

Tourism-based Green Sea Turtle Conservation at Pangumbahan Beach, Ujung Genteng, Sukabumi



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CILETUH-PALABUHANRATU UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK REGION



Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu Geopark Region

Total area 126,100 ha = 30,3% of Sukabumi Regency Total Area

Elevation of Region : 0-1000 masl,
With Cikakak District as the highest place

Total population 502.019 people;

population density 412 people/km²

Primary livelihood of the people is Farmer and Fisherman





GREEN TURTLE or GREEN SEA TURTLE (Chelonia mydas)

United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization
Cultural Organization
Cultural Organization





Family: CHELONIIDAE

Genus: Chelonia (monotypic)

Species: C. mydas

IUCN Status: ENDANGERED

CITES: APPENDIX I

Protection Status: Fully Protected

in Indonesia since 1999

"POSSIBLY EXTINCT" in Israel and declared "EXTINCT" in the Cayman Islands and Mauritius

THREATS:

Poached for edible meat, and eggs illegally harvested. Sometimes drowns in fishing nets.



GREEN TURTLE CONSERVATION AT PANGUMBAHAN BEACH

In February 2000, the former Sukabumi Regency Government issued a license for the harvesting of Green Turtle eggs at Pangumbahan Beach (Regency Regulation no. 2/2000) which severely impacted the reproduction of this Green Sea Turtle population. In 2006, with pressure from conservation NGOs, this controversial permit was revoked, and the management of the Green Turtle nesting beach was taken over by the Fisheries Departement. Since 2006, the turtle nesting beach has been managed for conservation and tourism, and facilities and management activities are being continuously improved

- 1. Safeguarding nesting sites and eggs to increase the hatching success of turtles
- 2. Increasing communities' awareness and knowledge about turtle conservation
- 3. Increasing welfare of local communities through ecotourism-based conservation activities















IMPLEMENTATION OF TURTLE CONSERVATION AND **EDUCATION IN PANGUMBAHAN BEACH**

Several activities have been implemented at the Pangumbahan Turtle Conservation Area to support turtle conservation and education:

1. Captivity

- a. Turtle Egg Protection and Incubation
- b. Quarantine and Release of Hatchlings

2. Maintenance of Nesting Habitat

- a. Regional Patrol
- b. Rehabilitation / Revegetation
- c. Beach Cleaning

3. Ecotourism

- a. Ecotourism package by communities
- b. Pangumbahan Turtle Tour
- c. Training and Seminars to increase knowledge for communities and millennials





















TURTLE CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION IN PANGUMBAHAN BEACH: RESULTS ACHIEVED

Reproduction data of Green Turtle (Chelonia mydas)

Years	Lay Eggs per head	Egg Production /ind.	Hatchling s	Released
2016	1.150	100.797	73.793	73.793
2017	1.663	165.072	122.757	122.757
2018	668	28.795	50.560	50.560
2019	1.560	148.907	117.236	117.236
2020	1510	146.163	123.176	123.176





The successful development of the turtle conservation area and its environment at the Pangumbahan Turtle Center is not only the responsibility of the management, but also the responsibility of the surrounding communities and other key stakeholders. The direct and indirect support from all parties involved is the key of success of the Green Turtle conservation.













FUTURE STEPS FOR TURTLE CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION IN PANGUMBAHAN BEACH

- 1. Upgrade the turtle conservation area, the center's infrastructure and environment, to make it more attractive to visitors.
- 2. Collaborate across sectors and levels of government, the private sector, nature conservation organizations, and communities to achieve greater goals
- 3. Carry out an economic study of the Pangumbahan Conservation Center to ensure continued survival of the Green Turtle in the long-term. Besides the benefits from ticketing, the high number of visitors could increase the local economy through the selling of souvenirs, handicrafts, local snacks and food, and providing homestays and transport.



















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