



### Bringing coral back to life in the Philippines!

Those who have been lucky enough to visit our site in the Philippines know how beautiful the reef within the Napantao MPA is. During recent dives our team have noticed a small increase in coral damage, this may be as a result of the storms during 2013 and 2014. Eager to do what they could to help the staff have brought coral restoration to Napantao! The method used involves screwing concrete nails into the underwater substrate and attaching broken off but still living coral. It is hoped that the coral will grow onto the substrate and around the nail thereby gaining the support that it needs to flourish. We will update you soon about our (hopefully growing!) recruits and hope you will be joining us and crossing your fingers for a successful new project!



Practising mask removal during dive training.



A student breathes through a regulator for the first time.



A former scholar signs 'OK' for the camera.

**Philippines:** Our Scuba Instructor, Olly, has been a very busy man recently with a number of staff and volunteers undertaking further dive courses. We train all of our volunteers up to Advanced Open Water but many of our volunteers staying for four weeks or longer take their diving to the next level. This can be either by going through the Rescue Course or by becoming a Dive Master. With only one more course before the students can teach maybe we'll be able to welcome some of our volunteers back to site as staff scuba instructors! For more info on our extra dive courses click [here](#).

**Montserrat:** We are excited to be able to announce that our first Education Officer, Orlane, has now arrived on island! Orlane, with the help of Anna (Science Officer) and Bex (Scuba Instructor), got off to a great start by introducing our work and scuba diving to the Brades Primary School. With the help of Monty, a local dive shop owner, the students were even able to try on the kit and have a few breaths from a regulator. Although a little too young to join us themselves hopefully the word will spread and we will be able to welcome some brothers and sisters to our scholarship program soon.

**Cambodia:** The team have been lucky enough to welcome three scholars on site in the past month. By training up the local people we can ensure that they are equipped with the skills that they need to secure the safety of Cambodia's first large scale marine protected area. Two of the scholars are focusing on dive training and surveying, and one is focusing on the local community. Inviting local scholars to join our team is a fantastic opportunity for volunteers to get to know the locals and for locals to gain first-hand knowledge of the work that we do.

#### Offer of the Month!

With warmer months on the horizon we are sure that some of you will be braving the waters of the UK (or cheating and flying somewhere warmer!). Whether you are an employer with teams working near water, a teacher taking students out for a day at the seaside or just someone who spends time around water, safety is of the utmost importance. So, a shout out for our sister company this month! Adventure Lifesigns will be running the **National Water Safety Management programme** on the 17th and 18th May 2014. Our readers can benefit from the specially reduced cost of £120 for the course (reduced from £180). Just contact [Adventure Lifesigns](#) on 01483 810785 or email [ukoperations@lifesignsgroup.co.uk](mailto:ukoperations@lifesignsgroup.co.uk), and mention 'CCC1' when booking!