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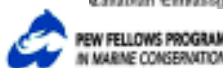
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## Foundation News

### CCE Foundation Launches the A. White Library and Learning Center

Sheryll Tesch

On July 1, 2005 the Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation inaugurated and launched the Alan White Library and Learning Center for Coastal Resource Management in Room 302, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the PDI Condominium in Banilad, Cebu. The A. White Library and Learning Center contains an extensive collection of reference compiled by the CCE Foundation and Alan White over the years that he has worked in coastal resource management. The simple ceremony involved the blessing of the library by Father Raul Ragay, followed by an inspirational message from Dr. White. Librarian, Ada Arrojado, introduced the library's basic features and membership requirements and invited everyone to browse the books and materials.

Almost all of the guests became members right after the ceremony.

In line with the Foundation's vision, mission and goals, the library seeks to assist in improving coastal resource management through educating, sharing information with, and encouraging the public to learn more about their marine environment. The library has an adjacent training area which can be reserved for study or training sessions. The



Librarian, Ada Arrojado and Pinky Laranas (of UP-Los Banos) have put in long hours indexing all books and references.



Father Raul Ragay officiates the blessing of the A. White Library and Learning Center in the presence of supportive guests and friends of the CCE Foundation.

library collection has been the ongoing mission of Dr. Alan White as his experiences in coastal resource management have led him through various fields of interest in management and science throughout his career. With the creation of the Foundation and its rapid growth, Dr. White realized that there are limited references available for the public relating to CRM and marine sciences. Dr. White decided to donate his library of references to the foundation which in turn will share these much needed reference material with schools, government agencies, non-government organizations and the general public.

The library has a number of resources and services that it offers to members which include access to all reference books and papers available, photocopying services, and a simple-to-use indexing program called ENDNOTE to allow title, author and subject searches for users. Reference materials range from books, periodicals, and scientific papers to videos and CDs, all pertaining to

the marine environment and related topics. For more information about rental of the training facility, membership, or other inquiries, contact Ms. Ada Arrojado at (032) 233-6909 or email her at [ccef-lib@mozcom.com](mailto:ccef-lib@mozcom.com). Membership is open to all with a regular annual membership fee of Php 100.00 and a special student rate of Php 75.00. Those who want to be members are required to fill up a membership form (available at the library) and to pay the fees. Children under 12 years old are required to have a parent's or guardian's signature on the form. Members are given access to the library and it's services and are given a borrower's card that allows the borrowing of two reference materials at a time.

The library is open from Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily (with noon break). The official address of the Alan White Library and Learning Center in Coastal Resource Management is Rm. 302, PDI Condominium, Archbishop Reyes Ave., Banilad (in front of Gaisano Country Mall). 📍

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## Waste Pollution: Cleaning Up Our Acts

Dr. Alan T. White

We just ended the Month of the Ocean in the Philippines (May) and I wonder how many people got the message that the oceans are in trouble. This knowledge does not seem to stop us humans from increasing at exponential rates the amount of waste we dump into our coastal areas and oceans. The limit is being and has been reached in many areas and the results will not be pleasant as they become known. Lets wake up and raise these issues to all appropriate levels! Sylvia Earle has said it appropriately in Time Magazine (1997):

“We should all care. The future of humankind is absolutely dependent on the state of the ocean. Without its aquatic heart and soul, earth would be as barren and inhospitable as Mars. It has taken billions of years, but here it is: a planet with a built-in source of life support. With or without forests, meadows and grasslands, the ocean would roll on, full of life. But without the ocean, there would be no forests, no meadows, no rollicking rain-filled clouds, no life-giving winds, no coral reefs, no cod, no people.”

Making issues of coastal pollution and degradation of the oceans known by whatever means requires leadership. We as leaders in the movement to manage our coasts must be willing to stand up and inform others about the severity of the problems. This kind of leadership can come in many different forms, but first and foremost it must start in small ways with our own areas of concern and influence.

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Our health and fresh water supplies are affected by solid waste dumped in the coastal areas..

We at CCE Foundation are not undertaking pollution prevention projects directly because that is not our expertise and mandate, but we are very aware of the problem being active divers, swimmers and frequenters to many coastal sites. Some of our observations are that:

✦ On any given scuba dive, it is more likely to see floating plastic in the water than just about any living organism in the mid water, it is even more plentiful than jellyfish!

✦ During our Saving Philippine Reefs monitoring expedition in March in Batangas, we recorded on every single transect the presence of plastics and/or other garbage in the water column or on the bottom.

✦ Within the last year, I have seen during air travel in and out of Cebu and off Negros Occidental, 3 major oil slicks, probably dumped intentionally by ships.

✦ At most popular dive sites, such as Gilutongan Island and others, there is always debris (cans, bottles, etc.) on the bottom dropped by people on the dive boats.

The examples could go on and ultimately the leadership test to change this comes with how we live our lives. Sustainable management of resources must involve us all to make decisions that help preserve the coastal resources and the ocean we depend on. In this sense we must provide models for how others can act to improve the coastal environmental situation. We at CCE Foundation are certainly trying but of course need all the support we can get! Enjoy our newsletter and let us know your feelings and ideas! 🌊

## Formalizing the Southeastern Cebu Ecosystem Collaboration

Rizaller C. Amolo

*Working together for the management of one ecosystem* was the theme of the recent Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing amongst the municipalities in Southeastern Cebu. On April 19, 2005, the eight municipalities (Sibonga, Argao, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander and Samboan) formally pledged their commitments to collaborate in managing their common municipal waters through the Southeast Cebu Coastal Resource Management Council (SCCRMC). The signing was held in the social hall of the Cebu Provincial Capitol and was witnessed by the Governor Gwendolyn Garcia (Cebu Provincial Governor), Atty. Roberto Abejero, (Regional Director of Department of Interior and Local Government, Region 7) and Clarence Baguilat (Regional Director Department of the Environment and Natural Resources, Region 7). Municipal coastal resource management (CRM) partners, fisherfolk organizations, academe, non-governmental organization and media representatives attended the formalized signing.

Prior to the MOA signing, various CRM related activities were already being conducted amongst the municipalities. The SCCRMC aims to address common problems and issues in the coastal zone in Southeastern Cebu such as intrusion of commercial fishing in municipal waters, conflicting municipal ordinances involving fisheries among municipalities, inadequate enforcement of fishery laws, and other CRM

development of an overall plan that will incorporate various aspects of the CRM programs currently implemented in the municipalities.

Through the MOA, the Southeast Cebu Coastal Resource Management Council is composed of eight Vice-Mayors, who will spearhead the implementation of programs and achievement of objectives. It is anticipated that this endeavor will lead to the effective management of the Cebu-Bohol Strait, one of the seven major fisheries ecosystems in the Central Visayas. Through the council, municipal and cluster-wide fisheries law enforcement will be strengthened, more unified municipal fisheries-related ordinances will be created and networks of marine protected area managers formed.

Dalaguete Mayor Ronald Allan Cesante, in his presentation on the SCCRMC, expressed that coordinating plans and programs of the different LGUs is necessary since they share a common ecosystem. "What one municipality does affects the other belonging to the same ecosystem," he said. "The environment knows no geo-political boundaries." The spirit of the occasion was summed up as Governor Gwen further reiterated that, "The creation of this council reaffirms that it is in integration and not in isolation that we can hope to confront the many issues that we face today. Once again, we prove that the key is not in *Sugbuak* (separation) but in *Sugbuok* (unification)." 📷



Hon. Azucena Sesaldo (V-Mayor-Argao), Hon. Jocelyn Sandigan (V-Mayor-Sibonga), Prof. Anastascio Almocera (UPV-CEIS), Hon. Nick De los Santos (V-Mayor-Alcoy), Atty. Roberto Abejero, Governor Gwen Garcia, Mr. Clarence Baguilat, Hon. Peter Calderon (Mayor: Samboan), Vangie White (CCEF), Alan White (CCEF), PNP-Maritime Representative, Atty. Liza Eisma-Osorio (CCEF), Hon. Renato Amper (V-Mayor- Boljoon).

R. Amolo

## CCEF Launches CRM Programs in Siquijor

Rey Bendijo



Building on the gains of the Local Governance for Coastal Management Project (LGCMP) – Siquijor Coastal Resource Enhancement (SCORE) Project, CCE Foundation launched the Phase 2 of the project in Siquijor province. A Coastal Resource Management (CRM) Information Market and Project Launching was held on March 1, 2005 at the Siquijor State College (SCC) Audiovisual Room on the occasion of its 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

Attended by local government officials, representatives from various line agencies, the academe, law enforcement agencies and people's organizations, the activity formally introduced Coastal Conservation and Education (CCE) Foundation to the province and project partners. Likewise, project partners were oriented about the Phase 2 of the Local Governance for Coastal Management Project (LGCMP) and the Integrated Population and Coastal Management (IPOPORM) Initiative. Both projects will continue providing technical and training support to LGUs in the implementation of their 5-year Municipal CRM Plans.

In an effort to increase public awareness, the CRM Information Market ran for three days in time for the "Open SSC". The exhibit highlighted all available information on the state of the coastal and marine environment of the province; the issues that pose serious threats to these resources as well as management interventions initiated thus far by various stakeholders. Furthermore, the Coastal Environment Profile (CEP) of Siquijor Province was also launched during the activity.

Finally, all Siquijor municipalities were awarded as CRM Certified LGUs (Level 1) under the CRM Certification System adopted by the Central Visayas Regional Development Council. The Certification System was developed as a tool to benchmark LGU performance in CRM. 📷

## MPA Carrying Capacity Research Supported by NOAA

Aileen Maypa

Recreational scuba diving, snorkeling and beach picnic are a growing components of the Philippine local and international tourism market that is heavily reliant on natural marine areas, such as marine protected areas (MPAs). However, many MPAs in the Philippines were originally intended for fisheries management and not designed to accommodate large number of visitors. The increase in MPA use in the Philippines has resulted in the creation of user fee systems and policies. In many municipalities, the generated MPA user fees are used to sustain enforcement and management, but nonetheless, the increase in dependency on visitor-generated revenues poses a potential threat to coral reef health. Thus, carrying capacity studies are urgently needed. Carrying capacity is the amount of activity that can be accommodated in a specific site without causing unsustainable impacts.

CCE Foundation is undertaking the MPA carrying capacity study in Central Visayas, Philippines in collaboration with Silliman University Marine Laboratory. Three studies are currently being implemented to determine the tourism carrying capacity of two selected MPAs in the Municipality of Dauin, Negros Oriental and Moalboal, Cebu, in partnership with the concerned municipalities (LGU), people's organizations (POs) of each MPA and *Bantay Dagat* ("sea watch" or MPA wardens). For this research of the Coastal Conservation and Education

Foundation, the study sites are located in: (1) Basdiot MPA in Moal-boal, Cebu and (2) Poblacion I, Dauin, Negros Oriental. These two sites were chosen due to its frequency of use by visitors. The following briefly describe each study being supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the United States Department of Commerce.

### Study 1: Direct diver damage interaction.

The study of Raymundo and Cadiz (unpublished data) on direct diver damage interaction that was started in 2003 under the ICRAN-UNEP funded project is being continued under this NOAA-MPA carrying capacity study. This study quantifies the impacts of tourist divers on selected MPA sites based on devised diver damage categories.

### Study 2: Impacts of tourism and related activities on the benthos.

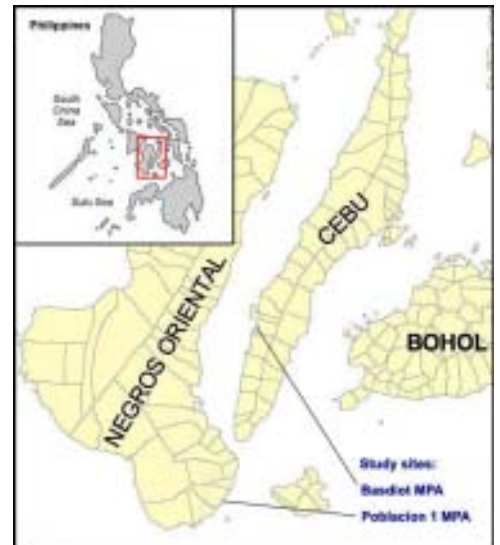
This study involves monitoring of reef health over time using permanent quadrats, utilizing a modified method of Hawkins and Roberts (1992) and Muthiga and McClanahan (1997). Fish abundance, diversity and behavior in all quadrats are also evaluated during monitoring.

### Study 3: Tourism revenue study.

This study following the method of Cadiz and Calumpang (2000) Monitoring (data collection) of tourists and visitors, is currently being undertaken by a trained local

assistant in each study site using a structured questionnaire. Some of the information collected include: (1) number of visitors, (2) purpose of visit, (3) duration of stay, (4) frequency of boat trips, (5) number of divers or snorkelers and dive sites, and (6) tourism revenue.

All studies will be integrated to come up with the tourism carrying capacity of the study area. Recommendations will be formulated for the management body of each MPA and the municipality. 🐠



Location of two MPA sites for the carrying capacity studies in the central Philippines.

## MPA Project Efforts in Negros Oriental and Batangas in Full Throttle

Vera Racho and Jinki Macalintal

The MPA project of CCEF continues its assistance to established marine protected areas in Dauin, Negros Oriental with support from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grant and the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives supporting Mabini and Tingloy in Batangas.

In Dauin, the project's intervention in 2001 led to four legally established MPAs, and at present, a total of 9 marine reserves. This was achieved through the initiative of the community and the support from the local government unit. The MPA ticket system in Dauin (CCEF-initiated) implemented last year is doing well. A public hearing was conducted among stakeholders regarding changes in the fees and allocation of shares. As stated in the municipal ordinance, it is the duty of the Barangay treasurer and/or fishermen's association treasurer to collect

and account for the used tickets. They are under the control and supervision of the barangay captain and the association's president, and finally audited by the municipal accountant. One can clearly see the cooperation between the locals and the government unit in running their own marine reserve.

In Batangas, the Saving Philippine Reefs expedition was held in March covering four MPAs and five frequently dived sites in Mabini and Tingloy. The data collected will contribute to improving local management efforts in these areas.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the municipalities of Tingloy and Mabini was signed on June 28, 2005, for a unified collection and sharing of the currently implemented conservation fee in Mabini. The

unified daily dive pass now cost P100.00 while the unified annual dive pass is pegged at P1,800.00. With the unification of dive fees, the divers will also contribute to the conservation efforts of the two municipalities. The fee permits divers to fully enjoy the different diving sites of both Mabini, with 16 dive sites, and Tingloy, which has 33 dive sites. A monitoring body will be created, known as the Mabini- Tingloy Conservation Fee Oversight Committee, co- chaired by the mayors of Mabini and Tingloy with at least two representatives coming from the CRMBs of both towns. The committee will facilitate and monitor the collection and implementation of the unified conservation fees.

With the outstanding efforts of the MPA Project staff coastal resource management has a bright future in these sites! 🐠

**Sustaining the BMT Area through Improved IEC**

*Ciemon Caballes*

Earlier this year, the Bohol Marine Triangle (BMT) Project requested CCE Foundation to assist them in implementing their information, education and communications (IEC) program. The BMT-IEC Project aims to improve compliance with environmental guidelines through a program of environmental education and awareness building within the triangle of islands encompassed by the municipalities of Panglao, Dauis and Baclayon in Bohol Province. Starting in March, 2005 until March 2006, CCE Foundation will assist the BMT Project in achieving the overall goal of improved IEC planning, skills development, and implementation towards compliance and sustainability through identification of problems, and development of a more effective IEC framework. This also includes training and strengthening of some BMT Project staff for the production of appropriate IEC materials and implementation of IEC activities in a two-tiered approach – (1) the activation of the BMT Management Board (BMT-MB) and (2) the implementation of CRM at the municipal level.

To boost the existing IEC campaign in the Bohol Marine Triangle Area, the CCE Foundation, Inc and the BMT Project, in collaboration with the Fisheries Improved for Sustainable Harvest (FISH) Project and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), hosted an IEC Workshop. This was held last April 13-15, 2005 at the Department of Education's Ecotech Center in Cebu City. Representatives from the various people's organizations (POs) and local government units (LGUs), and the community organizers (COs) in the BMT area participated. The event was highlighted by Mrs. Rebecca Pestaño-Smith's lectures on coastal resource management (CRM) and fisheries management IEC, social and behavioral changes, formative frameworks, social marketing, social mobilization, constituency-



*M. Alenton*

*Becky Smith facilitated and advised the BMT on IEC concerns.*

building and advocacy, conflict negotiation, promoting CRM in the LGU agenda, media relations, and eco-tourism. These complex topics were compressed into a 3-day "crash course". At the end of the writeshop, participants were able to produce and improve their work-plans towards a better IEC approach. Most importantly, the workshop was the venue to identify BMT Project IEC concerns and appropriate IEC strategies in the BMT area.

**Project News Bits...**

- Crown-of-Thorns clean-up activities have been done in Sumilon Island, Cebu (April) and in 3 MPAs in Larena, Siquijor.
- The LGCM Project has monitored 18 MPAs in Cebu and Siquijor since March, 2005.
- CCE Foundation has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with ReefCheck Philippines to share reef monitoring data and to expand the use of the MPA Report Guide.
- The LGCM Project has been assisting all their Southern Cebu LGUs in creating Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Councils (MFARMCs).
- Jun Amolo (LGCMP) attended a Science Forum of the United States - Environmental Protection Agency in Washington D.C. from May 19 to 23.
- The Foreshore Management and Monitoring Database is developing quickly in University of the Philippines-Visayas Center of Environmental Information Systems.
- Aileen Maypa (Research Coord.) and Dr. Alan White were in New Orleans from July 13 to 16 for the Coastal Zone 2005 conference sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency.
- CCEF and the FISH Project are jointly developing a reef monitoring database to archive and standardize data sets collected by monitoring teams.
- Youth Camp was held in Moalboal from June 16 to 17 for youth coming from the barangays of Basdiot and Saavedra.
- MPA monitoring trainings were held in Camiguin (June) and Balamban, Cebu (February).
- Batalang Bato Marine Sanctuary inaugurated its guardhouse on March 23 during the Saving Philippines Reefs Expedition in Batangas.
- Dioli Ann Payo (LGCMP Research Asst.) went to Ostend, Belgium from May 15 to 28 to receive the Best Thesis Award granted by the Flemish Marine Institute. She also attended a follow-up training organized by the Free University of Brussels and the University of Antwerp.

The BMT Project also hosted a Visioning Workshop last April 18-19, 2005 to foster a sense of ownership amongst the participating stakeholders. The visions formulated by the participants were consolidated and the BMT-MB is expected to approve the final vision statements.

The BMT-MB scheduled a Master Planning Workshop of the entire BMT area in August which will eventually lead to a Strategic Planning Workshop to integrate the CRM plans of all three municipalities. The standard procedure will be to present the plan to local stakeholders and to orient stakeholders on sustainable financing mechanisms, like the marine protected area (MPA) user-fee system.

Various IEC materials and channels are being developed by CCE Foundation to assist the BMT Project in addressing the issues of commercial fishing in municipal waters and resource-use conflict, and to strengthen MPA management. Several activities are lined-up to increase the awareness and understanding of the community on coastal and marine resource management. These activities aim to achieve positive behavioral changes concerning the environment and to improve compliance to environmental laws. 🐠

## Saving Philippine Reefs: Sustaining a Successful Volunteer Program

Jing-jing Farrarons

*The motorized outrigger pushed into the sunrise. The group had just finished the daily briefing by expedition coordinators about the day's survey site, and were ready to dive, dive, dive!!!*

One would think it they were out to do fun dives, but another look at the profile of the divers participating in the activity would show how serious they were, not only about diving, but about assisting in coral reef conservation. An inspection of the boat would yield recording slates, pencils, transect tapes, GPS units and fish identification guides.

The group that set out into the waters of the municipalities of Tingloy and Mabini in Batangas from March 19-27 for the 2005 Saving Philippine Reefs (SPR) expedition was made up of volunteers from the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom. The nine volunteers of the 2005 dive came from diverse backgrounds, tied by a common desire to contribute to global reef conservation efforts.

with the United Kingdom Marine Conservation society's volunteer program and Heather D'Agnes is a student of the School of Marine Affairs and Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington.

Participants of the expedition express a profound commitment to the cause of marine conservation and at the same time enjoy the wondrous sights the Philippine reefs have to offer. They repeatedly volunteer for SPR to witness the myriad colors and forms of undersea creatures in the diverse Philippine reefs on scuba. The most striking aspect of these volunteers is their commitment to diving *gratis* twice (or more times) a day for up to 10 days, just to contribute to CCE Foundation's database of information on the status of the corals and fish in selected sites in the Philippines. Primarily a research activity, SPR participants are taught scientific methods of counting certain fish species, accounting for large marine life and indicator species, and assessing the health of corals and the

government executives, can formulate relevant policies and implement responsive regulations towards keeping ecosystems sustainable for future generations."

Batangas was the first site surveyed by SPR when it started in 1993. This year was the 5<sup>th</sup> expedition in Batangas. Data collected by the volunteers has supported the establishment and continuous management of the Mabini Marine Reserve, and other marine protected areas and dive sites in the Mabini and Tingloy waters.

"One very significant precept that has been demonstrated in Batangas, as well as in our other sites" adds Dr. White, "is that protection and management of marine resources indeed works. Where there is effective management and where illegal fishing and improper tourism practices are discouraged or eliminated, you see a marked improvement in ecosystem and species status over time." Results from this expedition have shown that, through the years, fish abundance, diversity and biomass have increased in the MPAs as compared to the non-MPAs surveyed since 1993.

SPR is providing data for sites other than Batangas. Surveys have been done for the reefs of Tubbataha in Palawan, the Bohol Marine Triangle area in Bohol and various areas of Negros Oriental. The expeditions are coordinated by CCE Foundation. The undertaking is supported by the Earthwatch Institute and Fisheries Improved for Sustainable Harvest (FISH) Project of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

SPR participants are not only volunteers, they are contributors and donors to the program, and definitely friends of the foundation working towards a common goal. Together we hope to experience more happy memories with such dedicated individuals in the light of promoting environmental awareness and resource protection. 🐠



*L-R (front) Denise and Geoff Illing, Sheryll Tesch, TJ Mueller, Anna Meneses, Vangie White, Jinki Macalintal, Vittoria Thornley. L-R (back) Aileen Maypa, Brian Stockwell, Sandra Breil, Julia Cichowski, Heather D'Agnes, Drew Achabal, Christina Illing, Alan White, Jong Rojas, Voltaire Cerna.*

Educational consultant, Dr. Thomas Mueller, has joined seven SPR expeditions. Drew Achabal, who is based in San Jose, California, is into business consulting. The Illing family of Australia is composed of Geoff and Denise and their daughter Christina. The couple run a computer systems company while Christina is studying medicine. Sandra Breil of Virginia, USA, is a retired Biology teacher. She shares her interest in underwater life with avid photographer, Julia Cichowski, a six-time Saving Philippine Reefs participant and vice-president of an investment company in Boston, Massachusetts. Vittoria Thornley is

general condition of the reef. A wealth of information has been gathered from these expeditions.

Expedition participants are not paid for surveying the marine environment. In fact, the volunteers dig deep into their own pockets for funds to cover their transport, accommodation and living expenses for the duration of the expeditions. Dr. Alan White summarizes the intent and driving vision behind SPR. "The expeditions are conducted so we can collect empirical data. With this highly reliable information, management planners, like local

### Saving Philippine Reefs Expedition to Calamianes Islands, Palawan 2006!

The next SPR expedition will be held in Sangat, Calamianes Islands in the Province of Palawan. For more information about the 2006 Saving Philippine Reefs Expedition, please check out our website: [www.coast.ph](http://www.coast.ph) or email us at [ccef@mozcom.com](mailto:ccef@mozcom.com).

### Study Tour in Thailand Attended by CCEF Executive Director

Rose-Liza Eisma-Osorio

A study tour on community-based family planning (CBFP), population and development programs for NGO-LGU executives was held on May 1-7, 2005 at the Asian Center for Population and Community Development in Bangkok, Thailand. Together with some LGU executives and other NGOs implementing the IPOPCORM project, the Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation, Inc.'s Executive Director, Atty. Rose-Liza Eisma-Osorio, was invited by PATH Foundation Philippines, Inc. with support from the Institute of International Education (IIE)/ West Coast Centre through the Leadership Development Mechanism, Philippines. The study tour objectives were to:

- Consolidate commitment to family planning among the participants, particularly the mayors of target municipalities where Integrated Population and Coastal Resource Man-

agement (IPOPCORM) projects are being implemented.

- Enhance participants' knowledge of CBFP systems and delivery mechanisms.
- Extend participants' knowledge of

integrated population, reproductive health (RH) and development models and lessons learned from Thailand's experience.

- Solidify the working relationship between government and NGO leaders and enhance their capacity to jointly plan and implement RH strategies and activities.

- Expand the vision the NGO leaders have of themselves as champions and as leaders of the IPOPCORM programs.

Pursuant to these objectives, the study tour comprised of a series of lectures by Senator Mechai Viravaidya, Chairman of the Asian Center for Population and Community Development, village tours at Chiangrai Province in Thailand, and an action planning workshop. The culminating activity was the presentation and critiquing of the various action plans crafted by the NGO and LGU executives.



Participants of the study tour in Thailand with Atty. Osorio sitting third from left.

PATH Foundation, Inc.

### Coastal Zone Workshop, 2005 Held in New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A.

Aileen Maypa

Dr. Alan T. White and Aileen Maypa represented the CCE Foundation and attended the Coastal Zone 2005 workshop held at New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A. from July 15-17, 2005. They were tasked to revise a framework document on, "Establishing Networks of Marine Protected Areas: Making it Happen."

For three days, participants reviewed the document based on the following questions:

- (1) What should be included in this framework document that can assist with the development of regional and national networks of MPAs?
- (2) How to make this a useful document to develop MPA networks at regional, national and local levels? and,
- (3) What are the best practices that can be included in the final document as case studies that illustrate application of the aspects and principles for MPA network development?

The workshop was designed to permit maximum participation. Participants were provided with an opportunity to discuss and provide case studies on best practices, progress achieved, and impediments to progress experienced within their own countries.

Further, Aileen Maypa, the Research Coordinator of CCE Foundation, presented a well received case study on, "The use of Science in Managing and Enhancing MPAs in the Philippines." This workshop was held in conjunction with the Coastal Zone Conference 2005 sponsored by organizations

including the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) Marine, the National Estuarine Research Reserve Association, NOAA, The Nature Conservancy, Environmental Defense, UNESCO/IOC and others.



Aileen Maypa and Dr. White (3rd and 4th from left) and other international participants in the workshop.

A. Maypa

## CCEF Staff Profile

*Jesselle Solivas*

**Dioly Ann Payo** is an LGCM research assistant. She obtained her Master's degree in Ecological Marine Management at Free University of Brussels, Belgium, and her BS degree at University of the Philippines-Tacloban.

**Jimmy Paguio** is Community Officer (CO) for Dalaguete and Alcoy. He was a CHOW of the IPOPCORM project before transferring to the LGCM Project. Jimmy worked as a Senior Community Organizer at the ASCOT FUNDESCO (Foundation for Sustained Development) project in Aurora Province.

**Iolanthe Rhona Sara**, is the new accountant for CCEF. Io is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and a graduate of University of San Jose Recoletos.

**Jesselle Solivas** is the new Administrative Manager of CCEF. Jesselle has a Masters in Management and Bachelor of Science in Development Communication at the University of the Philippines Los Baños.

**Paula Lozada** is the new LGCM Data Encoder. Paula is a BS Marine Biology graduate of University of San Carlos.

**Rey Bendijo** is now the LGCM Program Coordinator. Previously he was the Area Coordinator of the Siquijor Coastal Resource Enhancement (SCORE) Project.

**Danny and Marilyn Alilay** are the new office caretakers for the CCEF Aqua office.

**Voltaire Cerna** is the Data/Website Technical Assistant under the IEC/Data Division. Veep is an instructor at the University of San Carlos where he also obtained his degree in Computer Science.

**Dalton Dacal** is the LGCM CO for the municipalities of Sibonga and Argao. Dalton is a graduate of Biology from University of the Philippines (UP)-Cebu with majors in Zoology and Marine Biology.

**Diane Campanano** was re-assigned from the LGCM Project to CO in the MPA Project in Batangas. She finished a BS in Environmental Science at the Ateneo de Manila University.

**Roxie Diaz** is now a full-time CO for LGCM assigned in Santander and Samboan. He graduated at the University of San Carlos with a degree in Marine Biology.

**Jing-jing Farrarons** is CCEF's consultant for the BMT Project's IEC Program subcontracted to CCEF. She was formerly in the IEC Division of the Coastal Resource Management Project of USAID.

**Frannie Pabayos** is the LGCM CO based in Siquijor Island. Frannie was previously associated with the Siquijor Coastal Resource Enhancement (SCORE). She graduated with a degree in Social Work at Silliman University.

**Pedro Caet** is the new CO of the LGCM Project in Siquijor Province. Pedro is a graduate of Fisheries Technology at Cebu State College of Science and Technology.

**Ranilo Pongot**, a local of the municipality of Oslob, is a full-time LGCM CO there and in Boljoon. He is a Coastal Law Enforcer under the CRM initiative of the municipality of Oslob.

**Rommel Kirit** is the CO for the MPA and the LGCM Projects in the Municipalities of Moalboal and Badian. He obtained a BS in Biology at Silliman University.

Transferred staff

**Marettes Alenton** is now the Training Coordinator of the foundation .

**Agnes Sabonsolin** is back in the MPA project and will assist in the Coral Reef Rehabilitation project.

**Bhing Toyong** is now the Administrative Assistant in the CCEF Aquamarine Office

Volunteers

**Ethan Lucas**, US Peace Corps volunteer for the IPOPCORM project.

**Olga Petryniak**, Community Based-CRM intern for MPA project.

**Venetia Stewart**, Australian Youth Ambassador for Development volunteer for LGCM;

Leaving Staff:

A warm good-bye and heartfelt thanks to staff who have dedicated their time and efforts in paving the way to the foundation's success: **Maida Aguinaldo, Mooneyen Alava, Sol Virtudazo, Almeo Bontingao, Erwin Dolumbal, William Villaver, Apple Amor, Michael Ocana;** and of course, **Dr. Alan White, Vangie White and Ian White** who will continue to work with and support the foundation from their new home in Hawaii.

To date, CCEF has 26 full-time staff; 4 part-time staff and consultants; and 6 volunteers. 🐬

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