

14.3.1. Batangas State University – The National Engineering University supports and/or organises events aimed to promote conservation and sustainable utilisation of the oceans, seas, lakes, rivers and marine resources.

The University through our marine research center - Verde Island Passage Center for Oceanographic Research and Aquatic Life Sciences (VIP CORALS) has different programs that organize events to promote the conservation and sustainable utilization of the oceans, seas, lakes, rivers, and marine resources.

During the innovation month (September 2022) of the University, the VIP CORALS opened its door to the public by organizing and hosting an open house event. During the event, VIP CORALS showcased the output of the different research projects including different culture strains of seaweeds, herbarium materials, preserved fish and invertebrates, and different field and laboratory equipment including SCUBA gears, multiparameter probes, water samplers, and other.

The center also initiated various trainings and webinars. Trainings were targeted to teach specific stakeholders on proper methods of assessment for seaweed, seagrass, and coral reef ecosystems. In August 2022, VIP CORALS trained LGU representatives from several municipalities of Occidental Mindoro on ecosystem assessment methods. Webinars were targeted to inform students, professionals, and the general public about developments in marine science and biotechnology.