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Biodiversity Resource  
Information Network Group

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## BIODIVERSITY RESOURCE INFORMATION NETWORK GROUP (BRING)

The network is envisioned as a partnership among academic institutions, local government units (LGU), national government agencies (NGAs), and non-government organizations (NGOs) to promote and improve the management, conservation and other collaborative efforts on marine biodiversity in the Philippines. Initiated by the UP Marine Science Institute, with the support from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Biodiversity Resource Information Network Group (BRING) aims to find synergies in science and policy through information sharing, enhancing capacity and collaboration among scientists, conservationists, managers, decision-makers and general citizenry in marine biodiversity research and conservation in the Philippines



## HUB OF MARINE ECOSYSTEMS

BRING-HOME aims to promote research and other collaborative efforts on marine biodiversity in the Philippines, through the integration of information and increased collaboration/partnerships among academic and research institutions.

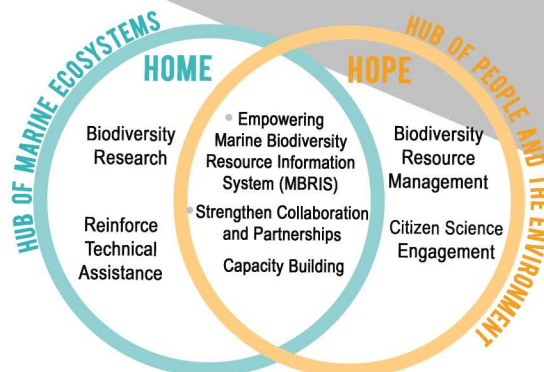
## HUB OF PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

BRING-HOPE will focus on developing meaningful interaction and exchange among managers, decision-makers, conservationists and the general public, e.g. citizen science, information hubs, etc., as well as facilitating access to relevant information for adaptive management strategies.

**VISION**  
Healthy and resilient marine ecosystems sustainably and effectively managed through collaborative and science-based approaches for the Filipinos.

**MISSION**  
Bringing together communities of practice for science-based conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity.

- GOALS**
1. Facilitate the sharing of quality information through the development of database systems and information platforms;
  2. Ensure strong linkages and collaboration among instruction, research and extension institutions;
  3. Mainstream appropriate decision-support tools to managers and policy makers to improve marine biodiversity conservation;
  4. Engage the public in marine biodiversity conservation;
  5. Mobilize resources to support BRING.



## MARINE BIODIVERSITY RESOURCE INFORMATION SYSTEM (MBRIS)

A key element of the BRING is the Marine Biodiversity Resource and Information System (MBRIS). Currently being set up in UP MSI, it will serve as the primary platform for data sharing and information exchange. The BRING, through MBRIS, is set to improve coordination and convergence between science and management



## INITIAL ACTIVITIES

- Identification of partner institutions
- Nationwide survey on current marine biodiversity research, holdings, and management efforts, as well as existing skills and training needs
- Creation of database to consolidate survey results
- Grand Launching of BRING
- Capacity Building Trainings
- Strategic Planning Workshops

