



**RAJA
AMPAT
RESEARCH &
CONSERVATION
CENTRE**
I N D O N E S I A



Activities Performed in 2018

January: Kayak4Conservation got the award of the best international active tourism product at the International Tourism Fair in Spain (FITUR) 2018, being represented by Catur Expediciones.

January: The RARCC hosted Jose Luis Sanchez, a volunteer from Conservation International who arrived to help to establish the Raja Ampat Dive Resort Association (RADRA).

January: Murata Manufacturing donated to the RARCC their assets installed at Kri island for their demonstration experiments used from April 2016 to December 2017. From now on, the RARCC and Papua Diving are responsible for the maintenance of the energy management project.

January-April: Thirteen wheelbarrows completed, one donated to the Adventist Aviation Indonesia.

February: Construction of the helicopter platform above the water in front of the RARCC building started.

February: Kayak4Conservation organized two expeditions to Wayag with the boat KLM Cendrawasih.

February: New volunteer for the Bell47 Aike de Vries arrived.

February: Technical volunteer Rob Postma died.

February: Jose Luis Sanchez left.

March: The RARCC hosted the archaeologist Dylan Gaffney, from the University of Cambridge.

March: Max Ammer helped to transport a guest of a liveboard suffering from decompression sickness to the hospital by helicopter.

March: The RARCC hosted a team from New Tribes Mission, who wanted to know more about our fiberglass projects.

March: Christiaan de Leeuw, from the Wageningen University, hosted to keep his study on the marine lakes and their organisms.

March: Construction of the helicopter platform above the water in front of the RARCC building finished.

April: Start the building of the Kayak4Conservation kitchen.

April: The Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI) donated to the RARCC their energy management system ("EMS"), following the donation of Murata's assets in January 2018.

April: Max Ammer was interviewed by Henriette Sarah for a short documentary.

April: Max Ammer was interviewed for the Conservation Atlas.

April: Max Ammer's story was chosen to be the first in "behind the scenes", a new category at the website manta.ch.

April: Max Ammer represented the RARCC and Kayak4Conservation at the ADEX - Asia Dive Expo, in Singapore.

May: Ivan Snyder, Aike de Vries and Malvin Wandik made several solar lights to sell to the villagers for a symbolic price. Many Papuans have lung problems due to the polluting lamps they use in their houses.

May: Kayak4Conservation manager Nathan Wilbur left.

May: The RARCC pay for Orpa Baray's tickets to attend a kindly offered training at Sekolah Papua Harapan (Papua Hope School, in Indonesian). The young lady working for Papua Diving wants to become

a missionary teacher in remote areas in Papua.

May: The RARCC pay for Ritly Risakota's trips to Jayapura and Wamena to be trained as a teacher and to get teaching material for the RARCC educational project.

June: Ivan Snyder and Aike de Vries left.

June: Students from the high school SMK Penerbangan Sentani Yonathan Pangkatana, Ariel Monim and Febrian Korowa arrived for a three-month internship at the Mansoear Flying Club (MFC), the RARCC's aviation club.

June: Our resident kayak guides Ayub Mambrasar and Rombles Papato left.

June: Final financial and technical reports for the grant "Maintaining and operating Bell 47G-3B-1 helicopter for use in conservation activities in the Bird's Head Seascape" completed and sent. The 103,700 Euros were granted by Conservational International for the period 01st August 2017 - 31st October 2017.

June: RARCC and Papua Diving hosted a meeting of the Raja Ampat Dive Resort Association (RADRA).

June: The RARCC offered toothpaste and toothbrush to all the workers of Papua Diving, Kayak4Conservation and the RARCC, and also to our students. We provided information about how to take good care of oral hygiene as well because many local young people have serious problems in their teeth.

June: Shannon Latumahina joined the RARCC and Papua Diving as director's assistant.

July: Shannon Latumahina went to Jakarta to do research related to future activities of the Mansoear Flying Club.

July: Frendi Makusi became our resident kayak guide.

July: The RARCC hosted for free for a week the missionary students Engelbert Latumahina and Luky Latumahina and support them during their working time in Raja Ampat.

July: The RARCC hosted the Papuan missionary Mustan Pahabal for less than a week to discuss a potential cooperation, as we realised Papua Diving and our staff needs more education to take better care of themselves and their families.

July: The RARCC started an education project in the villages of Sawandarek and Yarweser because their teachers left. We purchased 218 educational books, stationary for two schools and building material.

July: The RARCC and Papua Diving hosted 16 high school students and four teachers of the Ob Anggen School Papua. Many of them had never seen the sea before. During a week, they had the chance to learn about conservation, how to manage and work in a resort and even to listen to personal stories of some of our staff and Max Ammer.

July: Ritly Risakota joined the RARCC again to become a teacher.

July: Morgan and Hudson Wild joined Kayak4Conservation as operational managers.

July: Max Ammer and Shannon Latumahina went to Jayapura to discuss a potential cooperation for aviation training with Indonesian authorities and Adventist Aviation Indonesia.

July: The RARCC and Papua Diving hosted Lenis Kogoya, the special staff of the President of Indonesia Joko Widodo for Papua, to show him our aviation facilities.

July: Aviation student Walenus Kogoya arrived.

July: The technical aviation teacher Solke Munneke arrived to teach our aviation students as a volunteer for two weeks.

July: Construction of a speedboat started.

July/August: Some of the RARCC and Papua Diving staff joined a training with Scotty Wisley and his family, the founders of the Ob Anggen School Papua. The training included how to create growth groups, discipleship and how to be a leader like Jesus Christ, besides a strengths-based team course.

August: Max Ammer and Shannon Latumahina went to Jakarta to finalize the discussion a potential Memorandum of Understanding between the RARCC and the Indonesian authorities for aviation training activities.

August: Two wheelbarrows completed and donated to Papua Diving.

August: Yufentus Kelen and Gosner Dimara became our resident kayak guides.

August: Astrid Wulan Sinadia joined the RARCC as a teacher.

August: The building of a house for the teachers in Yarweser started.

January/September: The RARCC, Papua Diving and K4C (including some K4C guests) helped the distribution of hundreds of school bags in Raja Ampat kindly offered by Mr. Budianto Natakusumah and his wife Ella.

August: Construction of a new house for workers close to the hangar started.

September: Aviation student Walenus Kogoya left.

September: The building of a house for the teachers in Yarweser finished.

September: The RARCC hosted and assisted Wouter Rocchi, who is taking a master in Sustainable Energy Technology at the Dutch Delft University of Technology. The student was here for two weeks to study the electrical installation of Papua Diving, and write a proposal for a future layout for full renewable energy. The work has been made in cooperation with Hans van Mameren, from Energy-Renewed Pte Ltd.

September: New speed boat completed.

September: The RARCC starts the process to legally establish Frontier Aviation. The new organization resulted of a dream of a team of volunteers, including the director of the RARCC Max Ammer, to set up a school to teach Papuans how to fly, and how to build and maintain multiple types of aircraft.

September: New director assistant Dolly Chelsea Tahalele arrived.

October: New long boat completed to donate to the Church GKI in Yembekwan.

October: Pilot missionary Paul Glatts arrived to work as a volunteer teacher for three months.

October: Students from the high school SMK Penerbangan Sentani Christian Kiriho, Daniel Komba and Calvin Wandadaya arrived for a three-month internship at the MFC.

October: The RARCC hosted an Indonesian student, who learned about eco-tourism management from the RARCC, Kayak4Conservation, and Papua Diving managers.

October: Dolly Chelsea Tahalele became a Kayak4Conservation administrative manager.

October: The RARCC hosted and assisted Luis Ruhss for three months to do a research for his master degree in Sustainable Energy Technology, at the Dutch University of Twente. The name of the project is “Solar Boat for Local Community in the Kri Island in Indonesia.”

October: The RARCC hosted and assisted Felicia Rindt for less than three months to do a research for her master degree in Sustainable Energy Technology, at the Dutch University of Twente. The name of the project is “Assessing the Carbon Footprint of RARCC and Papua Diving in Indonesia.”

October: Max Ammer went to the United States of America to search and purchase aircrafts for the RARCC aviation project.

October: Max Ammer went to Canada to refresh his training as a pilot of Bell 47.

November: Kayak4Conservation kitchen finished.

November: Solke Munneke arrived to teach the aviation students as a volunteer for two weeks.

November: The founder of OceanSounds Heike Vester arrived. The RARCC hosts her and assists her in her research and work to protect whales and dolphins in Raja Ampat.

November: The RARCC fiberglass team started to restore the boat Lumba-Lumba, which will be used by Papua Diving to bring guests, staff and material to the island.

November: The cook Ade arrived to work at Kayak4Conservation.

November: Max Ammer and Shannon Latumahina went to Jakarta to meet the Federasi Aero Sport Indonesia (Indonesian Aerosport Federation, in Indonesian language) to discuss future cooperation with the MFC.

December: The RARCC hosted Hans van Mameren and Daan van Wijk,

from the company Energy-Renewed Pte Ltd. They are cooperating with Papua Diving and the RARCC to help us to improve our eco-friendly energy system.

December: Construction of a new house for workers close to the hangar completed.

December: Students from the high school SMK Penerbangan Sentani Christian Kirihio, Daniel Komba and Calvin Wandadaya left.

December: The RARCC hosted the principal of the SMK Penerbangan Sentani Budi Riyanto to discuss the cooperation between the school and the MFC. It was decided to stop the cooperation for a while until the RARCC gets a resident teacher because it has been hard to find one since Rob Postma passed away.

December: Adi Arbin joined the Kayak4Conservation team to help with bookings and reservation.

December: The kayak guide Yesaya Mambraku left.

December: The RARCC welcomed the senior adviser Piet Rus. The volunteer stayed here for two months to help us to improve our woodworking workshop.

December: The professional airplane photographer Adam Joerg stayed at Papua Diving to take pictures of the RARCC Bell 47.

December: Kayak4Conservation manager Purnama Rismauli left.

December: The kindergarten and primary school supported by the RARCC in Yarweser organized a Christmas party for the villagers and tourists.

December: Our resident kayak guide Gosner Dimara left the program.

December: Charles Makamur became our resident kayak guide.