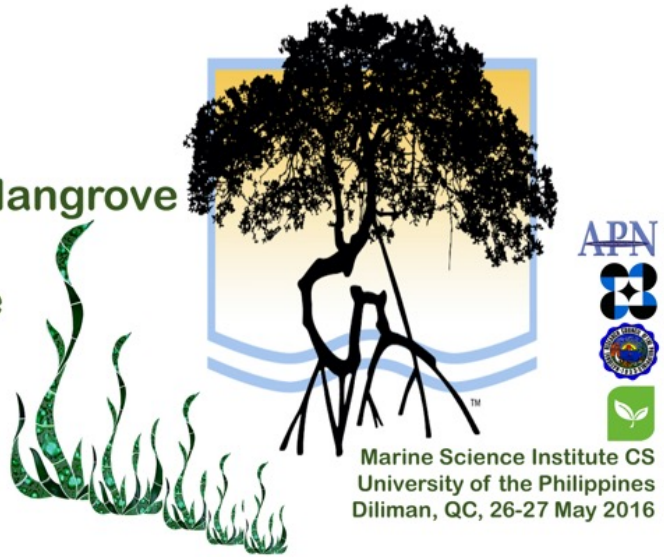


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**Very Important
Reminders**

The National Seagrass-Mangrove Bioshield Conference



Theme:

***“Reconnecting people
with ecosystems to
achieve nature-based
solutions to coastal
issues.”***

First things first, we are all very grateful to the Marine Science Institute CS of the University of the Philippines & the Department of Environmental Science of Ateneo de Manila University for organizing and implementing the above conference. For their financial & technical support, sincere gratitude goes to the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN), the Department of Science & Technology, & the National Research Council of the Philippines. **But have we met our objectives, which are:**

1. To consolidate local & current data & information on the efficacy of seagrass & mangroves in mitigating impacts of climate variability & biodiversity loss; &
2. To provide a stage for the formulation of a national blue carbon strategy focused on conserving the ‘bioshield’ functions of these ‘blue carbon’ ecosystems.

**The charismatic *dugong* says:
“YES, the NSMBC met fairly
well its objectives by
providing the important
initial steps. The real success
of NSMBC, however, lies in
doing what you all agreed to
do, once you got out of the
room -& now”.**



Participation:

Who

From where

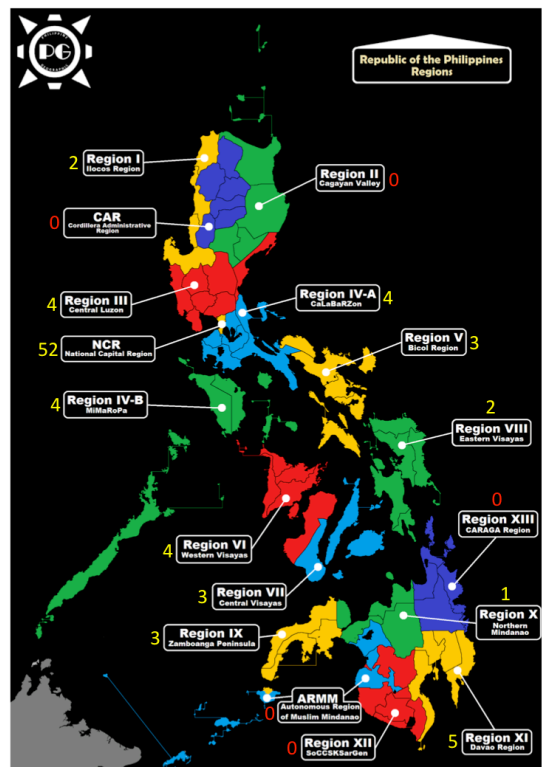
How

Participation

The figure below tells us the story of the participants; who, from where, & how they participated. Ninety-two joined and shared with us their expertise & experiences via 21 & 13 oral and poster presentations, respectively. They came from 12 of the 17 regions in the country, & two participants even came from Indonesia and Japan. Forty-five institutions were represented, comprising the government, NGO, private, and academic sectors. For reasons unknown to us, 32 were males & 60 were females. Interesting!

Assessment of Participation

TOTAL NO.:	
PARTICIPANTS:	92
REGIONS:	12 of 17
INSTITUTIONS:	45
SECTORS:	
Gov't:	13
NGO:	11
Academe:	16
PRESENTATIONS:	
ORAL:	21
POSTER:	13
MALES:	32
FEMALES:	60



Description of participation at the conference. Numbers beside region names are the actual number of participants from those regions.

**EXTENDED
ABSTRACT
SUBMISSION
DEADLINE:**

06 Jun 2016

Reminders

- To reiterate, for the Conference Proceedings, an **extended abstract** is required of all those who gave oral & poster presentations. In not more than 1000 words, it should include an introduction, methodology, results and discussion, conclusion, references, & keywords. Use single space, Times New Roman, size 12.
Submission deadline: **Monday, 6 June 2016**
- As agreed, the proceedings will be sent to the participants in CDs;

3. For inquiries, visit:

<https://mangroveecology.com/activities/events/the-national-seagrass-mangrove-bioshield-conference/>

or 'like'/follow the conference Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/nsmbc2016/>

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**We, the NSMBC
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thank you all for
such a fruitful &
enjoyable
adventure!**

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