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Project News

Local Governance for Coastal Management Project Updates

By Sheryl Tesch, IEC Coordinator

In the middle of its second year of project implementation, the Local Governance for Coastal Management Project of Cebu has already exceeded its required deliverables and the team continues to push on to further imbibe the CRM culture into its project areas.

Program Components

CRM Institutionalization

Working closely with local government unit partners and local partners and groups, the team provides technical assistance in implementing municipal CRM plans with assessments and reviews done by the CRM technical working groups (TWGs) made up of sectoral representatives. This implementation ranges from assisting in CRM-related activities, budgeting, capacitating LGU personnel, organizational strengthening, and mobilizing CRM-related organizations.

Assisting in the Municipal Water Delineation and Delimitation

It was a busy year with CCE Foundation working with LGUs, NAMRIA and UP-CEIS in determining coastal terminal points (CTPs) for determining lateral boundaries between municipalities of the six Southern areas of Cebu. Validation of
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Mayor Peter John Calderon giving a welcome address on the inauguration of the Colase Marine Sanctuary

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Mayors Ronald Cesante, Deogenes Derama and Nick de los Santos in the Foreshore Management forum in Davao

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GPS Training by Prof. Mar Almocera of University of the Philippines-Visayas

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Mayor Nick de los Santos and his staff during the municipal water delineation workshop

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The essential role of collaboration in coastal resource management

Alan T. White, Ph.D., President

We have come to realize the huge value of collaboration in our coastal resource management projects since we observe that good partners make projects successful and sustainable. Thus, I asked for a list of our partners in the Cebu area alone and what I received is so long that I could not begin to list them all in this editorial! The question was immediately answered for me, our southern Cebu and Olango Island Local Governance for Coastal Management Project and Marine Protected Area Project are doing so well because we do indeed have the active participation and collaboration of all important stakeholders in the areas of operation. In the Municipality of Cordova alone, those actively involved or assisting in some capacity include:

Mayor
Sangguniang Bayan (Municipal Council)
Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
Municipal Agriculture Office
Municipal Accountant / Treasurer / Budget Officer
Municipal Engineer
Special Concerns Committee

Barangay Council of Gilutongan
Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Management Council
Hilltop Vendors Association
Nalusuan Marine Sanctuary Management
Council and Board
Gilutungan Marine Sanctuary Management
Council and Board
Dive shop operators
The resort operator: MENCA

The other municipalities and city we work in (Lapu-lapu, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander, Samboan, Sibonga, Argao) are similar but may also include fishery technicians, peoples' organizations, municipal and barangay fisheries and aquatic resources management councils (M/BFARMCs), CRM-technical working groups and Philippine National Police. A comparable list is associated with our six municipalities in the Province of Siquijor and areas in Batangas Province.

National agencies and projects operating locally and active in some capacity include:

- Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Region 7
- National Mapping and Resource Information Agency (NAMRIA)
- Office of the Presidential Adviser for Regional Development – Region 7
- Philippine National Police – Region 7
- Philippine National Police – Maritime Group
- Philippine Coast Guard
- Philippine Navy
- Department of Interior and Local Government
- Department of Tourism/ Philippine Tourism Authority
- Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board
- Department of Public Works and Highways
- Cebu Ports Authority
- Coastal Law Enforcement Alliance in Region 7 (CLEAR7)
- Coastal Resource Management Project

Partners among local governments, non-government organizations, academe and the private sector include:

- Provincial Planning and Development Office
- Municipal Mayors, Sanggunian Bayan, Planning and Development Coordinators, Agriculturists, Engineers, etc.
- International Marine Alliance Foundation
- Environmental and Legal Assistance Center
- Philippine Business for Social Progress
- Foundation for the Philippine Environment
- Coastal Dynamics Foundation
- University of the Philippines

The clear lesson is that no CRM or MPA project is going to be sustainable without the involvement of the government and non-government sectors in an array that makes sense for the area of operation. All successful MPAs in the Philippines today have an assortment of active supporting partners from the community level up to the national government agencies. Plus, the more we can engage these partners in a meaningful manner, the lighter the load will be for any one community, NGO or local government unit and the better the chance of long term success.





Participants in CLE training practicing their mapping and GPS reading skills

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technical descriptions and maps were made leading to further review and negotiations by LGU representatives and leaders of boundaries. The CCE Foundation assisted in workshops involving CRM partners to finalize delineations as well as drafting ordinance and resolutions employing such.

Follow-through on Marine Protected Area Initiatives

Technical assistance was provided by the team in terms of marine protected area establishment and management. The MPA is a popular best practice chosen by municipalities which is a component of their CRM plans (Figure 1).

Organizing and strengthening of coastal law enforcement groups

The LGCMP team was actively involved in capability building and training of fishers and LGU representatives in coastal law enforcement. The team facilitated regular meetings to assist in planning, operations, linking, requesting for equipment for patrolling, and participated in cluster-level coastal law enforcement efforts (Figure 2).

Assisting in the conduct of the Municipal Fishery Registration

Orientations were conducted with the

assistance of BFAR and SB representatives for fisherfolk registration and boat registration. The CCE Foundation also developed a database to store such data and will be later released for use at the municipal level.

Survey of municipal foreshore areas

Due to the presence of illegal structures on the foreshore and resource use conflicts, the project assisted the LGUs, through linking and facilitation, in addressing these issues through technical assistance, discussions, orientations, and a foreshore inventory.

Local Legislation

The LGCMP team has assisted in a series of orientations and public consultations for the review and passage of the Municipal Integrated Fishery Ordinances and other CRM-related Ordinances in collaboration with other LGU departments.

Fisheries Management

Research on fisheries and fishing gear is currently being conducted in 7 of the 8 project areas which actively involves trained local partners in data collection and documentation. The team also assisted LGUs in the identification of livelihood options as part of the LGUs' Coastal Environment-Friendly Enterprise component.

Inter-municipal Initiatives / Multi-institutional Collaboration

Through cluster level initiatives, the CCE Foundation team has been able to facilitate activities such as facing issues on intrusion of commercial fishing operations in municipal water, joint law enforcement operations with the assistance of CLEAR7 (Coastal Law Enforcement Alliance for Region 7), orientations on fisheries management, municipal water delineation, a unified fisheries ordinance, and a reef monitoring contest.

Research

Research and documentation have been done on the following topics upon the request of the municipalities for further processing by the BFAR for recommendations on regulation and policy regarding such: Bahala fishing gear, Pencil urchin research, "Kubkob" or commercial fishing research, and the fisheries and gear inventory.

Training

- o MPA Management Planning
- o MPA Lakbay-Aral
- o Foreshore Orientations
- o RA 8550
- o Law enforcement
- o Municipal Water Delineation
- o Fishery registration orientations
- o Foreshore management orientations
- o Coastal Law Enforcement Training
- o Pagsusi sa Paskirahan: A Reef Monitoring Contest

A database has been developed recording and documenting and counting the training activities and participants.

Website

www.coast.ph was developed and has been continually maintained for the past two years where all lessons learned, activity updates, and documentation of the project are posted.

Other activities

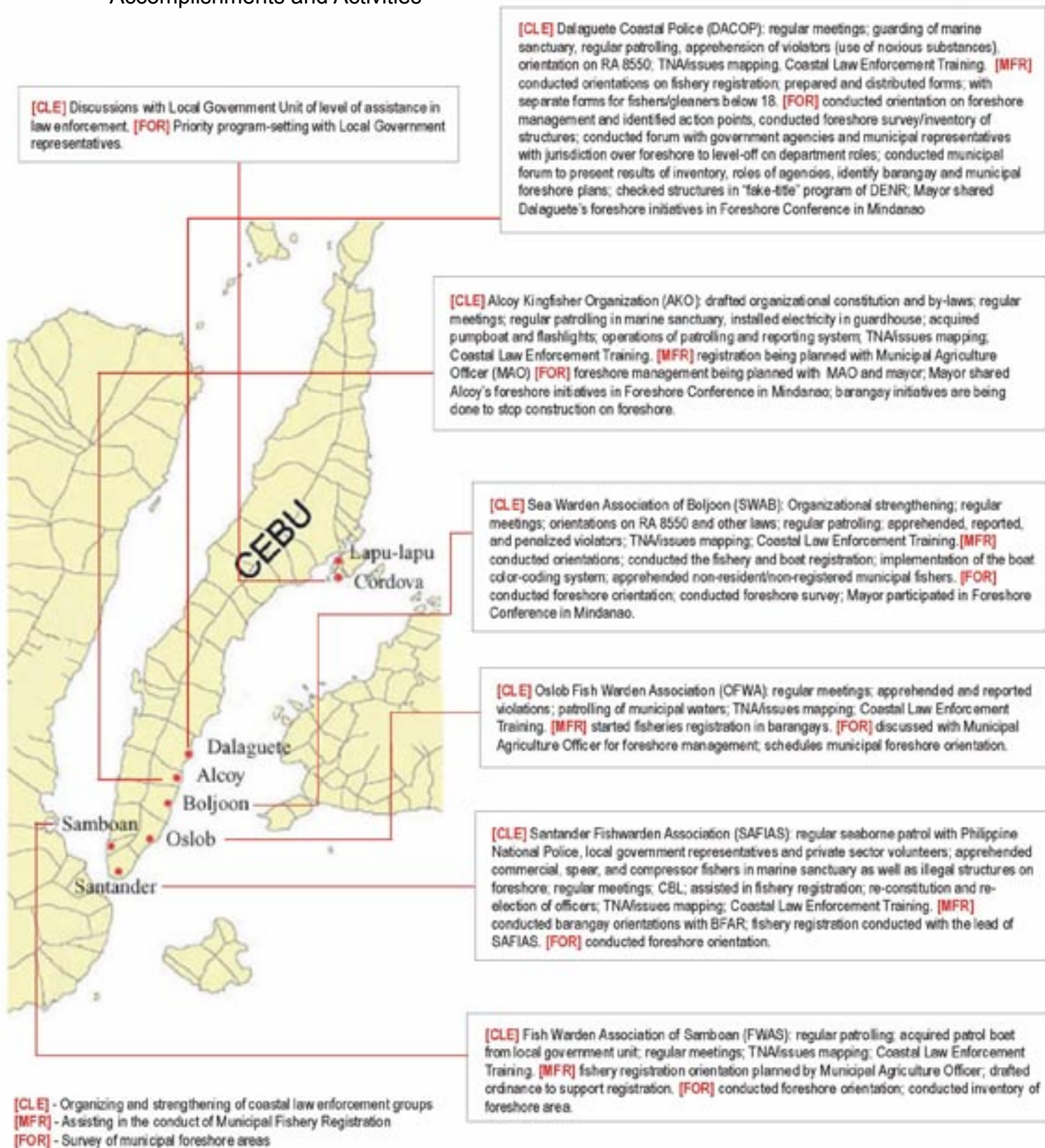
Other activities include coastal and Crown-of-Thorns clean-ups, the accommodation of requests for IEC materials, training, and technical assistance from other municipalities outside the project areas, and participation of the team as members of CLEAR 7 and the Provincial CRM Partners.

Figure 1 Local Governance for Coastal Management Project
Marine Protected Area Initiatives and Activities

Marine Protected Area Name	Size (has.)	Established	MPA Rating Level	User Fee	Notes
Glutongan (Cordova)	15	1991/1998	4 : SUSTAINED	Yes	Reef surveys conducted, review of management plan, blessing of guardhouse, updating of accredited users (Management group: Local Government Unit, PD, BC, Hilltop Vendors)
Casay (Dalaguete)	5	April, 2002	3 : ENFORCED	No	No user-fee system since ordinance closes MPA to visitors, Lakbay Aral conducted, repair of buoys, temporary guardhouse, community perception survey conducted, regular patrolling, reef surveys conducted (Management group : KASAMA, DACOP)
Balud-Consolacion (Dalaguete)	12	March, 2003	1 : INITIATED	No	No user-fee since ordinance closes MPA to visitors, Lakbay Aral Conducted, reef monitoring conducted, buoys installed, sanctuary launching, community perception survey conducted, video documentation done, patrolling (Management group : COSFA, BARMO, DACOP, DWA)
Poblacion (Alcoy)	6,383		1 : INITIATED	No	No user-fee since ordinance closes MPA to visitors; being planned with mayor (Management group : ABFA)
Daanlungsod-Gulwang (Alcoy)	22.709	May, 2002	3 : ENFORCED	No	No user-fee since ordinance closes MPA to visitors; meetings, Lakbay Aral conducted, Marine Protected Area perception survey done, buoy repair, reef monitoring, video documentation, regular patrolling (Management group : DAFA, GUFOG, AKO)
Arbor (Boljoon)	8.987	November, 2002	2 : ESTABLISHED	No	No user-fee since ordinance closes MPA to visitors, Marine Protected Area planning, repair of marker buoys, installation of billboards, Lakbay Aral, video documentation, regular patrolling (Management group : MAMSA, Barangay Council)
North Granada (Boljoon)	9.348	November, 2002	2 : ESTABLISHED	No	No user-fee since ordinance closes MPA to visitors, Marine Protected Area planning, installation of billboards, reorganization of management group, Lakbay Aral, video documentation, regular patrolling (Management group : FARMING, Barangay Council)
Sumilon Island (Oslob)	39.9	1974	1 : INITIATED	Yes	On-going user-fee system that needs strengthening, systematizing user-fee system, identification of point persons for management, buoys installed, reef surveys conducted, patrolling, video documentation (Management group : Local Government Unit, CRM workers)
Gawi (Oslob)	12.54		1 : INITIATED	No	No user-fee since ordinance closes MPA to visitors, adopted ordinance, identification of management group, baseline survey conducted, buoys installed, Marine Protected Area planning, video documentation (Management group : GAFOR, Barangay Council)
Pasil (Santander)	10.4	July, 2002	3 : ENFORCED	No	User-fee system not yet introduced, billboard installed, marker buoys, billboard and guardhouse installed, baseline assessment conducted and annual monitoring, video documentation, practiced 24 hours guarding for the past 6 months, funding support from LGU, Province of Cebu, and CCE Foundation, Inc (Management group : PASAFA)
Colase (Samboan)	13.32	1993	3 : ENFORCED	Yes	On-going user-fee system that needs strengthening, marker buoys, billboard and guardhouse installed, baseline assessment conducted and annual monitoring, funding support from LGU, SK Province, Province of Cebu, CCE Foundation, Inc., (Management group : BANAK)



Figure 2 Local Governance for Coastal Management Project
Accomplishments and Activities



Capacitating Local Coastal Law Enforcers

By Rizaller Amolo, CRM Specialist

Law enforcement is often synonymous to apprehension or arrest and often associated with uniformed personnel. However, in the context of CRM, coastal law enforcement is often viewed in a wider perspective where it follows a certain continuum from prevention, apprehension, and prosecution to penalization. Thus, strengthening municipal coastal law enforcement is capacitating the enforcers and everyone involved in the specific activities of the continuum.

Last June 17-19 and July 15-18, 2003, a Coastal Law Enforcement Training was conducted in the Ecotech Training Center, Lahug, Cebu City for the 6 coastal municipalities of Southeastern Cebu namely Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander and Samboan. The training enhanced the capabilities of local coastal law enforcers. More than one hundred sixty (160) trainees from Local Government Units (LGUs) successfully completed the 3-day training. Participants included representatives from Sangguniang Bayan, Local Philippine National Police (PNP),

Municipal Agriculture Officer, Barangay Council, MFARMC and Fish wardens.

The training focused on the fishery, maritime and paralegal aspects of law enforcement. Modules were used to familiarize the participants with the Philippine Fishery Code (RA 8550), identify fishing gears, important parts of a fishing vessel and essential permits and licenses required by these vessels. The participants were also taught the proper procedure with regards to prior and during boarding apprehended vessels. Other skills such as map reading and plotting, navigation, evidence handling, affidavit making and the like were shared during the training.

Gilberto Entoma, Chairman, Dalaguete Coastal Police (DACOP) says about the training: "*Ang training naghatag ug dugang kahanas sa mga coastal law enforcer, kini nagpadayon nag-aghat kanamo sa imporsar sa mga balaodnon.*" (The training gave us additional skills as coastal law enforcers and this [training] continues to challenge us in

the enforcement of laws).

To discuss issues and possibly come up with short and long term activities to address these problems, a cluster meeting was conducted on the last day of the training. Among the short term actions planned and realized was the conduct of a joint operations in the municipal waters of the cluster municipalities to address the intrusion of commercial fishing operations.

This training was a collaborative effort of the Coastal Resource Management Project and the CCE Foundation through its Local Governance for Coastal Management Project of CCEF. More importantly, it's another accomplishment of the Capacity Building Committee of the Coastal Law Enforcement Alliance in Region 7 (CLEAR 7). CLEAR 7 is an alliance of national government agencies with coastal law enforcement related mandate in Central Visayas, whose primary objective is to assist local government units in their coastal law enforcement endeavors.

Passion from Within

By: Alexander C. Lim

As development workers, nothing can make us more proud of ourselves than to see people empowered in our areas. Here is one story of commitment and dedication. The municipality of Oslob, particularly the marine sanctuary of Barangay Gawi, is blessed with good people supporting its management initiatives. Although there are almost 10 fish wardens in the area, a certain Tatay Joensing stands out among them.

Why? Jose V. Valle or Joensing for short is usually addressed as "Tatay Joensing" as a show of respect. The former seaman for 30 years is 58 years of age and he has five children and three grandchildren.

What makes him special? Tatay Joensing is a very dedicated man. In his earlier days as a radio operator in large ships and tankers, he has been in contact with the Ship Captains of different nationalities, but never once was a Captain Officer dissatisfied with his work. As a rule, he always considered that accomplishing the job was more important than personal perks.

How special is he to us? His exemplary work ethics and dedication are now being enjoyed by Barangay Gawi Marine Sanctuary. At present he dedicates his time to the sanctuary and it seems his life depends on it. With undoubted belief, Tatay Joensing

discusses, debates and at times even argues with people who do not want to understand the value of establishing the sanctuary. He even provided a paddle boat, search light and offered his cottage as a guardhouse. On top of that he makes sure that food and drinks are always available for co-wardens coming to assist in guarding the sanctuary. With the increasing complexity in effectively managing marine sanctuaries, we definitely need people like Tatay Joensing who have this passion from within.



The Marine Protected Area Project

by Agnes Corine Sabonsolin, Research Assistant

Now in its final stretch, the MPA Project has a growing number of MPA records gathered using the MPA Report Guide. This was made possible through our collaborators who gave us information on these MPAs as well as the staff visiting accessible municipalities where the MPAs are located (e.g. Cebu). To date, CCE Foundation has 215 MPA records of which 70% are from the Visayas and 15% each from Luzon and Mindanao. These records have already been encoded onto the MPA database, which will be available on the internet in 2004.

Updates on the data collected are summarized in the table.

Data gathering for the database is still on going as we are also trying to create linkages with possible collaborators to aid us in obtaining yet more information on other MPAs of which we have no existing records.

At present, the MPA Project is working closely together with other CCE Foundation Projects, namely the LGCMP in obtaining community perception from their 7 areas. By doing 10% of each site's household population, we hope to obtain the community's perspective on the establishment of a marine sanctuary in their area. We are also applying the same procedure on the MPA Project priority sites (e.g. Saavedra, Pescador, etc.)

In mid-2004, the MPA database can be accessed through the internet for interested individuals. Hopefully, this will serve as a tool for people to see MPAs as a possible door to economic benefits and more importantly, as opportunities to protect and conserve our marine resources for the present and a multitude of generations to come.

DATABASE TABLES	NO. OF RECORDS
Basic Description	215
General Status	185
Management Rating	127
Site Surveys	
Human Activities	84
Biophysical Data	10
Community Perception	54

Dauin Mayor Means Business

by Erwin Dolumbal, Negros Oriental - MPA Project Coordinator

The mayor of Dauin, Rodrigo Alegria Alanano, a native of the municipality of Dauin, Negros Oriental, is one staunch advocate of Coastal Resource Management, and with the political will to pursue it. In working with the Marine Protected Area (MPA) Project with the municipality of Dauin as priority site, I get to interact with the mayor and his staff on a regular basis. Doing so, made my job easier and more enjoyable. But more than being comfortable with working with Mayor Rod, MPDC Rosabelle Sanchez and his staff, what really motivated me was the mayor's all out support for CRM and his stand for MPA management.

Pioneering advocates in CRM, Dr. Alan White and Dr. Angel C. Alcala, have praised the good mayor's stand on managing coastal resources when they recall that mayor

Alanano, then a municipal councilor, was one of the steadfast supporters of the effort to declare part of Apo Island's reef as protected area in the early 80's. This was not a minor feat considering that the concept of MPAs was still at its infancy and was very unpopular among fishermen and coastal communities.

The mayor's support for CRM and MPAs has resulted in numerous awards and honors to the municipality. For one, Dauin is the only municipality in Negros Oriental to be certified Level 1 in CRM, sharing the honor with Dumaguete City, which incidentally has Mayor Rod's cousin, the Honorable William E. Ablong, as vice mayor. Dauin has 5 functioning MPAs. Not a man to rest on his laurels, the mayor continues to pursue CRM activities and effective MPA management by making sure that

Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management Council (MFARMC) meetings are held regularly. Seeking help from environmental NGOs, and receiving visitors from other parts of the country and the world who come to Dauin and Apo island to learn from the experiences of the people, he hopes to replicate the success that has been achieved by this municipality. Mayor Alanano has definitely demonstrated that political will is one key to effecting positive changes in the coastal zone.

The work continues in Dauin... to the mayor, working with you is a rewarding experience!

Coral Reef Survey

Training in Moalboal's MPA's and revival of the Basdiot Fish Sanctuary

William R. Villaver

MPA Technical Assistant

A coral reef survey training was conducted in the three Marine Protected Areas of Moalboal last June 4-6, 2003. It was a joint coral reef survey training for:

1) diver volunteers from the 12 diveshops operating mostly in Panagsama Beach, Barangay Basdiot, Moalboal;

2) Department of Agriculture (DA) staff of the Moalboal Local Government Unit (LGU); and,

3) Selected members of the Fishermen's Association from barangay Basdiot and Saavedra of Moalboal, Baha-Baha Fishermen's Association Inc. of the Sta. Cruz Marine Sanctuary in Ronda and the Zaragosa Badian Island Multi-purpose Cooperative of Zaragosa Island, Badian.

The training sites were the three MPAs of Moalboal namely; Basdiot Fish Sanctuary in Tongo Point, Sitio Tap-anan, Barangay Basdiot; Saavedra Fish Sanctuary in Sitio Bangag, Barangay Saavedra and Pescador Island Marine Park.

The main objective of training the selected (People's Organization) PO members was to help them become trainers themselves and train their members and consequently conduct future monitoring surveys of the MPA's they are managing.

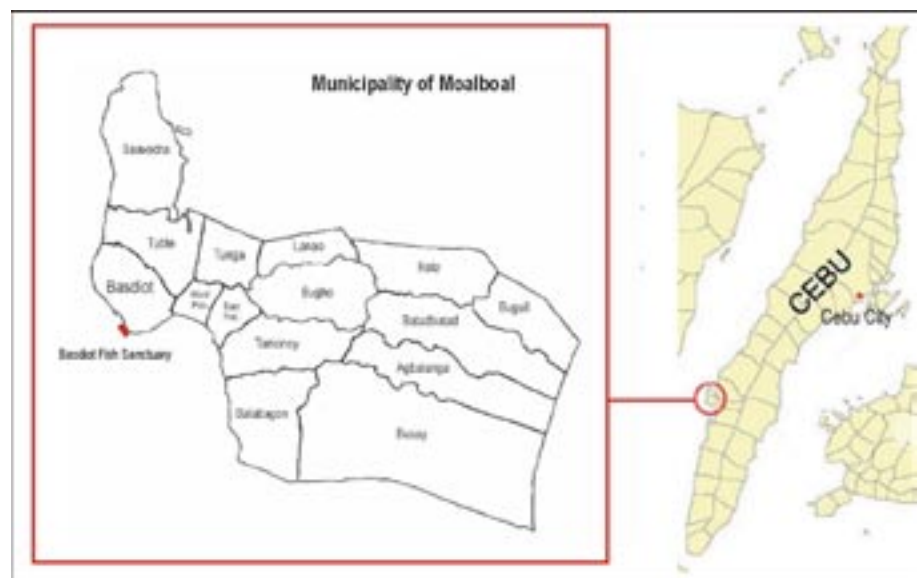
Diver volunteers underwent a similar training in October of 2001. This activity served as a refresher training for the diver volunteers and as an avenue to link the tourism sector with the PO. In addition, the buoy deployment in the Basdiot Fish Sanctuary was completed on September 23-24, 2003 and this activity was like hitting two birds with one stone!

The two birds were the REVIVAL OF THE DORMANT BASDIOT FISH SANCTUARY IN TONGO POINT, SITIO TAP-ANAN and the REVIVAL AND REORGANIZATION OF THE ALSO DORMANT BASDIOT FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

One of the current directions on CRM in the municipality of Moalboal is to revive the Basdiot Fish Sanctuary (BFS) situated in Tongo Point, Sitio Tap-anan, Barangay Basdiot. The BFS was established together with the Saavedra Fish Sanctuary in Sitio Bangag, Barangay Saavedra during the Central Visayas Regional Project I (CVRP I) sometime in 1986. The Fish Sanctuary was operational for five years and became

dormant, mainly due to the lack of support from the local government.

In the activity, Department of Agriculture (DA) staff of the Moalboal LGU, members of the Barangay Basdiot Council and the revived Basdiot Fishermen's Association joined the diver volunteers from the Panagsama Beach diveshops in the installation of buoy markers to once again delineate the Basdiot Fish Sanctuary.



The Enhanced Management for Marine Protected Areas Project

By Melody Ovenden, EM-MPA Project Coordinator

The Enhanced Management for Marine Protected Areas Project or EM-MPA Project is the newest addition to the CCE Foundation's roster of initiatives in the Philippines.

The project, which is a DAI/Ecogovernance grant, focuses on increasing the rating level of at least one MPA in three municipalities, mainly Cordova, Dalaguete and Alcoy, using the MPA Rating System developed by the MPA Project of CCE Foundation. This will be achieved through research,

information (IEC) drives, trainings, workshops and surveys. Most activities will be aimed at the community as a whole, especially women and children, to promote equitable access of information. Posters will also be posted at non-conventional locations such as sari-sari stores and health centers. This new project takes CCE Foundation's initiatives a step further towards the "integrated approach"; integrating population and gender equity into coastal management initiatives.



YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN I-POPCORM

Marilou Tampos-Gallarde, I-POPCORM Coordinator

There is so much potential in the youth through their strategy. One of the best features of the IPOPCORM project is the active involvement of the youth in IPOPCORM activities. Why invest so much in youth? Because we believe that the youth have the energy and the ideals to bring back the beauty of nature and of individuals in our surroundings and environment. The first activity participated in by the youth was the Coastal Clean-up last September 28, 2003 at Suba, Sabang, Olango Island. About 30 young volunteers joined the activity in partnership with the Social Work Students of St. Theresa's College. The partnership encouraged them to continue their role in the protection of the environment, and at the same time, learn the value of education for a better future.

They were also actively involved in a series of Theatre Workshops conducted during weekends in the month of October to prepare them for the campaign for IPOPCORM messages that focus on the postponement of sex and protection of the environment. After the workshops, a theater

guild composed of 15 young people was formed to go to the different barangays and share their lessons and spread the messages of the project. This medium of educating the young people to be responsible with their sexuality hopes to further bring about environmental awareness. These youths are given trainings and lectures linking reproductive health practices with coastal resource management. After learning these things, it is now their turn to share them with other young people in the island of

Olango and Gilutongan, both IPOPCORM sites.

As the future of our country these young people will inherit the world with others of their generation. And who else would be most appropriate for educating their peers and their communities but the young, for they see beauty through the "eyes of a child" and are willing to work with all the energy that they can bring!



The newly formed "Teatro Paglaum" youth group headed by student intern Annabelle of St. Theresa's College

V. White

Information Projects

Launching of the CRM Resource Reference Project

by Ada Arrojado, Administrative Assistant

The CCE Foundation invites Local Government Units, Academic Institutions, Non-government Organizations, People's Organizations, Students, and Interested Individuals to avail of Reference Books and Other Materials on Marine Life and CRM.

The Request Forms are available electronically, via email, website and in hard copy to potential requestors.

The CRM-Resource Reference Project is off to a good start! A number of books have been distributed and delivered since September and presently, distribution to the different schools, government offices, NGOs and individuals is in



progress. To date, a total of 54 "Philippine Coral Reefs" and 30 "Tales from Tubbataha" books have been given to worthy recipients. Updates on the books distributed are summarized below:

TYPE OF RECIPIENT	No. of Books Awarded
Individuals	34
Students	6
National Gov't. Agencies	8
Schools	16
Local Gov't. Units	6
People's Organizations	1
Non-government Organizations	13



The students and principal of San Teodoro elementary school in Mabini, Batangas together with Vangie White

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Other reference materials publications from the Coastal Resource Management Project (CRMP) are also available.

Applications and procedures for obtaining these books can be found on www.coast.ph or through our main office in Cebu, telephone numbers (6332) 233-6909, 2336947, fax 2336891 or ccef@mozcom.com.

World Parks Congress: In Retrospect

by Atty. Rose-Liza Eisma-Osorio, Executive Director

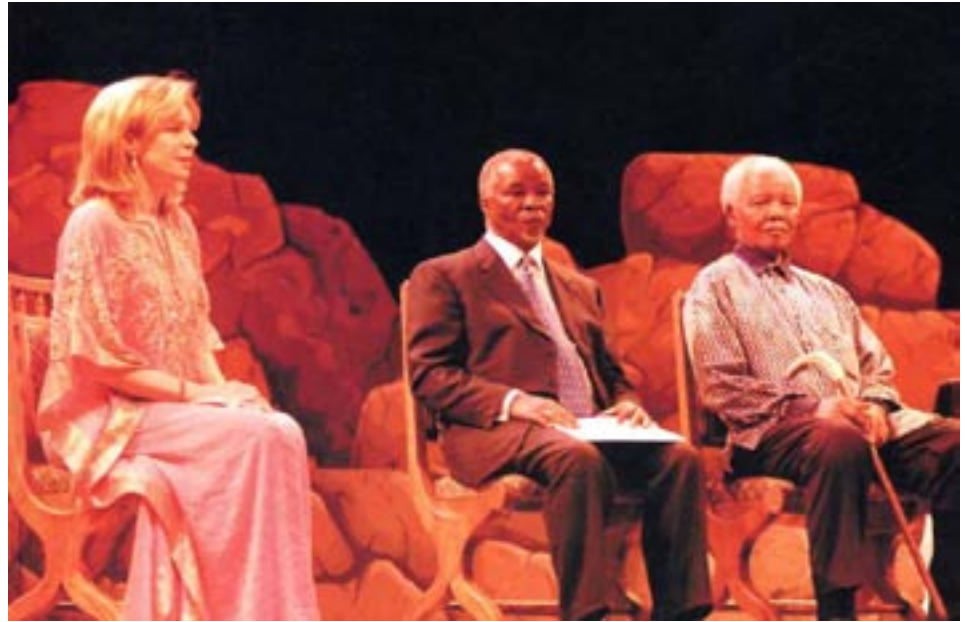
Set in the land of rich natural and cultural heritage, the Fifth IUCN World Parks Congress (WPC) in Durban, South Africa was an important and exciting forum for over 2,500 delegates from all over the world. With the theme, **Benefits Beyond Boundaries**, the Congress was an opportune time for its participants to gather and discuss the core issues of conservation of areas for local, regional and global benefits.

As one of the WPC delegates, I had the opportunity to debate, benchmark and guide the global approach to conservation and protected areas over the next decade. I viewed my participation in the Congress, which occurs every 10 years, as an opportunity to participate in exploring proactive solutions for the future in protected areas such as effective eco-tourism, sustainable development, cooperative management of protected areas and the maintenance of the rich and indigenous natural heritage.

The Congress opening ceremony was a very stately and inspiring event with the attendance of South African President Thabo Mbeki, Zulu Monarch King Goodwill Zwelithini, Executive Mayor of Durban Obed Mlaba, and two famous patrons of the IUCN World Parks Congress, Former State President of South Africa **Nelson Mandela** and **HM Queen Noor** of Jordan. Their speeches underscored the vital role of the protected landscapes and seascapes for a sustainable future. Nelson Mandela emphasized the significance of youth participation to ensure the future of protected areas while Queen Noor noted the lead taken by South Africa in partnerships for nature conservation. The show was made even more memorable with the theatre performers singing and dancing to African drumbeats and lyrical songs amidst a backdrop of African sunset and animals at a watering hole.

Despite the celebratory mood, the delegates were likewise challenged with the primary aim of the WPC, to review the global status of protected areas, assess the critical issues facing them and map out directions and actions for the next decade and beyond. A range of opportunities for involvement with the Congress included plenary and symposia sessions as well as workshop streams and cross cutting themes.

All delegates were also invited to provide suggestions on the Durban Accord and Action Plan, which are two of the main outputs of the



The presence of Queen Noor of Jordan, the Zulu Monarch King Goodwill Zwelithini and Former State President of South Africa Nelson Mandela graced the World Parks Congress ceremonies (photo from Lekgotla publication (Vol. 1 No. 1, 09 September, 2003))

WPC. The Durban Accord is a vision statement for protected areas in the 21st century while the Durban Action Plan outlines the broad mechanisms to implement the Durban Accord.

The main reason for my participation was to present in the session: **Integrating Marine Protected Area Management with Coastal and Ocean Governance**. As one of the workshop sessions under the Marine Theme, the session played a key role in helping to formulate new principles and guidelines to incorporate marine protected areas (MPAs) into Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management (ICM).

I shared the Philippine experience, particularly on the complementarity of MPAs and ICM. It was an honor to present alongside some of the authorities on MPAs and ICM like **Charles (Bud) Ehler** of the National Ocean Service of NOAA and WCPA-Marine Vice Chair, **Biliana Cicin-Sain** of the University of Delaware, **Magnus Ngoile** of Kenya's National Environment Management Council, **Margo Jackson** of the National Marine Sanctuary Program of USA, among others. After the presentations, an animated discussion among the panel of select discussants from Australia, South Pacific, Egypt and Germany as well the presenters and

audience brought a wealth of insights, lessons and practices on MPAs in ICM.

Only 11.5% of the earth's surface is devoted to protected areas and more importantly, less than 0.5% of the ocean is set aside as MPA. Indeed there is a need to match the protection that has been done for the land so far (< 12% in 100 years). But all kinds of protected areas, whether land or marine, provide environmental services that surpass boundaries and provide unimaginable benefits to people. As Sylvie Earle aptly posed in her speech "What can be more important than the taking care of our life's support systems?"

As I wandered through the symposia halls and meeting rooms of the Durban Convention Centre, I was constantly in awe of the blur of faces and colors around me. The wealth of ideas and people I got from the Congress is impossible to capture in a single snapshot. But I was able to glean some useful lessons as I interacted with the global village. One is that we need to act with urgency to protect our natural heritage, both marine and terrestrial, before irreparable damage is done in the rapid-paced development of our modern world!



Staff Profiles

By Ming Ovenden, Project Coordinator

Welcome to new staff!

LGCMP Project

Pablo Rojas Jr. – A Marine Biologist from Xavier University, Cagayan De Oro, Jong has been involved with a number of CRM initiatives. He is one of the Cebu Community Officers of the LGCMP Project.

Brian Stockwell- He obtained his MSc in Applied Science at the James Cook University in Townsville Australia; Brian is the Fisheries Research Specialist of the CCE Foundation.

MPA Project

Vera Marie Racho- A Marine Biologist from the University of San Carlos, Cebu. In the past, Vera has contributed many hours as a volunteer and is now a Research Assistant for the MPA Project.

Agnes Corine Sabonsolin- A Marine Biologist from the University of San Carlos, Cebu. Ae is a Research Assistant for the MPA Project.

Kristine Dianne Go- A Marine Biologist from the University of San Carlos, Cebu. Dee is the Research and Community Officer of the EM-MPA Project.

I-POPCORM Project

Analeh Patindol- Previously a volunteer of the Multisectoral Management Council for the Mactan Channel, Analeh has now joined the I-POPCORM team as a Community Health Outreach Worker.

Research and Developmental Project

Aileen Maypa – A biologist from Silliman University, Aileen will bring a wealth of experience to CCE Foundation as a Research Specialist.

To date, CCE Foundation has 25 Full time staff, 6 Part time staff and consultants, 3 volunteer staff, 15 sub contracted staff and consultants, and 3 student interns. A total of 53 dedicated people working in Batangas, Cebu, Negros and Siquijor!!!

CCE Facts and Wishlist

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CCE Foundation's wish list!

Contribute something in our wish list....

☺♦Multi-media projector (granted thru the fund support of David and Lucile Packard Foundation)

♦Camera (Still wishing)

☺♦Dive gear (BCD, regulator, wet suit, etc) 16 snorkel and masks were granted by Aquaventure-Whitetip, Inc. These masks and snorkels were awarded to the 6 municipalities in South East Cebu (still wishing for other dive gear)

♦Hand-held radio (2-way) (still wishing)

☺♦Cell phone granted by SMART Communications. The cell phone was awarded to Municipality of Dalaguete.

☺♦Paddle boat (2 boats were granted by Mr. Benson Dakay and Atty. Vincent Delano Tecson. The paddle boats were awarded to Municipality of Boljoon and Dalaguete)

♦Laptop computer (still wishing)

☺♦Zip drive (granted by Dr. Ed Haugh. Thank You Ed!)

♦GPS

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8. **Philippine Biodiversity** An assessment and action plan (1997). Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), Pesos 1,500 / \$US 30.
9. **Atlas of the Seaweed** (1997). Gavino Trono, Jr., Pesos 885 / \$US 18.
10. **Anilao 2000** by Eduardo CuUnjieng, hardbound Pesos 3,700 / \$US 74.

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