



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA Region  
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office



June 27, 2022

## MEMORANDUM

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
MIMAROPA Region

**THRU :** The ARD for Technical Services

**FROM :** The In-Charge PENRO  
Oriental Mindoro

**SUBJECT :** **SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON THE CONDUCT CROWN-OF-THORNS COLLECTION AND SCUBASURA IN SABANG, PUERTO GALERA ON JUNE 23, 2022, IN CELEBRATION OF 2022 CORAL TRIANGLE DAY**

Submitted is the report of this Office on the conduct of activities, in celebration of the 2022 Coral Triangle Day. A crown-of-thorns (COTs) collection and SCUBAsura was conducted on June 23, 2022 in Barangays Sabang and Minolo, Puerto Galera Oriental Mindoro.

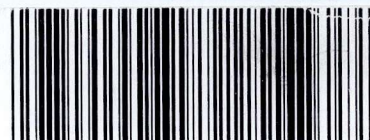
Hailed as one of the country's top diving spots, Puerto Galera is regarded by conservationists as the "center of the center of marine biodiversity" with its remarkable aquatic life in the heart of the world's "Coral Triangle" in Southeast Asia. This makes the celebration even more significant for the divers.

Kindly be informed that a total of 547 individuals of COTs were collected in areas of Batangas Channel, Barangay Sabang and Minolo MPA in Barangay Minolo. This was conducted thru 3 dives with 17 participants composed of the 11 DENR licensed divers, representatives from the partner dive shop – Dive You Go and Municipal LGU of Puerto Galera thru the MENRO (6 females and 10 males).

The SCUBAsura activity, however, was also an initiative activity of the team. The activity was conducted in two (2) dives sites in Barangay Sabang, namely Ernest's Point and Sabang. However, several pieces of plastics were only collected in both sites which means that both areas are effectively managed and conserved by both local and municipal LGU.

Attached is the report/consolidation, for information, reference and record.

  
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**THRU** : The Chief, Technical Services Division

**FROM** : The CDS Personnel

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In celebration of the 2022 Coral Triangle Day, this Office have organized and conducted a Crown-of-Thorns (COTs) collection and Scubasura in Barangays Sabang and Minolo, Puerto Galera on June 23, 2022. This was a ride-on activity to the Greenfins Assessors Training on the same dates. Participants of the event were DENR Oriental Mindoro licensed divers and representatives from the partner dive shop – Dive You Go and the Municipal LGU of Puerto Galera thru the MENRO (6 females and 10 males).

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A total of 147 individuals was collected in Batangas Channel site located in Sabang, Puerto Galera. The dive has lasted for 45mins. The count has declined from the last cleanup conducted in May in the same site. This means that the continuous conduct of COTs collection and injection, which are an initiative of the LGU of Puerto Galera and partner organizations have been effective to the inevitable outbreak in the site. Meanwhile, two (2) dives was done in Minolo MPA – a newly declared MPA site of the LGU, with 400 individuals of COTs collected.

The SCUBAsura activity, however, was also an initiative activity of the team. The activity was conducted in two (2) dives sites in Barangay Sabang, namely Ernest's Point and Sabang Wreck. Both dives lasted in approximately one (1) hour. However, several pieces of plastics were only collected in both sites. This means that both areas are effectively managed and conserved by both local and municipal LGU.

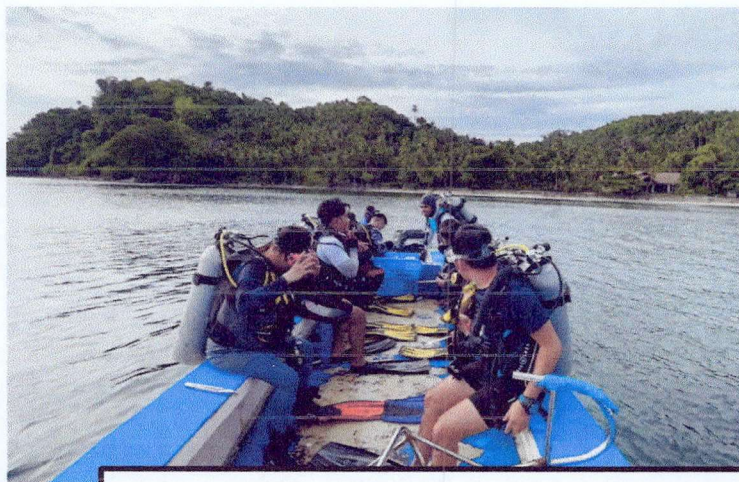
The team also conducted a fun dives in appreciation to the beauty of the marine resources of Puerto Galera.

  
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**PHOTO-DOCUMENTATION ON THE CONDUCT OF COTS COLLECTION AND  
SCUBASURA IN SABANG, PUERTO GALERA, ORIENTAL MINDORO ON JUNE  
23, 2022**



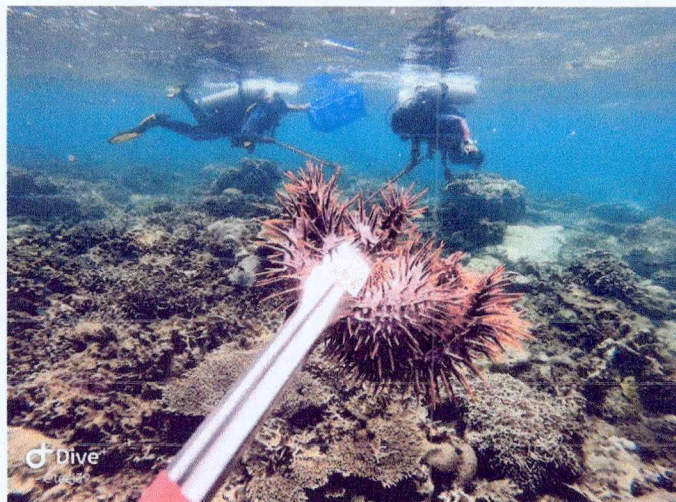
Photos in left and right are divers preparing for their first dive/COTs collection.







**Photos during the OTs collection in Minolo MPA and SCUBAsura in Sabang Wreck**







**Photos of the COTs collected in Minolo MPA.**

