

## Project Update: January 2014

There were 15 teachers Grade 4 and 5 from 5 primary schools in East Lombok and some university students joined the programme. In the initial meeting, JARI explained about the programme and how it ran and teachers shared their knowledge and experiences about the sea. Some teachers have good knowledge and some have not. They expected to get not only better understanding about the coastal ecosystem and its issues but also skills to teach about the knowledge to the students. JARI will facilitate the workshop and excursion during the program.

The first of topic of workshop was seagrass. Teachers learnt about the seagrass meadow, type of seagrass, the function, what animals and plants are found in seagrass and the threats. Many teachers have a misconception about seagrass and seaweed. JARI introduced a number of teaching methods that teachers can use in the classroom such as games, origami, arts and crafts. Teachers also learnt how to integrate the topic into subjects.

The seagrass workshop took three sessions. And after the session finished, JARI organised an excursion to seagrass meadows. Teachers get water safety and snorkelling training beforehand. They observed seagrass meadow in some areas. They wrote a report about the trip and presented in the teachers' meeting.

