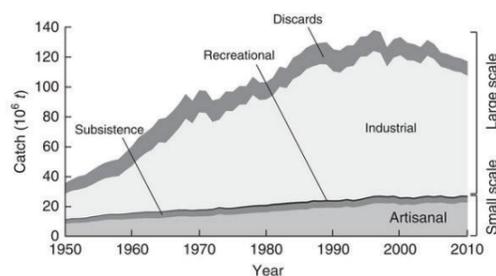


Coral Cay Spring Clean for Napantao!

OK, so the [Philippines](#) may not have seasons like we do in the UK but sometimes the urge for a spring clean takes over, regardless of the time of year! With the monsoon system (Habagat) drawing to a close, site has been subject to a few storms whilst the trade winds switch over from Habagat to Amihan. Amihan is characterised by much calmer weather so we are looking forward to its arrival! It just happens that Amihan closely mirrors whale shark season in Napantao, with whale sharks already spotted in December we have great hopes for this year!

With storms comes waves, and Napantao's long beach was looking rather sad with a fair amount of rubbish not only washed up from the sea, but also having been brought down onto the beach in run off from the heavy rain. Luckily, [CoralCay's](#) staff and volunteers aren't afraid of a challenge and they eagerly donned their rubber gloves and set off on a rubbish hunt. Six rice bags full later and the beach was looking very smart! It may not be the most glamorous of tasks but it's hugely important both to show respect to our local village and reduce the amount of rubbish in our oceans. Thumbs up to the whole team for a job well done!



A graph from the talk, showing global catches from the various sectors of fisheries.



The Medical branch of the Lifesigns Group offer a wide range of medical courses.

Coral Cay Conservation

CCC's Conservation Assistant, Tom Dallison, headed off to the big smoke on the evening of the 12th January to attend a lecture given by Professor Pauly and Dr Zeller, two renowned scientists responsible for pioneering the way we work with, and think about, fisheries from local to global levels.

The event was held at Zoological Society of

Recent Events

Our UK Manager, Ian Forbes, has been out of the office for most of this week teaching an [Emergency First Aid](#) course to the nurses at a local Surrey High School. This particular course teaches the basics but also how to respond in an emergency, and the steps to take to stabilise a casualty. The course also allows time to cover personalised subjects raised by the group, which they have

London, London Zoo, and titled: 'What is the real catch of the world? - And what is preventing us from seeing it?'. The presentation focused on misconceptions surrounding the level of global marine fisheries catches, due to under-reporting, and how we can gain a more realistic view of the current state of marine fish stocks. It's a fascinating read, particularly as it highlights how our understanding of a topic, and conclusions drawn from this, can be turned on its head simply by collecting data in a more holistic manner - in this situation by using a novel approach to collecting data.

Do head on over to the [CCC Blog](#) for a full report on the evening's discussions, and for regular updates on all of the community and survey work taking place on our sites.

identified as being potential risks for their specific situation. This group, unsurprisingly, were particularly focused on child care therefore subjects such as anaphylaxis (due to the rising cases of allergies) and choking were of particular concern.

The importance of these courses was highlighted to us last month when we received a letter of thanks from a college, whose students had undertaken the course previously and were forced to put their training into practise when a fellow student started to choke in the dining hall. Remarkably, one of Ian's students stayed calm under pressure and performed the recommended back blows allowing the student to cough up the item. If you want to improve your first aid skills check out the list of courses provided [here](#).

Future Events

The countdown has begun to the [Adventure Lifesigns](#) expeditions Staff Preparation Conference weekend, which will be held in March, for approximately 40 attendees. This training session is held for Adventure's Expedition Leaders and the school staff who will be looking after the 15-17 year olds heading out on expedition this year. The weekend is a chance for all of the leaders to fully familiarise themselves with our company policies, communications equipment, health and safety rules and reporting, and also advises on travel safety and cultural awareness. During the expedition each group of students is led by one Adventure leader plus school staff, so the weekend is a great opportunity for the leaders to meet and bond with their fellow staff members: a really important aspect when one will be managing a group of students together! This event is always rather a mammoth task to organise, but it's also a really enjoyable way to kick off the expedition season. We'll be sure to tell you how it goes.

Our Expedition Leaders have a huge amount of experience that allows them to lead young explorers to fascinating locations. If you are interested in embarking on this exciting career a great jumping off point is undertaking your mountain leader training. We are always happy to offer advice on how to get into the industry, just [send us an email](#) and ask how!

Offer of the Month!

If anyone wants to visit Coral Cay's [Montserrat](#) Caribbean site, now is the time to sign up! We are pleased to be able to offer a 20% discount to anyone who [books on](#) before the 20th February 2017. Montserrat's marine and terrestrial projects will be reopening in March and it's going to be hot hot hot so if you are suffering from the winter blues this is the destination for you!

Terms & Conditions: Offer applies to Coral Cay Conservation Montserrat expeditions only. The discount of 20% applies to the expedition fee only. Expedition must take place within 2017. Offer can only be redeemed until the 20th February 2017. Offer is only redeemable through the mention of 'NewsletterJan17' 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.