

FOREWORD FROM THE GOVERNOR OF BALI

With the blessing of The Almighty, we hereby release the Bali Marine Rapid Assessment Program report. The report contains the current status of all of Bali's coastal and marine resources, and becomes a key reference as the Bali Provincial Government plans for the management of our coast and sea, as mandated by the Local Regulation 16/2009 on the 2009-2029 Bali Spatial Plan.

We take pride in these results that show that Bali's marine resources remain exceptional. The report presents comprehensive analyses of the island's coral reef and reef fish. Currently recovering from climate change impacts, Bali's coral reef ecosystem is highly diverse. Similarly, the reef fish communities in Bali are also highly diverse. Bali's underwater beauty remains enigmatic; indeed this process has identified several new species. Bali's coral reefs and other reef ecosystem organisms are important underwater economic resources, for fisheries, food security, and marine tourism. The discovery of several new fish species and one new coral species reinforce the truly remarkable nature of Bali's underwater treasures.

We must also pay particular attention to some serious matters, however, including the declining populations of economically important fish species, and conflict over resource use. We must consult Law 27/2007 on the management of Coastal Zones and Small Islands and the Local Regulation 16/2009 on the Bali Spatial Plan to control these problems and to minimise the emergence of new problems. These regulations can guide the development of the Strategic Plan for the Management of Bali Coastal Zones, a Management Plan and an Action Plan for Coastal Zones and Small Islands to foster sustainable fisheries and marine tourism in Bali. These efforts must be paired with strong commitment and collaboration from partners in Government, the private sector and local communities in management actions such as surveillance and law enforcement.

I hereby extend my gratitude to all who have actively been involved in the marine rapid assessment. This report should be used for our marine and fisheries resources. I hope all government agencies, private sector partners and other stakeholders can use this information to guide development which is integrated with nature.

I hope that this report inspires all stakeholders to build a better Bali for the future - an advanced, safe, peaceful and prosperous Bali.

With thanks,

Om Shanti, Shanti, Shanti Om.

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