

Annual Report 2015



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The year 2015 promised to be an optimistic year for CCEF. With the Non-US Organization Pre-Award Survey (NUPAS) assessment's passing hot on its heels, CCEF implemented the GIZ-PAME project for Siquijor, Rare Philippines for Alumni sites in the Visayas, and its longest running volunteer program, Saving Philippine Reefs, in Camiguin. New commitments were generated, older ones renewed under the Board of Trustee's Challenge Grant. A new grant was also awarded by UNICO Conservation Foundation for the protection and improved management of marine ecosystems, particularly the resilient reefs in typhoon-ravaged Siquijor and rehabilitated mangrove areas in Liloan, expanding its reach through constituency building and policy advocacy, and improved database systems. Partnerships were re-established with representatives from the business sector, schools, local governments and communities under the Special Projects such as the Mangrove Rehabilitation, Coastal Clean-up and the Shark Fund.



PRESIDENTIAL NOTE

I am extremely proud to write a short note for the CCEF Annual Report. It is hard to believe that it is already 17 years since the Philippines celebrated and supported the International Year of the Reef when CCEF was born! Every year since, CCEF has tirelessly championed coral reef conservation for the benefit of coastal communities and enhanced our Philippine seas in numerous ways. And now as the dramatic effects of climate change become more evident in our coastal areas, CCEF is in the forefront of addressing these impacts through its innovative rehabilitation projects.

All I can say is that there are few more valuable treasures than the group of dedicated and hard-working individuals who comprise CCEF to make the difference they do in protecting and sustaining the benefits coastal resources provide to people in the Philippines. 2015 was another very productive year for the foundation and I encourage all to read about and support CCEF in appropriate ways.

ALAN WHITE, President

MESSAGE FROM THE ED



I am honored to present CCEF's Annual Report 2015. The year came with a number of opportunities for CCEF: the Challenge Grant initiated by the Board; the Ecosystems grant from UNICO; old and new partners such as ZSL, CIE, Globe, CPILS, Ocean Conservancy, PCG-Auxiliary, Fluor Philippines, Kaabag sa Sugbo, the province of Cebu, LGUs of Camiguin, Liloan, among others; and newer learnings with my team as representatives to various networks to meet challenges as diverse as coastal law enforcement, poverty reduction, social development, climate change impacts and mitigation.

I remain thankful for the continuing CCEF members, partners, supporters, passionate and committed individuals working for the betterment of coastal communities. More power!

MOON ALAVA, Executive Director

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Saving Philippine Reefs Expedition: Camiguin



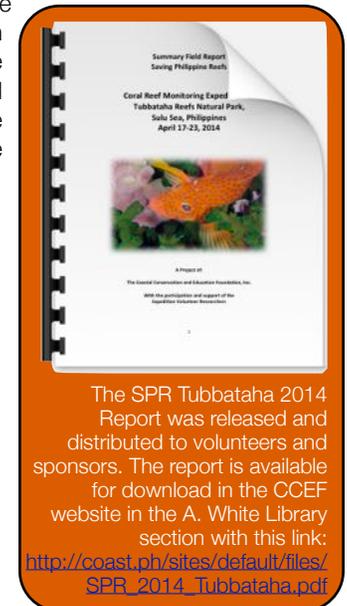
The Saving Philippine Reefs (SPR) Expeditions were started in the 1980's by Dr. Alan White and colleagues, and have been organized over the years by SPR Volunteer Manager, Vangie White. These research trips have been vital in collecting essential information on coral reef and fish health in marine protected areas around the Philippines. Provinces in the Philippines that have been covered by the SPR expeditions are Palawan, Batangas, Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, and Cebu. The data that have been gathered over the years were used to assist local managers of marine protected areas in making effective changes in management approaches. This data is also used to help them develop appropriate policies and strategies to protect the reef resources that they manage.

The Camiguin Coastal Resource Management Project is a project that was managed administratively by the Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation (CCEF) from 2012 through 2014. With the closing of the project, CCEF decided to do its 2015 expedition in Camiguin Island, a new site and province for the SPR Project. The expedition was conducted from April 12 – 20, 2015 where 11 volunteers from the US, Australia, and UK together with CCEF staff and local volunteers assessed coral reef health, and reef fish abundance and biomass in 10 Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Camiguin Island.

Some of the MPAs have damaged coral reef cover and these can be attributed to Typhoon Pablo (or Typhoon Bopha) that swept through the region in 2012. Fish biomass was low in all the surveyed sites, ranging from very poor to poor based on standard measures established for the Philippines. A major factor to this was the lack of enforcement of rules and regulations in some MPAs. Another factor was the relatively small size of most of the MPAs. Thus for enhancement of the resources, it was recommended by the research team that some of the sites consider increasing their MPA area size to cover more marine habitats, install marker buoys to delineate MPA boundaries, install mooring buoys, and enhance coastal law enforcement to lessen illegal fishing and other violations. These were all consolidated in a report and sent to all the local government units of the surveyed MPAs, for their reference to improve their MPA management. - S. Tesch



The Saving Philippine Reefs (SPR) staff and volunteers for the Camiguin Expedition 2015, SPR's 24th year.



The SPR Tubbataha 2014 Report was released and distributed to volunteers and sponsors. The report is available for download in the CCEF website in the A. White Library section with this link: http://coast.ph/sites/default/files/SPR_2014_Tubbataha.pdf

Camiguin offers both large marine life and a myriad of fauna perfect for macro lovers.

Building resilient reefs through community based MPA

Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation (CCEF) had been working closely with the Province of Siquijor since early 2003 on coastal resource management and marine protected area (MPA). Our work in Siquijor contributed to the establishment of most of the MPAs in the province and creation of Siquijor MPA network. We also empower our local partners on enforcement, resource assessment and monitoring and MPA management.

At present, CCEF is working with the local government of units in the province on “Biodiversity Protection and Management Enhancement of Resilient Reefs”. This project aimed to mitigate the exacerbating impact of typhoons due to climate change and the anthropogenic activities on coral reefs through protection and conservation. With the support of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) under the Protected Areas Management Enhancement Project (PAME) and the UNICO Foundation of Australia, two resilient reefs were established as MPA in the municipality of Lazi and San Juan.

In addition, CCEF also provides series of trainings and seminar to capacitate local community and the people organization managing the newly established MPA. Conversely, typhoon affected MPAs such as Binoongan MPA was supported in the redesigning by increasing its protected area covering the adjacent resilient reefs. This concept was basically to increase the resilience of the residual reefs and its recovery through protection. - *M.Baird*



Barangay officials in Binoongan helping in the preparing markers_buoys for Binoongan Marine Sanctuary.



IEC on biodiversity at Catulayan Elementary School.



Coral and substrate consolidation in an MPA Siquijor after 1 to more than 2 years of rehab.



Batfishes use the fish habitats with coral settlement plates as a hiding place.

ProReef Project (CCEF) in partnership with Coral Reef Recovery in Typhoon-Damaged Areas (SUIEMS-FPE)

The Coral Reef Recovery in Typhoon-Damaged Reefs Project aims to document the recovery processes and factors that influence such recovery. This project also supports the continuation and enhancement of the science-based coral rehabilitation and reef fish recovery protocol for rubble areas that we have been developing since 2013. With this project, we hope to contribute in building the resilience capacity of coastal communities and local governments (LGUs) in typhoon affected areas.

A coral reef recovery study in Siquijor Province, in eight priority marine sanctuaries (i.e., Bogo, Candaping B, Olang Marine Sanctuaries in Maria; Binoongan and Tulapos Marine Sanctuaries in Enrique Villanueva; Caticugan Marine Sanctuary in Siquijor, Napayong Marine Sanctuary in Lazi and, Nonoc Marine Sanctuary in Larena) was started in January 2013. One major objective was to develop a low cost, community - and LGU – friendly coral reef rehabilitation protocol, that can increase the resilience of coastal communities against the adverse effects of climate change while using the marine protected area (MPA) as the primary tool. This was achieved largely in collaboration with the local governments and communities of the islands of Siquijor and Apo, who designed and developed prototypes of reef modules using locally-available materials. In addition to these community-based innovations, the project has also strengthened relationships with the local government units and law enforcement groups, such as the PNP who were trained on the CRR-RFR method of research and monitoring and are now members of the Provincial Monitoring Team (PROMOTE). Selected MPA management partners underwent capacity-building trainings for potential supplemental livelihood ventures through ecotourism.

The Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation (CCEF) with the support of the UNICO Conservation Foundation in Australia spearheaded this initiative in partnership with the Siquijor Province through the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist and its Coastal Resource Management (CRM) Section. A German cooperative agency, GIZ- ACCCoast, also provided CCEF support for the development of substrate stabilization methods and fabrication reef fish recovery tools in 2013 to 2014. By the years 2015 to 2016, this effort will be sustained by SUIEMS in partnership with FPE, CCEF – UNICO and Siquijor Province. - *A. Maypa*

Coastal Forest Rehabilitation

Mangrove and Beach Forests Rehabilitation

All over the Philippines, mangrove and beach forests continue to decline in area despite several national and local laws and policies. Expanding aquaculture activities, reclamation activities, coastal development, and failed rehabilitation programs have led to the need to review and evaluate current practices and explore other options to reverse the continuous decline and enforce appropriate actions.

With the support of UNICO Conservation Foundation, CCEF partnered with the Municipality of Liloan to assist in the conservation and restoration of mangrove and beach forests as part of the municipality's integrated coastal resource management plan (ICRMP). Working as part of the technical working group (TWG), CCEF has been assessing the status of reforested and rehabilitated mangrove forests and evaluating the impacts of conservation initiatives in the municipality. Part of this project is also to capacitate the local communities on mangrove and beach forest conservation, and support the formulation of policies to support the establishment of a coastal greenbelt in Liloan.

CCEF's Research and Monitoring Team (ReMoTe) generated maps of mangrove areas in Liloan since 2003. It showed the massive decline of these areas due to real estate development and reclamation activities in the municipality. They assessed 1900m² of mangrove forest, and identified naturally-growing mangrove species in two barangays in Liloan to create a more meaningful rehabilitation program based on the naturally-growing stocks in the area.

The capacity and the commitment of local governments and communities are crucial to ensure the successes of these programs. For the year 2016, CCEF will continue educating and assisting the local governments and communities in formulating meaningful policies, regulations, and activities to allow them to carry on with the protection and conservation of these vulnerable coastal environments. - P. Talaue



Towering Iloil tree *Intsia bijuga* - seeds held by boy - an important native species in a beach forest ecosystem.

M. ALAVA



J. APURADO



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Setting up of transect plots for mangrove assessment. Identification and girth measurement of mangrove species.

Integrated Coastal Resource Management Discretionary Fund



P. TALAUE

Biodiversity Management Bureau Director Mundita Lim at the CCEF Booth at the DRT Show.

The Integrated Coastal Resource Management Discretionary Fund target fund sourcing that allows CCEF to pursue activities focused on the goals for which it was originally founded, which is to empower local communities and their leadership to better manage their local marine and coastal resources for a better livelihood and resilience in the face of population pressures, changing weather, and other environmental challenges. The fund recognizes that these resources are of global as well as local importance, and that the local people are best positioned and motivated to be stewards of these resources for the world. By establishing this fund, we establish a mandate for both local actions by CCEF staff, and ongoing fund-raising by the Board, staff and supporters. The main activity under this program was the Dive Resort Travel Philippines (DRT Philippines) Expo.

The Dive Resort Travel Philippines (DRT Philippines) is one of the largest gatherings of diving enthusiasts, dive professionals, dive resorts, dive operators, and marine conservationists in Asia Pacific. The DRT show has had expositions in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Beijing. It is the only show supported by various government institutions from different countries as well as by noted diving institutions such as PADI, NAUI, SSI, and CMAS, among others. The DRT Philippines is expected to gather over 100 exhibitors and over 10,000 participants. The DRT Philippines Expo was held in SM Mega Mall from September 11 to 13, 2015. Over 80 top-level Philippine and international brands representing dive and water sport equipment manufacturers, dive resorts, regional and local tourism offices, diving organizations, and marine conservation organizations participated during the expo, and over 12,000 visitors from over 36 countries attended the event.

CCEF booth attendees were diving and conservation enthusiasts, media personnel, diving and tour operators, local government representatives, and other marine conservation organization representatives. Most were seeking volunteer activities and possible partnerships in conservation initiatives. - P. Talaue



C. BOLLOZOS

The CCEF booth during the DRT expo (left photo); Merchandise display at the CCEF booth (right photo).

C. BOLLOZOS

CCEF Updates

2015 Publications

Maypa, A.P., M. Baird, R. Catitig, and A.T. White. 2015. Typhoon damage and coral reef rehabilitation impacts of the fish stocks and livelihood of fishers in Siquijor Island. CCEF Technical Report to UNICO Conservation Foundation in Australia. CCEF, Cebu City. 17pp.

White, A.T., J. Apurado, S. Tesch, D. Dacal, A. Sabonsolin, and E. White. 2015. Summary Field Report: Coral Reef Monitoring Expedition to Camiguin Island, Philippines, April 12-20, 2015. The Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation, Inc., Cebu City, 98 p.

Network-Attached Storage (NAS)

CCEF acquired a Network-Attached Storage (NAS) in order to effectively manage data. With the NAS, it is now easier to store and share files as it is operated locally. Permissions and privileges were also set in place for security enforcement. The NAS has several useful services; such as photo management, web-hosting, file synchronization, incremental backups and many more. With the appropriate IT policies and protocol, data management in CCEF will be easier and more efficient, making collaboration much easier.

A. White Library System

CCEF has upgraded the A. White Library system from basic bibliographic cataloging to a web content management software, configured specifically for library usage and run locally. With this change and with the proper credentials, cataloging is done from any PC within the network. Other features include: better search, ability to include file attachments, import/export to various formats, and accessibility via network.

Ecosystems Database

While CCEF is maintaining its MPA Biophysical Monitoring Database to keep survey data collected on coral reefs in various MPAs in the Philippines, a new program is also being developed to cover other ecosystems such as coastal forests and seagrass beds. The new program will be called the Ecosystems Database.

PARTNERSHIPS

2015 was a year of collaboration and partnerships with schools, corporate groups, and a non-government organization with a common goal of coastal resources conservation.

RARE

Marine Protected Area (MPA) Monitoring and Reporting for Selected Rare Alumni Sites – Rare

Under a contractor agreement, Rare Inc. commissioned CCEF to assess the status of the reef in terms of hard coral cover and reef fish assemblages and changes in time vis-a-vis threats to the sites and levels of management effectiveness using the MPA Management Effectiveness Assessment Tool (MEAT). in selected Rare Alumni Sites in Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, and Southern Leyte from October 13, 2014 to December 31, 2015. In each MPA, a total of 10 50-m transects were laid (5 transects inside the protected zone and 5 transects outside) and benthic and reef fish communities were surveyed. Data from the biophysical assessment and MEAT were evaluated and corresponding recommendations were provided for reference to enhance MPA management.



CCEF staff with community members of Amlan, Negros Oriental.

CIE

Planting the right species with Center for International Education (CIE) British School

On March 26, 2015, CCEF guided 30 students from the Center for International Education (CIE) British School in planting 206 Avicennia seedlings in Barangay Cotcot, Liloan. Prior to the actual planting, an orientation about the importance of mangroves was given to the participants, which was held in their campus. The students were taught about planting the right mangrove species at the right site and that planting is just the first step to mangrove rehabilitation. It was emphasized that maintenance of the planted seedlings is crucial to the survival of the mangroves.



CIE students after the mangrove planting activity.

PARTNERSHIPS

One of CCEF's goals is to increase awareness on the importance of mangroves and the importance of science-based methods in mangrove rehabilitation. Aside from the local government units, the organization also partners with corporate companies and schools under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and outreach programs, respectively, for mangrove rehabilitation projects.

Globe

A better approach to mangrove planting

For 2015, CCEF attended trainings on proper mangrove rehabilitation methods such as planting the right species in the right sites. This learning was re-echoed when Globe Telecom requested CCEF's assistance in their mangrove planting program in Barangay Cotcot, Liloan on October 24, 2015. Their program included one year maintenance of the planted seedlings in partnership with Barangay Cotcot.

As standard procedure, a lecture orientation on the planting methods as well as the importance of mangroves was given to the participants prior to the planting activity. Two plots were delineated as planting plots and participants were divided into two groups. Planting was conducted from 12:00PM to around 03:30PM. Bamboo stakes were placed beside the seedling and an abaca string was used to tie the seedling to the stake. The purpose of the bamboo stake was to give support to the seedling in case of strong waves. Around 1440 Avicennia seedlings were planted in the 2 planting plots. Avicennia species was chosen since this was one of the species that belong at the seafront and it was also the abundant species in Barangay Cotcot.

Monthly monitoring of seedling survival was conducted and since December 2015, survival rate was at 40%.



CCEF staff, Globe telecom volunteers, and Kag. Panugan after the mangrove planting activity.

CPILS

Mangrove identification and maintenance activity with Center for Premier International Language Studies (CPILS)

The organization aimed to educate students that planting was not the only way to help conserve mangroves but that they can also do mangrove assessments and maintenance. With this, an activity was developed where students can use their camera phones to document mangrove parts and help them identify the species for documentation purposes. This was initially tried out by eight Korean students from Center for Premier International Language Studies on August 15, 2015 at Barangay Cotcot, Liloan. The students were guided in identifying the different mangrove species and despite the language barrier; they were able to collect samples and photos of the different mangrove species in Barangay Cotcot. After the first activity, they were then taught how to clean mangrove seedlings by removing barnacles and trash from the plant. The activity was evaluated and was subject for improvement.



CPILS students measuring mangrove leaves.

Fluor

CCEF and Fluor Daniel Inc. – Fluor Philippines celebrate International Coastal Cleanup 2015

In celebration of International Coastal Cleanup, Fluor Daniel Inc. – Fluor Philippines, in partnership with CCEF, conducted a coastal clean-up last September 18 along the coasts of Brgy. Calero, Liloan, Cebu. The objectives of the activity were to collect as many garbage as possible and also to spread awareness about effects of domestic trash to the coastal area.

During the half-day cleanup, more than 2,000 items that filled 25 sacks were collected ranging from most likely to find items such as food wrappers, plastic utensils, plastic bags, to fishing gears and personal hygiene items. The activity was an eye opener to some of the volunteers who have expressed their concern regarding proper waste disposal.



P. TALAUE

CCEF staff with Fluor Philippines volunteers.

CCEF 2015 AT A GLANCE

In 2015, CCEF engaged and participated in various activities conducted by different organizations which CCEF was either a member of or have the same conservation goals.

CCEF led by Trustee Evelyn Deguit at the **Climate Proofing for Development Training** to mainstream CCA and resilience in the CLUPs of Cebu Province of LGUs.



April 10-20: CCEF President Dr. Alan White, Trustees Ms. Evangeline White and Dr. TJ Mueller with **Saving Philippine Reefs** volunteers during the Camiguin Expedition.



Host Keith Bettinger speaks with Dr. Alan White (The Nature Conservancy) about his continued work with the Coral Triangle Initiative.



Trustee Evelyn Deguit with Staff during midyear planning and staff dev at Hale Manna



CCEF with **SU-IEMS**, the local community and **LGUs of Siquijor** doing coral reef rehab and reef fish recovery (CRR-RFR) monitoring and biodiversity assessments in Maria, Siquijor.



June 21-23 Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Alumni Association Annual Conference on Agriculture and Fisheries.



CPILS mangroves maintenance



August 27-29: CCEF President Dr. Alan White speaking at the **Coral Triangle Regional Business Forum 2015** in Bali, with Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park Supervisor Ms. Angeliwe Songco, a former CCEF Trustee.



August 5: Presentation of **new staff members** Patice Talaue, Comms Officer, and Dindin Bollozos, Research and Monitoring Officer for an initial communication planning meeting with Trustee/VP Becky Smith at Handuraw.

2015

February

April

June

August

January

March

May

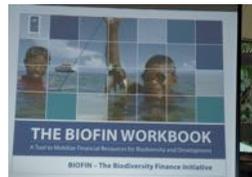
July



January 21 - CCEF Foundation Day



CIE mangrove planting



March 27: At the PBSAP-BIOFIN Forum with **Civil Society Organizations** and the Academe at the Biodiversity Management Bureau.



Civil Society Organization (CSO) network formation on disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM), a gathering of most CSOs active in **DRRM** work in Cebu.

May 21: CCEF led by Trustee Evelyn Deguit with Cebu Province SWD and Mandaue City staff and guest Kim Lansford of Big Blue Network during the **Umapad Landfill** visit.



Trainers' training on Mangrove and BeachForest Rehabilitation and Conservation May 25-30 at Ibajay, Aklan and Iloilo City with **Zoological Society of London (ZSL)** and Turing Foundation.

July 3: ED Moon Alava at the **Cebu Province Total Shark Ban IRR** post-workshop press con with fellow shark conservation advocates from the provincial and local government and NGOs.



May 19 - CCEF participated at the **3rd Scientific Council of the Panglao Island Executive Committee (PIEC)** for the Sustainable Environment Protection Project (SEPP) in Tagbilaran.





October 29: CCEF with CMS Deputy Executive Secretary Mr. Bert Lenten and partners at QC collaborating to promote CoP 12 in 2017.



Kamanga Marine Ecotourism Park and Sanctuary site evaluation report and final evaluation at 5th Para el Mar (MPA Awards and Recognition) Event in Greenleaf Hotel, Gen. Santos City



PAMS Symposium
(General Santos)



The CCEF Research and Monitoring Team (REMOTE) **geotagging** natural and planted mangroves in Brgy. Cotcot, Liloan.



CCEF Christmas Party



Dec. 11: Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRRM) Orientation with **Kaabag sa Sugbo, A2D and PHILDHRA.**



October

December

September

Sept 9 Coastal Clean-up Activity with **Fluor Philippines.**



September 11-13: DRT Activity



Mangrove assessment in Brgy. Cotcot



September 9-11: Capacity Building for **FPE** and Partners on Environmental Para-legalism.



Mangrove maintenance in Brgy. Cotcot

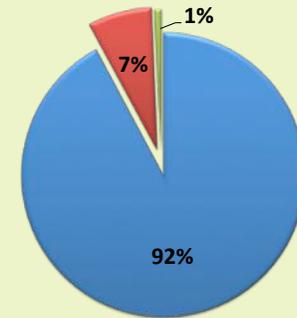


ICRM workshop in Liloan



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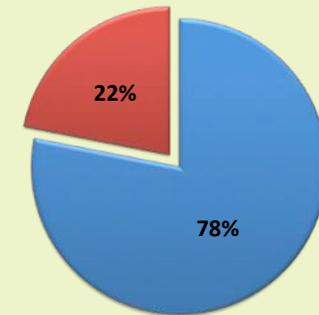
Source of Funds for 2015



■ Project Grants ■ Donations ■ Special Projects

Project Grants	Donations	Special Projects
\$ 221, 444	\$ 17, 355	\$ 1, 497

Expenses for 2015



■ Project and Field Operations ■ General and Administration

Project Expenses	General & Admin Expenses
\$ 121,829	\$ 34,200

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