

# SABANG CITY

## Project & location

This project is developed to reduce coastal ecosystem damage for sustainable livelihoods in Sabang City. Sabang City is a group of islands lying on the most western part of Indonesia.

With its beautiful landscape surrounded by sandy beaches, coral reefs and underwater panorama, Sabang offers fishery opportunities as well as a promising tourism industry. Such given natural coastal resources creates benefit to local livelihoods but can also threaten this if managed unsustainably.



## Problem description

The Tsunami extended the already existing damage of natural resources, particularly coral reef and fish stock, caused by destructive practices. This certainly resulted in a significant loss of community income.

The damage grew as Tsunami aid focused on infrastructure reconstruction and development using materials derived from the coastal ecosystems, f.e. expansion of fishing boats and gear for fishing and tourism purposes.

In addressing this situation, persistent measures should be taken to protect and rehabilitate the coastal ecosystems of Sabang City. This can be done by creating an adequate protected area, providing facilities to reduce damage from tourism activities and rehabilitating the already damaged ecosystems.

## Recovery goals

The long term objective of this project is to establish sustainable coastal management in Sabang City. Within project implementation, the main objectives of the project are:

- Obtaining formal acknowledgment given by the Sabang Municipality Government through decree / law issuing for a community based marine protected area in Anoi Itam, covering 20 ha.
- Establishing a Formal Management Body for Anoi Itam Marine Protected Area.
- Installing marine buoys to reduce damage on coral reefs from ship/boat anchoring.
- Rehabilitating 10 ha of damaged mangrove ecosystem by planting 50,000 seedlings.
- Establishing a Micro Finance Institution to support sustainable livelihoods.

## Funding allocation

The total budget available for this project equals 30,000 Euro. In obtaining the targets, funding is allocated for the following activities:

- Policy and regulation review at national/provincial/district level regarding protected area establishment.
- Scientific survey and regular monitoring of the conditions of the coral reef in Anoi Itam.
- Public consultations, discussions and media campaigning to accelerate the process of Government acknowledgement of Anoi Itam as Marine Protected Area.
- Installation of marine buoys at dive and fishing spots to reduce coral reef damage from ship anchoring.
- Rehabilitation of coastal ecosystems through mangrove and beach tree planting.
- Development of a microfinance institution and training of the local community in sustainable livelihood.
- Provision of financial capital to support community level sustainable livelihoods activities.

**Beneficiaries**

It is expected that 3000 people will benefit from this project; the number of women participating and benefiting will be 1500.

**Partners on the ground**

The project is being implemented by 3 local NGOs, which are Center for People Movement and Advocacy (PUGAR), Sabang Care Foundation (YPS), and Aceh Coral Conservation (ACC).

Each partner has its own role and expertise. PUGAR focuses in policy development and Marine Protected Area effort in Anoi Itam Village. YPS emphasizes its work on mangrove rehabilitation in Iboih Village. ACC concentrates on protecting coral reef from destructive anchoring through either fishing or tourism activities in Iboih Village.

**Results so far**