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<b>Region:</b>	Southeast Asia		
<b>Country:</b>	Philippines		
<b>Ecosystem Type:</b>	Coastal marine; Coral reef		
<b>Social Characteristics:</b>	Community bordering protected area; Mobile people		
<b>Scale of Study:</b>	Community		
<b>Resource Type:</b>	Fisheries; Aquatic plant		
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<b>Community Based Work:</b>	Resource management; Conservation; Monitoring
<b>Keywords:</b>	None provided
<b>Summary:</b>	<p>Four case studies on implementation of the community-based approach to coastal resource management were assessed using the following parameters: level of community participation; women's involvement; sustainable use and management of coastal resources; conflict resolution; capability to address legal, policy and equity issues. The assessment has shown that this approach has successfully promoted the sustainable use and inexpensive management of coastal resources. Community-based resource management has led to a decline in destructive and illegal fishing activities/ the implementation of resource rehabilitation measures and the establishment of marine protected areas. Effective community- based enforcement of regulations of the protected areas has led to significant and quantifiable changes in the quality of reef resources. The empowerment of fisherfolk organisations was instrumental in the success of community initiatives in coastal resource management. The knowledge, skills and capabilities of fisherfolk to manage coastal resources were developed or enhanced through the community organising process. Fisherfolk organisations were also able to devise mechanisms which promote more equitable income distribution in their communities. However, the meaningful involvement of women has yet to be integrated into the framework of community-based coastal resource management. Community-based resource management experiences have had limited success in resolving conflicts arising from incompatible activities in the coastal zone. Fisherfolk organisations have limited jurisdiction over many coastal zone activities which affects the status of coastal resources. Government authorities have control over the management of coastal zone activities and resources. The success of the community-based approach to coastal resource management depends upon the extent of powers and jurisdiction fisherfolk organisations have as well as the acceptability of the management schemes they implement.</p>