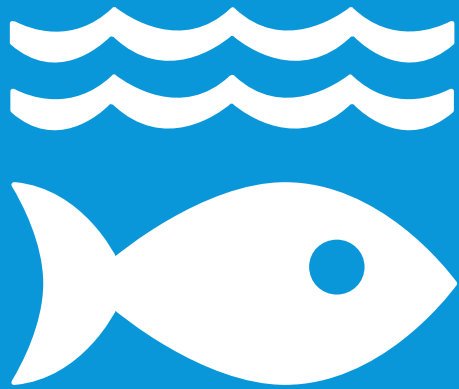


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# COASTAL CLEANUP: SUSTAINABLE MARINE CONSERVATION

Coastlines, beyond their scenic beauty, represent a treasure trove of marine resources that play a pivotal role in our ecosystem. Recognizing this intrinsic value, UNAIR has actively championed the cause of marine conservation, with beach cleanups standing as testament to their commitment.

In 2022, UNAIR's strides in this endeavor have been notable. From beach cleanups at Santen Island and Banyuwangi led by the School of Health and Life Sciences in March, to cleanup at Gumuk Kantong Beach in December, UNAIR's hands-on approach reverberates with their intent. Furthermore, collaborations with organizations like Tunas Hijau for Beach Clean-Up Action in Surabaya, and the Student Executive Board of FISIP UNAIR's cleanup at Kenejran Beach, highlight their drive to involve a broader community in this crucial mission.

These initiatives, more than mere cleanups, underscore a dual objective. First, they aim to tangibly preserve marine resources. Second, and equally vital, they seek to amplify public consciousness about marine conservation. This aligns seamlessly with the Sustainable Development Goals, which advocate for the sustainable use and conservation of marine resources.

UNAIR, steadfast in its dedication to sustainable development, recognizes that the protection of marine assets is not just about the present, but ensuring these resources are available for generations to come. Through partnerships and community engagement, UNAIR is not only leading by example but also fostering an ethos of marine stewardships in the wider community.

In essence, UNAIR's beach cleanups are not just about clearing the shorelines. They are symbolic gestures, reminding us all of the importance of safeguarding our marine legacy and fostering a collective responsibility towards sustainable marine development.

# LEADING THE CHARGE IN MARINE CONSERVATION

UNAIR stands at the forefront of marine conservation, demonstrating unwavering dedication to preserving the delicate balance of our aquatic ecosystems. Through an array of robust initiatives, UNAIR continually emphasizes the importance of both research and practical action in the realm of fish conservation and marine ecosystem preservation.

The Faculty of Fisheries and Marine (FPK) showcases this ethos through the Educational Fish Pond. More than a mere facility, this pond represents the convergence of education, research, and sustainability. It serves as an immersive classroom, offering students a deep dive into diverse fish species, their lifecycles, and their intricate roles within ecosystem. Beyond its academic merits, this pond underscores UNAIR's tangible commitment to conserving critical fish species.

But UNAIR's efforts extend well beyond the bounds of its campus. Actively weaving conservation awareness into the community's fabric, UNAIR orchestrated myriad of outreach programs, from enlightening seminars to hands-on community service activities. A testament to this is the Zero Waste Movement through Beach Health, Ecobrick Green House Construction, and Marine Ecosystem Preservation initiative held on Santen Island, Banyuwangi, by the School of Health and Life Sciences. Not only does this program emphasize the vitality of a healthy marine ecosystem, but it also fosters community involvement in championing marine biodiversity.

Furthermore, UNAIR's collaborative approach in partnering with environmental entities and local fishing communities exemplifies their holistic approach. These alliances, which focus on effective fish resource management and sustainable conservation strategies, amplify the impact of their conservation endeavors.

In summary, UNAIR isn't just teaching about marine conservation — they are living it. Through their unwavering commitment, innovative programs, and collaborative spirit, they are paving the way for a sustainable marine future in Indonesia and setting a benchmark for institutions globally.