

RESEARCH PRIORITIES OF THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY, DUMAGUETE CITY, PHILIPPINES

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ABSTRACT

The Center of Excellence in Coastal Resource Management was established at Silliman University in Dumaguete City, central Philippines in September 1995 with support from the United States Agency for International Development to provide continued leadership in coastal resource management.

Research priorities were set based on a needs assessment and evaluation of past CRM projects - 1) development and refinement of concepts on community-based and landscape approaches to CRM; 2) identification and understanding of issues in the coastal zone; 3) feasibility studies of sustainable microenterprises in the coastal zone; 4) feasible mariculture technology development with emphasis on management; 5) determination of impacts of certain industries in the coastal zone and recommendations for management; 6) cultural and legal research with emphasis on coastal zone practices and management; and 7) basic research on coastal zone processes, including natural products research.