

## Project Update: August 2015

Reef-World is supporting national Green Fins expansion by launching and recruiting members in Bohol, the Philippines. Over the past month the group has gathered 16 new members on their first official visit to Panglao Island.

The team is carrying out investigations to understand how the diving and snorkelling industry works, identifying relevant local environmental threats and existing environmental laws. With a very positive response from the community in Bohol, important partnerships with influential stakeholders from the local public and private sectors are now being forged. In addition to these, Reef-World is working alongside the local CMD (Coastal Marine Division) in their Reef Damage Assessment in Balicasag Island in order to ratify their current carrying capacity limits and enhance the sustainability of Green Fins locally in the future.

By engaging both the public and private sectors, the Green Fins team are gaining a greater understanding of the local threats and opportunities for marine conservation.



Left: A dive centre receives their GF pack and commit to reducing their environmental impact. Right: Reef-World Manager Alan introduces the Green Fins initiative to the Sangguniang Bayan, the municipal legislative body that reads and passes ordinances.