

## Project Update: March 2018

During this project, we manage to collect 21 sea turtle samples from different locations in Bali, in the form of cloaca tissue and meat. Some of those samples were collected from the sea turtle that was caught in illegal trade. All of the live sea turtles that were saved from illegal trade are now kept in Turtle Conservation and Education Center (TCEC), Serangan, Bali. Among those samples, there were two that were in the form of traditional food, which was called "lawar", sold by two different local kiosks. This proves that the practice of sea turtle meat selling is still happening in Bali, although in the very low percentage. We also collected sample of sea turtle that was caught dead as by-catch. Currently, we are in the process of doing the lab work and data analysis in order to identify the species of samples collected.



Astria Yusmalinda, one of Bionesia's staff is working on the amplification of sea turtle samples using PCR method.



Sea turtle samples from various locations.