



CCC Volunteers Help to Create the First Large-Scale MPA in Cambodia!

Today's main story is dedicated to all of the staff and volunteers who joined [Coral Cay Conservation](#) (CCC) on our Cambodia Site on Koh Rong. It has been a long journey (as these things always are) but we are very happy to announce that the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) have declared a 405 km² area within the Koh Rong and Koh Rong Sanloem regions in Cambodia, as the country's first large scale Marine Fisheries Management Area (MFMA)!

CCC were based in the Koh Rong archipelago from 2010 - 2014 at the invitation of the Fisheries Administration (FiA), and worked closely with the FiA, MAFF, MCC, the Song Saa Foundation, and last but by no means least our in country partners [Fauna and Flora International](#). The data collected by CCC volunteers was used to make recommendations as to where best to place the MFMA. The successful creation of the MFMA is testament to the culmination of a consultation process between stakeholders, conservation organisations, government agencies and the local community. This process has taken into consideration the importance of protecting the future of the marine life of the Koh Rong Archipelago, whilst balancing this with the needs of the local communities - people who rely on the ocean for food and economic security

We can't wait to see the positive impact that the MFMA will have on Cambodia's waters and feel so proud that we were able to assist in this venture. If you would like to read more about the MFMA check out the full story on our [Blog](#). All of CCC's work is compiled into scientific reports so if you are interested in reading more about the research and analysis that went into making our MFMA recommendations check out the Cambodia section on the [Reports](#) page.



A Barangay police officer protects his MPA egg in a tin © Darienne Lancaster.



An awesome mural by one of Adventure Lifesigns' Nepal teams.

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Whenever CCC completes its MPA assessments in a barangay a community day is held in order to distribute the MPA report, connect with the local community and present the information collected in an accessible format. It's a great opportunity to ensure that everyone from the local fishermen to the village officials understand how an MPA works.

On completion of the recent Napantao Marine Protected Area (MPA) surveys barangay officials and community members joined CCC on the base for a day of games, marine education, and a survey results presentation. After a scavenger hunt and marine themed charades, the group settled in for lectures on coral biology and lifeforms, native fish species, threats to coral reefs, and ways to protect them. Coral Cay volunteers and staff took turns lecturing and sharing their love of the oceans with the local visitors. The day gives all a chance to ask questions, one of which came from the barangay officials who requested CCC to print out and post maps of the MPA boundaries at the Barangay Office and on the beach, so local fishermen know where the MPA starts and ends. CCC were happy to oblige and it is hoped that this will aid enforcement of the rules of the MPA. Check out the CCC [blog](#) to read the full story, and find out what's happening on both sites.

Recent Events

Each year [Adventure Lifesigns](#) takes multiple school groups out on expeditions to locations throughout the world. This year's groups have travelled to countries in Asia, East and South Africa, and South America. The expeditions are designed to push the students to step out of their comfort zone, and increase their independence by experiencing new and exciting challenges. These experiences are based around treks, community projects and cultural visits.

The Warwick School were one of the groups that flew out to Nepal this year for a 3-week action-packed expedition. This year's community projects in Nepal were focused on the Shee Janabhawana Primary School, a small school with 60 students in great need of renovation. The Warwick were the penultimate group of 4 teams that have been sent out to help the school this year. The students did a great job of creating a piped water system leading to the school's shower block. Their visit was celebrated with the creation of a wall mural (as can be seen above) mirroring their school emblem.

After bidding farewell to the school the group moved on to Kathmandu visiting temples and other cultural sights, and embarked on a trek to explore some of the villages of Nepal. If you would like to take part in a similar expedition read more [here](#).

Future Events

We will shortly be saying goodbye to our Accounts Manager, Sherry Stone. Sherry has been with the Lifesigns Group for 12 years and has gone above and beyond during that time to look after the group's interests. Although Sherry will be retiring from her work with Lifesigns she will continue to work as a freelancer from her new home in Wales. As a lover of walking we are sure that Wales will be a perfect fit, but bet that it won't be too long before she gets the travelling bug and sets out to visit new and distant places! Sherry, staff parties will not be the same without you being first out on the dance floor! We wish you all the best and will miss you!

Flash Sale!!!

If anyone was thinking of visiting the CCC Montserrat site, now is your chance! We are giving away a massive discount of 25% to anyone who wants to join us on an expedition to Montserrat before the end of 2016. Just make sure to book on within the next two weeks! To take advantage of this offer make sure to mention 'NewsletterAug16' in the message section of the [booking form](#).

Terms & Conditions: Offer applies to Coral Cay Conservation Montserrat expeditions only. The discount of 25% applies to the expedition fee only. Expedition must take place within 2016. Offer can only be redeemed until the 22nd August 2016. Offer is only redeemable through the mention of 'NewsletterAug16' on the booking form. Offer cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer subject to availability. This offer has no monetary value and no cash or product alternative will be offered. Usual CCC expedition [Terms and Conditions](#) apply.