

Project Update: December 2014

BALYENA.ORG organised two back-to-back training-workshops on Camiguin Island in May 2014. Participants of both activities included people currently involved or interested in marine protected area patrolling, or in engaging in dolphin and whale watching tourism enterprise, *barangay* (village) officials, the members of the Balatubat Fisherkfolk Association and representatives of local law enforcement groups, the Philippine Coast Guard and *Bantay Dagat* (sea patrol).

The Responsible Marine Life Tourism Practices training workshop had 20 participants. Participants shared their knowledge and ideas on potential tourism sites in Camiguin. They were also very open in raising current issues and potential threats to their natural environment that could influence the success of establishing nature-based tourism activities.

The Marine Mammal Stranding Response Training had 19 participants. It was organised to increase the knowledge and to develop skills of potential coastal managers in responding to marine mammal strandings, and to initiate establishment of a Camiguin Island stranding network.



Some of the participants of the Marine Mammal Stranding Response Training during the mock rescue



Training-workshop on Responsible Marine Life Tourism Practices