

**LESSONS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT:
A CASE STUDY OF ENRIQUE VILLANUEVA, SQUIJOR, PHILIPPINES**

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ABSTRACT

The case study of Enrique Villanueva in Siquijor Island in the Philippines reveals and affirms that institutional weakness is one major reason for the failure of coastal management in the country. Institutional strengthening should be resorted to first as all coastal management efforts will fail if the institutions that implement them are not in place. Institutional strengthening consists of three essential components which are pre-requisites for a successful community-based management system. First, government institutions are needed to provide coastal communities with appropriate support. Secondly, a clear legislative framework that empowers communities with rights. Finally, communities should have the necessary skills and organizational machinery to manage their resources and to enforce rules. Territorial jealousies, graft and corruption, administrative incompetence, political horse-trading, which currently characterize the institutional mechanisms in the country can be minimized, if not eradicated, by a system of co-management. The Protected Area Management Bureau or the PAMBs in the Philippines can be developed into a model for co-management.