



CCC are World Responsible Tourism Award Finalists!

We are very excited to announce that Coral Cay Conservation has got through to the finals for the [World Responsible Tourism Awards 2015](#)! This annual competition is held by Responsible Travel. It celebrates organisations, campaigns, tour operators and conservation/educational projects that are run in a way that 'preserves, respects and benefits destinations and local people'.

We applied for the 'Best for Wildlife Conservation' category in April of this year, and were very pleased to get long listed as one of 206 nominees, hailing from 69 countries around the world. Following another round of applications, evidentiary support and references the judges have now announced the [short list](#) with only 37 nominees remaining across the 12 categories, including yours truly!

The winner is announced at the World Travel Market at the beginning of November in London. We shall be in attendance, crossing all our fingers and toes! Although we are of course hoping for a win it's a huge honour just to be short listed, and we are looking forward to meeting all of the other responsible tourism finalists. As always, thanks have to go to our wonderful team of staff and volunteers on site, who work so hard to make CCC's mission a reality.



The Barangay Council of Santa Paz Sur poses alongside CCC staff members.



The students looking very smart ready to start their PADI Advanced Open Water training.

Philippines

Living in a relatively remote area we are very lucky to be part of a close-knit community. It's always a treat to be able to invite members of the local Barangay to join us on site, and learn more about what we are doing and how they can get involved in conserving their marine ecosystem.

In addition to the marine training that we offer we also teach all of our staff and volunteers the [Expedition Care Program](#). An intensive first aid course adapted to expedition situations. Many of our local Barangay officials were eager to improve their first aid skills so we were very happy to step in and offer our expertise!

Santa Paz Sur of the municipality San Francisco were the first Barangay to join us for a training session, swiftly followed by our home Barangay, Napantao. Both groups were taught by Field Base Manager (Olly) with the content helpfully translated into Tagalog by our local Education Officer (Maki). The groups learnt how to swiftly react in an emergency situation with skills such as 'first person on scene' assessment and CPR. The events were a great success and I'm sure the citizens of both Barangays will feel safe in the knowledge that so many locals are now first aid certified.

Montserrat

Site has been bustling over the past couple of months with our school season in full swing. The season finished off on a high note with our final group joining us from a UK boy's grammar school. The boys had studied hard before joining us to gain their PADI Open Water, and we were pleased to be able to continue their training up to Advanced Open Water.

The students were introduced to the work that Coral Cay Conservation does on island, and had the opportunity to experience a night survey, during which they spotted tarantulas, the Montserrat Anole and the Southern Leeward Dwarf Gecko! This was followed by a well-deserved night's rest, with the added challenge of setting up and snoozing in hammocks and bashas.

The CCC staff were grateful for the boy's assistance in teaching the local children all about squid during the library session, and they weren't afraid to get stuck in when making their own squid out of the ubiquitous toilet roll tube!

The school season is now complete but if you're a teacher and are interested in joining us with some of your pupils next year don't hesitate to get in touch on info@coralcay.org. Check out our [group bookings](#) page for more information.

Offer of the month!

Our last offer proved so popular that we felt mean taking it away so soon, so this is your last chance to [Book on](#) for at least 4 weeks and get our new CCC Reef Surveyor PADI Speciality course for free! We have designed this course to ensure that our volunteers are able to get credit for the extensive training that they receive in surveying methodology and species identification. Just mention 'Speciality-Aug' in the comments section of the booking form.

Offer applies to both the Montserrat and Philippines site. Offer applies to marine expeditions only. Offer includes both training and Photo Identification Card (certification). Offer expires 7th September 2015. Cannot be combined with any other offer.