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The first workshop on this project, "Stranded Sea Turtle and Application of Forensic DNA in Sea Turtle Conservation Workshop" (Workshop Penanganan Penyu Terdampar dan Penggunaan DNA Forensik dalam Konservasi Penyu) had been held in Turtle Conservation and Education Center (TCEC) – Bali, on July 29th 2017. Aiming to share knowledge and skills on collecting tissue sample for genetic purposes and handling stranded sea turtle, this workshop attended by total 46 participants from various institutions, including NGOs (Reef Seen, WWF Indonesia, TCEC, IBRC), universities (Diponegoro University, Sriwijaya University, Bogor Agricultural Institute, Brawijaya University, Kristen Artha Wacana University, Udayana University, UCLA), local communities (K-veterinary clinic, community police officer, PDHI, and village authorities), government officials (Bali Police Officer, BKSDA Bali, Quarantine Office) and journalist (Mongabay). The article for this workshop has been updated on our web institution (http://bionesia.org/?p=342) and Mongabay news (https://www.mongabay.co.id/2017/08/03/begini-asyiknya-belajar-identifikasiforensik-dna-penyu-untuk-bongkar-perdagangan-satwa/).



Left: Participants' group photo. Right: Andrianus Sembiring, one of the instructors is giving explanation on how to collect tissue sample for genetic purposes from live sea turtle.