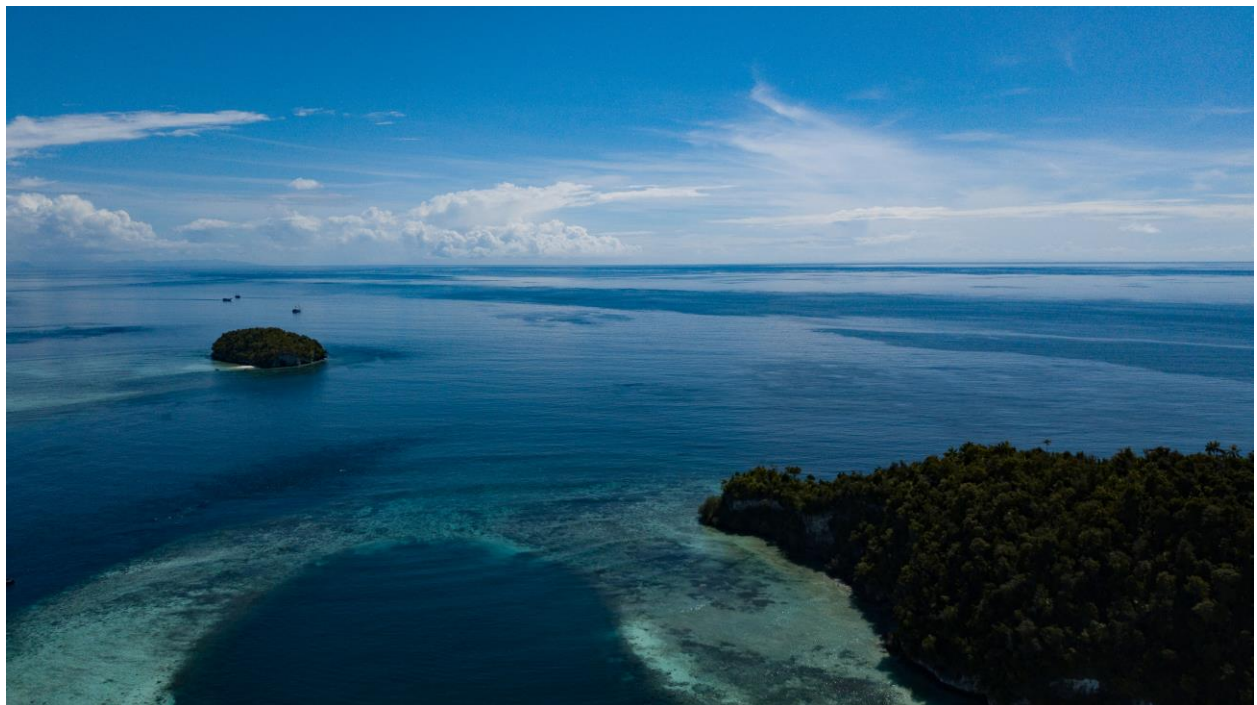




**RAJA
AMPAT
RESEARCH &
CONSERVATION
CENTRE**
I N D O N E S I A



Credits: Fred Warmer

Activities Performed in 2019

January: The RARCC hosted Fred Warmer, Bas Kreuger, Fred Pelder before their expedition to look for the wrecks of an American bomber aircraft B-25H used in the Second World War (WWII).

January: The RARCC co-organized the expedition mentioned above and the RARCC's director Max Ammer joined the group (<https://stichting-rarcc.org/news/rarccs-director-looks-for-a-wwii-aircraft-and-finds-something-more-special/>).

January: Breysda Syauta started to work as a teacher for our education center in Yerweser, Batanta.

January: Our fiberglass team started to make a small catamaran that will later become a full electrical powered boat.

January: Lidia Krey and Erdomina Sanadi started to work as cooks for Kayak4Conservation.

January: Hansen D. Janama, Aiken N. Kappa and Robi Faidan started to work as kayak guides.

February: The RARCC hosted the Emmy-winning cinematographer and environmentalist Shawn Heinrichs, the director Blake Castle, the producer Louis Cooper Robinson, the photographer Philip Thurston, the cinematographer Abraham Joffe, from Untitled Film Works. Mark Erdmann, vice-president of the Asia-Pacific Marine division of Conservation International, and Robert Baigrie, from the same organization, also joined.

February: The aviation mechanic student Malvin Wandik left to join a ground school training.

February: The fiberglass student Yulianus Nerokepou arrived.

February: The aviation mechanic student Marcel Nerokepou arrived.

February: The RARCC hosted Jim Jobe, from the mission organization Ethnos360. The missionary came to work on a Papua Diving boat that will be donated to his mission.

March: Patricia Maleke started to work as a teacher for our education center in Yerweser.

March: The founder of OceanSounds Heike Vester left. The RARCC hosted her and assisted her for several months in her research and work to protect whales and dolphins.

March/April: The RARCC, Papua Diving and Ocean Sounds took care of a lost baby dugong for several weeks close to our center and in a few other locations in Raja Ampat. Later, the Indonesian government took lead. Unfortunately, the animal passed away.

April: The RARCC hosted a team of five people from the Seattle Aquarium in the US. This visit was related to their interest in having a large “Coral Triangle” focus in their displays, which are also linked to conservation programs. Also, three staff from Conservation International, including the Marine Program Coordinator in Indonesia, Susie Vulpas, joined the group.

April: Small catamaran was finished.

April: Our resident kayak guides Hansen D. Janama, Aiken N. Kappa and Robi Faidan left.

April: Max Ammer represented the RARCC, Papua Diving and Kayak4Conservation at the ADEX - Asia Dive Expo, in Singapore. He was one of the conservation speakers.

April: Andreia Nogueira became Education Projects Manager, besides being the RARCC Public Relations and helping the assistant director.

May: Max Ammer and the resort manager at Kri Eco Resort Mike Wild did a survey on education in the villages of Selpele and Saleo, in Waigeo.

May: The Kayak4Conservation cooks Lidia Krey and Erdomina Sanadi left.

May: We started contacts with the Education department in Waisai to get help for our education center, but unfortunately the local government said they had no means to assist us. Later they issued the permit to operate legally as an education center.

May/June: We hosted the secretary of Raja Ampat Dive Resort Association (RADRA), Maya Puspa Dewi.

June: The RARCC hosted PhD Phillip Dustan, a marine ecologist specialized in the ecology, vitality, and remote sensing of corals, and the marine biologist Amadea Eureka, who came to check the health of the reefs.

June: Max Ammer participated in the Conservation International 2019 Gala, where the West Papua Province received the Global Conservation Hero Award from Conservation International (<https://stichting-rarcc.org/news/rarcc-joins-ceremony-where-west-papua-got-an-international-award/>)

June: Andreia Nogueira started a survey about education and living conditions in the 12 villages close to Kri Island.

June: The Students-Led Conference took place in Yerweser and some guests from Papua Diving participated in the event.

June: Our resident kayak guides Charles Makamur and Yuventus Kelem left.

June: Yulianus Bonggoibo became our resident kayak guide.

June/July: The RARCC hosted the student Kats Meike.

June/July/August: The RARCC hosted the student Chris Gustav Vreugdenhil, who worked as a volunteer for Papua Diving in exchange of free stay and free diving.

July: Jeremias Pandemanan, Yusak Bonggoibo, Marlon Sumah and Corneles Morin became our resident kayak guides.

July: Our fiberglass team started to make two big catamarans that will later become full electrical powered boats.

July: Two of our teachers participated in a training for teachers at the international school Sekolah Papua Harapan, in Jayapura.

July: The RARCC hired Ayu Pihuayuan as a teacher to work at the school in Sawandarek, even though the school is ran by another entity. Besides, often the RARCC helps her and other teachers from the same school with shipments, transportation and Internet.

July/August: The RARCC hosted one guest from Plimsoll Production Ltd.

August: Bryand Rellely started to work for the RARCC as Information Technology Officer, graphic designer. Besides, he also helps the assistant director.

August: Two teachers participated in a training for teachers at the international school Ob Anggen, in Bokondini.

August: Our director participated in an expedition to Halmahera to assist a guest looking for wrecks from the II World War.

September: Leli Morin and Selviana Padama started to work as cooks for Kayak4Conservation.

September: The students of the RARCC education center participated in a study trip at Papua Diving, Kayak4Conservation and RARCC facilities on Kri island (<https://stichting-rarcc.org/news/rarcc-and-papua-diving-inspire-children-to-dream-bigger/>)

October: The aviation mechanic student Agustinus Roy Kosay arrived and stayed for one month.

October: Morgan and Hudson Wild left Kayak4Conservation.

October: Dolly Chelsea Tahalele became Kayak4Conservation operation manager, besides being administrative manager.

October: Gosner Dimara came back to work again as a kayak guide.

October: Evita Margareth Matahari started to work for the RARCC as Human Research Department head (besides being the HRD head at Papua Diving).

October: The fiberglass team restored a Papua Diving boat to be donated to the mission organization Ethnos360 (<https://stichting-rarcc.org/news/boat-donated-to-the-ethnos360/>)

October: The RARCC hosted two people from Ethnos360, who came to get the boat mentioned above.

November: A Teacher, Parents and Student Conference was held in Yerweser (<https://stichting-rarcc.org/news/parents-students-and-teachers-make-a-pact/>)

November: Silfa Arimang started to work as a teacher for the RARCC education center in Yerweser.

November: The kayak guide Marlon Sumah left.

November: Construction of a jetty for Kayak4Conservation started.

November: The RARCC went to the METS - Marine Equipment Trade Show Amsterdam.

December: The RARCC hosted PhD Phillip Dustan, who worked with some Papua Diving dive guides to restore reefs and kill Crown-of-thorns starfishes (COTS) (<https://stichting-rarcc.org/projects/protecting-raja-ampat/protect-and-restore-coral-reefs/>)

December: The RARCC hosted Bruce Butterworth, an American transportation security consultant who brought donated snorkel masks and other equipment to distribute among the local people. The equipment will be used to restore reefs.

December: The RARCC sold a speedboat to Conservation International, which will be used to patrol North Misool.

December: PhD Phillip Dustan and some Papua Diving dive guides taught students from the RARCC education center in Yerweser how to restore corals and how to kill COTS (<https://stichting-rarcc.org/news/raja-ampat-children-learn-to-restore-corals-and-to-kill-cots/>)

December: The RARCC teachers and their students in Yerweser presented their year-end performance (<https://stichting-rarcc.org/news/-year-end-performance-fills-yerweser-with-joy/>)

December: Max Ammer was interviewed by the French television channel TF1 for the show “Sept à Huit”.

December: Max Ammer went to Bali to do a research on the waste water systems, and to visit a school focused on conservation. He also had meetings with stakeholders under his efforts to implement an effective

mooring system in Raja Ampat that can be beneficial for the local communities, the environment and the tour operators.

January-December: Our fiberglass team also made a new speedboat, painted a long boat, restored four speedboats, and made small works in fiberglass for buildings in Yerweser, Sorong and Kri island.