

## Project Update: June 2017

The Reef-World Foundation (RWF) continues to work closely with Philippine Government partners, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to mainstream Green Fins (GF) activities with great success. RWF met key project partners on March 3rd 2017 to plan their awareness raising and environmental consultation activities. 1.4 million pesos has been allocated for GF activities from DENR's central budget, further to the inclusion of GF in DENR's new Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Management Plan (CMEMP) which will ensure funding for GF until 2028.

In addition, a Technical Bulletin; a blue print for GF expansion nationwide, is currently under review before issuance to regional government offices. This allows further expansion of the GF approach beyond the active sites set up under RF previous grants. These outcomes are timely as tourism continues to boom, posing intensive, local threats to Philippine reef systems.



Left: Active Green Fins Site - Puerto Galera, Philippines. Right: RWF & DENR-BMB Meeting to Plan GF Activities, March 2017.