

# SURF AND CONSERVATION IN MOROTAI

## A PROJECT OF SURF PROTECTED AREA NETWORKS (SPANS)

Our Surf Protected Area Networks (SPANs) program is a new approach for marine and coastal conservation that combines legal protection of ecosystems and sustainable community development.

We develop our projects where high quality surfing waves and priority marine ecosystems overlap. All of our protected area work is accomplished in partnership with local agencies and individuals.



## PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES

- 1 Create organizations that support surfing in Morotai, such as village surf clubs and the Morotai Surfing Association.
- 2 Provide surf empowerment classes.
- 3 Map natural resources and develop Natural Resources Regulations, Sustainable Tourism Regulations, and a Waste Management Program.
- 4 Create and effectively manage Surf Protected Areas in places where high-quality surfing waves and priority marine ecosystems overlap.
- 5 Propose a Policy that integrates the Surf Protected Area Approach into Indonesia protected area framework.



## SURF ECOSYSTEMS: SURFING FOR CONSERVATION

A surf ecosystem is more than a wave: it's the place, the plants and animals, and the people. It's a land-to-sea connection and all these things rely on each other to thrive.

When we protect a surf break, we also preserve the surrounding coastline, marine biodiversity, and local economy and culture.



## OPPORTUNITY & SUSTAINABILITY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Surfing provides the opportunity to develop community-based surf and nature tourism in villages. By protecting marine and terrestrial resources communities stand to prosper economically, environmentally and culturally into the future.



## MOROTAI SURFING ASSOCIATION

Morotai Surfing Association's principles are to support the development of surfing amongst youth, raise awareness around marine conservation, minimise the gender gap and foster and provide skills with the aim of advancing tourism. There are seventeen surf clubs across Morotai.



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