



Anchor for mooring buoy



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Bumi Armada Teams up with Biosphere Foundation to Protect the Marine Environment around Menjangan Island in Indonesia

With increased global warming, oceans are slowly absorbing heat and becoming warmer, thereby upsetting the delicate balance in the ecosystem in which corals and other life forms exist. To make matters worse, increased fishing and tourism around pristine coral islands damage the delicate corals and cause extensive pollution around these islands.

One such island is Menjangan, which lies to the northwest of Bali and only about 150 kms from Bumi Armada's to-be-commissioned Armada Karapan Sterling III FPSO off the island of Madura, Indonesia.

Bumi Armada is doing our part to ensure that we minimize damage to this beautiful island. We have partnered with Biosphere Foundation to help conserve coral reefs around Menjangan.

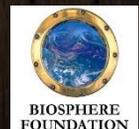
Cleaning the coral reefs



Corals bleached by global warming



Mooring buoy for boats to dock



The corals around Menjangan were slowly being destroyed by boat anchors used by fishermen and tourists during their visits to the island. Our partnership with the Biosphere Foundation helps to provide buoys that are anchored around the island onto which the fishermen and tourists can dock, thereby minimizing damage to the corals. The partnership also provides long-term maintenance of these buoys, cleanup of trash around the island, and public awareness and environmental education of people who live close to the island.

On 17th May 2016, a team of Bumi and AGN (Bumi's partner in Indonesia) employees visited Menjangan Island. Present from Bumi's KL office were Nur'Ain Karim and Normadiyah Abdul Majid, along with Syed Ali, Hori Prastowo, and Iwan Suryanto from AGN's office in Jakarta.

The team first met Abigail Alling, the Founder and President of Biosphere Foundation before going to the island lead by local diver Ketut Utama, Mark van Thillo (Chief Operations Officer & Captain of Biosphere's sailing vessel MIR), and Biosphere scientists Carol Milner and Kitty Currier. Syed Ali from AGN shared Bumi Armada's business, our commitment to protecting the environment and our sustainability activities with Biosphere Foundation.

The team with Biosphere Foundation went to inspect the buoys, examined the condition of the corals and collect trash found around the corals. They also met with Nono Suparno and other volunteers from the "Friends of Menjangan", a community-based association dedicated to the care and protection of Menjangan Island and its coral reef, who had installed and repaired the buoys along the island's coast. They also learnt one of many local initiatives to raise funds for the mooring buoy program is selling bags and purses made from used plastic bags found around Menjangan Island and its coastline.

According to the team, **"This visit has helped us to understand the importance of keeping our marine environment clean. It has also left a positive message to the local villagers, Friends of Menjangan and Biosphere Foundation that they are not alone in their mission to protect the marine environment"**

