SORCE

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ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2018-19

Building the foundations for SORCE.

15 May 2018 - 31 May 2019

Getting SORCE started

SORCE stands for Sustainable Oceanic Research, Conservation and Education. We registered as a non-profit British Community Interest Company in May 2018 and chose to begin our work in the Coral Triangle.

We registered a separate Indonesian company, PT Sustainable Oceanic Research Conservation and Education Indonesia, to work alongside SORCE CIC towards the same mission.

Why we started SORCE

We wanted to protect and restore marine habitats and wildlife through scientific work, field research and education. We set out to help people in Lombok and further afield understand what was happening to marine ecosystems and why it mattered. Our vision was for healthy, productive ecosystems that communities could help restore, care for and improve over generations.

Our first trip to Indonesia

In October 2018, we travelled to Indonesia to build relationships and explore where to establish SORCE. During that trip, we carried out our first satellite project with Pokmaswas Petrando in east Lombok, before we had a base.

Establishing our base

We later selected and rented land in Sekotong, far from the east Lombok project, and began building our field centre. Construction was still under way at the end of May 2019.

Keeping people informed

Our stakeholders included local residents and Pokmaswas groups in Sekotong, our UK and Indonesian teams, eco-venturers, students and international conservation partners. We shared information about current projects through sorce.org and our social media channels.

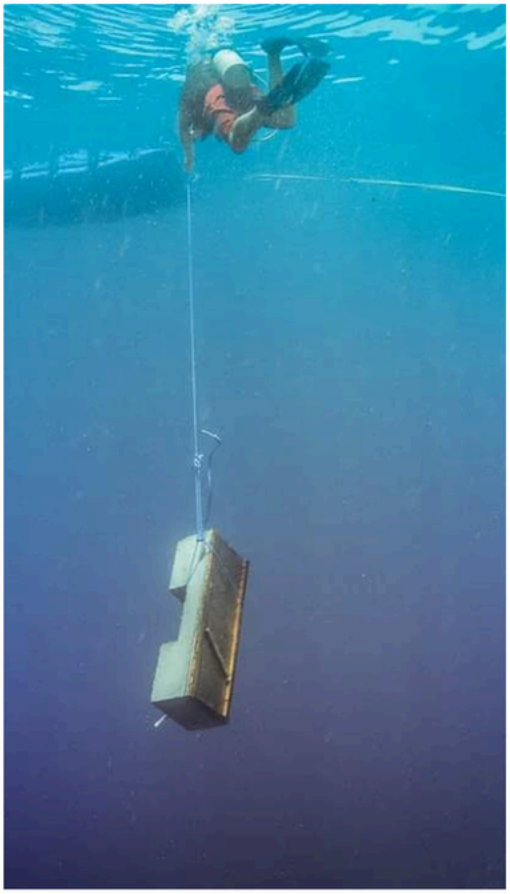
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Mooring installation | 2018-19 archive

The first year in figures

We registered SORCE, established working relationships in Lombok and installed our first moorings before we had a field base.

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Mooring blocks installed

At Gili Bidara, we built and installed moorings with Pokmaswas Petrando to reduce anchor damage as more tourist boats visited the island.

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Local conservation groups

We finalised memorandums of understanding with four Pokmaswas groups in Lombok. The provincial fisheries department gave us a letter of support.

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University agreement

In our first year, we formalised our relationship with the University of Mataram through a memorandum of understanding.

MAY 2018

CIC registration

We registered in Britain as a Community Interest Company focused on marine research, conservation and education. Our first reporting period ran from 15 May 2018 to 31 May 2019.

From the first project to a field base

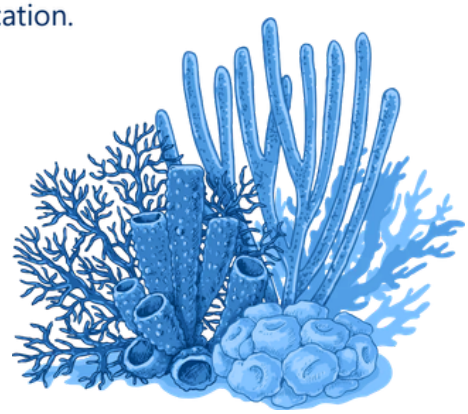
Gili Bidara, east Lombok

Our first satellite project took place here during the October 2018 scoping trip, while we were still looking for a base.

Sekotong, Lombok

We later rented land in Sekotong and began building a field centre for research, conservation and education.









Constructing and installing moorings | 2018-19 archive

PARTNERSHIPS AND PRACTICAL ACTION

Our first partnerships and reef project

Agreements and local support

We finalised memorandums of understanding with the University of Mataram and four local Pokmaswas conservation groups.

West Nusa Tenggara's fisheries department (Dinas Kelautan dan Perikanan Provinsi Nusa Tenggara Barat) gave us a letter of support.

Our relationships with local and international conservation organisations included Shark Stewards, the Wildlife Conservation Society and Gili Eco-Trust.

Reducing anchor pressure

Our first satellite project took place during the October 2018 scoping trip, before we had a base. With Pokmaswas Petrando and local government support, we constructed and installed ten mooring blocks around Gili Bidara in east Lombok.

The moorings were intended to protect reefs from anchor damage as tourist boat visits increased. This project was separate from the field centre we later established in Sekotong.



Mooring work from the surface | 2018-19 archive





Building the field centre | 2018-19 archive

THE FIELD CENTRE

Preparing for the first participants

Our first satellite project took us to east Lombok in October 2018. Building a permanent base meant taking a bigger step, with our directors relocating from the UK to Indonesia.

LATE JAN 2019

Moving to Indonesia

We began visiting possible sites and getting to know people in the area. We met with our notary and lawyer to work through the registration of the Indonesian company.

BY MAY 2019

Building a base in Sekotong

We rented land in Sekotong and hired over 40 people from the villages closest to the site to build a base for research, conservation and education. We submitted the Indonesian company's registration forms as work got under way. Construction was still in progress at the end of May and we expected to finish it soon.

JUL 2019

Launching our field programmes

We planned to launch our projects and programmes from the Sekotong field centre in July and welcome our first eco-venturers.

JAN 2020

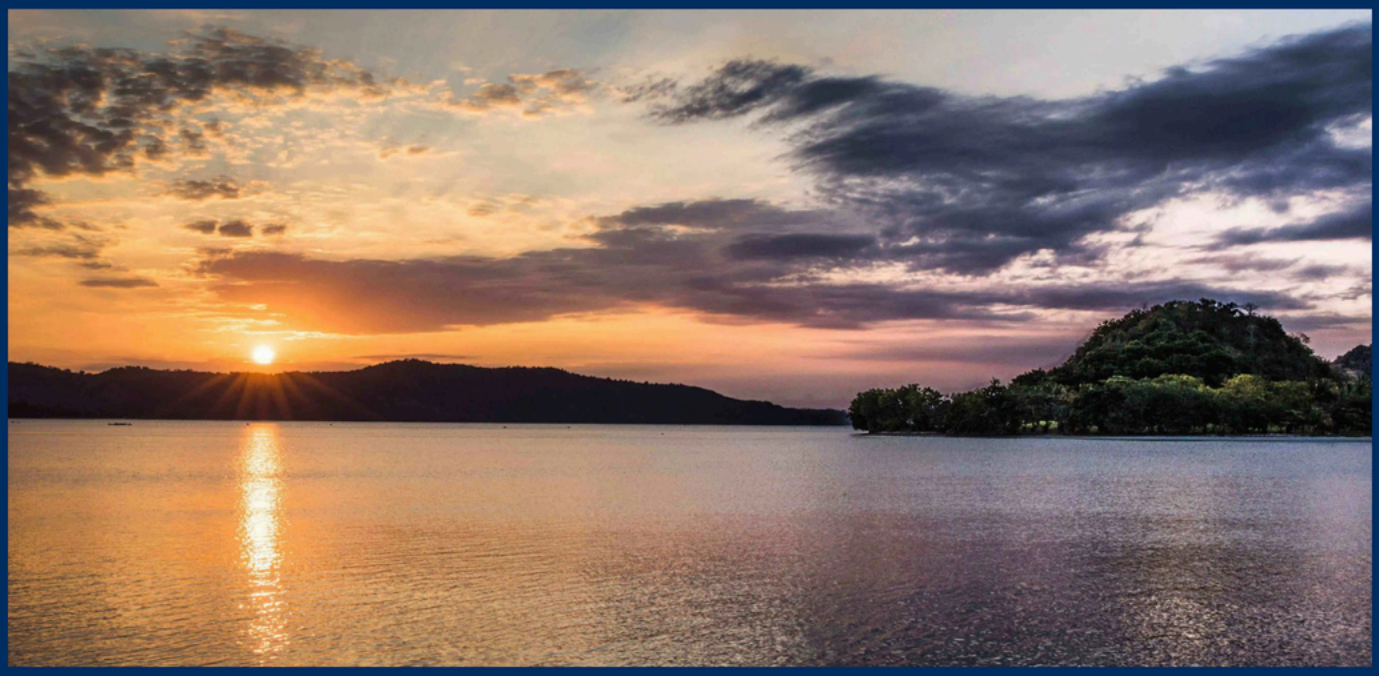
Marine Science A-Level planned

We planned to teach the Cambridge International Marine Science A-Level from January 2020 and offer it each year.

The July launch and the A-Level course were planned for the next reporting period.

Thank you for being part of the work.

Thank you to our team, local communities, students and partners for the time and knowledge you shared with us.



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