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Environmental and biodiversity conservation is an important consideration in achieving Bali's vision as a Clean and Green Province. Better understanding the richness of our natural resources is imperative for designing the island's sustainable development.

The Bali Marine Rapid Assessment Program (Bali MRAP) has been conducted by the Provincial Government of Bali through its Marine and Fisheries Agency. Funded by the USAID in 2011, the assessment program was collaboration among several partners. In a relatively short period, the assessment produced relevant data and information on Bali's marine richness, particularly from the perspectives of coral reefs and reef fishes.

The assessment did not cover the entire coastal waters of Bali. However, the results still provide valuable input for the government to manage Bali's marine species and to plan the development of Marine Protected Areas at the regency level. We also hope that other related stakeholders on the island will use the report to plan and manage their resources in a sustainable manner.

The first edition of this report was issued in November 2011. This book, the second edition of the report, contains some updates including the published names of new reef fish species. We extend our gratitude to all who have supported the Bali MRAP, including its publication processes.

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