



## ENSURING SUSTAINABLE COASTAL PROTECTION BY MEANS OF BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN MARINE ECOSYSTEMS AFFECTED BY TYPHOONS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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Tropical cyclones (typhoons) regularly occur in the Philippines due to the geographical location of the region – and climate change is increasing the intensity and frequency of these typhoons, threatening both coastal ecosystems and the local population. The project supports partner organisations in implementing participatory and sustainable coastal zone management, and it also contributes to improving climate protection and the conservation of coasts and species by restoring mangrove and coastal forests. The political legal framework for species and coastal protection is also being improved. Centres of Excellence present practical learning experiences on conservation and management measures. They serve as starting points for raising awareness among the population and for developing the capacities of decision makers in the field of marine and coastal management. This will ultimately lead to the improved protection of coastal areas and their inhabitants from the effects of climate change.

### State of implementation/results

- Four rounds of the Social Marketing Online Training were conducted for representatives of the six learning centers and replication sites in Negros Occidental and Bohol.
- The project partner Zoological Society of London organized the 4th National Mangrove Conference which was held in virtual format on November 24-27, 2020 with the theme "Linking Science, Innovation and Policy: Mangrove and Beach Forest Conservation".
- The Regional Forums of the Marine Protected Area Support Network of the Visayas Region, which took place on November 10 and 11, 2020 were supported by the project. During the events, best practices in coastal and marine protected area management were presented and discussed.

## PROJECT DATA

### Country/Countries:

Philippinen

### Implementing organisation:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale  
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

### Political partner(s):

- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) - Philippines

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- Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) - Philippines
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) - Philippines
- Department of Interior and Local Governments (DILG) - Philippines
- Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) - Philippines
- Lokale Gebietskörperschaften (LGUs) - Philippinen
- Zoological Society of London (ZSL) - United Kingdom

### BMU grant:

€ 3,500,000

### Duration:

11/2018 till 10/2021





- Between April and October 2020, the Project conducted the monthly online seminar series "Mangroves 101" on mangroves and science-based approaches to mangrove rehabilitation and conservation.

