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Who are we

The Cebu Green Trade Organization (GTO) is established in 2011 as a non-profit organization that groups all shell and shell craft exporters in Cebu. GTO is a sector member of Philexport.

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How it all started...

With a stance against a total ban on shell and marine products export

With the confiscation of 2 containers with black corals and stuffed turtles in May 2011, it has been proposed to ban all export trade of shells and marine products.

GTO and its members strongly condemn the poaching and illegal shipping of marine products, but do feel that a total ban on export of shells and marine products is a backset for the country.

GTO produced position papers and economic impact papers on the current situation.

After meetings with congressmen and officials, the result is positive, the idea of a ban on shell export has been abandoned and tens of thousands of Filipinos keep their jobs.



Public hearing
July 14, 2011

Public hearing from the committee on Aquaculture & Fisheries Resources at Cebu Capitol

GTO was present to give support to the committee on Aquaculture & Fisheries Resources held on July 14, 2011.

The committee held a public hearing for the amendment of RA8550 and the proposed bill of the creation of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

On the public hearing, the following congressmen were present:

- Hon. Benhur L. Salimbangon
- Hon. Luigi Quisumbing
- Hon. Eduardo R. Gullas
- Hon. Irvin M. Alcala
- Hon. Florencio C. Garay
- Hon. Angelo B. Palmones

- Hon. Pablo P. Garcia
- Hon. Pablo John Garcia
- Hon. Pastor Alcover

As well as the current director of BFAR Atty. Asis G. Perez and Gov. Gwen Garcia



Conus Synthesis Meeting, 25 Oct 2011

During the last week of October the Biodiversity Synthesis Center at the Field Museum Chicago hosted an IUCN Red List workshop on behalf of the University of York, UK. The purpose of the meeting was to assess threats to over 640 species of cone snails, one of the largest assessments undertaken for this purpose at a single session.

Over the following months the assessments will be subject to stringent consistency and accuracy checks before publication on both the websites of the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and the Encyclopedia of Life where the data will be available for subscription-free access to researchers worldwide.

Members of GTO participated in the Chicago Workshop.



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