

VIP CORALS

Training on Autonomous Reef Monitoring Structures (ARMS)

Two participants from Batangas State University were invited by the UP Marine Science Institute to attend the training for retrieval and processing of the Autonomous Reef Monitoring Structures (ARMS) for reef cryptobiodiversity and ocean acidification on April 24-27 in Mabini, Batangas.

BatStateU participants were from the VIP CORALS, center head Dr. Jayvee Saco, and member Prof. Amor Magtibay. The four-day training conducted a biodiversity analysis at sites near Mainit, Mabini.

The ARMS is said to be a set of collecting devices simulating a coral reef in order to lure in and become colonized with marine



organisms.

The UP Marine Science Institute has already deployed the devices in various marine sites in Batangas province as part of Monitoring Biodiversity and shall be studied and observed for a span of 1 to 3 years.

5th Biodiversity Resource Information Network Group (BRING) Workshop



Delegates from different local agencies and academes gather for the two-day Biodiversity Resource Information Network Group workshop

Dr. Jayvee A. Saco, center head of BatStateU VIP CORALS, attended the 5th Biodiversity Resource Information Network Group (BRING) Workshop held

at Cagayan de Oro City on June 19-20.

A total of 80 participants joined the activity including personnel

from local government units, non-government organizations and agencies, and academic institutions.

During the workshop, the Marine Biodiversity Resource Information System (MBRIS) and the platform of information and access were presented.

Also part of the activity was the discussion and finalization of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) of the network.