

## Project Update: May 2015

The dive centres in Puerto Galera have undergone a fifth consecutive year of Green Fins assessments (54% membership) over the past months. Other activities included representatives of Green Fins, assisted by municipal government and the Auxiliary Coastguard, leading an environmental education event which was attended by 44 local boatmen. Compliance assessment surveys were also developed to quantitatively monitor the success of a Municipal Ordinance banning single use plastic bags, and sea grass habitats were mapped in conjunction with a Sea Grass Watch survey to build government capacity to inventory the biodiversity of Puerto Galera's Biosphere Reserve.

The Green Fins Philippines National Team have also taken steps to formally mainstream Green Fins within national coral reef conservation initiatives to provide sustainable resource supply for future Green Fins implementation. To support these developments, Reef-World are working alongside the National Team to encourage smooth communications to local Green Fins teams in diving hotspots.



Carrying out a Sea Grass Watch Survey with the Municipal Fisheries Coordinator to inventory the biodiversity of Puerto Galera's Biosphere Reserve.

Reef-World Coordinators together with the Green Fins Philippines National Team.



The Municipal Fisheries Coordinator delivers a Green Fins Environmental Education event in the native language, assisted by representatives of the Auxiliary Coastguard.