



### CCC teams get their hands dirty for World Oceans Day!

Happy (belated) [World Oceans Day](#) everybody! This global event happens every year on the 8th June, and is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our world's oceans, plus a call to action to protect them, something which, not surprisingly, is very close to Coral Cay Conservation's heart! This year's theme was 'Healthy Oceans, Healthy Planet', and was particularly focused on plastic pollution. Plastic litter is something that we see far too much in our oceans, and therefore we always try to educate people on the impacts of such pollution and why it is so important to dispose of rubbish correctly.

Every year events are held around the world to celebrate this occasion, from training programs, to art contests, to sustainable fishing campaigns. We took a more direct approach and used the opportunity to get our hands dirty by organising beach and reef cleans on both sites. Perhaps not the most glamorous way to spend the day but the team can feel proud in the knowledge that they are tackling the issue of ocean pollution from all sides. Check out the [blog](#) to read more about what they achieved.



Jason strikes a pose with co-volunteer, Chris and dive instructor, Jack.



One of our visitors tries out breathing underwater whilst writing on a slate.

## Philippines

We thought we'd shine a spotlight on one of our scholars this month, namely Jason Tuang-tuang. Jason is currently studying a BSc in Marine Biology at Southern Leyte State University (SLSU). CCC Project Scientists regularly give presentations at the biology Dept of SLSU to explain the conservation work we are doing, and Jason heard about the scholarship program through one such presentation.

The best person to explain Jason's CCC scholarship experience is Jason himself: "CCC life is so fantastic – full of joys and fun. Everything that I've learned here is essential to protecting the marine ecosystem. Now that I am a certified Advanced Open Water Diver, I'll be able to realise my dream to become a marine eco-saver and take care of our widely diverse Sogod Bay. Thank you so much CCC for giving me this opportunity and providing everything I need. I'm so happy to finally meet the new version of me – a certified diver!" It's a privilege for us at CCC to get the opportunity to help these scholars with their training goals. Well done Jason!

## Montserrat

It was 'International Children's Day' in Montserrat recently and CCC were very excited to be invited to attend an activity day at Moose's Place in Little Bay. This was a great chance for all of the CCC staff and volunteers to get involved with the community. The event allows the children of Montserrat to try out lots of different activities, such as music, dance and face painting.

The children attending were still a little young but we are always on the lookout for future scholars, so this was a great opportunity for us to give the kids a taster of what it is like to volunteer with CCC and carry out surveys under the sea! This was all achieved on dry land with the aid of a plastic tank, big enough for the kids to dunk their head in. Whilst breathing underwater the children were challenged to write and draw on a slate, just like the staff and volunteers do on the marine surveys when they record the data. There were a number who took to it beautifully, so fingers crossed we'll be able to welcome them on to our site as scholars in the future!

### The Lifesigns Group

Coral Cay Conservation is part of the Lifesigns Group, a group of companies specialising in expeditions, medical training & hostile environment solutions.

It was a weekend of camping, activities and marshmallows on the camp fire for the Lifesigns team last weekend. The team were joined by over 100 girls from a nearby Surrey school and tasked with improving their team, and problem solving skills. After a night spent around the camp fire the girls woke to a field full of obstacle courses, brain teasers and even a climbing wall! It was a great chance for the girls to get out of the classroom and the instructors to get out of the office!

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### Offer of the month!

One for our budding marine biologists this month. Book on for at least 4 weeks and you'll get our new CCC Reef Surveyor PADI Speciality course for free! Just mention 'Speciality-June' in the comments section of the booking form.

Offer applies to both the Montserrat and Philippines site. Offer includes both training and Photo Identification Card (certification). Offer expires 13th July 2015. Cannot be combined with any other offer.