist at SORCE Indonesia, Lombok

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

Lyly - 48 years
Tourism Educator & Qigong Teacher

OUR SUPERWOMEN

BATCH #4

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

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

Ivonne - 22 years
Marine Science student in Mataram University

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

BATCH #5

Karina - 23 years
Entrepreneur and Coral Restoration Diver in Gili Air

Sera - 22 years
Master student at Padjajaran University

Wika - 28 years
Communication Specialist and Research Assistant at Gili Matra Bersama

Bella - 19 years
Dive Master Trainee in 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
Junior Aquarist Intern at RARCC, Raja Ampat

Tata - 20 years
BSc scholarship student at Monash University, 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

8th September 2024 - 7th November 2024

Training Batch #8

BRANDING GUIDELINES

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