

14.2.3. Batangas State University – The National Engineering University offers educational outreach activities for local or national communities to raise awareness about overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices.

The University through our marine research center - Verde Island Passage Center for Oceanographic Research and Aquatic Life Sciences (VIP CORALS) produced Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials from the eleven (11) completed research projects to raise awareness about sustainable utilization and conservation of different marine resources.

VIP CORALS is also in collaborative research with the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute on coral restoration through coral larvae “reseeding” among damaged coral communities which will imply increased fish catch. In addition, a citizen science project with ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc. that equips coastal communities to do reef monitoring including assessments of macroinvertebrates that are illegally collected, such as giant clams, are conducted.