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Project News

Developing the Youth as Stewards of Life and the Ecosystem

Erwin Dolumbal & Anabelle Fajardo

Summer is a time to hit the beach and relax with family and friends. But some youth have discovered a different way to enjoy their summer. Not only do they have fun, they also learn some very valuable life lessons. This was what the Youth Peer Educators (YPE) did when they attended the 2-day I-POPCORM YOUTH CAMP facilitated by CCE Foundation. The I-POPCORM YOUTH CAMP was implemented in seven (7) municipalities with the theme, "The Youth: Stewards of Life and the Ecosystem". With support from PATH Foundation, Philippines, it was conducted in the municipalities of Anda, Tubigon, Mabini, and Candijay in Bohol; Dauin in Negros Oriental; and El Nido and Culion in Palawan.



E. Dolumbal

YPEs concentrate on their project in the "build me a better home" activity.

The goals of the I-POPCORM YOUTH CAMP are to enhance the skills and knowledge of YPEs through sharing of experiences, developing leadership in diversity, and honing skills in action planning. The conduct of the youth camp was assisted by the hard-working I-POPCORM project staff of the different NGOs operating in the chosen sites. The support staff came from NGOs

such as PROCESS BOHOL, First Consolidated Bank Foundation, Feed the Children Philippines, Marina Clinic, El Nido Foundation, and Culion Foundation.

The I-POPCORM YOUTH CAMP encourages maximum participation from the youth with modules catering to the age group of YPE's which are from the ages of 15 to 21 and takes two days to complete. The various activities that test their leadership and team-building skills (e.g. the 'web', 'cup stacking' and the 'trust fall'). Experiential activities, such as snorkel sessions and beach walks, are done to introduce ecological and CRM concepts. A bonfire where they showcase their talents through songs, dances, skits and sharing of experiences and learning as YPEs.

On the second day, the youth are asked to draw up individual life plans and community YPE action plans that aim to help address the CRM and Reproductive Health (RH) issues in their community.

Traveling to the different provinces, coordinating with partner NGOs and conducting the YOUTH CAMP itself presents its own set of challenges and opportunities. Last minute cancellations, changing boat schedules, and changing weather patterns can stretch the patience and fortitude of the team. One thing, however, remains consistent for all sites, the youth are always very receptive and enthusiastic about the camp. Their realization that they can contribute to the overall goals of food security and a better quality of life ignites a renewed strength in their responsibilities as stewards of life and the ecosystem. The youth are indeed a potent force in our society that can be tapped and recognized as a stepping stone to successful RH and CRM implementation in the community! 🌱



A. Fajardo

The youth do the daunting "trust fall" to strengthen team bonds.

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The Foundation Manifests ICM!

Dr. Alan T. White

As you will read in our biannual newsletter, the CCEF group has been extremely productive in 2004. The range of activities is amazing and truly indicative of integrated coastal management (ICM). The overall theme of all of our work is to build capacity for improved stewardship and management of our coastal resources by coastal communities and local governments. We also undertake projects to improve the policy support for coastal conservation such as our economic valuation study being conducted in the Bohol Marine Triangle. And, our large new thrust is the Integrated Population and Coastal Resource Management (IPOPORM) Project supported by the Path Foundation, Philippines. You can read all about these projects and more below!

Here I just want to make a few comments about what several of us learned in our recent trip to Okinawa to attend the 10th International Coral Reef Symposium. The Symposium was an event to behold with about 1500 people attending from 87 countries. The state of research and conservation pertaining to coral reefs was on display. My conservation interest led me to the sessions on marine protected areas (MPAs) where I presented our work and listened to many excellent presentations on projects from around the world. The key themes that emerged are worth noting since they are the wave of the future in building effective MPAs. Some of these themes are:

- ✦ The important role of socioeconomic and culture in the effective management of MPAs with the message that coastal residents are the key link to successful MPAs and that their socioeconomic status will make a profound difference in the overall outcome of a MPA.
- ✦ The need for monitoring and evaluation of MPAs through a localized participatory framework so that the quality of management is enhanced through a feedback system by and through the local management body. Several management effectiveness systems were presented at the Symposium that are complementary to the one generated by CCEF and partners for the Philippines.
- ✦ MPAs benefit from proper biophysical planning but that because there is a tremendous need for more effective MPAs that cover much larger areas of coral reefs and associated habitats, we should not wait for the perfect plan to emerge and should continue to implement more effective MPAs



Jonathan Apurado, Rizaller Amolo, Anna Meneses, Aileen Maypa, Alan White and Kem Lowry all attended the week-long International Coral Reef Symposium at the Okinawa Convention Center.

at a scale that is workable in our areas of concern.

- ✦ Although ecosystem wide planning is becoming more the focus of research that considers connectivity in the marine environment and how protected areas complement each other from a distance, some good research is showing that most benefits from MPAs accrue locally to the immediate coral reef both inside and outside of the protected area. Thus, any well managed MPA has a beneficial effect, even if it has not been planned within a large spacial context. Nevertheless, the larger scale planning would be preferred as data is made available.

As you can see, there were many ideas to consider in the Symposium and this is only the tip of iceberg. If you want to hear more, contact us by email or in person or use the CCEF library where many relevant articles are available! 🐠

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MPA Project Updates

Vera Racho

The MPA project now has a significant accumulation of information added to the database. New collaborators have extended their hands for the implementation of the MPA Report Guide. The Provincial Planning and Development Office of Cebu, the Fisheries Improved for Sustainable Harvest (FISH) Project and the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources of American Samoa are our newest collaborators.

Presently, the MPA Database has 318 MPA records from the previous entry of 215! 76% of these records are from the Visayas region, 13% and 11% belong to Luzon region and Mindanao region, respectively.

Last June 15-16, 2004, the MPA Project of the CCE Foundation in collaboration with the University of the Philippines, Marine Science Institute (UP-MSI) held a national workshop to mainstream the MPA Database System

as a monitoring tool to promote well-managed MPAs in the Philippines held in Mactan Island, Cebu. The participants came from national government agencies, non-government organizations, academe, and development projects involved in CRM in the Philippines. The primary objective of the workshop was to convene all of the MPA Project collaborators to share effective strategies applied in MPA planning and management as well as to get feedback from them on the usage of the MPA Report guide and management rating system. From the results of the workshop it looks like the objectives were achieved!

Through the workshop, more agencies and organizations agreed to adopt the MPA Rating System. Likewise, it strengthened collaboration among partners and became a venue for MPA social networks to coordinate.

From the different presentations during the workshop, we came up with an inventory of



During the workshop, Ms. Astrid Lim assists in the program.

MPAs in the database (as shown in the table below). A majority of new data has been inputted into the system and about 47 MPAs were not yet recorded into the MPA database although recognized in their respective areas. If continued collaboration with the different groups continue, 47 records and optimistically more will be added up to the current 318 existing records!

With unwavering support from the collaborators, plus total dedication from the people, management, the conservation of coral reef ecosystems through marine protected areas will go a long, long way – supporting the future generation and reviving the natural resources of our seas! 🌿



Dr. Alan White shares his views with collaborators using the MPA report guide.

MPA Database Records (updated June, 2004)

DATABASE TABLES	NO. OF RECORDS
Basic Description	318
General Status	294
Management Rating	211
Site surveys	
Human Activities	159
Biophysical Data	54
Community Perception	176

CRM Reference Project Updates

Ada Arrojado

The CRM Reference Project has proven to be a big success. It has assisted those who have applied and been awarded books from the CCE Foundation!

Type of Recipient	No. of Books Awarded
Individuals	448
Students	36
Non-government Organizations	83
National Government Organizations	47
Academe / Schools	416
Local Government Units	103
People's Organizations	5
TOTAL	1138

There has been a big response from individuals and different schools, as shown on the table, for the guide books.

Books are still available for application. Forms and procedures for obtaining these books can be found on www.coast.ph or through our main office in Cebu, telephone numbers (6332) 233-6090 or 233-6947; fax 233-6891 or email us at ccef@mozcom.com.

Many thanks to our donors: Coral Reef Alliance, Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Illing, and for the assistance of Dr. Thomas J. Mueller! 🙏



Mrs. Vangie White distributes books to excited students of the science club of St. Pius X High School, Samboan, Cebu.

Fisheries Management by Municipalities

Rizaller Amolo

For decades, the Philippine seas have provided Filipinos the bounty of the marine resources for food and economic benefits. Fishermen have worked the country's coral reef, pelagic area and fishing grounds to bring fresh seafood to every table. However, various associated issues have caused the rapid decline of fish stocks, consequently reducing fish catch for both municipal and commercial fishers. Coastal resource management initiatives have gradually gained support from many local government units (LGUs) primarily to address coastal degradation issues and the enhancement of fisheries production. Marine protected areas were established to rehabilitate degraded seagrass and coral reef area thereby protecting the spawning stock.

However, this effective strategy was found

to best enhance demersal or habitat dependent fisheries. MPA fish stocks approximately contribute only 15 to 30 percent of municipal fisheries production. Little attention has been given to the management of pelagic fisheries such as regulating fishing activities and enforcing current laws within these fishing grounds.

Last June 17 and 18, 2004, municipal fisheries fora were held in Alcoy Central School and Boljoon Training Center, respectively. The fora were aimed at addressing possible municipal fisheries management interventions based on current fisheries information, and coming up with a

basic municipal fisheries framework. Presentations were made of current municipal CRM-related interventions and fisheries-related policies, validating information on the status of municipal fisheries profiles, and identifying municipal fishing grounds. The forums provided a venue for the lighter side of the issues by including innovative methods of learning the concepts of over-fishing and limited access through fisheries games!

Focusing on fisheries management, the municipalities were confronted with various crucial issues such as intrusion of commercial fishing in municipal waters, resource use conflict among marginalized fishers in adjacent municipalities, inadequate policy-making to regulate fishing efforts, and weak law enforcement. The forums enlightened each municipality about the urgent need to efficiently coordinate with adjacent municipalities and unify policies within Southern Cebu for effective fisheries' management at the municipal and ecosystem level.

As a main output of the fora, the municipalities drafted outlines of their municipal fisheries' management framework. The framework includes various municipal undertakings on the following elements of fisheries management: enhancing fisheries, regulating fishing gears, enhancing habitats, enforcing fisheries laws, limiting access, and strengthening institutional support.

More workshops will be conducted in the other four remaining municipalities in the Southeastern Cebu cluster of the LGCM Project. Cluster fora will then be conducted for adjacent municipalities (i.e. Dalaguete and Alcoy, Boljoon and Oslob, Santander and Samboan) for follow through activities and strengthening of systems. »



Participants of the fisheries forum in the Municipality of Alcoy, Cebu.

Buoy installation at Batalang Bato Marine Sanctuary:

A volunteer's report

Rissa Katigbak

The marker buoys marking the Batalang Bato (Pulang Bule) Marine Sanctuary have been re-installed. The CCE Foundation through Danny Ocampo and Paeng Lopez coordinated with the community divers, (Ken, Puyat and Eric) and volunteers (Chester Lee, Patrick Uy-tioco and Rissa Katigbak) to recover the ropes and install new buoys.

The buoys were made of two-liter soda bottles painted safety orange, bound together and encased in mesh. The mooring blocks and ropes from the former buoy installation were still usable and it was just a matter of finding them, recovering the ropes and re-attaching



The innovative community made marker buoys by recycling old coca-cola plastic bottles!



The dive was truly inspiring. What was striking was the massive schools of surgeonfish and the teaming fusiliers, snappers, groupers and rabbitfish! There were intact sea fans, lush covering of soft corals and bushes of black coral that are not often seen in Anilao. If just one year of declaring it a "no take-no dive" zone can make the reef this good, then imagine what it could do for other dive sites as well!

After the activity the ladies of the town then provided all the volunteers with a simple lunch of pansit and tuna. Being from the a city I was so

amazed by the *bayanihan* spirit of the townspeople. The fishermen were very adept with handling ropes and buoys as a team while the divers and I struggled with our gear, not as "at-home" in the water as they were. They used their little paddle boats and maneuvered easily to the location of the mooring blocks using their fishermen's intuition so accurately as compared to our GPS guided attempts.

On our way home, Ate Princess, our gracious host and "pancit-mama", thanked us via text for helping them with their sanctuary. I guess this put it all in perspective for me, as a concerned diver in Anilao, I like to think the reef "belongs" to me and those who take care of it. However, we divers are the outsiders as compared to the fishermen who really depend on and look after the reef day by day. It is their sanctuary and we divers should support and encourage local efforts to preserve the reefs we love to behold. »



Fishermen posing underwater after the activity.



Local and volunteer divers planning their dives.

Micro-credit and Savings Facility of the CCE Foundation I-POPCORM Project

Marilou Gallarde

CCE Foundation started its I-POPCORM project February 2003 and with its implementation arose the need for a livelihood component to assist the project's beneficiaries. Having no previous experience in micro-finance and environment-friendly enterprise development (EED), CCE took on the challenge of implementing this component. In December 2003, the

project was fully realized after a series of meetings, consultations and cross-visits to other I-POPCORM sites in Bohol.

The policy and guidelines on the Micro Credit and Savings facility of the livelihood component is patterned after Feed the Children Philippines, Inc. (FTCPI) which is successful in instigating this component in Tubigon, Bohol. The borrowers form a solidarity group with 3 to 7 members and each member acts as co-maker/guarantor of the loan of other members. The solidarity group meets monthly to discuss issues and concerns related to their business and related concerns on the project. The majority of the beneficiaries are the peer educators of the project.

There are only 50 target beneficiaries for the project but at present, there are 78 beneficiaries who have availed of the loan assistance covering five barangays of Olango and Gilutongan Islands. Out of 78 beneficiaries, sixteen (16) have availed of the loan assistance in the second cycle with a graduated amount of five thousand pesos, seven (7) have withdrawn from the EED component, and one has continued to give savings and decided to not avail of the financial assistance for the reason that her business is already successful and sustainable.

With the introduction of micro-finance as a livelihood option the foundation team has undoubtedly experienced the importance of being open to and undertaking alternative ways to assist their communities. With the common objectives of conserving the environment and upholding the social welfare of the beneficiary communities, EED has definitely been and continues to be a collaborative and learning experience for both the communities and the CCE team! ➔



CCE Foundation, Inc.

During a micro-credit system orientation with Olango Island residents, a collaborator explains the system they use in Bohol.

The Resource Economic Valuation Project in the Bohol Marine Triangle

Esperanza "Bing" Tabara

Recently, the Foundation of the Philippine Environment (FPE) through the Bohol Marine Triangle Project requested the CCE Foundation to develop a *Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Resource Economic Valuation Framework for the Bohol Marine Triangle (BMT) Project Area*. With BMT's diverse and rich coastal and marine ecosystems, it is essential to learn how people value the coastal resources and how they gain economic benefits from it. The framework will be used to help local and national stakeholders quantify the values of the resources in the area and to justify increased investments for CRM and conservation in general. This will also contribute to knowledge and in turn, gain the support of local and national policy makers.

The BMT Project was established with the overall goal to ensure the protection of globally significant marine ecosystems and resources in the BMT, and to manage the BMT and the surrounding area using a sustainable and ecologically sound basis.

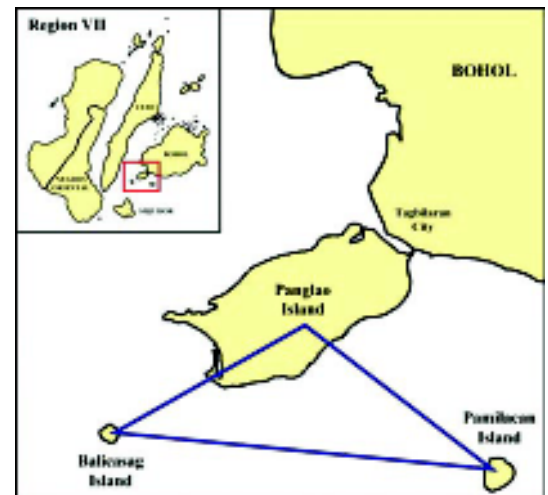
The BMT encompasses three municipalities

namely, Baclayon, Panglao and Dauis. They all contain diverse coral reef and mangrove ecosystems as well as a variety of large marine animals such as dolphins, whale sharks and manta rays.

The objectives of this study are to (1) determine the economic and other values of coastal habitats and ecosystems;

(2) show how the stream of benefits from a coastal ecosystem (and related resources) is basically free to people provided that ecological parameters are honored and sustainable use is honored; (3) estimate the incremental economic gains from management interventions such as marine protected areas, decreases in illegal fishing etc. (4) reflect the potential increase in direct production in related fisheries and other uses; and (5) estimate the cost of management interventions and possible sources of support from the perspective of local governments and stakeholders.

Dr. Giselle Samonte-Tan is providing guidance to the study. The Resource Economic Valuation Project is a 6-month project, that started on May 2004 until October 2004. CCE Foundation is also closely working with the Bohol Marine Triangle office in Bohol in the conduct of this study. 🌐



The Bohol Marine Triangle

An Earth Day Celebration: Coastal and Underwater Clean-up

Dianne Go & Melody Ovenden

The CCE Foundation, Inc together with the municipalities of Alcoy, Dalaguete and Cordova in Cebu celebrated Earth Day with two events on the 21st and 22nd of April 2004. On April 21, the staff of CCE Foundation and the newly certified scuba divers set out for a clean up dive around the Daanlungsod-Guiwang Marine Sanctuary in Alcoy, Cebu.



Fisherfolk and CCEF staff listening to the orientation.

These divers were selected from the management bodies of the marine sanctuaries of the municipalities of Alcoy, Dalaguete and Cordova, Cebu. The divers were certified so that they can conduct reef surveys and other activities that require diving for their municipalities. The newly trained volunteers were more than happy to participate in the event. The day was spent going in and out of the water while the divers took turns cleaning the seabed of the sanctuary. The divers were also introduced to survey methods that they will use to assess coral health in the future.

During the second day of celebration, the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) or youth council of the municipalities of Alcoy and

Dalaguete assembled inside the Daanlungsod Guiwang sanctuary guardhouse for a day of nature loving. These young individuals listened eagerly to a short lecture about the three Rs: Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle. A lively discussion followed after the lecture where they shared views on how they could practice the 3Rs in their respective homes. After lunch, the participants made posters about what they had learned. Each poster was presented to the group with inspiring words on conservation, environmental protection and personal responsibility. The participants then proceeded to clean the stretch of beach surrounding the sanctuary. The participants were so enthused by the lecture and activities this Earth Day 2004 that they pledged to spill over their celebration for Earth Day into their everyday lives. They even pledged that newspaper drives and mangrove planting would be part of the future activities of the youth council.

In developing countries such as the Philippines, conservation efforts are not a high priority compared to food security therefore it is inspiring to see the youth and the fisherfolk so concerned about conservation. Since it is people who utilize and depend on marine natural resources, it is also the same people who must protect these resources. In this context of dependence on the resources, it is not a trivial matter to encourage local stakeholders to protect what they have for future generations to use. It is encouraging to see these people, especially the youth who will be our future leaders, care so deeply about nature.



B. Stockwell

Saving Philippine Reefs Expedition in Tubтатаha

Aileen Maypa & Sheryll Tesch

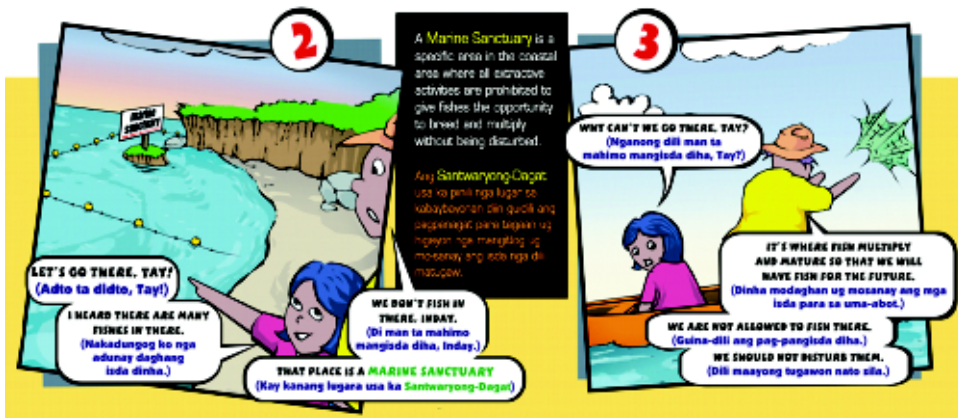
This year's Saving Philippine Reefs (SPR) Expedition surveyed Tubтатаha Reefs for the 6th time since 1983. The SPR project is a reef monitoring expedition initiated in the early 1980's by Dr. Alan White and colleagues through the CCE Foundation and the Coastal Resource Management Project.

Tubтатаha Reef is a reef system which lies in the middle of the Sulu Sea and its reef structure is that of a classic atoll with both fringing and atoll reefs facing the open sea outside of the atoll lagoon. Tubтатаha Reef was declared a National Marine Park in 1988 through a presidential decree and as a UNESCO World Heritage site in December 1993 by the World Conservation Union.

The SPR team this year was comprised of 6 CCE Foundation staff, along with 14 experienced diving volunteers from around the world. The 10-day expedition was done comfortably and enjoyably from the M/Y Tristar dive yacht. Results show that the live hard coral reef in Tubтатаha is in fair condition. Surveys over time indicate that the rise in sea water temperature in 1988 during an El Niño event contributed largely to the changes in Tubтатаha coral reef substratum. Coral cover in all sites declined significantly from the year 1996 to 2000 and the response of each reef exhibited in the year 2004 varied: (1) no significant change in coral cover, (2) recovery in terms of increase in coral cover and (3) recovery in terms of increase in coral cover coupled with a phase shift in the living substrate composition.

The status of the coral reef and marine life of Tubтатаha Reef Marine Park has improved significantly over the years. Live coral cover in most sites in 2004 showed significant increases and recovery, after the El Niño bleaching episode in 1998. Most large marine life is more abundant than in years past. Since the primary mitigating measure for expected future bleaching events is improved reef management, continued emphasis on reef protection is a must!

DISCOVERING MPAS WITH INDAY ANG PAG-ILA SA SANTWARYO KAUBAN NI INDAY



Inday is fast becoming a popular character in MPA promotion!

D. Besa

Study Tour on Community-based Family Planning, Population Development Programs for NGO-LGU Executives from the Philippines

Evangeline White

Fifteen participants composed of Mayors from different municipalities, NGO executives and Board Members and consultants of Path Foundation and Institute of International Education met for a study tour in Thailand from June 12-19, 2004. It aimed to establish a commitment to Family Planning and Reproductive Health among the LGU-NGO executives and to enhance and broaden participants' knowledge of community-based Family Planning programs, reproductive health, and development models.



E. White

The whole study tour group give their best smiles.

Drs. Joan Castro, Carmina Aquino, Ricky Hernandez and Ronald Quintana provided the pre-orientation briefing in Manila. Upon arrival in Thailand, Senator Mechai Viravaidya, founder and head of Population and Community Development Association (PDA), the biggest NGO in Thailand provided the group the strategies to strengthen NGO capacity in resource mobilization through business activities.

The group was accompanied and briefed by two dedicated and knowledgeable staff of PDA. These 2 staff were Filipinos from Davao and Pangasinan who have migrated to and lived in Thailand for the last 20 years. The fact that Thailand has exceptional programs on FP/RH was an eye opening experience to all the participants. The group was warmly welcomed by the office of the Chiang Rai City Mayor who provided an

orientation of their activities and programs. It was worthy to note that benefits such as health care is a state-provided and is accessible to any Thai citizen or resident with a national I.D.

The group also visited the PDA's HIV/AIDS clinic, District Health Center and an eco-tourism village managed by the community. Overall, the study tour proved to be a wonderful experience to learn from!



E. White

Visiting the community at the Lorcha Village.

10th International Coral Reef Symposium in Okinawa, Japan

Brian Stockwell

The 10th ICRS was hosted by the Japanese Coral Reef Society in Naha City, Okinawa. The theme of the symposium was "Stability and Degradation of Coral Reef Ecosystems."

CCE Foundation was able to send Rizaller Amolo, Aileen Maypa, Anna Meneses, Brian Stockwell and Dr. Alan White mostly with support from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

The CCEF representatives gave four poster presentations on designing effective MPAs moving from sites to systems and and two plenary papers. Posters included Rizaller's presentation of the Gilutongan Marine Sanctuary experience; Anna introduced the MPA report guide and monitoring system as a practical management tool for MPA management ; Brian showed evidence for increasing biomass outside reserves in the central Philippines during a poster session and Aileen presented a poster showing the nationwide decline of seahorse fishery. Dr. Allan White presented two papers on the 20 year experience and lessons learned on coastal management in the Philippines during a session on exploring the utility of integrated coastal management ,and

another on the broad based support necessary for establishing MPAs in the Philippines during a session on designing effective coral reef marine protected areas.



Two major focal points of the symposium were the resilience and connectivity of coral reefs. The regular occurrence of major coral bleaching events, devastating effects of coral diseases, and the rampant over fishing of key herbivores and carnivores have altered reefs worldwide. These chronic impacts are believed to severely affect the resilience of the coral reef ecosystem. This made certain "hard nosed" scientists to consider management issues in their research. For example several papers and plenary talks addressed the problems of over fishing herbivores, which lead to an altered reef dominated by algae.

The establishment of no-take MPAs was considered as one solution to ensure reef resilience. However, it has been theorized that the effectiveness of MPAs can be greatly enhanced by establishing networks of reserves linked through larval supply and

adult spillover. In a session on establishing connectivity amongst MPAs several papers addressed the potential for reserves to deliver propagules depending on reserve size while other papers addressed the bureaucratic difficulty in setting up multiple reserves within a certain area. Despite all these uncertainties and difficulties Dr. Alan White discussed, during the same session, how networked MPA are being established in the Philippines. Although the Philippines may lack the scientific theory for establishing MPAs, it is far ahead of most countries when it comes to actual implementation and establishment of MPAs.



J. Aparado

The CCE Foundation team with other ICRS participants.

Staff Profiles

New Staff

Welcome to all new CCE staff!

Aileen Maypa, M.Sc. - is now the Research Specialist of the CCE Foundation. She obtained her Masters in Marine Biology at Silliman University where she used to work as a researcher in various research projects.

Anabelle Fajardo - is now the Youth Camp Coordinator under the I-POPCORM Project. Anabelle worked with CCE Foundation since June 2003 as a student intern. She recently graduated cum laude from St. Theresa's College with a bachelor's degree in Social Work.

Eva Maria Ongy - is a Social Worker and used to be with the SCORE Project in Siquijor. Now she is a Community Health Outreach Worker (CHOW) for the new I-POPCORM Project of CCE Foundation in Siquijor.

Edna Lilibeth Alum - is a B.S. Biology graduate. She used to be in the SCORE Project in Siquijor. She is currently a CHOW for the I-POPCORM Project of CCE Foundation in Siquijor.

Esperanza Tabara - Bing is now the Research and Field Data Survey Assistant for the Economic Valuation Study of the BMT area. Bing has a degree in Environmental Planning and was formerly a technical assistant for the CRMP-Negros Oriental Learning Area.

Ciemon Caballes - recently graduated in B.S. Biology in Silliman and is currently the Data Encoder for the Economic Valuation Study for BMT.

Hank Porazo - is a new CHOW in the Olango Island I-POPCORM Project. Hank is a graduate of

Political Science and was formerly a program officer in the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation.

Merlinda Silos - is a midwife and used to be employed in the Lapu-Lapu City Health Office. She is now a new member of the I-POPCORM team as a CHOW and Primary Health Care Provider in Gilutongan Island

Jesus Ybanez - is the new Technical Officer of the I-POPCORM Project in Olango Island. He is involved with the Environment-Friendly Enterprise Development Component of I-POPCORM-Cebu.

Dr. Giselle Samonte-Tan - is the new consultant for the BMT Resource Economic Valuation Project. She used to be the Technical Officer for ICM at the GEF/UNDP/IMO Regional Programme on Partners in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)

Staff re-assignments

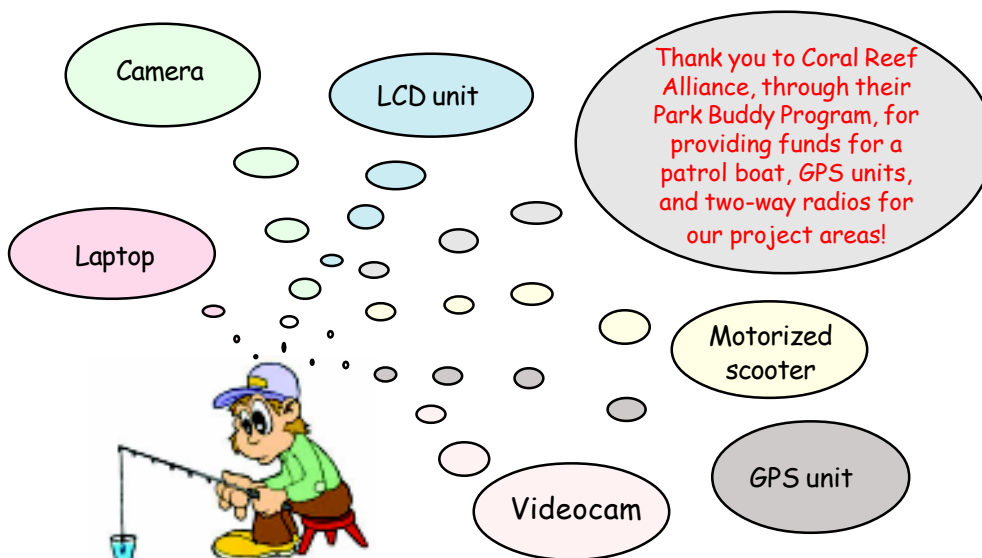
Erwin Dolumbal - formerly the Negros Oriental MPA Project Coordinator, Erwin is now the Project Coordinator of the new I-POPCORM Project in Siquijor.

Agnes Sabonsolin - formerly a research assistant for the MPA Project, Agnes is now a Community Health Outreach Worker for the I-POPCORM Project in Olango Island, Cebu.

We'd like to thank Vice-Mayor William Ablong for his giving his invaluable time and support to the Foundation since March. He is now the full-time Vice-Mayor in Dumaguete City. To date, CCE Foundation has 30 full time staff, 5 part-time staff and consultants, 4 volunteer staff, and 4 sub-contracted staff and consultants. A total of 43 dedicated and hardworking group in Batangas, Cebu, Bohol, Negros Oriental and Siquijor! 📧

CCE Foundation wish list!

Contribute something from our wishlist...



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“Promoting leadership for improved coastal resource management”

The Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation, Inc. (formerly Sulu Fund) was founded in 1998 to support marine conservation in the Philippines. The first name was taken from the Philippines' southern Sulu Sea known for its extremely high marine biodiversity unequalled in the world. The new name, Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation, is more functional and reflects the organization's goals. The CCE Foundation is focused on protecting the marine environment. It tries to help conserve and manage coral reef ecosystems and other coastal resources while promoting sustainable uses for the benefit of people throughout time.