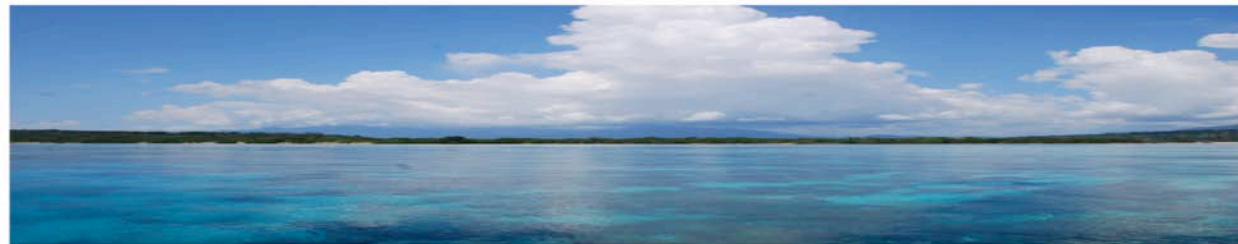




Friends of Menjangan Coral Reef Protection Program Proposal to Local Stakeholders



Who is “Friends of Menjangan”?

Friends of Menjangan (FOM) was established on April 9, 2011 by Yayasan Dwi Asih Sejahtera, an Indonesian charity with Sustainable Management Group, Biosphere Foundation (a US nonprofit organization), and Bali Barat National Park (BBNP). FOM’s mission is to inspire a community conservation movement for NW Bali to preserve and protect Menjangan Island’s coral reef and the surrounding marsh, savannah, agriculture, monsoon forest and rainforest biomes. To this end, over the past two years, FOM has brought together interested stakeholders with the common goal of preserving and protecting Menjangan Island and its surrounding bioregion.

Why do Menjangan Island’s Coral Reefs Need Protection?

Menjangan Island is both a Marine Protected Area of BBNP and a sacred Balinese island, but its beautiful bio-diverse coral reef is threatened by overfishing, anchor damage by small boats (caused by local and international visitors to the island), excessive trash/plastic pollution and climate change. Many local businesses in the area thrive because visitors want to enjoy and explore this natural resource, but the use of anchors by small boats decimates the coral. Thus, to ensure the health, beauty and diversity of the reef for years to come, a concerted effort is needed by all interested stakeholders to mitigate the damage.

What does *Friends of Menjangan* Do To Protect Menjangan Island’s Coral Reefs?

In 2012 a “Mooring Buoy Program” was initiated to provide permanent buoys for small boats to use at the island instead of anchors. Led by Nono Suparno with Ketut Utama and Gede Suardika (right to left in the photo) they started with 11 buoys and now have 34 in working condition. Their year-round activities include:

- Constructing and maintaining mooring buoys around Menjangan Island in order to keep the coral reef from being damaged by boat anchors,
- Removing coral predators (such as crown of



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thorns starfish and the *Drupela spp.* snail), that are currently increasing in numbers and destroying the reef,

- Collecting and removing trash washing up on the reef and beaches as well as left at the temples, and
- Working to educate boat operators, fisherman and visitors about how to protect coral reefs.



Join the Mooring Buoy Team & Make A Difference!

By making an annual contribution, your business will be named as one of six honored sponsors of this stewardship program. Your pledge will keep the mooring buoy program functioning to provide year-round care and maintenance to this special dive destination. BF will oversee this program and monitor the expenditure of funds with conformity to high standards of nonprofit accounting.

The Menjangan, Lifestyle Retreats, Naya Gawana Resort & Spa, Extra Divers Worldwide and Mimpi Menjangan have pledged their support. Please join us and tell your guests and/or friends that you too support the Mooring Buoy Team to preserve the biodiversity of Menjangan Island's coral reef.

Together we can make a difference and keep NW Bali as the #1 dive destination.

For further information about Friends of Menjangan and how to participate, please contact:

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Map of mooring buoys around Menjangan Island in 2014



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