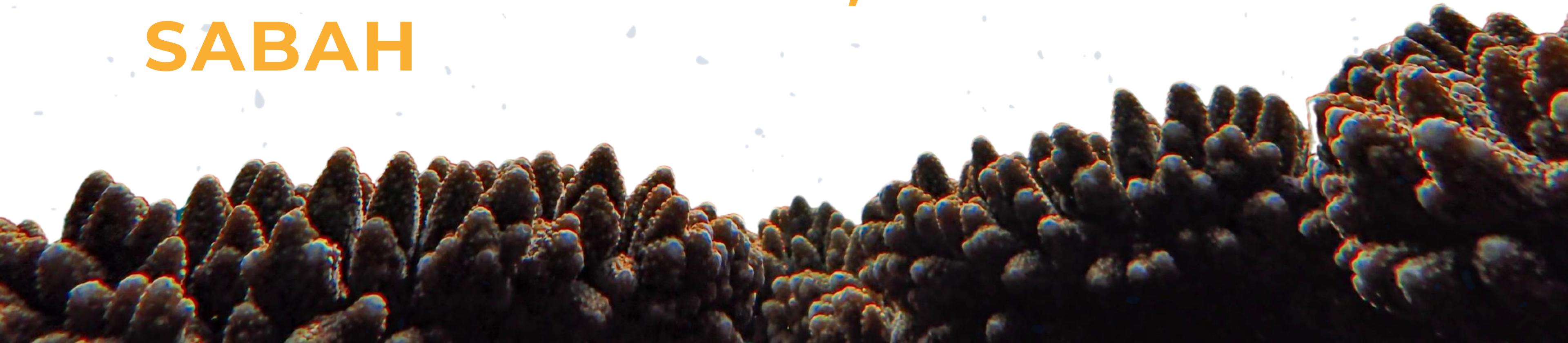


COMMUNITY-BASED MANAGEMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES FOR LARAPAN ISLAND, SABAH



Reef Check
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OUR TEAMS





KEY PROJECT COMMUNICATIONS

01

Local community engagement

02

Government stakeholder engagement



EMPOWERING COMMUNITY LEADERS TO CHAMPION ENGAGEMENT

- **Leadership in Engagement**

Community leaders within the Larapan Marine Conservation Group (LMCG), such as Mad and Mazni, play a pivotal role in facilitating dialogue and building trust with the local community.

- **Integrating GEDSI**

These leaders champion the integration of Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) by introducing and contextualizing the concept in ways that resonate with the community.

- **Culturally Aligned Consultation**

Engagement processes are designed around the community's timing, needs, language, and activities, ensuring inclusive participation and genuine ownership of conservation efforts.

BUILDING RAPPORT WITH GOVERNMENT



- **Securing Multi-Level Government Support**

The project gained recognition and endorsement from key agencies, including the Sabah Biodiversity Council (SaBC), the District Office, and other relevant authorities, ensuring legitimacy and alignment with state priorities.

- **Inclusive and Adaptive Engagement**

Local communities were actively involved through both formal and informal meetings, with communication tailored to different stakeholders to make the project relevant to their specific priorities.

- **Aligning Interests with Sectoral Priorities**

For SaBC, the focus was on traditional knowledge, biodiversity conservation, and indigenous rights, while for the fisheries sector, the emphasis was on sustainable fish stocks and granting communities management rights over their marine resources.

The Community Protocol for marine conservation is still in its infancy in Sabah, making it quite challenging to establish without a solid precedent and robust support.

We collaborate with various governments and are always receptive to different approaches, as long as they effectively meet the objectives of this project.

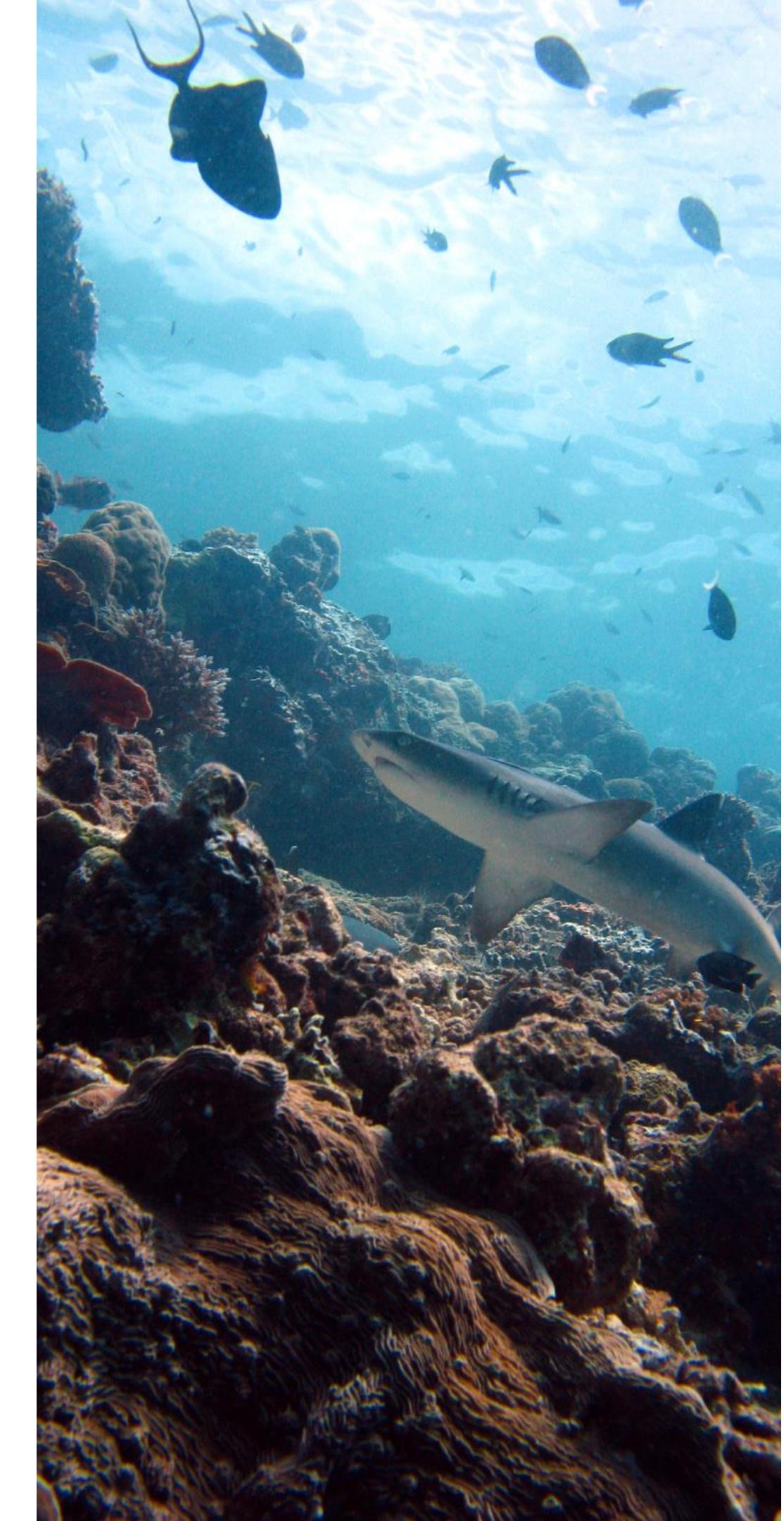
Development is outpacing the change we desire; now the island is in the process of adding two more resorts.

Locals are dedicated to raising awareness about their island and its challenges, despite limitations. By empowering them, we help them take ownership of their narratives and share their stories to gain support.

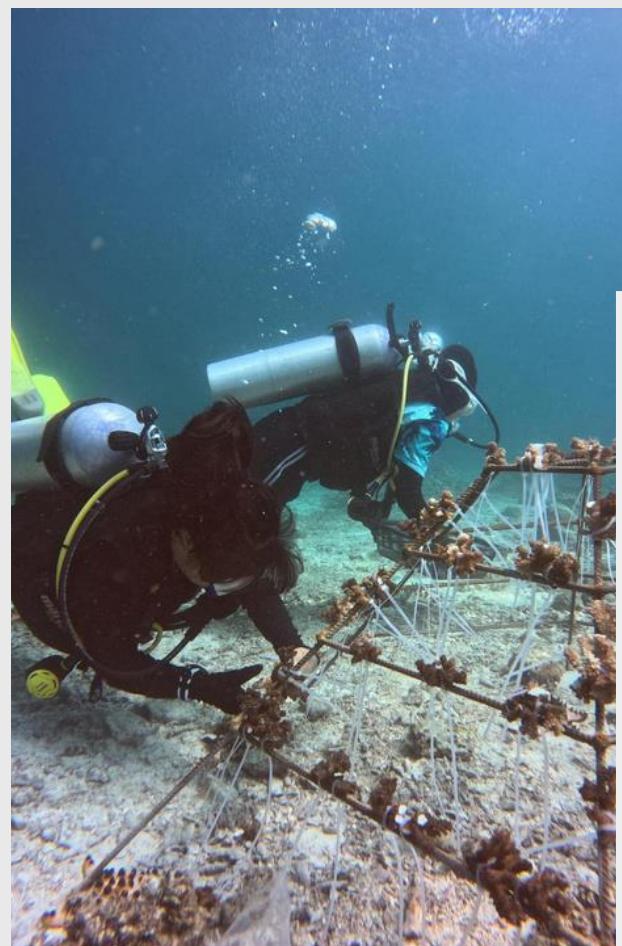
Women frequently encounter challenges when it comes to voicing their opinions in discussions.

The women's empowerment initiative at LMCG is helpful, as we have women leaders who are outspoken and capable of inspiring others to express their thoughts and desires.

CHALLENGES & HOW WE OVERCOME THEM



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