



CCC get the thumbs up from our in-country partners!

It was a busy couple of weeks for our Head of Operations, Tristan Brown, recently when he headed out to the Philippines site for a site inspection and meetings with our project partners, the Provincial Government of Southern Leyte (PGSL). It was the perfect opportunity to present the work that has been achieved so far and communicate our hopes for the future. We are pleased to report that the PGSL have given us the go ahead to stay on our fantastic site for another 3 years, with their full support for this year's work plan! The PGSL were particularly pleased with our [Scholarship Program](#) and Tristan grabbed (read: cringed through!) the opportunity to spread the word via a surprise TV interview. Let's hope that as a result we get to welcome lots more Filipino scholars to our site.



Smiles all round after the Reef Ranger's snorkel session!

Philippines: Our Volunteer Coordinator, Tessa Dawson, was excited to be able to join in on the fun on our first Reef Rangers event of 2014 last week! It was fantastic to see how enthusiastic the students were and how much their confidence grew throughout the day. After classroom lessons on coral and fish anatomy, identification, threats and management the students were eager to put on their masks and snorkels and investigate the marine world for themselves. Everyone emerged with huge smiles and eagerly trawled through the books to find out more about the fish that they had seen. Check out the [Blog](#) to read more about the Reef Rangers.



A Great Egret spotted on the rocks of Little Bay.

Montserrat: The team on site were pleased to be able to take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count recently. This 4 day event sees bird watchers all over the world come together to collect data. This creates a fantastic snapshot of the distribution and abundance of wild bird populations. The Government of Montserrat's Environment Department were particularly eager for us to survey Piper's Pond, an area of wetland habitat visited by migrating and breeding wetland bird species. It has proved to be a great site with Peregrine Falcons, Yellow Crowned Night Herons and the Belted Kingfisher all spotted! Check out www.ebird.org to keep up to date with the team's surveys!



Toby recording the Khmer narration for the Cambodia video

Cambodia: The staff and volunteers on site have been in the limelight recently due to being joined by Toby Russell, our residential film student. Toby is currently capturing video and sound recordings for CCC, aimed at educating Cambodians about marine conservation and the establishment of Marine Fisheries Management Areas (MFMA). With both Khmer narration and English subtitles this will be a fantastic chance for the people of the Koh Rong Archipelago (many of whom have not had the opportunity to dive or snorkel) to see the beauty of their reefs. Hopefully inspiring them to help preserve them for the future.

Offer of the Month!

An easy one for you guys this month! Anyone who books on to a CCC expedition before the 24th March 2014 (and quotes 'News 10% on the booking form) gets 10% off their expedition cost. Enjoy!
NB. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer