

**PIARA—Holland**

**PESISIR— Indonesia**

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**Newsletter 2023**



Dear friends of Piara,

As everywhere, corona had a great impact on Hoga island. Our school boat however, was able to keep on, and still is, bringing the island children of Hoga to and from their schools on the main island of Kaledupa, enabling them access to their much needed and appreciated education. The boat is also in use for various other purposes, such as going to the market and fishing.



Geertje left Hoga before the lock-down started. She is the initiator of the Piara projects and lived on the island for nearly 30 years. In 2022 she paid a brief monitoring visit to Hoga, and still plays an important role in the projects. In the field, Wia – who has been involved in the Piara projects since a long time - is the projects' supervisor. Among others things, she takes care and ensures that the boat is being maintained well. Jili, who was in fact one of the first children who benefitted from the availability of the school boat provided by Piara, is the boat's captain.



Nearly every year, Piara sends different types of glasses to the islanders. These are much valued as due to financial constraints most people are not able to buy these. Last September the sea gypsies of Sampela community were the lucky ones.

We are also happy to report that the children from Sampela are enjoying playing football again as their football field has been recently been repaired with support from Piara.



We would like to thank Patrick Berveling for his valuable contributions as board member of the Piara foundation. Patrick will continue to support Piara as webmaster.

We herewith introduce Ed Renou as a new member of the board. He accompanied Geertje to Hoga in 2022.

With tourism hopefully growing again, it is expected that the funding needed to continue the projects can also be partly provided by the resort on Hoga which sets aside 10 percent of its income for the Piara projects. But of course also your support remains needed!

**The boat keeps sailing on!**

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