



Verde Island Passage Center for Oceanographic Research and Aquatic Life Sciences

The marine research center houses different facilities and equipment that will help sustain the richness and diversity of the Verde Island Passage through research projects that will monitor the marine ecosystem.

VIP CORALS aims to form linkages with surrounding institutions, organizations, local government units and common fisherfolks.

STEM-2-STEM v2.0: BTBox

The VIP CORALS, in collaboration with the BS Biology program, spearheaded the workshop entitled, "STEM-2-STEM v2.0: Support and training for enhancement of mentoring (STEM) to STEM Academic strand in the K-12 curriculum for biotechnology" on November 23 at the Biology Laboratory-2, 2nd floor, CIRTC Building, Pablo Borbon Main I.



The workshop aimed to help 12 senior high schools in Batangas City offering STEM. It involved a lecture on the basic concept of Molecular Biology methods, as well as on the use of classroom-ready kits developed by Biotechnology in a Box (BTBox). This is a project initiative in collaboration with DOST-PCIEERD aimed at providing hands-on and inquiry based kits designed to enable STEM educators to conduct biotech experiments in their classrooms.

VIP CORALS member among evaluators for 3rd BRAVO Awards

From October 1-4, the VIP CORALS took part in the site evaluation and biophysical assessment activity as part of the 3rd Batangas Recognition Awards for Verde Passage's Outstanding Marine/Mangrove Protected Areas and Bantay Dagat (BRAVO MPAs-BDs).

VIP CORALS member Mr. Joshua M. Vacarizas was among the BRAVO Awards evaluators to scan the MPAs in the municipalities of Calatagan and Bauan.



Lobo Coastal Cleanup and Mangrove Planting

A coastal clean-up and mangrove planting activity was conducted as a collaborative extension activity of the BS Biology Program of the College of Arts and Sciences, and the VIP CORALS on November 29 in Lobo, Batangas. This was led by BS Biology Program Chair, Assoc. Prof. Amor P. Magtibay and the designated Tourism Officer of the Municipality of Lobo, Ms. Rowena Anyayahan.

