We have an exciting opportunity for a PhD student to work with Dr Hawis Madduppa at IPB Bogor University and Associate Professor James Bell at Victoria University of Wellington (VUW) in New Zealand. The project will build on earlier work at IPB focused on the coral-killing sponge *Terpios hoshinota*. The project will develop new molecular markers for this species to study population genetic structure, and potential migration and dispersal routes. The project will also explore the mechanisms by which the sponge interacts with corals through examination of microbial communities and photophysiology.

The PhD student will be registered at Victoria University in Wellington and spend periods of time working in Indonesia, based at IPB. Experience of molecular techniques is desirable as is suitable diving skills. As the student will be based from VUW you will need to have an appropriate English language qualification. There are several possible funding avenues for Indonesian students and we will help guide the successful candidate to secure funding for fees and stipend.
Expressions of interest should include a full CV, academic transcripts and details of people who can provide references on request. These should be submitted by October 1st to Dr Hawis Madduppa’s e-mail: madduppa@gmail.com