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Promoting Marine Conservation and Sustainable Resource Use: MMSU's Commitment to Aquatic Ecosystems

Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) actively supports initiatives aimed at the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas, lakes, rivers, and marine resources. In partnership with the Department of Science and Technology, MMSU established the Coastal Engineering and Management R&D Center (COASTER), which focuses on mitigating coastal erosion, creating flood control infrastructure, and fostering coastal resilience. Through regular coastal clean-ups and community awareness campaigns led by faculty and students, MMSU promotes marine conservation and public engagement. Notably, Mr. Rommel Q. Pascua, an MMSU expert, shared insights on marine policy in a public radio interview. MMSU's research on mesophotic reefs examines their potential as refugia for marine species affected by climate change, while the HABs Watch team conducts bi-monthly monitoring to address Harmful Algal Blooms. These efforts align with MMSU's mission to safeguard marine ecosystems and ensure sustainable practices that benefit both local communities and aquatic biodiversity.

Evidences:

DOST, MMSU inaugurate first COASTER building in PH

<https://mirror.pia.gov.ph/news/2023/01/31/dost-mmsu-inaugurate-first-coaster-building-in-ph>

Coastal Clean-Up

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1JgZc72j3p/>

International Coastal Clean-up Day

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15DPf1oubH/>

Bombo Radyo Laoag Interview with MMSU Expert

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15Wi5F1hPp/>

Survey the mesophotic reefs of Currimao and Badoc, Ilocos Norte

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1VdJM5BPBC/>

HABs Watch Project

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18ErVRxr3F/>