

14.5.4. Batangas State University – The National Engineering collaborates with the local community, e.g. through partnerships, in efforts to maintain shared aquatic ecosystems.



In the Service of the Filipino

October 20, 2022

DR. TIRSO A. RONQUILLO

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Attention: Dr. Miguel Enrique Ma. M. Azcuna
Center Head, Verde Island Passage Center for Oceanographic Research and Aquatic Life Sciences (VIP CORALS) - Nasugbu

Dear Dr. Ronquillo,

Greetings!

This is to inform you that ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. through its Bantay Kalikasan and SEA Institute Programs will be conducting the second round of **Alwan Reef Monitoring Workshop and Surveys in Lobo, Batangas from October 24-27, 2022.**

In this regard, we are formally inviting the following scientists of the Batangas State University VIP Center for Oceanographic Research and Aquatic Life Sciences (BatStateU VIP Corals) to join the survey as trainers and team scientists.

1. Dr. Miguel Azcuna
2. Dr. Jonel Corral
3. Mr. Enrique Velasquez

The workshop will be conducted in Barangay Biga and the surveys in the reef and sanctuary areas of Barangays Soloc and Malabrigo. There will be a maximum of five (5) participants from Barangay Biga for the training workshop and there will be a maximum of fifteen (15) from the Bantay Dagat and the member organizations of the Lobo Marine Environment Conservation Foundation (LMECF) participating in the coral reef monitoring activities.

This project is funded by Sagip Kapamilya and First Gen Corporation as a component of the Lopez Group of Companies' Ridge to Reef Regeneration Project. The reef monitoring survey enables the Bantay Dagat and LMECF volunteers to detect early signs of problems to the health of coral reefs in the target areas.

This is a continuation of the collaboration among BatStateU, DLSU, the Lobo LGU, Lobo communities, and the Lopez Group of Companies to establish a network of Citizen Scientists in Batangas and a key step to preserve the marine biodiversity of the Verde Island Passage.

Thank you very much and we look forward to your positive reply.

Sincerely yours,

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December 15, 2022

TO: DR. MIGUEL AZCUNA
Verde Island Passage Center for Oceanographic Research and Aquatic Life Sciences
Batangas State University

Dear Sir,

Greetings from the ABS-CBN Foundation!

The ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc. (AFI) would like to invite you to an in-person visioning session for the ongoing **“Community Resilience through Citizen Science - Coral Reef Scorecards and Reporting”** project under the Gerry Roxas Foundation – INSPIRE. The focus of this visioning session is to delineate the roles and responsibilities of the GRF-INSPIRE partners and staff. The attendees of this session will be the major academic partners of the Foundation for this project.

This visioning session will take place in the EJM Building, Mother Ignacia Ave., Quezon City on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022**, from 9am-12pm. Snacks and lunch will be served for all attendees.

We look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Ascalon', written over a horizontal line.

JOSEPH ALFONSO T. ASCALON

Program Head, Bantay Kalikasan
ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc.