



Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

OUR HOME, OUR OCEAN

*Just as the heart pumps
blood to the body, so
does the ocean give life to
people across the earth*

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This year, coastal communities face a great economic setback brought about by the lack of access to basic needs, livelihood and training due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to the support of UNICO Conservation Foundation and other partners, CCEF is able to continue its efforts in bringing positive change in our coasts and oceans through the Our Ocean Program and our new Project, YOUthCARE: a youth-led initiative which has assisted over 10 LGUs and 7 projects in Cebu City to help community members combat the impacts of COVID-19.

2020 has given us a 20/20-vision on how we see our environment-- changing not only the way we live, but also how communicate and conserve. In this year's "Our Ocean" Program, CCEF continues to scale-up participatory governance, coastal law enforcement, awareness campaigns and livelihood trainings through its three (3) major projects: Project SMILE, Project SEAled and Project SEAured.

The 2nd SEAKlab Coastal Camp was held at Oslob, Cebu with the theme "Igniting the Spirit of Coastal Stewardship". The 3-day camp was joined by a much more diverse group of delegates from at least 8 coastal communities participated mainly by the youth leaders from CCEF's Our Ocean Project sites in ADABOSS (Argao, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander and Samboan), free divers from Alcoy and Argao (Bad Divers and Southside Freedivers) and Talisay (Barangay Biasong, and Boy Scouts of the Philippines-Talisay Chapter).

This year, CCEF has also started a new partnership with different SCUBA diving groups; UGLY Grouper SCUBA Divers, Trek & Dive, Naga Emergency Action Team and Southside Freedivers in cleaning our oceans through cleanup dives. In the coastal side, CCEF has also partnered with the University of Visayas Maritime Campus, with the support of A Better Ocean, A Danish-based initiative whose mission is to remove plastic from the world's oceans through the help of private businesses.

Also featured in this Annual Report, are our "Heroes of the Coast" who, despite the pandemic have continued their work in protecting the coasts and conserving our marine resources.

We give our heartfelt thanks to UNICO Conservation Foundation, Wildlife Conservation Society and our other partners for supporting us throughout this pandemic year.

PRESIDENTIAL NOTE

This 22nd year of the Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation (CCEF) has been eventful beyond expectations given the number of accomplishments despite the disruption of the pandemic. As evidenced from the variety of projects and their impacts shared in this report, CCEF has been able to carry on with many of its normal marine conservation activities in Cebu and Siquijor while also supporting some communities adversely affected by the pandemic through small financial contributions. If there is one feeling I get from reading our annual report is that the CCEF team and its partners have been very creative in their ability to continue meaningful work this past, chaotic year.

An essential element in the work of the CCEF team is interaction with local stakeholders in a manner that builds community support for improved coastal resource management and inspires people to act and become coastal and marine champions or heroes. As evidenced herein, interaction with many communities has been ongoing and intense so that CCEF is a go-to organization for coastal and marine conservation needs.

This year also brought a new project to the Foundation under the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) that will work in the Visayas to enhance fisheries and marine protected areas management with benefits to coastal communities in the project sites. The CCEF team is very pleased to be entrusted with this important work under WCS.

I really want to congratulate our dedicated team in CCEF under the direction of our able Executive Director, Mr. Auburn Samson who took on the leadership role in 2019. Auburn and all the staff make CCEF a sustainable and productive organization. I also want to commend the CCEF volunteers and "heroes" for their outstanding work and contributions highlighted herein.

As President of the CCE Foundation, I encourage you to read our 2020 annual report and learn more about us. The CCEF team runs an efficient operation to accomplish as much as possible with its limited resources. In that regard, we must also thank the UNICO Foundation from Australia for being a loyal and reliable donor for CCEF activities, many of which are attributed to their financial assistance over the last few years. We hope that you will want to join and assist the CCE Foundation in any manner you see fit and may this report inspire you to join us in reaching our goal of creating Sustainable Coasts and Involved Communities.



Alan White

ALAN T. WHITE, PHD
PRESIDENT

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year that was, 2020, changed how entire societies have lived their lives. So many things have changed. Masks, face shields, social distancing and no handshake has become the normal. Not to mention the Swab-test result and quarantine upon arrival, as requirements for travel.

That is why I am grateful and thankful for our Lord for blessing us with angels who, despite the pandemic and the economic slowdown, continue to give so we can continue with our efforts to protect and conserve the marine ecosystem in our part of the world. And I am referring to UNICO Conservation Foundation who so generously continues to provide us with the means to carry on with our mission. Given all the restrictions, we still managed to do some meaningful activities with our partner communities and even set up a COVID related Youth Projects in Cebu City which allows youth leaders in select barangays to undertake projects that helps their respective communities prevent further infections. With the restrictions on travel and mass gatherings, we were also able to maximize the use of technology, ZOOM, in our meetings and even forums and trainings.

Most of all, I and my staff are just grateful for still having our jobs thus allowing us to continue to provide for our families. Sadly, there are plenty of workers who bore the brunt of the economic downturn brought about by the lockdown and quarantine. Our prayers are for the economy to recover so that people will return to work and businesses will resume.

This Annual Report, therefore, is both our way of informing our public of our accomplishments during this dark period of our history and our way of saying thank you to all who enabled us to endure. We are one with all humanity in praying for a better year ahead and may we all pass forward the blessings we receive.

God bless us all.


AUBURN PATRICK V. SAMSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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WHO WE ARE

OUR VISION & GOAL

CCEF envisions for the sustainable use and proper management of the Philippine coastal resources through active leadership and participation of coastal communities and stakeholders. We aim for the conservation, protection and sustainable management of the coastal and marine environment through building leadership for improved coastal resource management and education, information learning. CCEF's core competency is the establishment of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), recognizing the importance of protecting the three core coastal ecosystems: coral reefs, seagrasses and mangroves.

OUR HISTORY

Formerly known as Sulu Fund for Marine Conservation Foundation, the Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation was founded by Alan and Vangie White way back in January 21, 1998. Their passion for the coral reefs and coastal communities inspired people working with the foundation through the years. Since the 1990s, Dr. Alan White and his wife Evangeline White have been guiding divers from around the world to monitor the health and condition of the coral reefs in the Philippines. This activity has been going on year after year, known as the Saving Philippine Reefs Expedition.

WHAT WE DO



PROMOTE

Promote and undertake community, local government and private sector based coastal resource management approaches in specific coastal areas.



CONDUCT RESEARCH

Conduct research on coastal environment, socio-economic systems and governance of coastal resources and areas to promote improved awareness and knowledge for effective coastal resource management.



CREATE LEADERS

Promote and build leadership capacity for improved coastal resource management

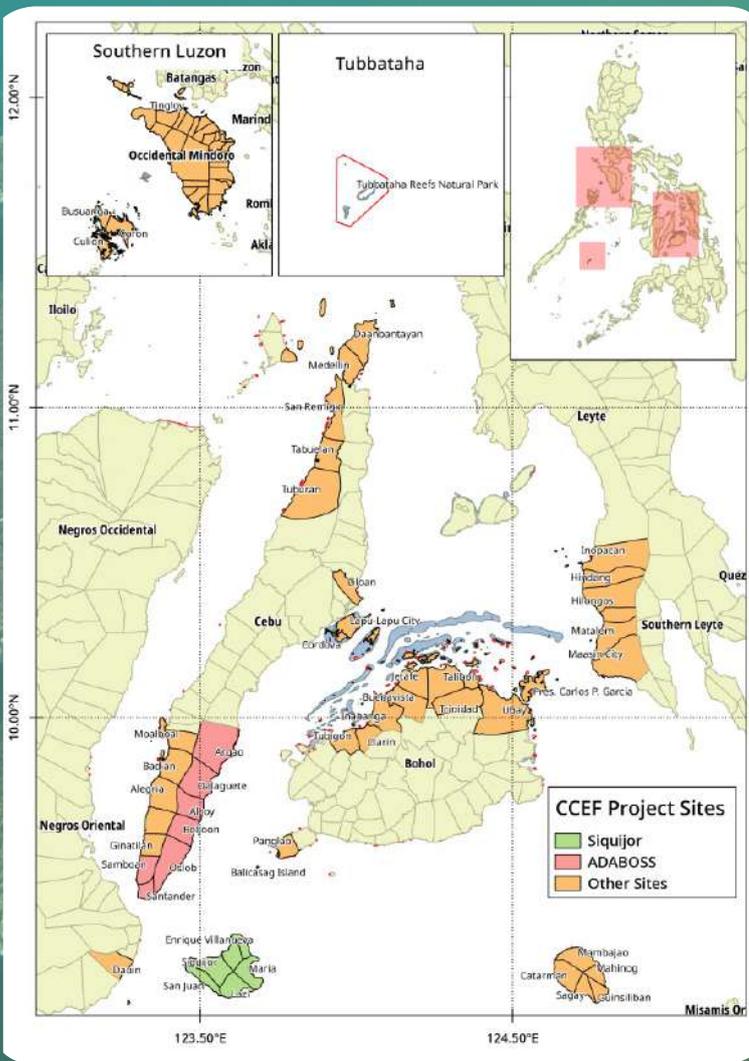


RAISE AWARENESS

Raise awareness and provide an information base on coastal environment and its governance that is easily accessible and provides guidance for improved coastal management.

OUR VICTORIES THROUGH THE YEARS

For 22 years, CCEF has been taking part in the establishment, management, and monitoring of at least 200 Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) all over the Philippines. One of CCEF's oldest projects is the Saving Philippine Reefs Expedition, which has helped create one of the largest coral reef datasets in the Philippines. CCEF also started an MPA database that aims to evaluate the management effectiveness of the locally managed MPAs in the Visayas region using the CCEF MPA rating system. The CCEF MPA rating system has been adopted and used by the Marine Support Network (MSN) to evaluate the current status and progress of the MPAs in the Philippines and has become the baseline for different MPA evaluation tools like the Marine Protected Area Management Effectiveness Assessment Tool (MPA MEAT). Today, CCEF is actively supporting various local government units (LGUs) in Siquijor Province and Southeast Cebu in the strengthening of their MPAs, capacity development, and monitoring in the partnership with LGUs, national agencies, NGOs, law enforcement groups, and the community.



Tubbataha Conservation briefing on board Nautika by Angelique Songco using Flip charts prepared with support from CORAL (1999).



Jonathan Apurado, Rizaller Amolo, Anna Meneses, Aileen Maypa, Alan White, and Kem Lowry at the International Coral Reef Symposium (2004).



The SPR team (2004) preparing to visit the Ranger Station in Tubbataha.



Vangie White in the Inauguration of the Siquijor CRM Provincial Learning Center (2012).



CCEF Staff photoshoot at PDI, Cebu (2011).



Father Raul Ragay officiated the blessing of the A. White Library and Learning Center in the presence of supportive guests and friends of CCEF (2005).



CCEF joins blessing of Granada Marine Sanctuary (2011).

THE OUR OCEAN PROGRAM

SMILE | SEAled | SEAcured

The Our Ocean Program started in 2019 and aims to enhance institutional and human capacities and partnerships for marine conservation by applying proven CRM strategies in Cebu and Siquijor. In its second year of implementation, the Our Ocean Program continues to scale up CRM initiatives through its three projects- SMILE, SEAled and SEAcured.



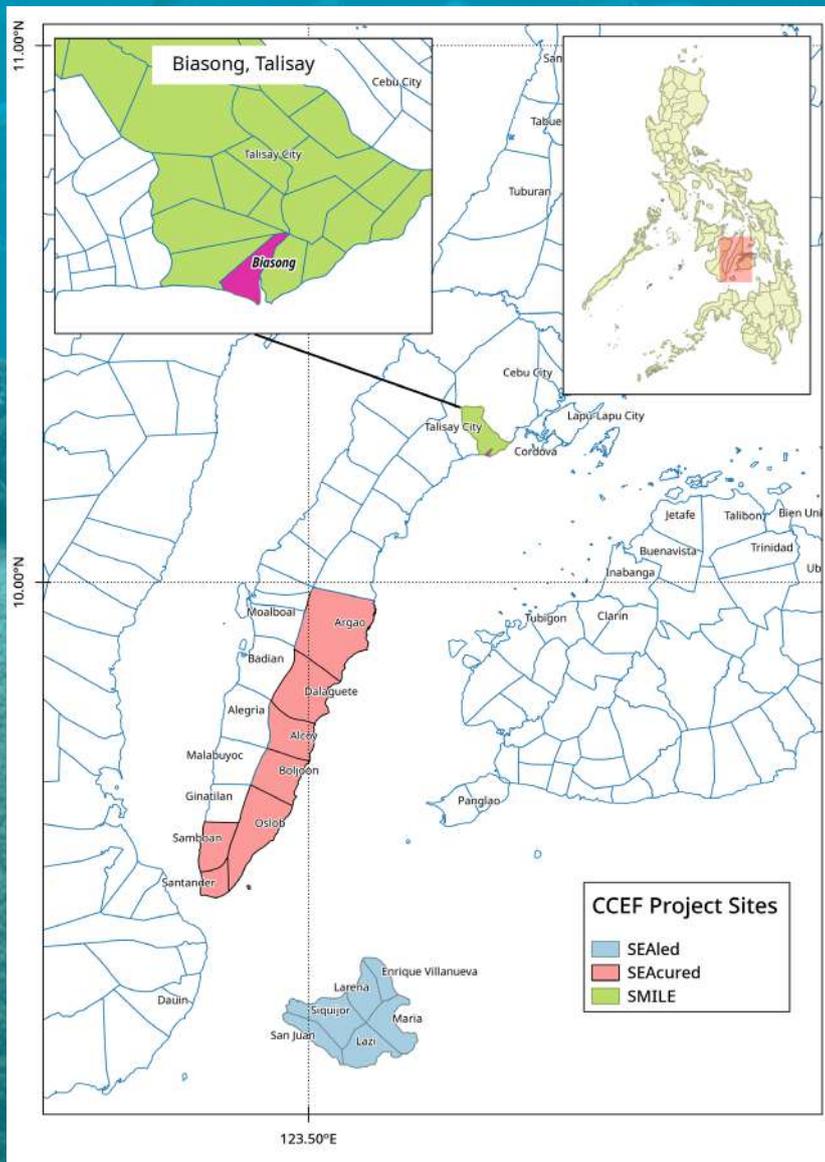
Project SMILE || Biosong, Talisay City, Cebu (Sustainable Mangrove program through Information drives, Linkages and Ecopreneurship)

Project SMILE expanded its efforts from Barangay Biosong towards a city-wide project. CCEF continues its partnership with University of the Visayas-Maritime College in creating a sustainable ridge to reef program addressing issues such as sedimentation and water pollution in Mananga River as well as the garbage it brings to Barangay Biosong and Lagundi Reef. Project SMILE also held capacity-building trainings for local People's Organizations and launched its first Mangrove Nursery in Biosong. Together with the support of its new partner, A Better Ocean, Project SMILE was also able to advocate for trash-free seas and oceans in its campaign against plastic.



Project SEAled || Siquijor (Sustainable Environmental Advocacy through Coastal Law Enforcement and Ecotourism Development)

Project SEAled in Siquijor Province focused on its partnership with the three MPAs: Binoongan, Olang and Tulapos Marine Sanctuary in establishing their Eco-tourism based livelihood through a formalizing the alliance through a MOA signing. Project SEAled also scaled-up the skills of the MPA managers and MPA eco-preneurs through a series of livelihood and financial planning-workshops. Coastal law enforcement and MPA protection was also one of the highlights for Project SEAled, making sure its partners are proactively involved in maintaining the Coral Reef-fish Recovery Sites, installation of Marker Buoys and refresher Coastal Law Enforcement Training for members of the Siquijor Provincial Coastal Resource Management Alliance (SPCRMA).



Project SEAcured || ADABOSS, Cebu (Sustainable Environmental Advocacy through Community development, Understanding of marine ecosystems, Recovery of fish stocks, and Ecocamp Development)

Project SEAcured in Southeast Cebu successfully helped formalize the alliance for the MPA Network in Argao, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander and Samboan (ADABOSS). Project SEAcured continues to strengthen coastal law enforcement in ADABOSS MPAs through an on-site coastal law enforcement training last January, and an online discussions on municipal water delineation and Marine Protected Areas in November. Through a simultaneous Information, Education and Communication Campaign in Southeast Cebu, Project SEAled was able to raise awareness on Climate Change, Marine Conservation and Solid Waste Management to more than 300 students in 5 schools in Southeast Cebu. Project SEAcured also held its 2nd SEAKlab Coastal Camp, gathering 30 youth leaders from the 7 municipalities forming a multi-sectoral, environmental youth network.



In the wake of the massively volatile global crisis brought by COVID – 19, Our Ocean Program's operation for year 2020 was not a walk in the park. The team had to modify its strategies to aid the needs of the coastal communities, partners, and other stakeholders; not to mention the different implemented governmental protocols to combat the pandemic (e.g., border closures) that led the team to a challenging adjustment phase for the new normal.

Amen thereto, Our Ocean Program – Project SMILE, Project SEAled, and Project SEAcured was able to continue its operation for all the project beneficiaries. To mention, some of the milestones of the projects were: (1) Project Youth COVID Action and Response (YOUTH CARE) of SMILE that supported youth organizations in Cebu Province in their COVID Relief Operations during the lockdown; YOUTH CARE project fervently recognized the salient role of the youth in mobilizing resources, mitigating risks, and working at the frontlines during the crisis; (2) Virtual MPA Conference of Project SEAcured that talked on Marine Conservation amidst pandemic; (3) Series of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Campaigns through Underwater Cleanup and Reef Check Assessment in the different coasts of Cebu Province and School Caravans on Marine Conservation; (4) ECOpreneurial Trainings of Project SMILE and SEAled; and (5) Transformative Youth Intervention called "SEAkLab Coastal Camp" that capacitated, trained, and educated the coastal youth leaders of Cebu Province on different components of coastal resources management.

Our Ocean Program also strengthened Eco-governance among its partners such as: (1) Memorandum of Agreement Signing of the Southeast Cebu Coastal Resource Management Alliance; (2) Strengthening Coastal Law Enforcements in Siquijor of Project SEAled; (3) Multi-sectoral Mananga River Management Stakeholders Meeting of Project SMILE; (4) Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) planning sessions of Project SEAcured; and (5) MPAs Sa Mata Sa Mga Bata: A Drawing Campaign for the Children that encouraged children to take part on a healthier coast despite the pandemic.

I admit, 2020 was a tough yet a productive year for Our Ocean Program. The pandemic had an impact on the mental health and well-being of the team who stood as frontliners during the implementation of Our Ocean Program in the middle of the pandemic, but nothing can stop the team in helping the project beneficiaries to become a more resilient, empowered, and well-mannered community.

Thank you, a hundred-fold to Unico Conservation Foundation (UCF) for the undying support to CCEF in all ways and means. The Our Ocean Program would not be at the highest zenith of its success in year 2020 without the cooperation and participation of our project partners – Local Government Units, National Government Agencies, Non-Government Organizations, Academe, Private-Public Partners, People's Organization, etc. Thanks a million and let's be one for a better OUR OCEAN!

LLOYD G. YOSOYA, MBA, CFP, PHD (Cand.)
Our Ocean Program Coordinator

PROJECT SMILE:

(Sustainable Mangrove program through Information drives, Linkages and Ecopreneurship)

The aim of Project SMILE is the development of a Sustainable Mangrove Program in Barangay Biasong, Talisay, Cebu, Philippines by establishing Public-Private Partnership (PPP) with the local government of Talisay, the academe (i.e., University of Visayas, local schools), the business sector and corporate partners to support mangrove protection and management, environmental conservation, and ecopreneurship.



Project SMILE continues to instill the sense of environmental accountability by mobilizing resources for the community sector. SMILE has pursued its plans together with the local authorities, and established new partnerships with trusted stakeholders who holds the same commitment on mangrove rehabilitation and the protection of the coasts.

Though there have been some pivotal adjustments due to the pandemic, Project SMILE activities are being delivered uncompromised because of the committed support from the LGU, BLGU and other stakeholders.

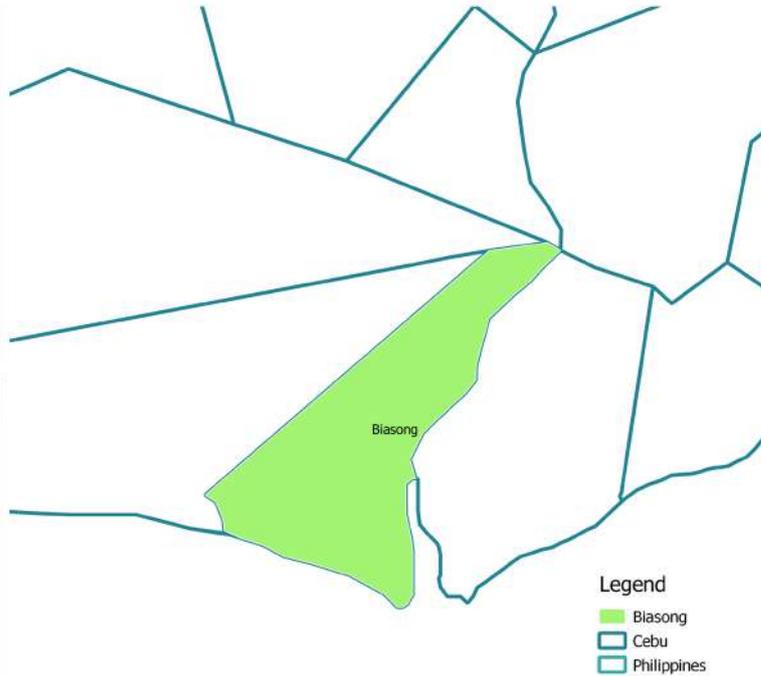
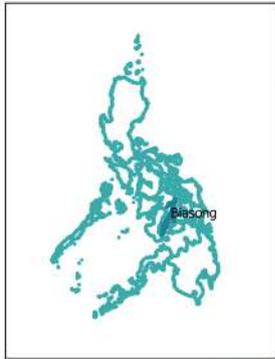
We are hopeful that the community would give importance not only to the technical assistance given by SMILE, but also the values the project upholds; honing equipped and passionate coastal warriors and bearing environmental conscience for our coastal and marine resources.

Justine Jace R. Baisac
Project SMILE Associate



BARANGAY BIASONG, TALISAY CITY, CEBU

Located at the mouth of the Mananga River, the 300 ha mangrove area in Biasong has become the aggregating area for all the trash in Mananga River. The mangrove stretch in Biasong which opens to the sea plays a huge role in preventing garbage and sediments from going to the ocean



2019



2020

THE SUCCESS STORY OF THE MANGROVES IN BIASONG, TALISAY

The mangrove area in Biasong plays an important role in preventing garbage and siltation from the Mananga river from going to the reefs in Talisay (e.g Lagundi reef and other surrounding reefs). In the past mangrove habitat survey by CCEF-Project SMILE, the mangrove area of Biasong only documented a 1% regeneration rate as the seedlings choke from too much garbage, in addition to the illegal cutting of mangroves as confirmed by the local agricultural officer in the last convergence meeting in 2019. Through the efforts of the LGU Barangay Biasong in monitoring the mangroves, as well as our partner for the cleanup, QIMA, the University of the Visayas, A Better Ocean, and CCEF-Project SMILE, the coastal area which was once only filled with trash now successfully houses 600 more mangrove seedlings! Thank you to all our partners for helping us conserve the coastal area of Biasong, Talisay!



Participants from Biasong Fisherfolk Organization

ESTABLISHING LIVELIHOOD FOR FISHERFOLK IN BIASONG

Twenty participants from the Biasong Fishermen's Association attended a PO Organizational training to orient the organization on how to start up a business, needs assessment, identifying the strengths and knowledge that already exist in the organization and to build the foundation of the microbusiness/livelihood program based on the existing information. A focus group discussion was facilitated by Auburn Patrick Samson, CCEF Executive director to assess the current status of the PO with regards to their documents, registration and other permits.



Meeting with the Mayor (Left to right): Justine Jayve Baisac, Dr. Abaoquez Lagrimas, Mayor Samsam Gullas, Lloyd Yosoya and Christian Lazarte

PARTNERING WITH STAKEHOLDERS FOR TALISAY MPAS

The CCEF Project SMILE had their roundtable discussion with Hon. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas, Jr., City Mayor of Talisay, Hon. Antonio D. Bacaltos, Jr., Committee Head on Environment and SP Member of Talisay City, Mr. Christian Joecep S. Lazarte, the Local Youth Development Officer and Dr. Lagrimas Abarquez, the Solid Waste Management Planning Officer of the Talisay City. The discussions revolve around the visual reef assessment on the Lagundi Reef, one of the MPAs in Talisay City.



Meeting with the Committee on the Environment



Meeting with the Local Development Office



ADDRESSING WATER POLLUTION THROUGH CONSTITUENCY BUILDING

Building on the previous interventions of the Municipality of Talisay and CCEF Project SMILE, CCEF led the Talisay River Management Stakeholders Meeting as a recap on the plans and interventions for Mananga River which was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the workshop, the key stakeholders identified main issues to be the lack of enforcement/implementation and the need for the biological rehabilitation of the river (problems because of illegal water extraction, need for bioremediation and to address water pollution by relocating informal settlers). As starting points, they presented the need to reactivate the Mananga River Task Force with the issuance of an Executive Order, as well as revisit ordinances related to Mananga. Because the problems surrounding Mananga River needs the cooperation and assistance of various stakeholders and government enforcement the key stakeholders agreed to have another meeting with a smaller group and representation for the River Council, as well as submit a report to the Talisay City Mayor and incorporate the plans to the Talisay IADP.



Participants during the Talisay Mananga River Stakeholders Meeting



Biasong Youth leaders and SK Council

BUILDING A NETWORK OF YOUNG ENVIRONMENT LEADERS

Project SMILE conducted a General planning of activities (GPOA) meeting for the youth in Barangay Biasong. CCEF aims to capacitate youth to be more responsible in conserving the ocean in through youth led initiatives in marine ecosystem education.



Mangrove seedling demonstration during the mangrove nursery training



Participants from the Biasong Women's Association

PROJECT SMILE LAUNCHES MANGROVE NURSERY FOR WOMEN'S PO IN BIASONG

CCEF Project SMILE launched its Mangrove Nursery Training Program which aims to create a sustainable livelihood source for women in Biasong, Talisay, Cebu. CCEF is working hand in hand with stakeholders to empower coastal communities. Through the Project SMILE, CCEF is not only able to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities to communities, but also makes them part of the solution to emerging environmental threats in Talisay.



Participants during the Cleanup in Talisay.

TALISAY MARINE PROTECTED AREAS NEED BETTER PROTECTION

More than 40 participants from Talisay City joined the underwater and coastal cleanup at Lagundi, Makatol Reef and Barangay, Biasong mangrove area. The cleanup team composed of 11 divers and 15 coastal cleanup volunteers were able to collect 13 sacks of trash mostly composed of plastic sachets, plastic bags, torn fish net and nylon lines, in addition to 1 sack of crown of thorns collected by divers, which is locally known as "sanay" or "salanay". Based on the observations on the coral reef condition during the underwater cleanup, it was evident that the reef is threatened by several sources such as illegal fishing (presence of fishing line and net entanglements in the MPA), possible bleaching effects of increasing ocean temperatures, siltation/sedimentation, and crown-of-thorns infestation. The divers were also able to collect other traces of illegal fishing in the area including an unexploded, improvised fish bomb/dynamite. According to the Philippine Coast Guard, MPA regulations and boundaries are not being properly enforced and that the previous missing buoy markers which were used to mark the MPA boundaries are being cut-off by local fishermen. Jonathaniel Apurado, CCEF Marine Biologist, also added that the lack of enforcement could be the main problem of the MPAs in Talisay and that its MPA management body should be revived. Supporting relevant ordinances should also be revisited as starting points in improving the management of the MPA.



An Unexploded Dynamite found in Makatol Reef
Photo by Rex Villavelez



Crown of Thorns Bleaching the nearby corals



Discarded Fishing Nets entangling corals



FEATURED ON FREEMAN

The Underwater cleanup and press release about the cleanup was featured on a local Cebuano newspaper, Freeman. Read "Talisay MPAs in a disturbed state"

PROJECT SEALED:

(Sustainable Environmental Advocacy through coastal Law Enforcement and Ecotourism Development) in Siquijor Province

The Project SEALED aims to strengthen alliances and partnerships among local governments units and other stakeholders toward achieving sustainability for coastal resource management through coastal law enforcement, microfinance, and ecotourism development in the province of Siquijor. For this project, CCEF focuses on developing the top three (3) MPA awardees in the latest Isla de Fuego MPA awards 2019 last June 17: Bino-ongan Marine Sanctuary, Olang Marine Sanctuary, and Tulapos Marine Sanctuary.

CCEF has been sharing its expertise in costal resource management through various seminars and trainings with the community. Through CCEF's technical knowledge and collaborative efforts between its partners and local governments units (LGUs), Project SEALED is able bring the community at the pinnacle of progress; empowering and strengthening the People' s organization in Siquijor, as well as conserving our marine and fishery resources.

The Siquijor Provincial Coastal Resource Management Alliance (SPCRMA) has continued it efforts in reducing illegal fishing in high seas. Through coastal management and its partnership with provincial, municipal and barangay public officials, the SPCRMA has helped mitigate overfishing in Siquijor. The LGU' s role is crucial in sustaining proper use of our resources as well as propelling economic growth. Despite the challenges we faced during the pandemic, our local communities have fully committed their services towards food security.

Looking back at our accomplishment for the previous year, I hope that we all to continue to commit our service to local stakeholders and work towards the sustainability of our marine resources.

Reaan Gerald Osmond Catitig
Project SEALED Coordinator



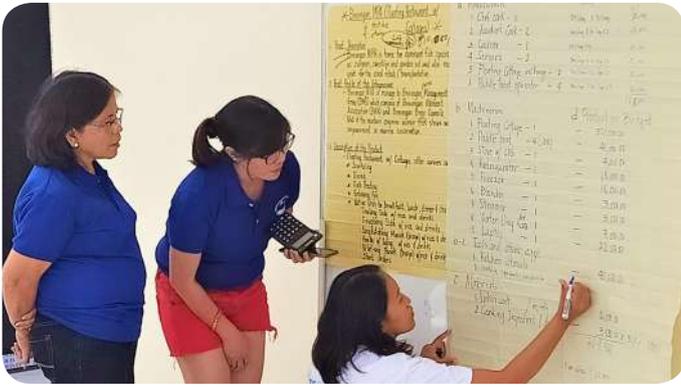
SIQUIJOR PROVINCE

Composed of 6 municipalities and 22 MPAs, Siquijor is one of the longest project sites of CCEF. The abundance of its coastal and marine resources is a result of the joint conservation effort of government units, the Siquijor Provincial Coastal Resource Management Alliance (SPCRMA) and CCEF



SCALING UP COMMUNITY MANAGED MPAS FOR ECOTOURISM

CCEF has been working closely with the municipality of Siquijor for more than 17 years, leading CRM initiatives as well as in biodiversity assessments, capability building and developing science-based protocols in coral reef rehabilitation and reef fish recovery. In 2020, CCEF together with the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) of the Siquijor Province are working together to create a sustainable livelihood for MPA managers in Siquijor. Through Project SEAled a formal signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the top three MPA management bodies was held, namely: Olang Coastal Resource Management Body (OCRMB), Bino-ongan Women Association (BWA) & Tulapos Marine Protected Area Association (TUMPAAS) at the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist Conference hall. Guests who witnessed the signing of the memorandum include the Siquijor Provincial Agriculturist, SPCRMA task force commander, Municipal Agriculture Officers and the Fisheries Technicians of Enrique Villanueva and Maria Municipality.



LIVELIHOOD WORKSHOP PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED MPAS

To scale-up the skills and plans of the MPA Ecopreneurs of Siquijor, CCEF conducted a simultaneous business plan training-workshop covering three modules; Idea Generation and Marketing, Production and Operation and Financial Management Trainings last February 26 -27, March 4-5, March 11-12, 2020 . The training was conducted to assist MPA managers in generating ideas, innovate techniques and enhance their entrepreneurial skills so they can establish a sustainable business in their respective marine protected areas. It also helps them to identify what viable business plans and proposals to undertake in relation to Eco-tourism growth of the province. The business plan training-workshop was attended by the MPA managers in Siquijor (Olang, Tulapos and Binoongan) as well their respective MPA Management bodies namely: Olang Coastal Resource Management Body (OCRMB), Tulapos Marine Protected Area Association (TUMPAAS) and the Binoongan Management Group (BMG).



CCEF Business training team together with MPA Ecopreneurs representatives from Binoongan, Tulapos and Olang MPAs in Siquijor.



INSTALLATION OF MARKER BUOYS IN SIQUIJOR MPAS

Marker Buoys are important in delineating and zonation of MPAs. Oftentimes, markerbuoys can be swept away by the current and sometimes deliberately cut off by illegal fishermen. CCEF together with the bantay dagat task force led the installation of marker buoys at Lagag Bato Marine Sanctuary at Lower Cabancalan Lazi, Siquijor and Takbal Bato Marine Sanctuary at Simacolong, Lazi Siquijor.



CCEF MONITORED REEF FISH RECOVERY SITE AT TULAPOS AND BINOONGAN MPA

Since 2013, CCEF has been working closely with partners in Siquijor in developing a coral reef rehabilitation and reef fish recovery protocol for the typhoon damaged reefs in Binoongan and Tulapos Marine Sanctuary. Last July, CCEF together with the SPCRMA Bantay dagat team monitored the coral reef rehabilitation- reef fish recovery site (CRR-RFR) to determine post biodiversity monitoring as well as assess the impact of MPA implementation and enforcement.

CCEF Coral reef monitoring team together with the SPCRMA Bantay Dagat



STRENGTHENING COASTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

In order to help sustain the efforts of different stakeholders in conserving an MPA, CCEF, in partnership with the Siquijor Province Coastal Resource Management Alliance (SPCRMA), conducted a 2-day training for MPA managers from Lazi and Enrique Villanueva (Binoongan, Olang, Tulapos) to scale-up the knowledge and skills of the managers in the long-term protection of the MPAs. Participants during the 2-day workshop listened to lectures on the basic concepts of Marine Protected Areas and Coastal Law Enforcement as well as a plotting and GPS exercise.



CCEF Project SEAled Coordinator Reaan Cajitig together with Coastal law enforcers and MPA managers from Binoongan, Tulapos and Olang MPAs and representatives from Lazi.

MPAS SA MATA SA MGA BATA

A Digital Art Exhibit of Siquijor MPAs in the Eyes of the Children

MPAs sa Mata sa Mga Bata is a drawing campaign for children ages 8-18 years old residing in Siquijor MPA coastal communities. The participants are encouraged to promote their MPAs through their art, including a short narrative of what makes their MPA special. Through this campaign, we show that the youth are able to promote and raise awareness on marine conservation despite the pandemic. Well-managed MPAs are not only a major source of income for coastal communities, but is also their source of pride and empowerment. CCEF recognizes that each individual, including the youth is essential to the holistic development and conservation of the MPA. See what the children in Siquijor envision for their MPAs using their art.



Augustus Gabriell Maniquez
13 years old | Sandugan Marine Sanctuary



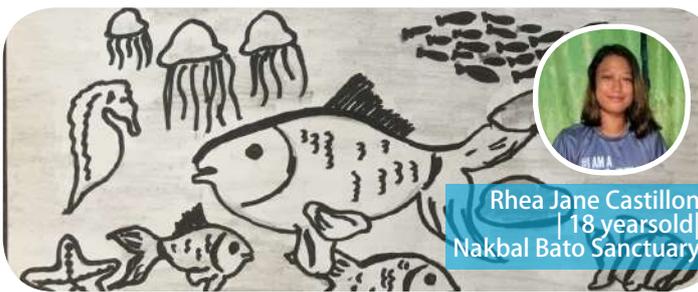
Chimette Rhoanne Paghastian | 10 years old | Maite Marine Sanctuary



Jaylord Venturan
11 years old | Taculing, Larena



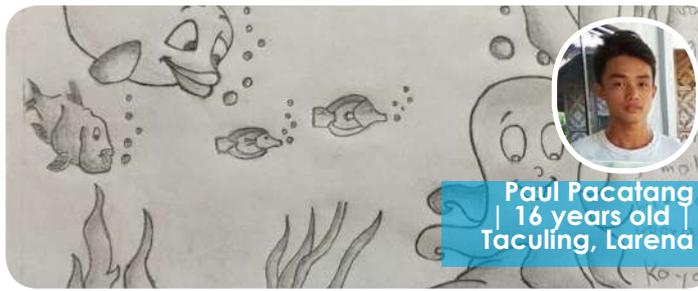
Mae Philip Quijas | 10 years old | Iazi Simacolong



Rhea Jane Castillon
18 years old | Nakbal Bato Sanctuary



Lorente Dongon
17 years old | Lalag Bato Marine Sanctuary



Paul Pacatang
16 years old | Taculing, Larena



Jascent Pearl Tinay
11 years old | Lalag Bato Marine Sanctuary
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11 years old



Geu Michael Candido
10 years old | Sandugan Marine Sanctuary



Amira Cheantelle Perez
11 years old | Nonoc Marine Sanctuary



Collen kent Oguis
14 years Old | Maite Sanctuary



Help us Provide Educational Materials for Children in Coastal Communities

Scan the QR Code to support our campaign



PROJECT SEAcured:

Sustainable Environmental Advocacy through Community development, Understanding of marine ecosystems, Recovery of fish stocks, and Ecocamp Development) in Southeast Cebu.

The Project SEAcured aims to strengthen the governance structures for MPA and/or MPA network management of Southeast Cebu (i.e., ADABOSS: Argao, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander, and Samboan) through capacity building, participatory MPA monitoring, and various trainings to enhance socio-economic monitoring and to improve the management effectiveness of MPAs. Strengthening LGU partnership and linking with the business sector in creating livelihood opportunities to the local stakeholders.

The environmental advocacy at a grassroots level is essential to successful coastal resource management. The support and involvement of local executives are important for effective management of coastal and fisheries resources. Thus, SEACURED envisioned to enhance governance and management of the seven coastal municipalities in Southeast Cebu by establishing alliance with stakeholders, inspiring the communities and various organizations, and providing authoritative science perspective to strengthen management.

Given the problems we have encountered since last March due to the pandemic, local government units have continued to preserve their marine sanctuaries, and continued to help their fisheries industries. The LGUs in Southeast Cebu fully understand the significance of their resources as a key food source of the local community particularly during the current pandemic.

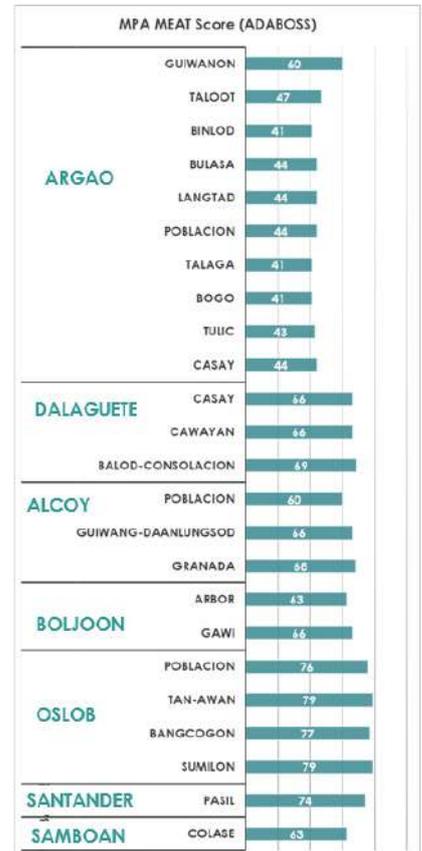
The only hope I have that the local leaders and the coastal residents are more proactive in protecting their marine environment for future food supply.

Michelle Baird
Project SEAcured Coordinator



ADABOSS, SOUTHEAST CEBU

The ADABOSS is composed of the Southeast Cebu Cluster (Argao, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander and Samboan). Previously, the Southeast Cebu MPAs were greatly damaged by 2 typhoons, but are slowly recovering through the joint efforts of CCEF and the SCCRMC (Southeast Cebu Coastal Resource Management Council) and the support of the national agencies and the private sectors.



THE SOUTHEAST CEBU COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE

The Southeast Cebu Coastal Resource Management Cluster (SCCRMC) was formed in 2005 to scale-up the efforts towards the protection of the 22 marine sanctuaries and management of coastal and fisheries resources. After more than a year of meetings and agreements, the Memorandum of Agreement for the Southeast Cebu Coastal Resource Management Council (SCCRMC) was formally signed by the seven municipal mayors from Argao, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander, and Samboan (ADABOSS), witnessed by DENR Regional Director-7 Paquito Melicor Jr. and Provincial Governor Gwendolyn Garcia. During the conduct of the CCEF Project SEAured in September 2019, The newly elected municipal Mayors from the seven southeast cebu municipalities Argao, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander, and Samboan (ADABOSS), agreed to revive and continue the efforts of the SCCRMC and finally formalized the alliance through an MOA signing in Boljoon this year.

SECURING THE COAST, EDUCATING THE FUTURE

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ALCOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

For the month of March, CCEF conducted a series of IEC campaigns throughout the elementary and national highschools in Southeast Cebu (Argao, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Oslob) to raise awareness on the importance of marine and coastal conservation. Based on the results of the previously conducted MPA MEAT in the southeast Cebu municipalities, there is a lack of IEC and awareness among community stakeholders on marine and coastal conservation. Thus, the IEC campaign also highlights the threats that our coastal resources are currently facing, such as ocean plastics and climate change.



ALCOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

By the end of each campaign, IEC collaterals were given to the students through their participation on the question and answer game. For the month of March, CCEF was able to conduct a total of six (6) IEC campaigns in four different LGUs: Guiwanon Elementary School, Alcoy National High School, Argao Center for Science Learning (ACSLinc), Oslob National High School and Oslob Central Elementary School.



ARGAO CENTER FOR SCIENCE LEARNING INC.



UC DALAGUETE



OSLOB NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

REMAPPING OF TALAGA MPA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARGAO



Last January 17, 2020, CCEF together with Argao Fisheries Technician, Mr. Edward Vinan conducted a mapping of Talaga MPA since its previous coordinates were not updated. The technical description generated from the mapping is needed by the LGU in the proposed amendment in the MPA ordinance. CCEF is also providing guidance to the Municipal of Agriculture Office (MAO) in reviewing and amendment of the MPA ordinances and in the reorganization of their Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (MFARMC).

MPA PLANNING FOR BOLJOON MPAS



In order to improve management among Boljoon MPAs, an MPA Planning workshop was held last January, together with the Boljoon MPA Management Group. The activities were categorized based on the management programs (i.e. MPA management body, enforcement, IEC, monitoring and evaluation, financial management, capability building/organizational strengthening). The results of the previous MPA MEAT was used as a guide in identifying management activities per MPA. MPA MEAT also indicated that the management body is not functional, thus, contributed to low performance. With the reorganization of their management body, the barangay officials, fisherfolk association and the LGU are optimistic for a better and a more efficient MPA enforcement.



STRENGTHENING MPA ENFORCEMENT IN ADABOSS MUNICIPALITIES

In partnership with Oceana Philippines, CCEF conducted a 3-day Coastal Law Enforcement Training for the Southeast Cebu municipalities' coastal law enforcers and bantay dagat. This training aims to capacitate the LGUs to improve its enforcement initiatives for effective resource management. The 3-day training was also attended by various government agencies who are involved in the enforcement and protection of the coastal and marine environment PNP-Maritime, Philippine Coast Guard-7, Philippine Navy: Naval Force Central, BFAR-7, DENR-7 and other members of the Coastal Law Enforcement Alliance in Region 7 (CLEAR-7) Some of the highlight lectures during the coastal law enforcement training tackled topics such as State of Fisheries in Central Visayas by Ms Bruna Abrenica from BFAR-7, Understanding SLAPP suits and Issues in commercial fishery and remedies for citizens and LGUs by Atty. Rose-liza Osorio, LGU-based enforcement: elements by Atty. Kim Labasan from BFAR-7, Relevant Fishery Administrative Orders and other issuance and affidavit making by Atty Mary Rose C. Litugas .

By the end of the training, each municipality was asked to create and present their own Coastal Law Enforcement Plan, as well as a group discussion on ways to move forward regarding the issues encountered in their MPAs.



Coastal Law Enforcer representatives from ADABOSS (Argao, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander and Samböan)



PARTNERING WITH STAKEHOLDERS FOR SEAkLab 2020

In preparation for SEAkLab 2020, CCEF requested from its partner municipalities/cities their recommended young environmental leaders who will represent their LGU during the 2020 SEAkLab Coastal Camp. The qualified delegates will join the 3-day training on coastal conservation in Oslob, Cebu.

Read more about the SEAkLab Coastal Camp on the next page. Partner with us on our next coastal camp by sending us an email at info@coast.ph.

SALIENT FEATURES OF RA 10654

- Empowers BFAR to prosecute criminal offenses **regardless of where the offense took place**
- Introduces concept of **community service** for municipal fisherfolk offenders



ONLINE DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED NEW GUIDELINES ON MUNICIPAL WATER DELINEATION

The latest guideline on municipal delineation aims to use the mainland principles as a reference point of municipal water delineation instead of the municipal archipelagic baselines which is currently applied throughout the country. Last November, CCEF held an online discussion on the Administrative Order (AO) issued by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) on guidelines for Municipal Water Delineation. This proposed AO was discussed further by Atty. Rose-Liza Eisma Osorio, Executive Director of the Philippine Earth Justice Center. She also explained the implications of this new AO to foreign and national policies and laws. All the local mayors present stand together against the proposed municipal water delineation guidelines and urge the DA-BFAR to conform with the current laws. Following the forum, members of the Southeast Cebu Coastal Resource Management Council (SCCRMC) also held a meeting to review the draft SCCRMC Memorandum of Agreement.



On-site participants during the discussion and Mayors from ADABOSS (Argao, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander & Samböan)



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Some of the online participants during CCEF's 1st Virtual MPA Conference.



SEAKLAB

COASTAL CAMP

2020 THEME: IGNITING THE SPIRIT OF COASTAL STEWARDSHIP

SEAKlab coastal camp is a youth-led environmental program which aims to build on the current knowledge of the youth on the importance of marine and coastal conservation, promote youth-led governance as well as start-up a network of young and pro-active, marine conservationists in Cebu. The 2nd SEAKlab Coastal Camp was held at Oslob, Cebu with the theme "Igniting the Spirit of Coastal Stewardship". The 3-day camp was joined by a much more diverse group of delegates from at least 8 coastal communities participated mainly by the youth leaders from CCEF's Our Ocean Project sites in ADABOSS (Argao, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander and Samboan), free divers from Alcoy and Argao (Bad Divers and Southside Freedivers) and Talisay (Barangay Biasong, and Boy Scouts of the Philippines-Talisay Chapter). For 3 days, the delegates are exposed to the different coastal environments, emerging issues and the importance in involving communities in managing them.

2020 SEAKlab MAP

Across 2 years since its establishment, the SEAKlab Coastal Camp has partnered with at least 9 LGUS, 45 youth leaders and helped establish more than 14 youth-led initiatives in Cebu.



THE 2-Year
SEAKlab
**IMPACT IN
NUMBERS**

14 YOUTH-LED INITIATIVES

45 EMPOWERED YOUTH LEADERS

9 LGUS PARTNERED FOR SEAKLAB

400 KILOS OF TRASH COLLECTED



DAY 1: MARINE AND COASTAL CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABLE ECOPRENEURSHIP, SOCIAL INCLUSION & EQUALITY, ADVOCACY MAKING AND RESOLUTION WRITING ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

On the first day of the camp, the delegates listen to different lectures from young professionals and experts in the field of Marine and Coastal Conservation, Sustainable Ecopreneurship, Social Inclusion & Equality, Advocacy making, and Resolution writing on Environmental Policies. As an ice-breaker, campers also participated in Kahoot trivia questions and a dance Zumba to help start-up the day. Southeast Cebu Coastal Resource Management Council Chair and Oslob Municipal Mayor Jose Tumulak welcomed the delegates in Oslob. Oslob Municipal Agriculture Officer, Proceso Bomediano also had a short talk on coastal law enforcement in Oslob, including some reminders for the delegates on the COVID-19 guidelines. Campers were grouped according to their respective municipalities and were asked to create their own advocacy video and resolution as part of their output for the coastal youth camp.



Top (left to right): Sharmaine Diez discussing the Power of Four; Lloyd Yosoya as the Head Campmaster and discussing Sustainable Ecopreneurship; Christian Lazarte discussing resolution making. Bottom (left to right): Proceso Bomediano, Oslob Municipal Agricultural Officer and Oslob Mayor Jose Tumulak Jr.



DAY 2: BREAKOUT SESSION ON COASTAL CLEANUP, INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) CAMPAIGN , AND SNORKEL SURVEY.



On the 2nd day of the coastal camp, the delegates were grouped into three activities: Information, Education and Communication Campaign (IEC), Coastal Cleanup, and a Snorkel Survey. The campers were oriented by their respective camp masters on how to conduct the activities, as well as how data is collected from coastal cleanups and snorkel surveys which is also used in feedbacking and decision-making for stakeholders in a community. By the end of the 2nd day, the campers present their advocacy video and proposed resolutions to support their chosen advocacy.

DAY 3: AWARDING AND RECOGNITION

On the 3rd day of the camp, the delegates attended the awarding and recognition for the top delegate of SEAKlab Coastal Camp 2020, as well as the respective winners for all activities. The top delegates for SEAKlab 2020 are as follows:

- Top 1 Most Outstanding Delegate: Dexter Anthony Sabandon- Cebu City
- 2nd: Rolin Mejala- Talisay City
- 3rd: Edgar Mangubat- Boys Scout of the Philippines (BSP)
- 4th: Jentor Bucol Jr. & Hannah Debuayan-Argao & Alcoy
- 5th: Glydel Mae Cabonita- Cebu City
- 6th: Ren Caryl Delena- Boljoon
- 7th: Jaya Mae Ordon- Boljoon
- 8th: Margarito Mosqueda- Alcoy
- 9th: Mary Jean Caduan-Santander
- 10th: Kimberly Anne Arias -Dalaguete



“ SEAKlab taught us how important it is to preserve and maintain the cleanliness of our coastal areas and also preserve our marine species. It helps not just our environment but also our economic growth. Together, lets start saving our coastal areas, preserve our marine species and LET SEA HAVE A BETTER FUTURE”

Dexter Anthony Sabandon
SEAKlab 2020 Most Outstanding Delegate



PROJECT YOUTH CARE

Along with the closure of several businesses and establishments during the lockdown due to the COVID-19 crisis, several communities need help and support to meet their daily needs while putting out social distancing measures to make sure the disease is contained. Although young professionals are some of the most affected by the pandemic's socio-economic impacts, CCEF recognizes the important role of the youth in mobilizing resources, mitigating risks and working at the frontlines during this crisis. Project YOUTH CARE which stands for Youth COVID-19 Relief Action and Response is a project supervised by CCEF which supports the youth-led initiatives of selected LGUs in Cebu Province. Selected beneficiaries receive cash assistance to help mobilize projects aimed to combat COVID-19 in their community.

AWARDING OF FUND SUPPORT FOR YOUTH CARE



SK APAS- CEBU CITY



SANTO NINO YOUTH CONSORTIUM (SNYC)- CEBU CITY



SK LAHUG- CEBU CITY



SK LUZ- CEBU CITY



SK SAWANG CALERO- CEBU CITY



SK BIASONG- TALISAY CITY



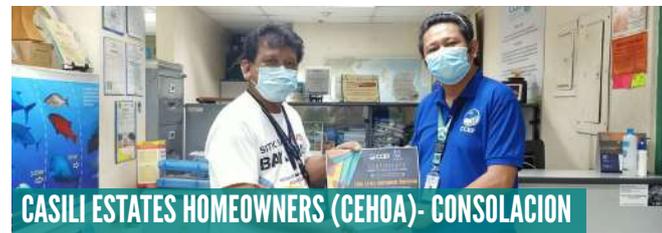
SK CALERO- LILUAN



SK BANILAD- CEBU CITY



SK SUBA- CEBU CITY



CASILI ESTATES HOMEOWNERS (CEHOA)- CONSOLACION

PROJECT YOUTH CARE
IMPACT IN NUMBERS

7 BLGU RESOLUTIONS PASSED

100+ EMPOWERED YOUTH LEADERS

1000+ BENEFICIARIES

YOUTHCARE INITIATIVES



PROJECT SKOOLNECT- BARANGAY APAS

CCEF Project YOUthcare partners with PROJECT SKoolNect by the Sangguniang Kabataan Barangay Apas to provide a cohesive, eco-friendly learning hub for students amidst the pandemic. The Project includes a study area that provides educational supplies to students for a limited period, a knowledge navigation center, and free printing services.



TIKTOK 24 BARS CHALLENGE- BARANGAY LUZ

Sangguniang Kabataan-BARANGAY LUZ distributed the prizes for their TikTok and 24 Bars Challenge. Barangay Luz was one of the most affected Barangays in Cebu City by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Through the TikTok challenge, families in Barangay Luz shared short video clips on how they spent time during the quarantine. The 24 bars challenge also feature individuals who composed songs expressing the Filipino resiliency in the fight against COVID 19.



DISINFECTING THE BARANGAY- SK BANILAD

SK Banilad with the support of CCEF Project YOUthCARE purchased disinfecting equipment to help #keepsafe during this COVID pandemic.



PROJECT KUMPRA- SK LAHUG

Barangay Lahug, Cebu City helped their community gain access to basic needs and groceries through Project KUMPRA during the lockdown period.



HYGENIC KITS FOR CALERO-SK SAWANG CALERO

The Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Sawang Calero turned over hygienic kits to the asymptomatic CoVid Patients in their Barangay Isolation Center (BIC).



RELIEF OPERATION FOR FIRE VICTIMS- BARANGAY SUBA

Barangay SUBA donated relief goods for fire victims during the pandemic. To encourage children to stay at home during the quarantine period, children were given educational coloring materials and snacks during the relief operation too.



FREE PRINTING SERVICES-SK BIASONG

SK Biasong offers free printing services to assist the local community for their printing needs, including printing for school projects, online modules, coloring materials and more.



DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF GOODS-SNYC

During the community lockdown in Barangay Apas, Santo Nino Youth Consortium (SNYC) distributed rice for community stakeholders.



JAN | NGOs Unite for Sinulog 2020 Environmental Mass

Different NGOs and CSOs all over Cebu gathered for the environmental mass for Sinulog 2020. Sinulog is considered as the most celebrated religious festival in the Philippines, attracting at least 1 million Filipinos and millions from all around the world. The environmental Mass prior to the Sinulog is considered as a response of the Catholic church of Cebu to the call of Pope Francis' Laudato Si.



JAN | Empowering Coastal Law Enforcers in Southeast Cebu

In partnership with Oceana Philippines, CCEF conducted a 3-day Coastal Law Enforcement Training for the Southeast Cebu municipalities' coastal law enforcers and bantay dagat. This training aims to capacitate the LGUs to improve its enforcement initiatives for effective resource management.



JAN | Convergence Meeting with Government Stakeholders for Ecotourism in Siquijor MPAs

The Coastal Conservation & Education Foundation (CCEF) Project SEAled has partnered with the three (3) Marine Protected Areas in Siquijor: Discussion during the convergence meeting focused on the tourism plan of the province and the selected municipalities. A formal discussion through a convergence meeting was held last February 4, 2020 at Bellview Siquijor, Siquijor, together with different government stakeholders and CCEF.

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JAN | Archdiocese and CSOs Unite in fighting Climate Emergency

In celebration of the 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines, the Archdiocese of Cebu is launching its 1st Archdiocesan Convention on Climate Change this . The convention will gather insights from representatives from over 160 parishes, as well as experiences from leaders in the field from NGOs, private organizations and CSOs. The convention will highlight five ecological actions which include Renewable energy, Water, Solid Waste Management, Climate Change and Disaster Resiliency and Marine Conservation.



JAN | Launching of #WayPlastikayCebu Movement

Last January, different NGOs and the Archdiocese of Cebu united for a movement called the #WayPlastikayCebu. #WayPlastikayCebu is an informal group of civil society and faith-based organizations formed by Oceana to promote ban on single-use plastics in the province of Cebu. "Way plastikay" is an expression Cebuano which means not being "plastic" or being true to yourself and others.



JAN | CCEF attends Oath-taking of Newly Elected CSOs for Mandaue

CCEF, represented by Lloyd Yosoya took his oath as the Civil Society Organization (CSO) Secretary of ManAdaue City. Mr. Yosoya was elected during the NGO/PO Year — End Assembly at the prior year.



JAN | Partnership with Owls & Day for CCEF 2020 IEC Caravan

In preparation for the Information, Education and Communication Campaign in for Project SEAcured in ADABOSS, CCEF partners with Owls & Day, a graphic Design team to come up with creative IEC materials for children in ADABOSS.



FEB | Activity Planning for Youth in Biasong

Project SMILE conducted a General planning of activities (GPOA) meeting for the youth in Barangay Biasong. CCEF aims to capacitate youth to be more responsible in conserving the ocean in through youth-led initiatives in marine ecosystem education.



FEB | Siquijor POs MPA Business Ideation Training

CCEF conducts a 2-day business plan training for the local MPA management POs of Binoongan, Olang and Tulapos Marine Sanctuary. This activity aims to identify viable businesses for each MPA and introduce skills/ideas on planning and how to manage the business as part of their ecotourism program.

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FEB | CCEF partners with UV for Youth-centered initiatives

CCEF Project SMILE partners with the university of the Visayas for the upcoming coastal cleanup sponsored by A Better Ocean. The coastal cleanup will be joined in by students from the University of the Visayas Maritime, and the activity will be covered for press release by Freeman.



FEB | Livelihood Training for POs in Biasong

CCEF' s Project SMILE in Barangay Biasong Talisay, aims to create a sustainable program where local communities are capacitated and prepared to become resilient to the impacts of overfishing and climate change. Part of the project objective CCEF conducted a livelihood/orientation training for the Biasong Fishermen' s Association (BFA) at the Biasong Barangay Hall, Talisay City, Cebu.



MAR | Coastal Cleanup in partnership with A Better Ocean and UV

In celebration of World Wetlands Month, CCEF is raising awareness in its initiative on reducing ocean trash. With the support of A Better Ocean, and collaboration with partners from the University of the Visayas-Maritime College and the LGU of Barangay Biasong, Talisay City, CCEF conducted a coastal cleanup in a mangrove area at Barangay Biasong Talisay.



MAR | IEC Caravan in ADABOSS Municipalities

CCEF conducted a series of IEC Campaigns throughout the elementary and national highschools in Southeast Cebu (Argao, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander, and Samboan) to raise awareness on the importance of marine and coastal conservation. Oslob National High School and Oslob Elementary School.



APR | COVID Safety Measures Planning

When the COVID-19 Pandemic hit the Philippines, CCEF activities were either postponed or put on hold. In preparation for the lockdown, CCEF and its members held a planning meeting on the COVID-19 Safety Measures Protocol and the Alternative Working Arrangements.



JUN | Awarding of Project YOUTH CARE fund support

At the peak of the 1st wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, several communities were being locked down to contain the virus. With this, CCEF is awarding fund assistance to Youth leaders in each barangay so they mobilize their ideas in helping alleviate the condition of their community because of the crisis brought by the pandemic.

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MAR | Marketing & Production and Financial Training

CCEF successfully finished conducting the simultaneous business plan training-workshop covering three modules; Idea Generation and Marketing, Production and Operation and Financial Management Trainings last February 26 -27, March 4-5, March 11-12, 2020 . The business plan training-workshop were attended by the MPA managers in Siquijor (Olang, Tulapos and Binoongan) as well their respective MPA Management bodies. The aim of the training was to help the MPA managers generate ideas, innovate techniques and enhance their entrepreneurial skills so they can establish a sustainable business in their respective marine protected areas. It also helps them to identify what viable business plans and proposals to undertake in relation to Eco-tourism growth of the province.



MAY | Launching of Project YOUTH CARE

In response to many local communities in Cebu who lack access to daily necessities because of the pandemic, CCEF launched its youth-led project "YOUTH CARE" which stands for COVID Action and Response (CARE).



JUL | Maintenance Check of the Reef Fish Recovery Installation at Tulapos and Binoongan MPA

SPCRMA together with the CCEF Siquijor Team conducted a Maintenance Check of the Reef Fish Recovery in Tulapos and Binoongan MPA.



AUG | Re-installation of MPA marker buoys in Siquijor MPAs

Marker Buoys are important in delineating and zonation of MPAs. Oftentimes, marker buoys can be swept away by the current and sometimes deliberately cut off by illegal fishermen. CCEF together with the bantay dagat task force led the installation of marker buoys at Lalag Bato Marine Sanctuary at Lower Cabancalan Lazi, Siquijor and Takbal Bato Marine Sanctuary at Simacolong, Lazi Siquijor.



SEP | Underwater Cleanup at Dalaguete & Cordova

In celebration of the World Environmental Health Day and the International Cleanup Day, CCEF in partnership with UGLY Grouper Scuba Divers, Trek & Dive and Naga Emergency Group participated in 2 underwater cleanup dives at Dalaguete and Cordova to advocate for trash-free seas.



SEP | Talisay Full Council Meeting

Talisay City Councilors and other stakeholders gather together on its first on-site meeting as response to the COVID-19 pandemic safety measures. CSO elected officials, including CCEF attended the meeting to comply with guidelines mandated by the city for CCEF's Talisay City-based project- Project SMILE.

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SEP | CCEF 1st Virtual MPA Conference

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SEP | CCEF partners with PC911 to scale-up technology use in MPAs

Technology has been a useful tool in making it convenient in communicating information, collecting data and detecting changes overtime. In line with this, CCEF is lobbying partnerships with partner software developer, PC911 to develop an application which helps coastal law enforcers see records of apprehensions and relevant Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing in nearby areas.



OCT | Underwater Cleanup Dive at Argao

CCEF together with 62 partner divers from UGLY Grouper — Scuba Divers, TREK & DIVE and divers from Naga held another underwater cleanup at Barangay Casay, Argao, Cebu. According to the local Bantay Dagat, at least seven compressor fishing vessels were apprehended at Casay and Tulic Reef, most of them were noted to be Badjaos from Bohol.



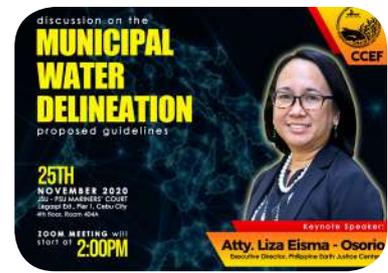
OCT | Mock Oral Defense for POs in Siquijor

Last March, CCEF ended its livelihood training series for POs in preparation for the ecotourism. Because of the restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CCEF held its mock oral defense for the POs in Siquijor online to help them prepare for the actual livelihood start-up.



NOV | CCEF now on regular radio broadcasting DYL A Tingog sa mamumuo

Starting October 28, CCEF will be on DYL A for a radio guesting on the radio program "Tingog sa Mamumuo" hosted by Art Barrit. Stay tuned on DYL A Cebu Newsbreak every Wednesday, 6:30 PM (PST) for a live radio broadcasting about CCEF's inputs on the latest environmental issues and local interventions!



NOV | Online Discussion on Municipal Water Delineation

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OCT | Partnering with Talisay stakeholders for MPAs

The CCEF Project SMILE had their roundtable discussion with Hon. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas, Jr., City Mayor of Talisay; Hon. Antonio D. Bacaltos, Jr., Committee Head on Environment and SP Member of Talisay City; Mr. Christian Joecep S. Lazarte, the Local Youth Development Officer; and Dr. Lagrimas Abarquez, the Solid Waste Management Planning Officer of the Talisay City. The discussions revolved around the visual reef assessment on the Lagundi Reef, one of the MPAs in Talisay City.



NOV | Partnering with Youth Leaders in ADABOSS for SEAKlab 2020

In preparation for SEAKlab 2020, CCEF requested per municipality/city delegates who possess quality leadership with passion of protecting our oceans. The qualified delegates will expect to undergo an intensive training on coastal conservation during the 3-day training.



NOV | Tri-municipality underwater cleanup

Continuing the efforts from the previous months, the CCEF team and its partner divers raised its cleanup efforts in the municipalities of Oslob, Argao and Dalaguete. The 2-day cleanup event was first in Mainit Wharf Oslob, and proceeded to Casay Dalaguete, and lastly in Poblacion, Argao.



NOV | Launching of Mangrove Nursery in Biasong, Talisay

CCEF Project SMILE launched its Mangrove Nursery Training Program which aims to create a sustainable livelihood source for women in Biasong, Talisay, Cebu. CCEF is working hand in hand with stakeholders to empower coastal communities. Through the Project SMILE, CCEF is not only able to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities to communities, but also makes them part of the solution to emerging environmental threats in Talisay.



DEC | Southeast Cebu Coastal resource Management Council formalized

Project SMILE conducted a General planning of activities (GPOA) meeting for the youth in Barangay Biasong. CCEF aims to capacitate youth to be more responsible in conserving the ocean in through youth led initiatives in marine ecosystem education.



DEC | MPA Management and CLE Training

Memorandum of Agreement for the Southeast Cebu Coastal Resource Management Council (SCCRMC) was formally signed by the seven municipal mayors from ADABOSS (Argao, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Boljoon, Oslob, Santander, and Samboan), witnessed by DENR Regional Director-7 Paquito Melicor Jr. and Provincial Governor Gwendolyn Garcia.

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DEC | CCEF donates relief goods to Typhoon victims in Luzon

CCEF donated relief goods to help typhoon victims in Luzon. As a coastal country, we are vulnerable to many types of disasters including typhoons, floods and erosion. As one community and one country, let us all support each other and continue to raise awareness on disaster mitigation--- helping our fellow Filipinos become more resilient to the impacts of climate change .



DEC | Mananga River Management Stakeholders Meeting

Building on the previous interventions of the Municipality of Talisay and CCEF Project SMILE, CCEF led the Talisay River Management Stakeholders Meeting as a recap on the plans and interventions for Mananga River which was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. cooperation and assistance of various stakeholders and government enforcement the key stakeholders agreed to have another meeting with a smaller group and representation for the River Council, as well as submit a report to the Talisay City Mayor and incorporate the plans to the Talisay IADP .



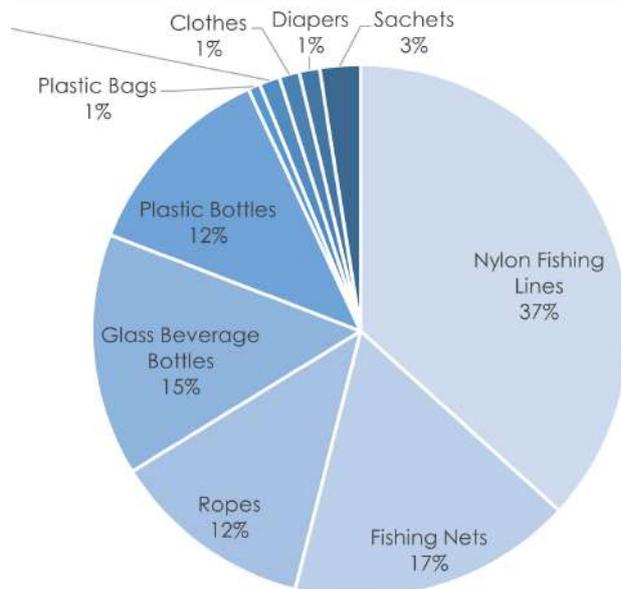
DEC | SEAKlab Coastal Camp 2020

The 2nd SEAKlab Coastal Camp was held at Oslob, Cebu with the theme "Igniting the Spirit of Coastal Stewardship". The 3-day camp is a youth-led environmental program which aims to build on the current knowledge of the youth on the importance of marine and coastal conservation, promote youth-led governance as well as start-up a network of young and pro-active, marine conservationists in Cebu.

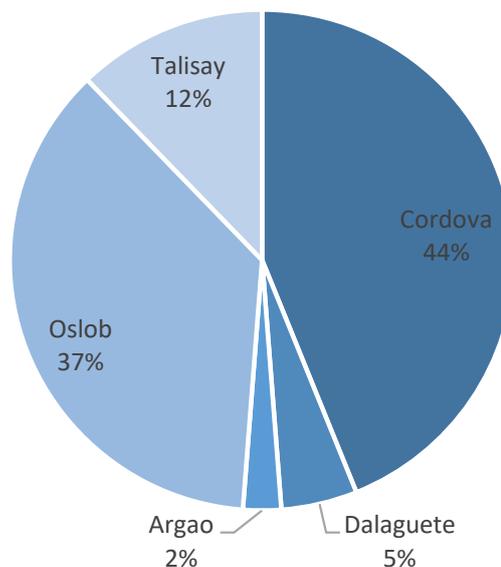


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2020 OCEAN TRASH IN NUMBERS



1. TYPES OF TRASH COLLECTED UNDERWATER BY PERCENT (%) WEIGHT



2. MUNICIPALITIES CLEANED UP BY PERCENT (%) TOTAL TRASH COLLECTED

FREE THE SEAS FROM PLASTIC:

Underwater Cleanup and Visual Assessment Campaign in Cebu Seas

In partnership with UGLY Groupers, Trek & Dive, Naga Emergency Action Group, SEA Knights and Southside Freedivers, CCEF conducted a simultaneous dive caravan throughout year 2020 to advocate for trash-free seas in Cebu. Although plastic debris has been a major problem for our oceans health, our divers also observed several issues and threats to our marine resources.

820 KILOS OF OCEAN TRASH COLLECTED

Based on the data CCEF collected over the year, discarded fishing gears were the main plastic plastic polluters in the oceans, comprising at least 66% of the total trash collected. Moreover, fishing gears being present inside the MPAs are also an alarming indicator that illegal fishing is still present in the MPAs and the urgent need for better enforcement and awareness.



ARGAO

CCEF together with 62 partner divers from UGLY Grouper — Scuba Divers, TREK & DIVE and divers from Naga held another underwater cleanup at Barangay Casay, Argao, Cebu. At first glance, Tulic and Casay Reef boast of a beautiful reef formation with pristine waters that is free from trash. But upon exploring the reef you will find most of the corals to be either broken into small pieces, entangled with several nylon fishing lines, and with almost no fishes. According to the local Bantay Dagat, at least seven (7) compressor fishing vessels were apprehended at Casay and Tulic Reef, most of them were noted to be Badjaos from Bohol. It is also noticeable in the reef that Nylon lines are still being tied to coral branches, causing many corals to break. Most of the trash in Tulic reef were nylon fishing lines and discarded weighted stones/ metal bars commonly used for scaring fish and breaking corals in a method called “seroska” ; a form of muro-ami utilizing stones to make a banging sound by hitting corals and driving fishes towards their fish nets. Overall, pollution is not the main problem in Argao MPAs, but better awareness and enforcement.



Weighted bars used in seroska (left). Plastic bottle sinkers discarded after it is used in "guso" seaweed farming.



CORDOVA

36 divers from CCEF, Ugly Group Scuba Divers, Sea Knights, and Trek & Dive joined the World Environmental Health Day SCUBA Cleanup at the Roro Port, Cordova, Cebu. The divers were able to collect 18 sacks of trash comprised mostly of discarded nets, fishing lines, glass bottles and discarded clothing. Based from the garbage that was collected in Cordova, it was clear that there was a need for the protection of the coral reefs from a multitude of sources. Much enforcement is needed in littering in the area especially on food and beverage merchandise such as junk foods, soft drinks and alcoholic drinks. A lot of discarded fishing items were also found tied to coral branches such as plastic nets, fishing lines and ropes which are commonly used during embarkment and disembarkment of pumpboats. This has caused a lot of the corals to break off and eventually die.



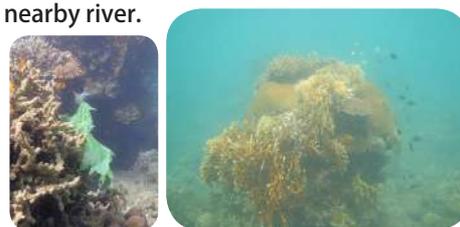
Corals entangled with discarded fishing gear and other trash (left) Assorted types of trash collected from the Cordova port



DALAGUETE

To celebrate the International Coastal Cleanup Day, CCEF partnered with UGLY Grouper- Scuba divers to help raise awareness for trash-free seas.. During the cleanup, the divers were able to collect a variety of types of plastics such as sacks, plastic bags, discarded nets, straws, car parts and cigarette butts. The scubasureros collected a total of 5 sacks of trash, or an estimated weight of 40kg of ocean plastics in Tawi-tawi, Casay, Dalaguete, Cebu. Despite the abundance of corals, only few fish were observed. The turbid waters in Barangay Casay can also possibly be caused by the nearby quarry in Alcoy which adds to the sediments that naturally run off from the nearby river.

Plastic bags commonly found on corals (left) Siltation in Casay MPA



OSLOB

Located at Barangay Mainit, the port is a two-way travel destination from Dapitan to Oslob. The port is built mostly on sand, patches of corals and a rich seagrass bed. Several types of trash were found close to the port such as plastic wrappers, bottles, monofilament fishing nets and lines, shoes, diapers, rubber tires, nylon ropes that were scattered and entanglements around the seagrass and some of the corals. It was also observed during the dive that some big coral heads were torn apart which might be from big anchors or other similar equipment commonly used at the wharf. Despite the problem of trash in Oslob, large fishes reside in the port, which is a good indicator of spill-over from nearby MPAs.



Broken coral head (right) Left over metal bars and boulders from wharf construction/reclamation (right)

We thank all our partner LGUs and the Mayors of Argao, Dalaguete, Cordova, Oslob and Talisay City for supporting our cleanup dives by providing us with the boats and other provisions to ensure that each dive is safe and successful for each diver. We also thank our dive group partners, UGLY Grouper SCUBA Divers, Trek & Dive, Naga Emergency Action Team and Southside free divers for inviting us to be part of this Cebu-wide underwater cleanup group that is passionate for the oceans. We hope that through this we are able to raise awareness and help create trash-free seas!

TRASH-FREE COASTS



"The plastic problem can't be solved unless we stop producing plastic. In the Philippines, almost all items come in sachets and plastic packaging. It's time to address this issue at source"

Marilyn Alilay
CCEF Field and Office Assistant



Students from UV Maritime moving the sacks of collected plastics for weighing and segregation during the cleanup in Barangay Biasong, Talisay City, Cebu.

A BETTER COAST AND A BETTER OCEAN FOR BARANGAY BIASONG, TALISAY

In celebration of World Wetlands Month, CCEF is raising awareness in its initiative on reducing ocean trash. With the support of A Better Ocean, and collaboration with partners from the University of the Visayas-Maritime College and the LGU of Barangay Biasong, Talisay City, CCEF conducted a coastal cleanup in a mangrove area at Barangay Biasong Talisay.

A Better Ocean is a Danish-based initiative whose mission is to remove plastic from the world's oceans through the help of private businesses and collaboration with different partners. This month, A Better Ocean has chosen CCEF to help in creating cleaner coasts and reducing ocean plastic in Barangay Biasong Talisay. With a total of 98 volunteers participating from the University of the Visayas, Barangay Biasong Talisay, CCEF staff and some individual volunteers, we were able to collect a total of 500 kilos of ocean plastics.

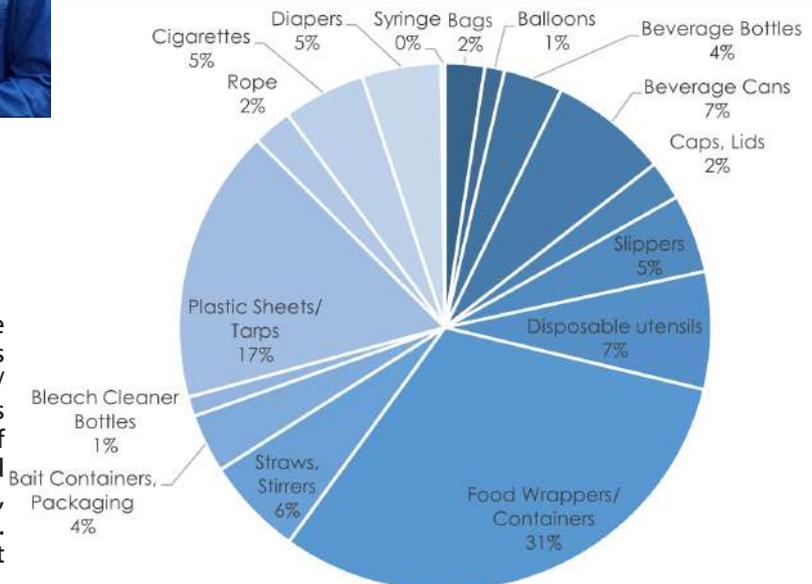
Thank you, A Better Ocean for helping us create cleaner coasts for Biasong, Talisay!



COASTAL TRASH IN NUMBERS

728 KILOS OF COASTAL TRASH COLLECTED

According to our Coastal Trash Data collected over the year in Barangay Biasong, Disposable Food related items (Disposable utensils, straws, food wrappers, beverage cans/bottles) continue to be the number one type of trash that is collected in our coastal areas, contributing at least 55% of the trash collected. Most trash came from nearby shops and "sari-sari" stores which sell various food products in plastics, including water, ice and soda packed in plastic cellophanes. This indicates that this type of trash are the ones that are least recycled and reused in communities along Mananga river, creating an even bigger problem when we don't take them out from our seas!





"What I noticed in our cleanup dives is that most community members do not care whether the seas are polluted or not. What we do in the upland will always go to the ocean. We need to improve the way we treat plastic pollution by strengthening regulations, raising awareness & educating the people"

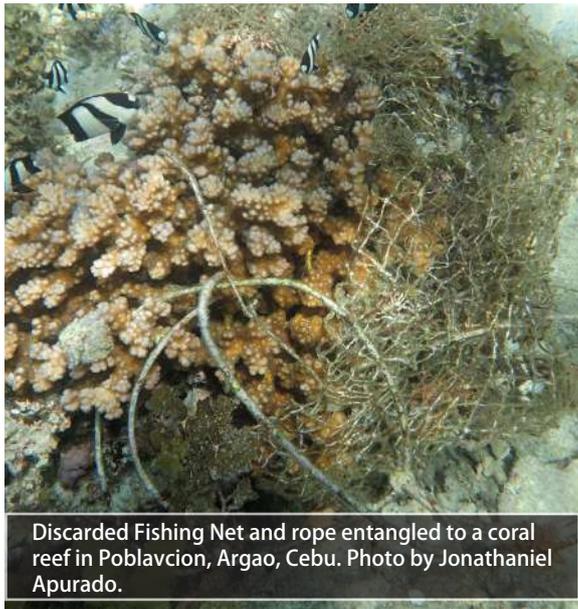
Pablita Huerbana
CCEF Administrative & Accounting Assistant

Philippines is the world's 3rd largest ocean polluter. In fact, studies show that our country and the rest of the top 5 polluters dump more trash into the ocean than the rest of the world combined. Not only do plastics take decades to degrade, they are toxic and kill marine wildlife which can eventually end up in the seafood that we eat!

CCEF is working with partners to help get these plastics out of the seas. But more than just plastics, we also found several issues that may have amplified the problem such as the lack of concern and awareness from locals and the lack of enforcement especially in MPAs.

Help us create trash-free seas in Cebu by supporting our campaign against plastic: <https://www.passitforward.com/campaign/give-for-plastic-free-seas-and-coasts/8EPYzQen/about-npo>

a total of
1,548 KILOS
TRASH COLLECTED from the
coasts and the seas



Discarded Fishing Net and rope entangled to a coral reef in Poblavcion, Argao, Cebu. Photo by Jonathaniel Apurado.



Plastics which have degraded into smaller pieces buried in the sand of Barangay Biasong, Talisay City, Cebu. Photo by Alyza Tan.



"Cebu residents and its governing agencies has to do more in cleaning up and upkeeping solid wastes especially in their place of dwellings to disposal. Infrastructures for its management is equally needed and developed continually with leads through science-based government effort, the same goes in managing waste waters and conserving rain and river waters. This call is essential for the survival and livable community we need and lessens the impact of pollution to our garbage strewn, smelly and murky rivers and coral reefs that we usually encounters in our field works."

Jonathaniel Apurado
CCEF Marine Biologist & DiveMaster

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THE HEROES OF THE COAST

The COVID-19 Pandemic has truly been a challenge to the lives of many Filipinos. But despite the pandemic, these heroes of the coast prove that we can all do something in protecting the marine and coastal ecosystems.

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ADABOSS



Proceso Bomediano
Oslob Municipal
Agriculture Officer
Cebu

"I have been working in the field of Coastal Law Enforcement for over 21 years. It is proven that Marine Protected Areas help protect important habitats and representative samples of marine life and can assist in restoring the productivity of the ocean and avoid future degradation. They are also sites for scientific study and can generate income through tourism and sustainable fishing."



Cindy Plando
Fisheries Technician,
Alcoy
Cebu

"My greatest contribution in my 4 years working as a fisheries technician in Alcoy is improving the lives of the fisherfolk. In Alcoy, we have projects made specifically for fisherfolks through boat vessel insurance, life insurance as well as other CRM projects. We thank CCEF for their support and their continued technical assistance to our LGU."



Sharmaine Diez
Technical Assistant
City of Talisay
Cebu

"For my 3 years, I've been working closely with the Fisheries Sector, especially with the Coastal Resource Management. I've been very active with different Coastal Resources Assessments, Field Works and Trainings because these ignited my heart and mind about the world we all depend on - the environment - that we've been abusing and neglecting all these years. The vulnerable marine/ coastal ecosystem had open my eyes about protecting, conserving and preserving it for our next generation. I am very grateful to CCEF, for allowing me to share my advocacy with the younger generations, that thru their programs and projects."



Wilfredo Capundag Jr.
Municipal Mayor
Municipality of San Juan
Siquijor

"Fishery resources is one of the most exploited resources in our municipality. Most of our marine resources are depleted and marine habitats are damaged. Marine Environmental issues vary from destruction of marine habitats, overexploitation of fishery resources and destructive fishing practices. Coastal Resource management (CRM) is one of the major strategies to address these varied issues. The Local Government Unit of San Juan Siquijor in partnership and coordination with CCEF, works hand in hand in promoting fisheries protection and conservation in our municipality. Their technical expertise helps us a lot in our efforts in marine conservation. I am very grateful to CCEF personnel and staff of their unselfish services to help us in sustaining our Coastal Resource Management Program."



Ann Tangpus
Fisheries Technician
Municipality of
Dalaguete
SCCRM Secretary

"In my 13 years as a fisheries technician, I learned that it is important to protect and conserve the marine resources because it is our major source of protein and food security. We must realize that we need to conserve and preserve our marine habitats for our own survival."



Carmelina Gumilac
Fisheries Technician
Santander
Cebu

"For over 10 years, I've been assisting fish wardens and coastal law enforcers in the documentation and inventory of apprehensions. Because of CCEF's support and CLE trainings, our fish wardens have scaled-up their skills in coastal law enforcement and proper documentation. At present, our Fish wardens have become more independent and documentation has become much more organized and efficient in Santander."



Apple Jane Into
Fisheries Technician
City of Talisay
Cebu

"In my 23 years of service handling the fisheries sector of which part of it is the implementation of the Coastal Resource Management Program of our City. Coastal Resources are much threatened and vulnerable part of the environment, hence, I am very grateful for CCEF in extending their love and support for the ocean especially in the City of Talisay. Our City is looking forward for the continuing collaboration with your foundation towards the development with sustainability and protection of the our Coastal Resources."



Meynard Asok
Municipal Mayor
Municipality of
Maria
Siquijor

"CCEF has been our partner for over a decade in the implementation of appropriate environmental concerns in the municipality. CCEF has contributed much in the management of our coastal resources, coastal law enforcement initiatives, provision of livelihood assistance, capability enhancement of stakeholders, scientific researches, establishment of MPAs and more so raising up awareness to the majority of the people on the preservation and conservation of our coastal and marine resources. With these and in behalf of the municipality of Maria, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all your contribution, arduous work and diligent efforts you have extended to our municipality. We look forward for more joint endeavors in the coming days."

TALISAY

SIQUIJOR



James Tiu
SCUBASURERO,
UGLY Groupers
SCUBA Divers

"The GREATEST REALITY is whatever we do on land, eventually will end up in our oceans. The GREATEST CHALLENGE is to EDUCATE people especially those who belong to coastal communities. And the greatest folly for our planet? Is the BELIEF that someone will save it!"



Arturo Barrit
SCUBASURERO,
UGLY Groupers
SCUBA Divers

Stakeholder engagement is an important element of the beneficial use to sustain our common agenda of promoting an integrated coastal management program. Thus, a productive, sustainable and economically viable coastal management programs require strong partnerships. Predicated on this, there must be a clear understanding of, and mutual agreement on the role and needs of stakeholders in bridging the gap between coastal environment programs being implemented and its economic benefits to the coastal communities.

COLLABORATION AT WORK

YOUTH FOR A COAST



Hannah Debuayan
Founder
BAD Freedivers
Municipality of Alcoy

"As a certified freediver, I am an advocate in protecting the ocean which is my second home. Since I started freediving last 2018, I actively participated in programs like coastal/ underwater clean ups and coral propagation in the Visayas. Until I founded BAD Freedivers in South Cebu, I am organizing and encouraging freedivers to do monthly coastal and underwater clean ups as a form of giving back to the mother ocean, and protecting our HOME."



William Villaver
Marine Biologist, UGLY
Groupers
SCUBA Divers

"Collaboration=cooperation among the different stakeholders is crucial for the successful implementation of any coastal conservation and rehabilitation program. Affected stakeholders should be aware of their role and responsibility for the successful fruition of the program which is meant for their livelihood upliftment and survival in the long run."



Sammaro Remoroza
Freediver and
Spearfisher
Southside Freedivers

I have been part of Southside Freedivers as well as a spearfisher for more than a year. Being in a community of spearfishers, I was taught to help with the conservation of the marine life as it is our source of livelihood; it's always a give and take.



Chatch Calderon
Law Student
SEAKlab Camp Master

"As a youth from the urban communities, I have seen that our lifestyle and actions greatly affect our environment. As stewards of change, I see to it that we lessen our waste in our household by practicing recycling and urban gardening. Moreover, as a youth leader, I strive to impart environmental awareness not only to our direct youth, but also to the broad community that I have interacted with because our small actions could create larger impact in the society"



Lester Lacutab
DiveMaster
SK Chairman Liloan,
Santander

Since 2018, I have started my journey in marine conservation through my profession as a Dive Master as well as a representative in advocating for the protection of the seas and the environment in various youth organizations in Santander (Liloan Haranista, Liloan Ocean Lovers & Divers Association & EcoWarrior of the South.) I thank CCEF for their continued efforts in raising awareness for our marine resources---our heritage for the future generations.



Denise Heredia
CCEF Volunteer Digital
Artist

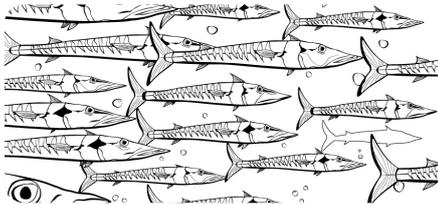
I believe that children can be a catalyst for spreading awareness about the environment at a young age. So I chose to create coloring pages for them with coloring guides so they can gain knowledge about the different marine species and their diversity in color shape and size. This project combines my love for art and the chance to capture a child's interest in Philippine marine life. My aim is to make children more aware of the importance of marine protection and coastal conservation, and how different species may be potentially endangered as a result of carelessness and neglect.

YOUNG MINDS AT WORK



CCEF DIGITAL COASTAL HEROES

Because of the recent crisis, celebrating environmental events has changed the way we help conserve the oceans: from the way we raise awareness, as well as the way we communicate. The theme of UN World Oceans Day 2020 is “Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean” —relates to the introduction of new methods, ideas, or products—is a dynamic term, to bring hope to rising innovations amidst the crisis. Many of our young environmental heroes who, did not need to do extensive research or conduct social gatherings to bring hope during the lockdown, but were instead able to raise awareness on their own initiative. One of the initiatives to raise awareness online was done by our digital coastal hero, Denise Heredia, an IB art student at CIS (Cebu International School) whose advocacy is for cleaner coasts. Another outstanding coastal hero we have is Nico Lamberte, a Fine Arts student at the University of San Carlos. To help raise awareness for the coastal and marine resources, Nico created a comic strip inspired by Japanese and Western superheroes—thus creating the new hero Man-grove! The concept of the comic “The rise of man-grove” introduces a new and fun way for children to understand the functions of mangroves, its threats and what they can do to help.



Coloring stencils drawn by Denise Heredia (left). Man-grove comic by Nico Lamberte (right)



CCEF DONATES RELIEF GOODS FOR TYPHOON VICTIMS IN LUZON

Last November 2020, Typhoon Ulysses has flooded many coastal communities in Luzon, leaving many without food, shelter and other necessities. CCEF through DSWD Region VII donated relief goods to help typhoon victims in Luzon.



One of the MPAs which were greatly affected by the typhoon Ulysses was Batalang Bato Marine Sanctuary. Because of the strong winds, a large cargo ship was stranded inside the MPA, and the guardhouse and signages were destroyed.

Many coastal communities are already vulnerable to natural disasters, added with the COVID-19 pandemic, access to basic essentials and jobs have become difficult for many MPA managers and fisherfolk.

Help us provide assistance to coastal communities by giving today. Visit our website <https://coast.ph> or send us an email at info@coast.ph.



ARCHDIOCESE AND CSOS UNITE IN FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

In celebration of the 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines, the Archdiocese of Cebu is launching its 1st Archdiocesan Convention on Climate Change this January 31-Feb 1. Being the first Archdiocese to receive Christianity in the country, the Archdiocese of Cebu is holding the convention as a response to the call of Pope Francis’ *Laudato Si*, in calling the people to take action in fighting climate change.

The convention will gather insights from representatives from over 160 parishes, as well as experiences from leaders in the field from NGOs, private organizations and CSOs. The convention will highlight five ecological actions which include Renewable energy, Water, Solid Waste Management, Climate Change and Disaster Resiliency and Marine Conservation



OATH TAKING OF NEWLY ELECTED CSOS IN MANDAUE

14 January 2020 — The Mandaue City Mayor Jonas C. Cortes officiated the oath taking ceremony for the newly elected Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) officers at the City Hall of Mandaue, Cebu, Philippines. CCEF, represented by Lloyd G. Yosoya took his oath as the Civil Society Organization (CSO) Secretary of Mandaue City. CCEF was elected during the NGO/ PO Year — End Assembly at the prior year as the secretary of the Mandaue City CSO Council . The new batch of CSOs officer pledged to strongly adhere to act in accordance with the significant role that they were vested.



CCEF NOW ON DILA FOR REGULAR RADIO BROADCASTING

Starting October 28, CCEF is on DILA for a radio guesting on the radio program “Tingog sa Mamumuo” hosted by Art Barrit. Stay tuned on DILA Cebu Newsbreak every Wednesday, 6:30 PM (PST) for a live radio broadcasting about CCEF’s inputs on the latest environmental issues and local interventions!



CCEF TEAM ENGAGEMENT

CCEF not only builds the capacity of its partners and community stakeholders, but it also ensures that its team members are empowered, knowledgeable and skilled on what they do. Through its planned activities for development, CCEF helps its staff become connected and engaged with different community members.



CCEF DONATES COVID-LIGTAS KITS DURING THE IEC CAMPAIGN IN MAMBALING, CEBU

At the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, CCEF is responding to the need of many children who have little to no access to learning and engaging activities. In partnership with Agak Foundation, CCEF donated 54 COVID Ligtas Kits and IEC materials on Marine Conservation during the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign and Community Outreach Program at San Roque, Barangay Mambaling, Cebu City. The IEC program teaches the children about the importance of the marine and coastal resources as well as the children's role in helping reduce plastic in the ocean.

Lloyd Yosoya, CCEF Our Ocean Program Coordinator teaching children about Marine Conservation during the IEC Campaign at San Roque Church in Brgy. Mambaling, Cebu City.



Games and Trivia during the IEC Campaign (left) Group photo together with CCEF staff and Agak Foundation volunteers. (right)



CCEF TRAINS STAFF IN CORAL REEF MONITORING TECHNIQUES

Last March, the CCEF staff members were trained in techniques in the ecological monitoring of coral reefs such as the Point Intercept Transect (PIT) and Line Intercept Transect (LIT). This activity was conducted in preparation for CCEF's activities in monitoring and assessment of coral reefs in its MPA project sites. The training was facilitated by CCEF Marine Biologists, Michelle Baird, Reaan Caititg and Jonathaniel Apurado.



Point Intercept Transect (PIT) and Line Intercept Transect Training in Maite Marine Sanctuary.

SIX WAYS WE WILL MOVE FORWARD

1



ESTABLISHING SUSTAINABLE & RESILIENT LIVELIHOOD

Just as we have helped empower communities in establishing their own livelihood, CCEF aims to create community-based MPAs that are self-sustaining: resilient to economic setbacks and natural disasters.

2



COLLABORATING WITH YOUNG MINDS

CCEF recognizes the great possibilities when working with the youth. By partnering with different youth-led organizations, CCEF is not only supporting coastal communities, but are also ensuring the future generation has what it takes to lead the community.

3



CONTINUING ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION

Plastics are spreading throughout our oceans like an epidemic, killing marine life, polluting ecosystems and disrupting our natural systems. For our next steps, CCEF won't only be campaigning on the importance of marine and coastal resources but also for zero-waste oceans and waterways as one of its initiatives to resolve the issue of pollution.

4



ESTABLISHING A NETWORK OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

In CCEF, we rely not only on our professional personnel, but also make sure our partners are part of the solution to different environmental issues.

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SUSTAINING MPA PROTECTION

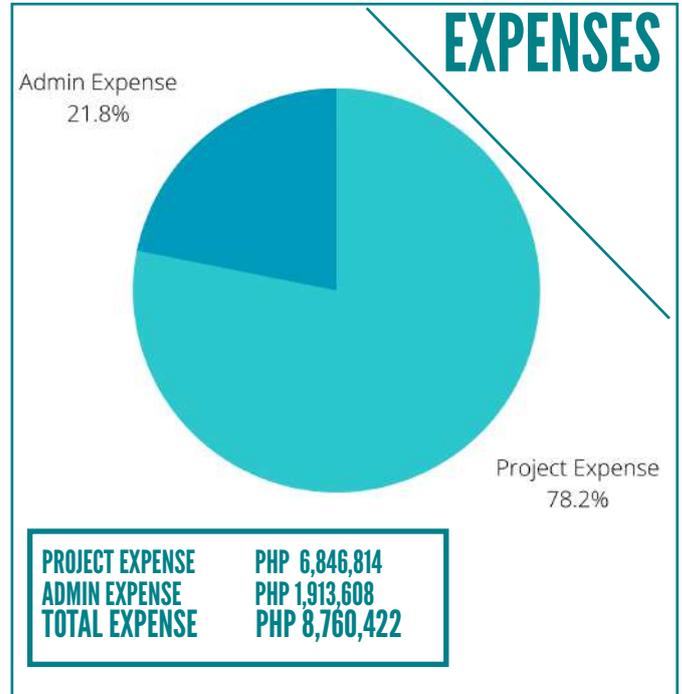
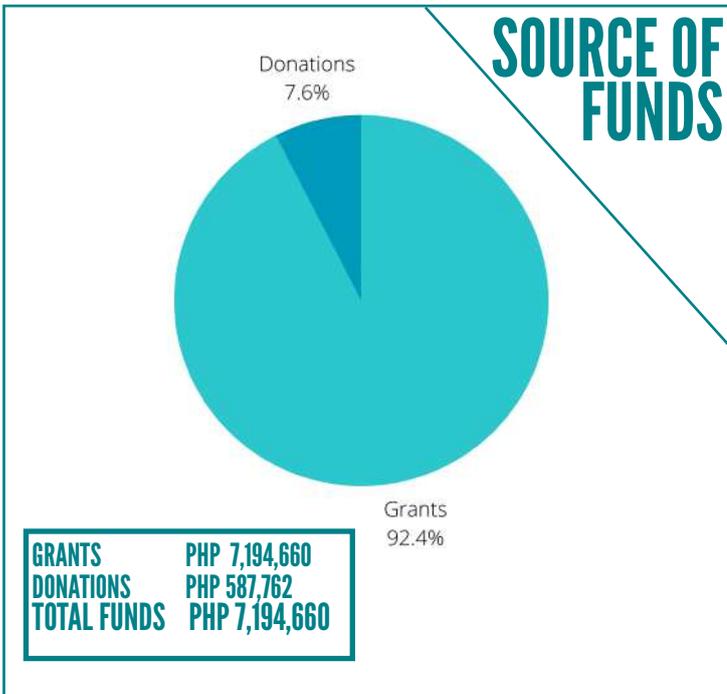
One of the major problems in MPA project is that MPA Protection is often only sustained over short periods. Together with partner LGUs and MPA Networks, CCEF will create a sustainable network that is self-sufficient, independent and cares for the environment.

6



SCALING-UP MPA MANAGEMENT SKILLS

MPA managers play a vital role in the enforcement, protection and conservation of an MPA. Next year, CCEF will be scaling-up the skills of MPA managers through different trainings and on-site assistance for their MPAs.



MAJOR PROJECT FUNDERS

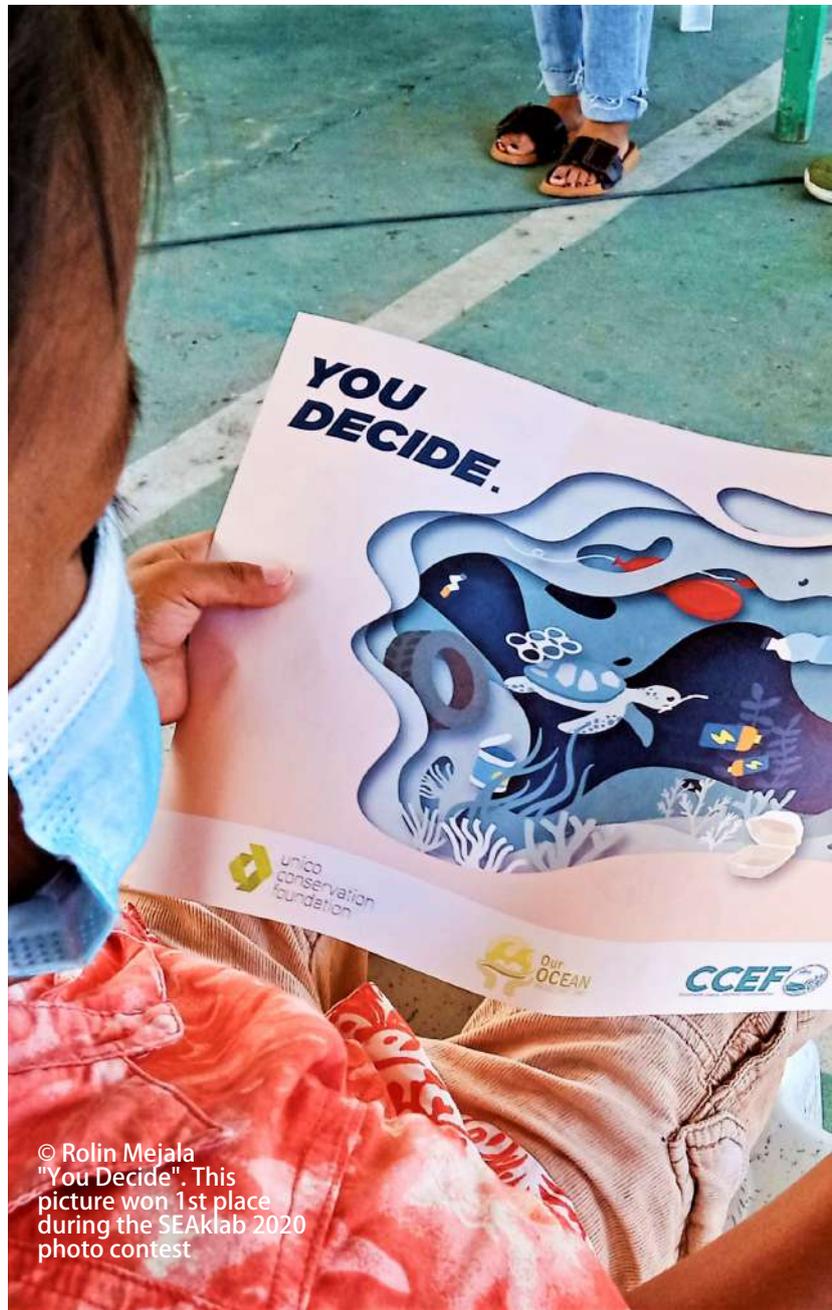


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 "You Decide". This picture won 1st place during the SEAklab 2020 photo contest



"CCEF has been of great help in protecting and manging our very own protected areas by extending and sharing their expertise on biodiversity assessment , rehabilitating our coral reef, and conducting research, monitoring and capability building. Together with the support of UNICO, these efforts have strenghtened not only the MPA managers but also the entire municipality as a whole. Its initiatives has proved that nothing's impossible if we work hand-in-hand in protecting the marine ecosystem not only for us but for the future generations to come. May CCEF continue in supporting our people in making and insuring each Talingtinongon's future a better one while enjoying the beauty and bounty of our very own environment."

"I would like to thank CCEF for making us aware of the current state of our coastal and marine resources in Talisay City. In the beginning, we wanted to make Talisay an eco-tourism spot inclined to promoting our Marine Sanctuaries. Tourism cannot excel if we do not have the right environment and the right management to make it excel. In the end, the Talisay City Government could not do it alone, we need a multi-sectoral approach in addressing the environmental issues in the City. I hope for our continued partnership with CCEF in taking the first steps in the proper implementation of our regulations for our sanctuaries."

"In the 10 years of working with the SCCRMC, we learned that the need for unified effort is important so we can protect our coastal resources. That is why the leaders of the seven municipalities came up with the idea to exchange ideas and challenges every month. The development and protection of the coastal resources need efforts not only from the municipalities but also the help of other agencies like CCEF. We thank UNICO that through CCEF, they are able to help and assist our alliance. We hope for UNICO to continue their support to CCEF and to our SCCRMC alliance."

"The provincial government of Siquijor believes that the conservation is everyone's responsibility. Therefore, we are tapping LGUs and communities to be involved in the creation of solutions to the environmental problems. CCEF plays a vital role in the creation of plans and programs that will address critical conservation issues such as commercial fishing intrusion. Th SPCRMA, alliance has been progressing and in the future, this will create impact to the lives of our fellow Siquijodnons. We are grateful enough for the contributions of UNICO that through CCEF, they are able to support a small province like Siquijor. We would also, indicate that the CRM activities are now in constant progress and hopeful that CCEF will continue its aide to the province and the marginal fisherfolks of the island."



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