

Project Update: May 2016

At the end of 2015, ORC had finished two data-gathering activities, focus group discussion and site verification, of the Participatory Coastal Resource Assessment (PCRA) of the selected five coastal barangays (villages) in the municipality of Silago. To complete the PCRA, we conducted household interviews in all five coastal barangays in January 2016. Around the same time, ORC was able to tap into Silago's local ecotourism project to expand the participatory resource and community mapping activities to six upland barangays of Silago. Thus the map now covers a total of 11 barangays (five coastal and six upland barangays), making it more comprehensive and useful, and not just too local marine conservation managers but to direct resource users and other community stakeholders in both coastal and upland areas. The map, along with the results of the PCRA, has already been presented the officials of the municipal government of Silago, the local leaders of barangays and the municipal tourism council on February 23rd 2016 and March 29th-30th 2016. So far, the map and assessment results have been used by local barangay leaders to decide which particular resources in their barangays need protection and to identify the needs for legislation to support. Consequently, ORC, along with the barangay leaders, will be presenting the assessment results, the map and the recommendations for resource protection legislation to the Silago Municipal Legislative Council on April 11th 2016.



Figure 1. Presentation of Silago Map and PCRA results to Silago government officials



Figure 2. Site verification and household interviews in upland villages in Silago



Figure 3. Presentation of research results to local barangay leaders and Municipal Tourism Council of Silago