

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.

Our University through our marine research center - the Verde Island Passage Center for Oceanographic Research and Aquatic Life Sciences (VIP CORALS) collaborates with the local community, e.g. through partnerships, in efforts to maintain shared aquatic ecosystems. VIP CORALS hosted different trainings on marine ecosystem assessments for seaweed/seagrass, mangrove, and coral in the Province of Occidental Mindoro and partners from the research project on “Understanding Physiological Vulnerability of *Ulva* spp.: Implication to Green Tide Blooms.” This training equips different stakeholders on the proper way of doing marine ecosystem assessment that can be used as baseline information for further protection and conservation of these marine resources.