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Since the beginning of this year, the Reef-World Foundation has implemented a number of different activities in the Philippines alongside the public and private sectors. Major successes include helping to further establish the Green Fins Philippines national team comprising of government departments, NGOs and regional departments. A national workshop with representatives from all major regions of the Philippines took place in Manila on the $10^{th} - 11$ th May 2012. This has helped establish a new management team for the Philippines whilst paving the way for rolling out the project region wide.

Puerto Galera in the Philippines is considered a diving hub and one of the closest dive locations to the capital, Manila with many precious and fragile species. During the first phase of this project with support from the RSGF, anchoring on corals and seagrass beds was identified as a major threat to the marine ecosystem. This project has recently installed a new public mooring buoy for passenger boats to use supported by an education and awareness campaign with the local stakeholders.

