

Fortunately, the New Zealand Agency for International Development (NZAID) had chosen the province of Camiguin as pilot area on coastal resources management in the Philippines under the funding assistance of the said agency. The Camiguin Coastal Resource Management Project (CCRMP) started on the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of CY 2006 until CY 2010.

This project has been designed by the Philippine Government to address the complex issue of sustainable management of coastal resources and provision of sustainable economic activities in Camiguin Province. The project covers the entire province of Camiguin to include all the five municipalities thereof: Mambajao, Sagay, Guinsiliban, Mahinog and Catarman. It envisions to have an increased natural productivity and enhanced integrity of coastal and marine resources while providing sustainable economic activities towards an improved quality of life among the Camiguinons.

For five years, the project will facilitate CRM implementation at the provincial scale but it will focus specific interventions on communities with lesser risks and relatively fair and good coastal resource condition.

### Project Components:

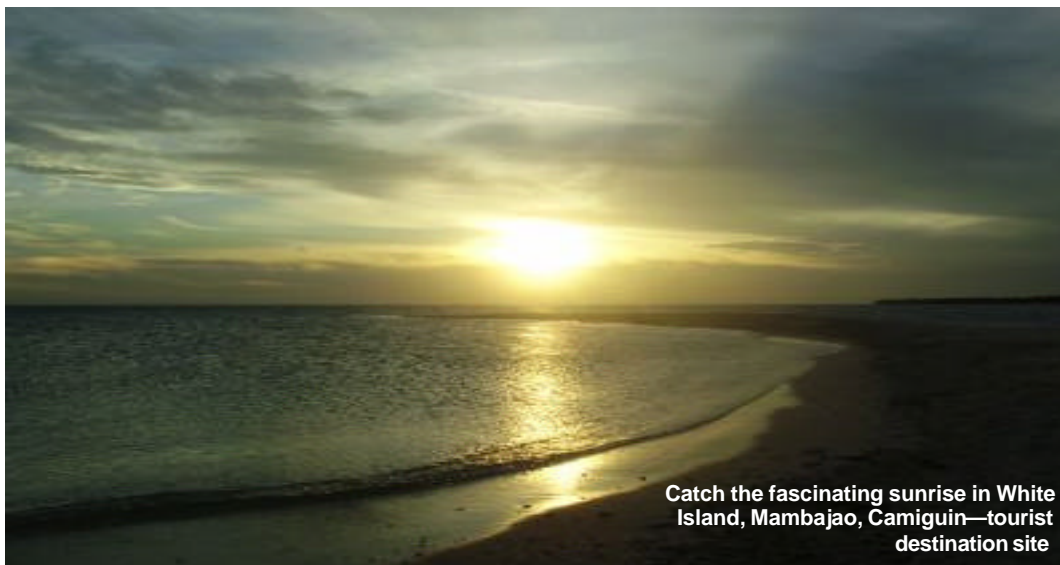
1. Institutionalization  
Establishment of Enabling mechanism, Participatory Data Generations/Surveys, Preparation/Adoption of Barangay/Municipal CRM Plans and Integration to Provincial Development Plans.
2. Pilot Area Development  
New Marine Protected Area Establishment, Mangrove Rehabilitation, Management of Critical Fishing Grounds, PA Conservation and Eco-tourism and Resettlements of Residents (Mahinog).
3. Community Based Projects  
Alternative Livelihood Activities/Enterprise Development, Development of Cantaan Nature Interpretative Center Linking Watershed Areas of N. Poblacion and Cabuan, Community Training on Livelihood and Enterprise Development and Technical Support.
4. Resource Mobilization  
Conduct and prepared CCRMP detailed Investment Program, Trainings, Forum/ Workshops/Pledging Sessions. Accessing of funds for completion of Clam Reproduction Laboratory and Development of Source for Seed Clam for Ranching in other Municipalities.



5. Learning and Communication

Conduct Fisherfolk Congress or Summit, Eco-tour, Beach/Coastal Clean-up Day, Trekking and Tree Planting, Cross Visits, CRM Database, Training Workshops, IEC on CRM and Ecological Solid Waste Management, Awareness Seminars on Landscape Approach to LGUs.

**Mt. Timpoong and Mt. Hibok Hibok, the active vulcans in Camiguin Province, view taken in White Island, Mambajao, Camiguin**



**Catch the fascinating sunrise in White Island, Mambajao, Camiguin—tourist destination site**



## CCRMP Accomplishments:

DENR 10 accomplishments for CY 2007 focused on the institutionalization of an integrated coastal resource management system among local communities in the province of Camiguin. The DENR role is to provide technical assistance to the 5 MLGUs and PLGU in Camiguin who are the main implementers of the CCRMP project.

Institutionalization activities implemented by the DENR 10 focused on Establishment of Enabling mechanism, Participatory Data Generations/Surveys, Preparation/Adoption of Barangay/Municipal CRM Plans and Integration to Provincial Development Plans.

### Activities:

#### 1. CCRMP Launching

The Camiguin CRM Project was launched on August 16, 2007 at the Camiguin Convention Center at Mambajao, Camiguin. It was attended by DENR Secretary Jose "Lito" Atienza, New Zealand Ambassador to the Philippines Hon. David Pine. The said launching was highlighted by the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between participating LGUs, Academe and other Government Agencies.



Project Partners of the Camiguin Coastal Resources Management Project (CCRMP) headed by the Secretary of DENR Jose "Lito" O. Atienza (Hawaiian polo shirt) sign the Memorandum of Agreement for the project implementation and the New Zealand Ambassador His Excellency David Pine (light green polo) and Governor Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo.



## 2. Develop Capability of CRM Staff

CRM Orientation and PCRA Workshop were conducted on November 5-8, 2007 at Villa Paraiso, Mambajao, Camiguin. It was participated by PENRO Camiguin personnel, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators, Provincial Planning and Development Officer, SB Chairmen on Environment and Municipal Mayors.



*MPDC Alex Dagaraga of MAhinog, Camiguin presents the socio-economic data during the workshop output presentation.*



*The PCRA Map of Brgy. Bononi prepared by Group I headed by the MPDC Leonides Oclarit of Mambajao, Camiguin.*



The Coastal and Marine Management Division hosted a Workshop on Carrying Capacity and Vulnerability Assessment last November 26, 2007 at the Regional Conference Room to enhance the knowledge of its CRM staff and the PENRO/CENRO CRM personnel on the carrying capacity and vulnerability assessment, geo-hazard assessment, and water quality monitoring which are important component in planning eco-tourism development projects/program.



RTD for ERDS, Danilo C. Cacanindin welcomes the CRM personnel to the Orientation on Carrying Capacity and Vulnerability Assessment for Protected Areas and Coastal Zone.



Geo-hazard presentation by MGB representative

### 3. Organizational Strengthening of Regional and Provincial CRM Certification Committee

DENR 10 already organized the Regional CRM Certification Committee and its Provincial CRMC-Technical Working Group in the province of Camiguin. However, the concept of CRM Certification system must be adopted by the LGU level. Meetings serve as a venue to forge LGUs commitment to adopt the CRM Certification system as a tool to improve their performance in CRM.



P E N R O Gaudioso Malaton of Camiguin reporting the status of CRM Certification in Camiguin during the meeting.





#### 4. Creation of Mapping Task Force

Conducted meeting with the Municipal Local Government Units and Provincial Local Government Unit in Camiguin to develop an action plan for the delineation of Municipal Waters and creation of the Mapping Task Force in the Five (5) municipalities of the Province of Camiguin.

During the meeting the Mapping Task Force by municipality was created and officially organized through the issuance of Executive Order issued by the respective Provincial Governor of the Province with the following functions, to wit:

- 1.Consolidation/compilation of municipal maps;
- 2.Updating of maps to be utilized for the CRM project;
- 3.Preparation of surveys and field maps of municipal waters;
- 4.Recommend approval of the technical description by the Municipal Mayor;
- 5.To act on other related concerns during project implementation.



RTD Belen O. Daba (center) presides the Meeting on the Creation of Mapping Task Force last December 3, 2007.



The Municipal Planning Development Coordinators of the respective municipalities in Camiguin attending the Mapping Task Force Meeting.



**5. Orientation Workshop on the Rapid Resource Assessment and Socio-Economic Survey, CRM Database and CRM Planning for all coastal Barangay Leaders**

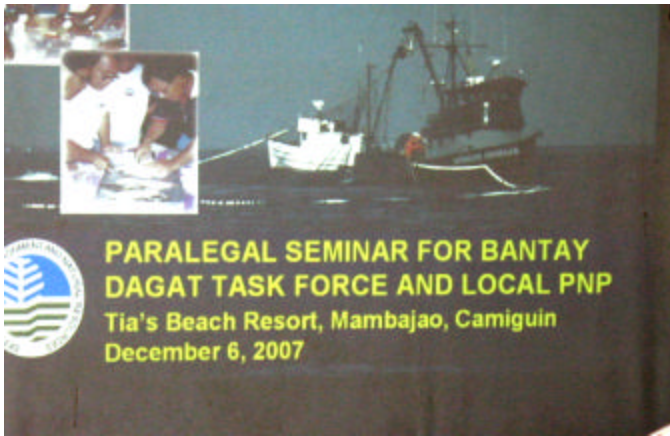
This activity aimed at assisting the Barangay Leaders to capacitate themselves to develop a Coastal Resource Management Plan of their respective barangays which is a basic inputs to the Municipal CRM Plan preparation. Employing the participatory approach in CRM planning concept, this workshop provided them the necessary knowledge and skills in identifying current/prevaling and emerging issues in their respective coastal barangays and its existing coastal resources to be managed effectively under CRM approach as to arrive at a solution that will promote environmental protection and socio-economic upliftment. This activity was attended by Brgy. Chairmen, SB Chairmen on Environment, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators of the five municipalities, Municipal Mayors, Municipal Agriculture Officers and the Provincial Planning Development. The participants reached to eighty-seven (87) participants.



CMMD Chief, Teddy Manit presents the Rationale of the workshop.



6. One (1) day Paralegal Training for Bantay Dagat Task Force and Local PNPs



This is to provide policy updates on coastal resources management and orient the PNP and Bantay Dagat Task Force participants on the related roles and functions of the DENR and other line government agencies such as BFAR, Phil. Coast Guard and PNP Maritime Office as to strengthen the Coastal Law Enforcement in the province.



CMMD Chief gives an overview of the coastal law enforcement in the context of CRM.



Mr. Franklin Abundiente of BFAR 10 discusses



RTD Belen O. Daba awards the Certificate of Participation to the PNP participants.





**7. Orientation on the process of Integrating Municipal plans to Provincial Plan, Ecotourism/Community-Based Ecotourism, Carrying Capacity and Vulnerability Assessment and Water Quality Monitoring**

This activity aimed at enabling the Provincial and Municipal Planning staff on the process of integrating Municipal Plans to Provincial Plans, Ecotourism Plans and Carrying Capacity of specific sites and setting standards. Highlights of the activity were the presentation and review of Municipal Plans and Programs by each Municipal Planning Development Coordinator and Provincial Planning Development Officer; presentation of the Eco-Tourism concept, Carrying Capacity, Vulnerability Assessment and Water Quality Monitoring.



*Municipal Planning Development Coordinators (MPDCs) reporting their respective CRM priorities for CY 2008 for integration to the Provincial Development Plan*



## 8. Project Monitoring and Supervision

- Regular coordination with the respective MPDCs and PPDO in the province to assess the status of CRM activities of LGUs.
- Conducted action planning with MPDO, PPDO, and Chair on Environment in the province to assist them in the identification of points of entry for poachers and illegal fishers in the municipal waters
- Monitored existing LGUs legislations or ordinances promoting coastal zone development as basis for identifying area of cooperation in coastal law enforcement and improve project collaboration.

