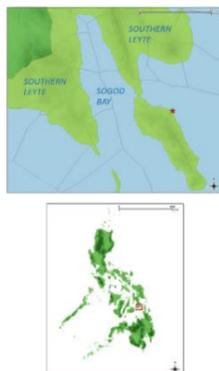




### Training Up a New Batch of Guardians of the Sea!

When requested by local stakeholders the CCC Philippines site is home to a very important educational day, namely the Bantay Dagat Training Programme. Last month saw the most recent trainees join us from Barangay Catig and Napantao. Bantay Dagats, also known as the Sea Patrol, are a dedicated group of local Filipinos who enforce the laws of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). This is achieved by both land and sea patrols, the main aim of which is to prevent both illegal fishing and the use of damaging fishing methods. Bantay Dagats are also responsible for collecting MPA fees from visiting SCUBA divers, which then goes into funding the local economy.

The staff at CCC are responsible for educating the trainees in reef ecology, coral lifeforms, target fish families, invertebrates and dangerous marine creatures. The former subjects were delivered by Project Scientist, Shannon Cameron, with the assistance of our volunteers, and the latter by our local Community Liaison Officer (CLO), and Scuba Instructor, Jesse Tinapay. These subjects were cause for much discussion and interest amongst the group, who were excited to get kitted up for the snorkelling session and see the wonders for themselves. Check out the [blog](#) for the full story and find out which species the trainees were lucky enough to see!



The MPA zones, divided into a Marine Reserve and a Marine Protected Area, presented and accepted by Barangay Catig.

Science Officer, Sean Smith, sets off the volcano 'eruption' for a group of very excited students!

## Philippines

Those of you who read May's newsletter may remember we mentioned the possibility of assisting with the creation of an MPA in Barangay Catig, Liloan Municipality. Well, since then, CCC volunteers and staff have carried out the necessary surveys! On Wednesday, Project Scientist, Shannon Cameron and CLO, Jesse Tinapay, travelled to Catig to meet with Barangay Captain Manulito and members of the local fishing community to present our results, and discuss the future of the Catig MPA!

Shannon and Jesse were warmly welcomed and accommodated in the Official Barangay Hall by members of the Council, and joined by Ma'am Benita Dipay, Fisheries Officer for the Municipal Agricultural Office of Liloan. The results were received with great interest, and those present were particularly fascinated with the photos of life found on the reef. Everyone agreed that an MPA would be a great addition to the Barangay of Catig.

With the final sign off received, CCC can't wait to assist in the installation of marker buoys for the final step in establishing the MPA. CCC are very proud to have been involved in this endeavour!

## Montserrat

With a couple of hurricanes sweeping through the Caribbean recently, it seemed like the perfect opportunity to teach our eager bunch of students all about natural disasters and disaster management. Living on a volcanic island and on the edge of a small tectonic plate, it was no surprise that the kids were full of knowledge on earthquakes, volcanoes and hurricanes and had no trouble answering our warm up questions.

Thanks to childhood memories of Blue Peter and copious amounts of baking soda the group, made up wholly of boys this week, quickly realised they were in for a real treat when the staff brought out a homemade volcano! This was allowed to 'erupt' on multiple occasions throughout the session, which unfailingly resulted in great excitement!

A library session wouldn't be complete without a craft session so the boys were challenged to create their own paper shelters (plus even palm trees, as seen in the photo above) strong enough to stand up to our hurricane, read fan! Great fun was had by all, with a number of important messages to take home scattered throughout the day. Check out the CCC [blog](#) for craftier goings on!

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### Offer of the month!

A shout out to all of you eager divers! Why not take the opportunity to become a Rescue Diver whilst on site? We are pleased to be able to offer **FREE PADI Rescue Diver** training (usually priced at £200 - not including PIC) to anyone who [books on](#) and joins us for at least 8 weeks! Just mention 'RescueOctober' in the message section of the booking form.

Terms & Conditions: Offer applies to Philippines site only. Offer applies to marine expeditions only. Offer is for free training only and does not include PIC and manual. Offer expires 2nd November 2015. Offer only redeemable through use of code on the booking form. Cannot be combined with any other offer. This offer has no monetary value and no cash or product alternative will be offered.