Q&A

Question-and-Answer with Jonas
Coral Guardian Conservation Program Director – Flores

1. What changes have you seen in your local marine environment?

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2. How has the community been educated on destructive fishing practices?

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3. Have other communities become more aware of the issue?

Recently, I have seen other communities also begin to realize the importance of coral reef conservation. The sharing of information between communities that work with us and other fishing communities has begun, so changes in fishing methods have begun to emerge. Illegal fishing methods are now rarely used by fishermen.

4. How has the community accepted Coral Guardian’s presence?

So far, Coral Guardian has been well received by the local community. This positive relationship is visible in the way they get actively involved in activities carried out by coral guards. They also help provide data needed by coral guards regarding their fish catches. They were also happy because there were already institutions that helped them restore damaged coral reefs around their villages.

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