



SAVE OUR SMALL ISLANDS

MARCH 2019 – SEPTEMBER 2021 | IMPLEMENTER: Divers Clean Action | LOCATION: Kepulauan Seribu (Thousand Islands), Indonesia | PLANNED BUDGET: \$170,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Kepulauan Seribu (Thousand Islands) community is an ecologically sensitive chain of islands off the coast of Jakarta, which is impacted by the growing number of tourist visitors and its position as a catchment area for marine currents carrying plastic pollution from the mainland. The project will promote and facilitate community-based waste management practices by conducting workshops for residents and private sector entities and will strengthen the capacity of the local authorities as waste management service providers through surveys, institutional analyses, and the provision of technical assistance. The Jakarta *Penanganan Prasarana dan Sarana Umum* (PPSU) is the government entity handling solid waste collection and transport to the mainland of organic, recyclable, and residual/hazardous materials. Community residents will be trained on how they can participate in the solid waste management (SWM) system and help the PPSU to modify its collection and storage methods to foster better community cooperation and recycling. The project will also expand recycling services by connecting the informal sector to recycling companies and will promote the sale of goods in bulk to reduce the use of plastic packaging.

ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTER

Divers Clean Action is a youth-led environmental non-governmental organization (NGO) working with Indonesian national government ministries, universities, the corporate sector, and other NGOs on implementing regional and national projects focused on scientific research of marine debris and community development. Its mission is to create sustainable collaboration to promote healthy oceans without litter. Divers Clean Action's core activities combine science, the community, and youth development, touching on subjects as diverse as the marine economy, the problem of marine plastic debris, and advocacy tied to government policy-making.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Through awareness raising and capacity building activities, the project will increase the number of local participants engaged in the community-based SWM system and improve the collection services provided by the government and private sector. Improved coordination among SWM stakeholders in the region will enable the development of effective SWM plans and regulations. The first steps towards a circular economy for solid waste management will provide better access to employment and livelihood opportunities.