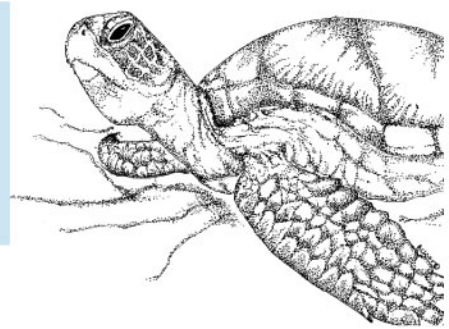


# SIMCA Newsletter

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## Greeting from Lankayan Island.

I was talking to Juliana Whimp few days back about the work that we do to protect Lankayan's surrounding reefs. She said that i must "Wake people up" and get people attached to what we have to achieve. Thus born the first issue of SIMCA's newsletter. Through this newsletter we hope to continues updating you about Lankayan Island, SIMCA's activities and share pictures or any fascinating marine creatures we find in Lankayan's reefs.



*Remember our perfect sunset?*

## Lankayan's Activities



On 15 September 2007, Reef Guardian and Lankayan Island Dive Resort organized an "International Clean-up" event that aim to create environmental awareness through activities like picking up trash from the beaches and sea. There were about 99 participants that consisted resort guests, invited guests such as Sabah Wildlife Department, Sabah Police, Sabah Society, Army and resort staff.

Total rubbish count was 280 kg!!!

After the clean-up, we had fun games on the beach and a wonderful night party. Reef Guardian managed to collect donation of about RM3000 in cash and items from friends of SIMCA, suppliers and guest (Marc, lolanda and some others whose names are not noted here). Log on to [www.reef-guardian.org](http://www.reef-guardian.org) or <http://lankayan.blogspot.com/> for more photos.

Thanks to all to who made the event a great success.



## Our turtle's news

How are the turtles doing?" This is the question that i would receive in my mail box from our valuable repeater guest, Kurt & Margaret and also Mr. & Mrs. Appler, who are currently staying on Lankayan Island for 5 weeks! I thanked them for the question that come to me from time to time. It shows how much they appreciate our work to protect the sea turtle. Our turtle nestings has been showing good in numbers, and there have been 296 nests in 2006 compared to 181 nests in 2005.



In here we would like to show our appreciation to Gary and Emmy Loessberg who provided us funds (Euro 400) to help in purchasing turtle tags. With their help, and partial funding from Conservational International - Philippines, we implemented our turtle tagging program early this year!



Picture of Gary & Emmy with their grand daughter

## Notes

*This is the first and trial issue of SIMCA's newsletter. We hope you like the layout and the simple to read contents. We hope to continuously send you SIMCA's news once every 3 months if possible. Response, comments are welcome. Log on to our webpage [www.reef-guardian.org](http://www.reef-guardian.org) for more information about our works. Or drop me an email if you have any questions or suggestion.*

*Thank you.*

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