

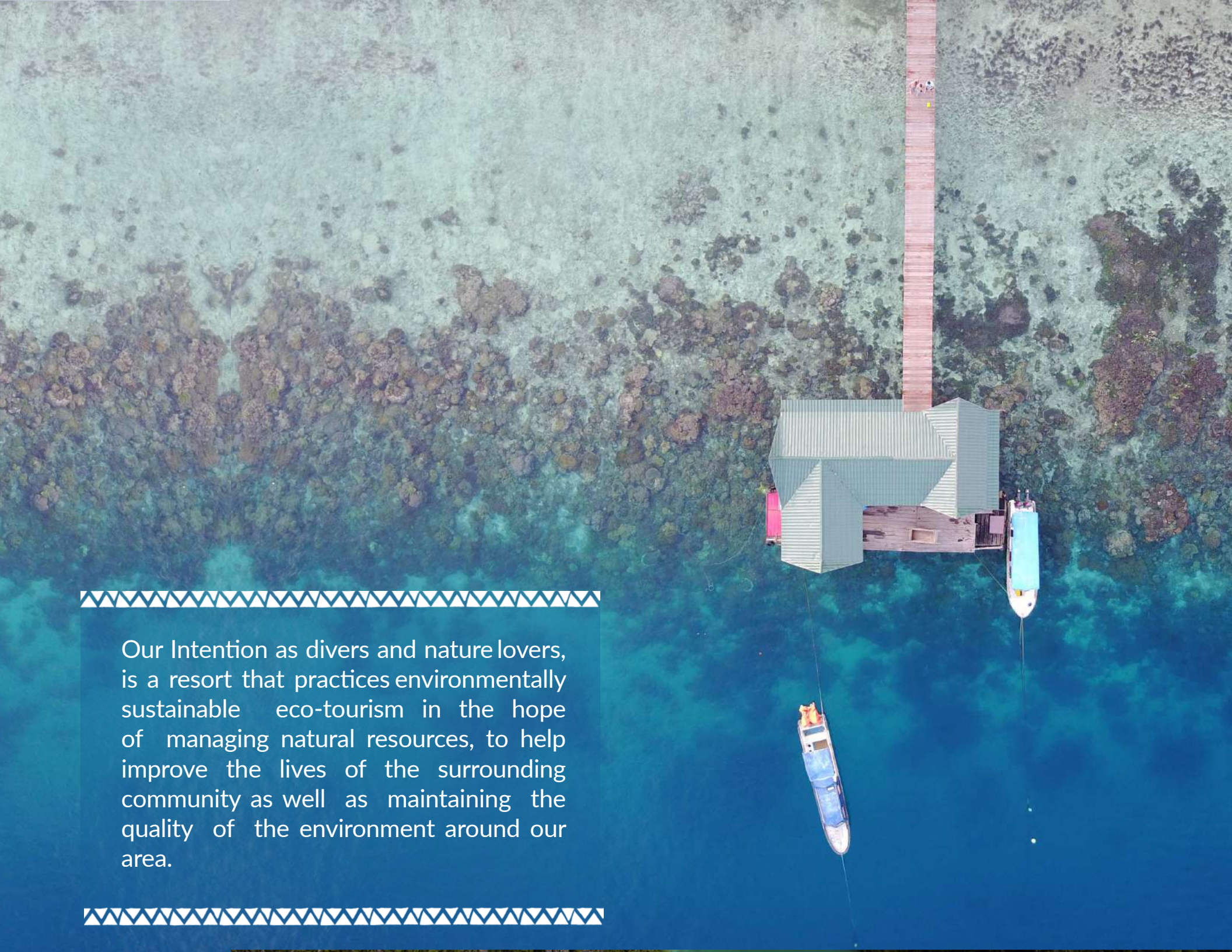


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An aerial photograph of a resort built on a coral reef. A long wooden pier extends from the top of the frame down to a building with a grey corrugated metal roof. Two boats are moored nearby: a white boat with a blue canopy on the right and a blue boat on the left. The water is clear, revealing the coral reef and sandy bottom. A dark blue rectangular box with white text is overlaid on the bottom left.

Our Intention as divers and nature lovers,  
is a resort that practices environmentally  
sustainable eco-tourism in the hope  
of managing natural resources, to help  
improve the lives of the surrounding  
community as well as maintaining the  
quality of the environment around our  
area.



# Sustainable tourism our aim, our life



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Following UNWTO standards, Sustainable Tourism definition is all “Tourism that takes full account of its current and future economic, social and environmental impact. Addressing the need of the visitor, the industry, the environmental and the host community”. And that is what we intend to do at Raja Ampat Biodiversity Nature Resort.

Sustainable Tourism is a necessity, and at Biodiversity we are conscious about it and are taking measures in that direction. Empowering our team, Engaging & Educating our customers, and encouraging your collaboration. We all must make efforts to minimize the impact our activities have on our planet. We have a long way to go! Important to talk the Talk AND start the Walk!



# OUR SUSTAINABLE POLICY



Since our beginning in 2013, we have implemented a long-term sustainability policy that comprehends environmental, social, cultural, economic, and quality aspects as well as promoting human rights, health, safety, and the management of risk and drive continuous improvement.

Our Management is certified with the Global Sustainable Tourism Council GSCT, and we follow their Industry Criteria, which is the Global Baseline Standard for Sustainable Tourism practices, as a guideline in our sustainable path.

Our environmentally friendly activities are designed to minimize negative impacts and contribute to nature conservation, as well as for the welfare of the local community and their culture. Our actions as a company do not adversely affect local access to livelihoods.





# How we put it into practice



Our intention is to follow/address the Industry Criteria from GSCT and respond point by point to their guidelines, applying the principles of sustainable tourism in evaluating and developing relevant solutions.





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## Maximize Social and Economic Benefits to the Local Community and Minimize Negative Impacts

### LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

Most of our staff is from the neighboring villages, and without any previous job experience. We give them equal opportunities and train them to acquire both experience and professional education.

**ECOTOURISM SERVICES** We promote Jungle Birding and Trekking excursions with local guides without receiving any benefit in exchange. We make sure no species wild animal is acquired, bred or held captive.

### YEARLY DONATIONS

Since 2013, we have been giving Christmas food donations yearly to the four neighboring villages Yenbeser, Friwen, Saporkren, Wauyai.

### ENGLISH TEACHERS

Since 2016 we have had an English teacher as a paid employee to offer free english lessons to children and adults in Yenbeser village.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** We have recently started this program and we already have 23 pupils.

**VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE** We have built a COMMUNITY LIBRARY. Our aim is improving the learning capacity of our students on a long term basis.

### HEALTH PROJECTS

We organize two health programs a year, to do check ups for children and adults of the two villages. We distribute nutritional packs.



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## Maximize Benefits to the Environment and Minimize Negative

We value and incorporate authentic elements of traditional and contemporary local culture in our operations, design, decoration, and even cuisine.

### FISH

We buy most of our fish directly from local fishermen. They only use hand line, which is a sustainable way of fishing, and protects the marine life in the reserve. We never consume reef fish. Our 2019 budget on fish from the local fishermen was over 10,000€.

### COOKING OIL

We have donated a coconut grinder machine to Yenbeser. They make 100% raw organic coconut oil.

We purchase this oil for our kitchen needs, this way we also avoid the unsustainable palm oil.

### ORGANIC VEGETABLES

We empower the local women to make their own veggie gardens and we buy whatever they grow, incorporating local vegetables into our menu.

Therefore, all food is sourced locally in an effort to reduce our carbon footprint and give our guests the chance to experience local products.

We never use plastic straws.

A photograph of a young boy with dark skin and short hair, looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. He is shirtless, and the background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage.

# LOCAL PURCHASING CRAFTS



#### WATER SAVING

Water sourcing is sustainable and does not adversely affect environmental flows. Towels are changed every two days and sheets every four days, and dried with natural sunlight. Also, we supply guests with ecofriendly shampoo & body wash. Our WC is bucket-style, instead of toilet tanks, and our faucets are low-flow, as well as the showers.

#### SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM

Significant greenhouse gas emissions are controlled by our team, identified, and procedures implemented to avoid or minimize them. We use full solar energy with Photo Voltaic Panels, batteries, and technology advance inverters.

#### WASTE HANDLING

Waste, including food waste, is measured. Mechanisms are in place to reduce waste, to reuse or recycle it. Any residual waste disposal has no adverse

effect on the local population or the environment. Recycling bins are displayed in public areas for glass and cans.

#### BEACH CLEANING UP

Once a week, or more frequently when necessary, we organize beach cleaning ups with both our staff and the volunteer guests.

#### LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION

For all our facilities, we have followed appropriate sustainable practices and used materials by craftsmen from the surrounding villages. Any disturbance of natural ecosystems is minimized. That is why you can see Kus-Kus, Birds and many insects!

All our cottages are built in the traditional Papua architecture, using local employment and local sourced materials.



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# BECOME AN ECOTURIST

Now it is your turn to enjoy Nature responsibly and become an example for other travelers. We hope that together we can preserve this paradise for generations.

Do not forget that staying at Biodiversity you contribute with all our community and environmental programs.





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