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CORAL CATCH

BATCH #10

SEE THE JOURNEY OF ABEL, ATHAYA,
JANE AND VENNY INTO BECOMING
CORAL CATCH SUPERWOMEN!

FROM THE FOUNDER

Wow, Batch #10. That still feels surreal to say out loud. Ten batches of Coral Catch Superwomen. This one feels like a real milestone. Not in my wildest dreams did I think we'd get here. What made this batch extra special is that I got to welcome three amazing women to the Coral Catch team: Shanee Stopnitzky (Chief of Staff), Alejandra Dueñas (Marketing & Impact Manager) and Yasmin (Coral Catch Superwoman from Batch #4! and now Storyteller).

A massive thank you to our partners, the Arthur M. Blank Foundation and the McPike-Zima Foundation, for believing in our vision and giving us the resources to grow the team. Coral Catch has always been more than just a project, it's a movement. But movements need structure, care, and capacity to grow the right way. With Shanee, Ale, and Yasmin on board, we can dream even bigger, scale our impact, and build something truly sustainable.

And as if that wasn't enough, we're also organizing the first-ever Coral Catch Conference, happening October 4–5 on Gili Air. A space for our growing sisterhood to come together, share knowledge, and imagine what's next. When I started Coral Catch, I had a vision: 100 Coral Catch Superwomen working together to protect and restore our reefs. And the other day, I got this message from my friend Mads St. Clair (marine biologist and founder of Women in Ocean Science):

> "Over the last year, I've met so many Coral Catch girls across Indonesia, from Lombok to Raja Ampat. They're everywhere, and they're killing it! A decade ago, you'd rarely see Indonesian women in this space. You've really changed the game."

I got so emotional reading that. Because this vision is really coming to life. It's not just a dream anymore, it's happening. Thank you to everyone who's been part of this journey. I can't wait to introduce you to Batch #11!.

Rose Huizenga

FOUNDER CORAL CATCH

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As an alumna of Coral Catch Batch #2, returning as the Program Manager has been a deeply meaningful journey. It brings me immense joy to give back to the program that shaped me, while empowering the next generation of female leaders in marine conservation.

I'm incredibly grateful to have led five batches of Coral Catch, half of the amazing superwomen to date! Watching each of them grow, from learning to dive and collect data, to presenting their findings and inspiring others, has been a truly rewarding experience that continues to fill me with pride and happiness.

Avicenna W.

Avicenna Wijayanto
Program Manager
Coral Catch Alumni Batch #2

Sakinah Yusuf
Program Manager
Coral Catch Alumni Batch #3

I am feeling super grateful to be one of the Program Managers for Coral Catch, the first coral restoration scholarship in Indonesia just for local women. It's been such an amazing experience to be part of something that not only helps rebuild our coral reefs but also uplifts and empowers incredible Indonesian women.

This program has honestly been life-changing, not just for the scholars, but for me too. I've had the chance to watch these women grow into strong, passionate, creative leaders tackling real challenges in their communities and the environment. It's seriously inspiring to see how far they've come, and I'm so proud to be part of their journey. Not just helping the ocean recover, we're building a generation of changemakers who'll keep protecting our planet for years to come.

Sakinah Yusuf

SPONSOR

DAUGHTERS FOR EARTH

Partnering with Daughters for Earth as the sponsor of Batch #10 feels like a natural alignment. Their mission to fund and elevate women-led environmental solutions speaks directly to the heart of our work at Coral Catch.

In a world where women-led organizations receive less than two percent of all environmental funding, Daughters for Earth is shifting the narrative. In just their first two years, they've supported 201 grassroots initiatives across 50 countries, and they're not stopping there. With over $24 million already raised toward their ambitious $100 million goal, they're opening doors for hundreds more organizations to create real impact. We are especially inspired by their Hummingbird Effect, a call to action that reminds us how individual efforts can fuel collective change. It perfectly aligns with our own belief, that empowering one woman, one reef, and one island at a time is how we restore our oceans and raise the next generation of ocean leaders.

And their support doesn't stop there, we're proud to be part of their Impact Pilot Study, an innovative effort to explore and measure the unique power of women-led ecosystem restoration. Through this partnership, we'll receive tailored tools and training to strengthen our impact measurement and storytelling, connect with a global community of changemakers, and contribute to a stronger case for investing in women leading conservation worldwide.

THE SUPERWOMEN

VENNY

"The past 9 weeks were the perfect training arc for my career switch from technology field to the start of a lifelong labor of love for the ocean.

As with all memorable journeys, I was at first hopeful, then grew disillusioned and eventually re-inspired. Wow, Coral Catch program is really cool and we are actively tackling the issues in female empowerment X ocean conservation! Thus, I learnt so much beyond marine life knowledge and diving skills. Most importantly, I learnt how to make time to laugh, watch the sunset and support a fellow sister".

ABEL

"Being a part of Coral Catch Superwoman was truly a meaningful and amazing journey. These past 9 weeks have been a blessing for me. I've grown so much throughout this program. Learning new things made me nervous at first but I realize that the more I don't know, the more there is to learn. I came to know a new part of myself too. Coral Catch taught me how to be strong, how to be 'loud' and seen, how to become a Superwoman. I found comfort in the sea and improved my skills. But more importantly, I found friends, sisters, and a true sense of belonging within the community".

Just living my best life

THE SUPERWOMEN

ATHAYA

“In 2022, I heard about Coral Catch for the first time. Since then, I was very insistent on becoming a Coral Catch Superwoman. I applied for this program two times before finally getting accepted on my third attempt, and I wouldn't change it for the world.

I came to this program to gain hands-on experience in coral restoration, but it didn't stop there. That was only a small fraction of what this program is actually about. At the end of the program, I feel empowered. I gained confidence and courage. I gained a family, a home we can always return to.”

JANE

“I am truly grateful to be part of Coral Catch. This community is exactly what I had been searching for. This program has helped me grow in many ways, from improving my diving and survey skills to public speaking, leadership, teamwork, and gaining a better understanding of marine conservation.

Beyond the skills, I’ve found a strong bond and support system that has helped build my confidence and helped me discover my true self. I’m proud to now call myself a scientific diver. “

CORAL RESTORATION

The Wave of Change structure is an steel wave-shaped frame used as a substrate for attaching corals of opportunity. The first wave structure was built by Coral Catch Batch #6, continued by Batches #7 and #8, and now Batch #10 has constructed the fourth wave structure.

The process began with designing the structure based on previous designs and new considerations. Once the design was set, the structure was built and coated with epoxy and sand to create a surface that supports coral growth. The completed structure was deployed at Hans Reef, the coral restoration site of our NGO Gili Matra Bersama, placed in continuation with the existing wave structures. The structure was left in place for one week before attaching coral fragments.

Then, corals of opportunity were collected from the surrounding area. More than 150 fragments were attached to the Batch #10 wave structure using cable ties, with most fragments being branching corals from the genus Acropora.

RESEARCH

Coral Catch is proud to support the CoraBoost Project, a groundbreaking three-year study led by Dr. Emma Camp and Hadley England from the Future Reefs Lab at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). Funded by the Coral Research & Development Accelerator Platform (CORDAP), the project aims to develop a coral supplement that strengthens coral resilience to environmental stress.

Our role in the project includes building coral nursery structures, constructing a floating underwater lab, and monitoring coral growth and survival. During Batch #10, our Coral Catch Superwomen helped install floating tables, carefully extract and prepare coral fragments for outplanting, and assist with ongoing fieldwork. This hands-on involvement supports data collection and testing in both controlled lab environments and real ocean conditions.

Find the perfect mix of nutrients:
Develop a special blend of minerals, healthy fats, and antioxidants to help corals stay strong in warmer oceans.

Figure out the best way to give it to the corals:
Test how, when, and how much of the supplement to deliver for it to be effective.

Test it in the lab and in the ocean:
Fine-tune the supplement in labs and run small, carefully monitored ocean trials to see how it supports corals in real-life condition.

FUTURE REEFS RESEARCH

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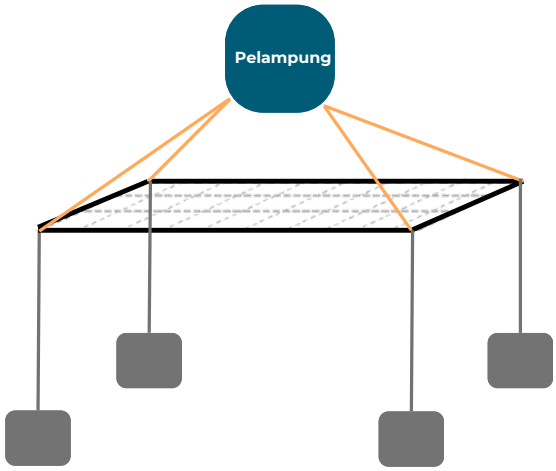


Figure 1: Floating table sketch

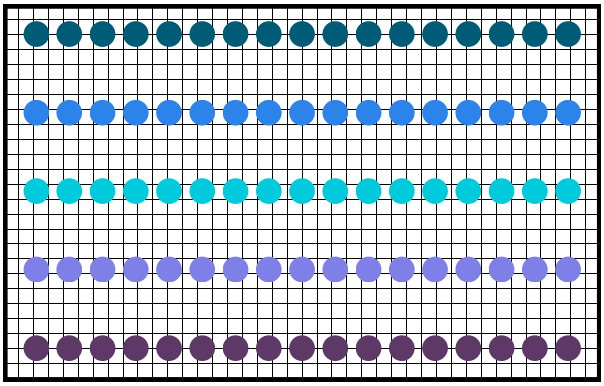
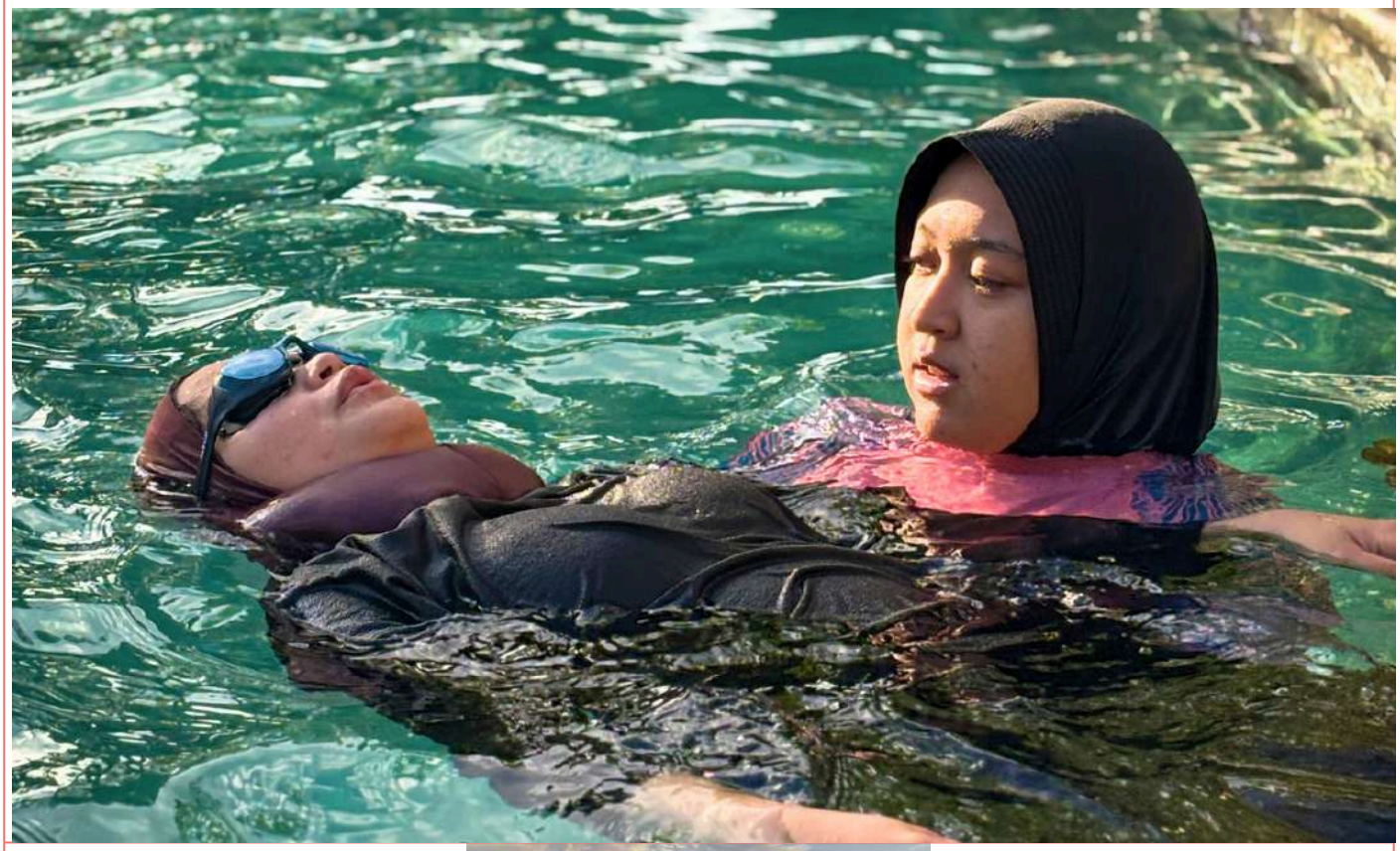


Figure 2: Coral placement illustration

HIGHLIGHTS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Superwomen gave a presentation to 30 students of 3rd grader SDN Gili Indah 01 and taught 10 local women how to swim in the weekly swimming classes.

VISIT THE CHAMBER

The Superwomen visit the hyperbaric chamber, learned how it works and used in diving. It was a great reminder about diving safety and emergency preparedness.

PROGRAM FOR NUS

The Superwomen organised and managed an educational visit for over 25 students and two teachers from National University of Singapore to learn and gain hands-on experience in coral restoration.

COMMUNITY

HARI KARTINI

To celebrate Kartini Day, Indonesia's Women's Day, the Coral Catch team hosted a special dive event for 10 local women from Gili Air, many of whom experienced the ocean for the very first time. Together with three of our certified PADI dive instructors, all Coral Catch Superwomen from previous batches plus our Batch #10 Superwomen, we guided the women through a PADI Discover Scuba Dive, offering basic dive training before exploring Han's Reef, our coral restoration site.

It was a beautiful full-circle moment: past Superwomen empowering the next wave of ocean stewards, right here in our 'home' reef.

It was a powerful moment of connection as the group encountered marine life up close, including coral, fish, and even a sea turtle. For many, it was their first glimpse into the underwater world. After the dive, participants joined a presentation by BKKPN Lombok about the management of the Gili Matra Marine Protected Area. The session covered conservation zoning, permits for activities like tourism and research, and ended with an interactive discussion.

This initiative is part of Coral Catch's mission to empower local women, provide marine education, and inspire more women to care for and protect Gili Air's reefs for future generations.

Seeing my father work at sea every day, I've always been curious. Now I finally got to see the ocean and its beauty with my own eyes. Truly, it was an amazing experience.

Utami
Ticketing Koperasi Karya Bahari

OUR IMPACT

Education & Empowerment

Empowering local women with the skills, certifications, and confidence to lead marine conservation in their communities and beyond.

Providing **100 scholarships** in coral restoration to Indonesian women to empower them to have a career in marine conservation.

40 women td

4 women trained in Batch #10

100% graduates active or engaged in marine conservation or diving industry.

100% alumni engaged

All Batch #10 alumni in internship or studies in marine-related fields

Equip Superwomen with **diving experience** and **theoretical knowledge** on coral restoration.

100% completion of lessons

54 hours of underwater training and 180 hours of lecture time per woman

Research & Restoration

Restoring marine ecosystems through science-based action, monitoring, and global-local collaboration to strengthen reef health and climate resilience.

Build and deploy **1000 artificial reef structures** in the Gili Matra Marine Reserve.

+250 structures td

2 floating tables and 4th Wave of Change deployed during Batch #10

10,000+ corals outplanted and monitored

+4,400 fragments td

374 outplanted fragments during Batch #10

Community Engagement

Creating a resilient ecosystem of women changemakers who lead conservation from the ground up, engaging communities and giving back.

Teach **100 local women how to swim** and educate them on the importance of the ocean.

105 women td

15 local women taught to swim during Batch #10

225 clean ups in Gili Air

90 clean ups td

9 beach clean ups ran by Batch #10 and 144,43 kg of trash collected

*td: to date

Introduction to Coral Catch", CV Workshop, How to Inspire Others

Gili Matra as Marine Protected Area

Coral Holobionts – Symbiodiniaceae

Manta 101

CORDAP-Research Project Overview and Ecological Restoration

Socio-Economic Aspect of Waste Management

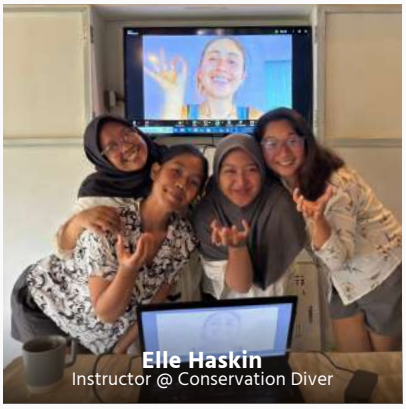
Application of Passive Acoustic Monitoring in Marine Habitats

Introduction to Ecological Engineering & Flash Mentoring with 21st Century Kartini

Coral Disease

Coral Physiology

How to Design a Field Experiment and Control Variables to Prove Casuality



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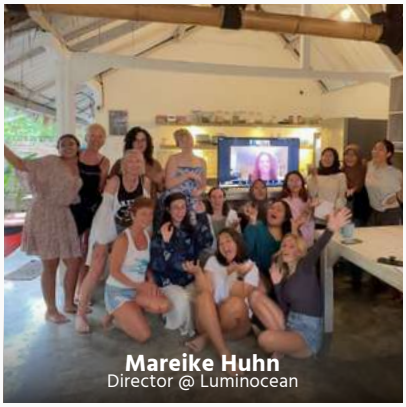

Coral Spawning

MASTER CLASSES

CORAL CATCH SISTERHOOD

BATCH #1

Cynthya - Delya - Qinthan - Aulia

BATCH #2

Evi - Mardia - Cenna - Nathan

BATCH #3

Sakinah - Relis - Afifa - Lyly

BATCH #4

Caterina - Ayu - Yasmin - Ivonne

BATCH #5

Karin - Bella - Wika - Sera

BATCH #6

Caca - Dania - Brigitta - Rani

BATCH #7

Nabila - Riska - Kanya - Dilla

BATCH #8

Umia - Cia - Salma - Ica

BATCH #9

Sinta - Daru - Eva - Tania

BATCH #10

Abel - Jane - Athaya - Venny

DIVING PROFESSIONALS

5 INSTRUCTORS

Yasmin
Batch #4

Caterina
Batch #4

Sakinah
Batch #3

Qinthan
Batch #1

Dania
Batch #6

10 DIVEMASTERS

Delya
Batch #1

Aulia
Batch #1

Mardia
Batch #2

Nathan
Batch #2

Evi
Batch #2

Cenna
Batch #2

Ivonne
Batch #4

Wika
Batch #5

Bella
Batch #5

Sinta
Batch #9

5 DIVEMASTERS IN TRAINING

Venny
Batch #10

Ica
Batch #8

Cia
Batch #8

Tania
Batch #9

Riska
Batch #7

WHERE OUR SUPERWOMAN ARE

LOMBOK

- **Cenna** - Batch #2
  Program Manager @ Coral Catch
- **Karina** - Batch #5
  Admin Officer @ DPM Dive Center Gili Air
- **Wika** - Batch #5
  Communication Specialist @ NGO Gili Matra Bersama
- **Hirmaya** - Batch #6
  Marine Science Student @ Mataram University
- **Sakinah** - Batch #3
  Education Manager @ NGO Gili Matra Bersama
- **Yasmin** - Batch #4
  Storyteller @ Coral Catch
- **Tania** - Batch #9
  Research Coordinator @ NGO Gili Matra Bersama
- **Venny** - Batch #10
  Conference Intern @ Coral Catch
- **Abel** - Batch #10
  Social Media Intern @ Gili Shark Conservation
- **Ivonne** - Batch #4
  Research Coordinator @ Gili Shark Conservation
- **Umia** - Batch #8
  Junior Marine Conservation Scientist @ SORCE

MALUKU

- **Nabila** - Batch #7
  Ecodiver Trainer and Marine Biologist @ Luminocean, Banda Neira

FLORES

- **Delya** - Batch #1
  Divemaster @ Labuan Bajo

SULAWESI

- **Dilla** - Batch #7
  Quality Checker @ PT. Samudra Ekspor Anugerah

SUMATRA

- **Afifa** - Batch #3
  Marine Biologist @ Anambas Foundation

SUMBAWA

- **Relis - Batch #3**
  Whale Shark Biologist @ Konservasi Indonesia

PAPUA

- **Mardia** - Batch #2
  Aquarist @ RARCC, Raja Ampat
- **Caterina** - Batch #4
  Headmaster @ Raja Ampat Dive Guide School

JAVA

- **Cynthia** - Batch #1
  Coral restoration diver @ Angkasa Pura Indonesia
- **Ayu** - Batch #4
  Revenue Treasurer - Coastal and Marine Resources Management Regional Office of Serang, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries
- **Athaya** - Batch #10
  Marine Science Student @ Diponegoro University
- **Sera** - Batch #5
  Marine Science Student @ Padjajaran University
- **Jane** - Batch #10
  Marine Science Master Student @ IPB University

BALI

- **Lyly** - Batch #3
  Sustainable Tourism Educator @ Ubud
- **Qinthan** - Batch #1
  Marine Biologist @ Indo Ocean Project, Nusa Penida
- **Rani** - Batch #6
  Aquarist @ Bali Safari and Marine Park
- **Cia** - Batch #8
  Social Media Manager @ Ceningan Diver
- **Aulia** - Batch #1
  Conservation Program Lead @ Blue Corner
- **Ica** - Batch #8
  Dive master training @ Ceningan Diver
- **Riska** - Batch #7
  Dive master training @ Bali Aqua
- **Evi** - Batch #2
  Divemaster @ Blue Corner, Nusa Penida
- **Eva** - Batch #9
  Research Team @ LivingSeas
- **Salma** - Batch #8
  Research Team @ LivingSeas
- **Daru** - Batch #9
  Research Intern @ Mero Foundation

PURSUING THEIR DREAMS ABROAD

- **Dania** - Batch #6
  Marine Medicine Student @ Duke University
- **Brigitta** - Batch #6
  BSc Scholarship Student @ Monash University
- **Kanya** - Batch #7
  Aquaculture Master Student @ Ghent University
- **Bella** - Batch #5
  Marine Engineering Student @ Canada
- **Nathania** - Batch #2
  Environment Master Student @ Queensland University

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To all our incredible sponsors, partners and ambassadors, thank you. Your support fuels our mission and empowers our Coral Catch Superwomen to dream big and lead the way in marine conservation.

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NEWS

MOU Signing with the local government (BKKPN):

On Wednesday, 25 June 2025, the National Marine Conservation Area Agency (BKKPN) Kupang and Yayasan Gili Matra Bersama officially signed a Partnership Agreement at the Gili Indah Village Hall, Gili Air. This signing marks an important step in strengthening collaboration for the preservation of marine ecosystems in the Gili Matra area.

HER Planet x Coral Catch

HER Planet Earth, a global women's advocacy movement, is proud to announce its partnership with Coral Catch in Gili Air, Indonesia, from 8-10 October 2025. This transformative three-day program will bring together 14 exceptional women to support Coral Catch, a pioneering initiative that empowers Indonesian women to lead coral reef restoration and protection efforts.

The Superwomen Restoring the Reef- Nick McMillan

We Are Ocean Rising featured Coral Catch in an article written by Nick McMillan, where he shares the work we are doing and how we are redefining what conservation looks like.

Ivon's inspiring 4 week journey in coral restoration

Superwoman Ivon from Batch #4 was one of the 4 Indonesians selected by Ocean Gardener to receive our scholarship to take part in our Full Coral Restoration Certification course.

A special thank you to Valerie blanchard for capturing our Superwomen Batch #10

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