



**Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of  
Fisheries *Refugia* in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand**

**REPORT**

**FISHERIES REFUGIA STAKEHOLDERS  
CONSULTATION WORKSHOP AT CORON SITE**

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### HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES

- 1) On the First day, the workshop started around 1:30 in the afternoon and participated in by the representatives from LGU, BFAR PFO-Northern Palawan, Barangay Captain of coastal Barangays of Coron, CENRO, PCSDS, NCIP, BFARMC, PCG, Academe and MPA Networks in Coron. An opening program was conducted with a prayer followed by the singing of National Anthem. The opening & welcome message was delivered by the representative from the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist. After the opening message, participants were requested to introduced themselves and followed by a Group Photo opportunity of participants attended the workshop.
- 2) Mr. Joeren Yleaña, the National Focal Point for the Fisheries Refugia in the Philippines, discussed the Rationale and Mechanics of the Workshop. He emphasized that questions, reactions, and even recommendations are welcomed after every presentation and even in the course of the presentations.
- 3) After the rationale, the Mr. Barut discussed and present the Phase 1 of the project, the “Reversing the Environmental Degredation in the Soith China Sea and Gulf of Thailand” Project and how fisheries refugia concept developed. He presented the importance of establishing a fisheries refugia in the area, the management of the refugia in a regional basis, and its benefits to the community.
- 4) Project goals and objectives on the Establishment and operation of a regional System of Fischeires Refugia in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand was also presented during the workshop. An audio video presentation of the Fischeires Refugia project was also introduce to the participants.
- 5) On the second day a Mr. Desiderio Ayanan Jr, Science Research Specialist of the Fischeires Refugia porject presented the highlights of the activities conducted in Coron, Palawan for year 2017 and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018, he also presented the initial results of Fisheries Data Collection in Coron Site and some baseline data collected in the area.
- 6) He also also presented the Ichthyoplanton Survey conducted in Coron, Palawan and he mentioned the importance of conducted such activity to be used as one of the basis in establishing a Fisheries Refugia.
- 7) A workshop on identification of target species and threats for the establishments of fischeires refugia was also conducted in the afternoon session, Participants were group into three. After the workshop, participants presented their outputs.
- 8) On the last day of the workshop, Mr. Ayanan presented the summary of the workshop outputsof 3 groups. The fisheries regugia team also presented the initial list of members for the establishment of Coron Fischeires Refugia Management Committee, the terms of reference for the said committee was also presented and reviewed.

