



# Coastal Ecosystems Conservation and Adaptive Management

1<sup>ST</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP

Marine Science Institute CS, University of the Philippines, Diliman, QC

20-21 June 2011

*“science.....policy.....capacity.....sustainability”*

## Background

This **1st National Conference/Workshop on Coastal Ecosystem Conservation and Adaptive Management** is a major activity of the 5-year Philippines-Japan Project, entitled, *“Integrated Coastal Ecosystems Conservation and Adaptive Management Under Local and Global Environmental Impacts in the Philippines” (CECAM)*. The project aims at developing a science-based decision support system to manage coastal resources and biodiversity in the face of local and global environmental uncertainties. It is under a new scheme jointly established in 2008 by the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Japanese Science and Technology Agency (JST), entitled *“Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS)”*. This scheme aims at advancing Japanese science and technology and enhancing research capacity of recipient countries by developing new techniques and acquiring new insights through joint activities between Japan and recipient countries.

## Goals:

1. Promotion of CECAM vis-à-vis other related local and national programs and projects;
2. Solicitation of mutual understanding and support through networking

## Objectives:

1. To assess, in terms of gaps, progress, and directions identified in the oral and poster presentations, the status of CECAM and other related programs and projects in the Philippines;
2. To inform the LGUs, concerned government agencies, national leadership, and other stakeholders of the products of the assessment;
3. To discuss how the products could be packaged and utilized in order to address local and global environmental issues; and
4. To share experiences in order to generate a general appreciation and learning in order to improve the implementation of local coastal environmental programs

## Format:

Guided by pre-arranged protocols, the first day (20 June) will comprise selected 15-minute oral presentations and posters and their synthesis, which is to be given in plenary. The second or last day (21 June) will be a workshop, with challenge and integrative sessions among members of 'expert' groups, under which the technical or non-technical contributions will be selected. The selection will be based primarily on the quality and relevance of work and expertise, hence, initially, the conference/workshop will be structured to reflect contributions in the following 4 Thematic Sessions:

1. Geochemistry, Materials Cycles and Carbon Source/sink
2. Biodiversity, Ecosystem Dynamics and Goods and Services
3. Coupling, Monitoring, and Modeling
4. MPAs, Socioeconomics and Decision Support System

An integrated framework and approach was thus adopted to guide the activity. This has some major features that included:

1. It is intersectoral and transdisciplinary
2. It addresses well-defined issues
3. It creates opportunities to link planning to implementation
4. It directs research at questions of direct relevance to resources management
5. It involves those affected by management schemes
6. It promotes sharing of experience among technical and non-technical stakeholders

The above features ensure that the product has continuity, identity, and defined boundaries. They integrate all aspects of the environment, including actual and potential uses.

Presenters of oral and poster presentations will be encouraged to use a language that is more friendly, understandable and acceptable to all participants. See *“Instructions for Abstracts and Posters”* below. All sessions will be in plenary.

### **Expected Outputs:**

From the information and skills learned, the participants are expected to acquire practical knowledge and analytical skills to gather and monitor parameters, and systematize and interpret data that are useful in coastal resources management in relation to environmental changes. In addition, they will have the tools to link and use the products in conceptualizing strategies in mitigating and adapting to environmental impacts. From the sharing of experiences, mutual appreciation and learning on the part of the participants will be generated to help improve the implementation of their research and coastal management programs.

### **Participants and Audience:**

The ca. 70 participants compose (but not limited to) the following: Japanese and Philippine CECAM researchers and their staff; selected Program and Project Leaders of other related projects; representatives from LGUs, concerned government agencies, academic institutions and communities at the study sites, funding institutions, the media, and special guests. PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU GOING TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE ONLY (20 JUNE), THE WORKSHOP ONLY (21 JUNE) OR BOTH.

## Instructions for Abstracts and Posters

**Note:** Oral presentations and posters in this conference/workshop will be allocated only to the solicited and accepted reports from participants. Instructions for the preparations for both contributions are given below:

### Abstracts for oral and poster presentations

1. Abstracts must be submitted in English, in A4 size; Times New Roman font; no longer than 300 words.
2. Included in the main body of the abstract are the following:
  - Title (font size 14 Point; bold), make sure the title is brief and clearly indicates the nature of the presentation; Authors (12 P, bold); Affiliation (12 P, normal); text (12 P, normal); key words (4 to 6 key words, 12 P, normal, Italic).
  - Use line spacing of 16P and leave a 2.5 cm margin on all sides of the text.
  - Indent ca. 3 spaces on the first line of each paragraph and do not leave blank lines between paragraphs.
  - Abstracts should not contain literature citations.
3. Abstract must be sent as an attached Word file to M.D. Fortes (migueldfortes@gmail.com) cc the Conference Secretariat (sealab\_staff@googlegroups.com), by **30 April 2011**.

### Poster Presentations

1. Posters will be displayed in the Poster Session Hall (ground floor) beside the Audio-Visual Room of the UPMSI during the conference.
2. The maximum area available for a poster is 120 cm x 120 cm (A0-size paper is recommended).
3. We are planning to publish the research papers on which the posters are based in a special proceedings to be issued within 2011. The author(s) who are willing to submit their manuscripts for publication are requested to follow the instructions to be communicated to all participants in due time, and send their manuscripts to the guest editors c/o M.D.Fortes by **30 June 2011**.

### Request for Travel Support

Only participants and guests with the following qualifications will be entitled to limited travel support from the conference/workshop organizers:

1. Official members of the CECAM Project
2. Abstracts for oral and/or poster presentations have been accepted
3. Residing from outside Metro Manila, especially from the current and potential CECAM sites
4. Willing and able to attend the full 2-day conference/workshop
5. Contributions have been solicited by the organizers

**Please submit or send the following items or information to M.D. Fortes cc the Conference Secretariat together with your abstracts on or before 30 April 2011:**

1. Cost quotation from the airline (or bus company) of around trip economy airfare or bus tickets from your official station to Manila or Quezon City; and
2. Estimate of other necessary expenses, e.g. taxi fare from your station to the airport and back;
3. If willing or not willing to share a room with another participant;
4. If with special food preference e.g. vegetarian, Halal.
5. If willing and able (or not) to serve as Session Chair or rapporteur;
6. Your complete and latest contact address and numbers.

**If your application for travel support has been approved, please submit the following items on the day of your arrival at the conference venue. WITHOUT THESE RECEIPTS YOUR EXPENSES CANNOT BE REIMBURSED:**

1. Official Receipt(s) of the actual costs of air- or bus tickets;
2. Other receipts of expenses incurred during travel; and
3. Final and complete itinerary